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- Sir Winston Churchill

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EH Hall of Fame Seeking Nominees

The Eastern Hancock Athletic Boosters are seeking nominations for the 2019 class of the Eastern Hancock Athletic Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame recognizes the achievements of former athletes, teams, coaches, administrators, and other contributors to the athletic programs at Eastern Hancock, Charlottesville, Westland and Wilkinson high schools. To be eligible, an athlete must be seven years removed from competition, coaches five years, and teams 10 years. Nominations are due to the EH Athletic Director's office by the end of school on Dec. 21. The 2019 Hall of Fame class will be recognized at halftime of the EH-Union County boys varsity basketball game on Jan. 26. For more information or to obtain a nomination form, visit ehathletics.org, or contact Greg Hall at gghall58@gmail.com.

Friends Youth Group Meeting Dec. 14

Knightstown Friends Church, 214 E. Brown St., will be having youth group on Friday, Dec. 14, 5-7 p.m. This is for kids in the fourth grade and up; and/or 10 years old and up. For more information, contact group organizer Guy Louks at 765-491-8144.

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.

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Wayne Twp. Offers \$200k for Town Hall, Police, Fire Buildings

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

While Knightstown officials haven't yet publicly discussed any specific plans for selling town offices, the police department and the fire station on South Washington Street, the Wayne Township Board voted Monday to offer the town \$200,000 for them.

Wayne Township Trustee Randy Overman said at the outset of Monday's special township board meeting that the primary reason for calling it was to discuss buying these town-owned properties. He said the purchase would include the fire station the Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Department leases from the town, the town council's chambers, the town utility offices, the police department, a small utility shed behind the police department and the parking lot on the west side of the buildings.

Selling these properties and relocating the town offices and the police department have not been issues of discussion at recent Knightstown Town Council meetings, at least not ones held publicly. The council did, however, meet behind closed doors in a private executive session on Nov. 20 to discuss strategy with respect to the purchase or lease of property.

The Banner asked Knightstown Town Council President Sarah Ward, who attended Monday's township board meeting, if the Nov. 20 executive session had been to discuss leasing or purchasing a new home for the town offices. She said that had been the reason for the private meeting, but declined to say which property or properties the town council is considering.

The meeting notice issued by the town for the Nov. 20 executive session did not indicate the location of the property the town is considering leasing or purchasing, or the use to which that property would be put. Knightstown Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman did confirm in an email to The Banner Monday evening that the town is discussing selling its South Washington Street properties "and relocating operations."

Township board member Jeff Van Hoy asked Overman where the township would get the money to purchase the town properties. Overman said he had spoken to commercial loan officer at Citizens State Bank and thought applying for a municipal loan would be preferable to taking out a

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Big Birthday



Friends and family visited with 100-year-old Betty Maxwell at Golden Living Center - Brandywine in Greenfield on Dec. 5. Maxwell, a Knightstown native, hit the century mark with her 100th birthday last week. Born Dec. 5, 1918, Maxwell enjoyed visits from Dan and Mary Jo Purtee, Mervin Kilmer, Doug and Myrna Reeves and a bevy of other Knightstown people, as well as family from as far away as Georgia. The Hancock County Public Library also presented the birthday girl with a plaque commemorating the 1,800 books she's read in the last five years.



Carthage Chooses New Council Leaders

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Carthage Town Council has chosen new leadership for the final few weeks of 2018.

Council members voted Monday at their regular monthly meeting to appoint Kelly Land as the council's new president. Land, who had been vice president, replaces Rachael Morrow, who, as The Banner previously reported, has resigned from the council so she could be appointed as the town's new clerk-treasurer.

Council members John Hancock and Ashley Davis made and seconded, respectively, a motion to appoint Land as president and council member Charlie Watkins as vice president, and with support from Land and Watkins, it passed 4-0. The council is expected to revisit this issue again in January when it chooses officers for 2019.

While Morrow attended Monday's council meeting, it was merely as a spectator. She said her resignation

from the council was to have taken effect that day and that she would be starting in her new role as clerk-treasurer the next day, although there is some confusion about whether those dates are accurate.

According to Rush County Prosecutor Phil Caviness, the chairman of the Rush County GOP who appointed Morrow to replace McMahan, Morrow's appointment as clerk-treasurer ended up being effective Dec. 1. He said he had to appoint her as of that date because of the 30-day time limit he had to make the appointment under state statute, and added that her resignation from the council took effect prior to that. The office of the Rush County Clerk also confirmed on Tuesday morning that Morrow's resignation from the council took effect Nov. 30 and that her appointment as clerk-treasurer was effective Dec. 1.

Morrow is replacing Linda McMahan, who'd served as the town's clerk-treasurer since 2005 and

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traditional mortgage, and said the bank official told him this was something that could probably be finalized in 60 days or less.

Township Board Chairman Ronald Trimmell asked Overman what sort of impact a purchase like this would have on the property tax rate levied by the township. Overman said he didn't think the loan would have much of an effect.

Currently, the Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Department, which is funded by township-levied property taxes, pays the town of Knightstown \$14,400 a year to lease the fire station. Overman said he thought the township could handle paying as much as \$20,000 a year on a bank loan without the tax rate seeing much of an increase.

Overman's son, Brad, a newly-elected township board member who takes office in January, said he thought the township would be taking a risk if it didn't try to purchase these properties. If someone else were to buy them, he said the fire department – which would be staying in its current location if the township buys the properties – could find itself seeking a new home, with relocation efforts coming at a "substantial cost."

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OBITUARIES

Kathryn M. (McPherson) Ratliff

February 24, 1934 - December 9, 2018



Kathryn M. (McPherson) Ratliff, age 84, of Greenfield, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018, at Crownpointe Senior Living. She was born in Farmland on Feb. 24, 1934, to Marley V. and Vera M. (Knorpp) McPherson.

She was the former co-owner of Ratliff Trucking. Kathryn also worked in the customer service and retail industry at the following places: Granny's Ice Cream in Knightstown, Corner Hardware in Greenfield, Pizza King in Greenfield, Western Electric in Indianapolis, and Dana Corporation in Hagerstown. She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America. Kathryn liked gardening, working outdoors, watching the squirrels and enjoyed reading.

Kathryn is survived by her three children, Randy (Karen) Ratliff of Greenfield, Bradlee Ratliff of Indianapolis and DeLynn (Jeff) Boyer of Farmland; four grandchildren, Derek Gustin, Cory Ratliff, Brent Boyer and Stephen Boyer; and two great-grandchildren, Delanie and Jase Gustin.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Marley and Vera McPherson; and her husband, Lennington Ratliff. Visitation will be held on Saturday, Dec. 15, 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Erlewein Mortuary & Crematory, 1484 W. U.S. Hwy. 40, Greenfield. A funeral service will take place immediately following the visitation at 2:30 p.m. Minister Doug Nolen will be officiating. Burial will follow at Brick Church Cemetery in Hagerstown.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made by mail to Brookdale Hospice, 5354 W. 62nd St., Indianapolis, IN 46268 or envelopes will be available at the mortuary. Friends may share a memory or a condolence at www.erleweinmortuary.com.

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"The rent could go up three times what we're paying now," Randy Overman said with respect to the fire department's leasing of the fire station.

"If they let you stay," Brad Overman added.

"That's all the more reason why we had to entertain this tonight," Randy Overman said. "...We need to put something on the table here, at least to give the town something to talk about."

Van Hoy said he appreciated that the town had reached out and was willing to give the township the opportunity to make an offer on the properties. When Randy Overman asked whether he or Trimmell wanted to discuss a possible purchase prices, Van Hoy made a motion to offer the town \$200,000 for the properties.

"That's pending a lot of what-ifs," Randy Overman noted.

Trimmell seconded Van Hoy's motion and it passed 2-0. The township board's third member, Sandy Swartz, was absent.

Randy Overman said he would prepare a letter to town officials detailing the township's \$200,000 offer. The Knightstown Town Council's next regularly scheduled meeting is Thursday, Dec. 20.

In other business at Monday's special meeting, Trimmell and Van Hoy:

- *voted to reappoint Wayne Township resident David Millhoan to another two-year term on the Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Board; and

- *signed paperwork Randy Overman gave them indicating they had received and read the township's anti-nepotism policy.

Peggy Williams
Dec. 6, 1940 - Jan. 6, 2017

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Henry County Gave Wayne Township Candidate Erroneous Election Info

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

Wayne Township Board member Jeff Van Hoy had always planned to seek reelection.

When it came time to declare his candidacy for the November election he filled out the required paperwork and filed it, as required, with the office of the Henry County Clerk. The following day, however, he received a call from a clerk's office employee, who mistakenly told him he would not be able to eligible to serve on the board if his wife, Susan, a candidate for Wayne Township Trustee, were to take that office.

Since his wife had no competition in her bid to replace longtime Wayne Township Trustee Randy Overman, who did not seek reelection, Van Hoy said he decided to withdraw his candidacy so she could serve as trustee. It turns out this wasn't necessary.

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passed away in October. McMahan's term, which Morrow has been appointed to complete, runs through the end of 2019, just like the terms of the council's members.

The council opened Monday's meeting with a public hearing on the town's proposed comprehensive plan, which has been presented to the Rush County Area Planning Commission to be included as an appendix to the county's comprehensive plan.

"I think it turned out really good," said Dave Kieser, owner of Kieser Consulting Group, a Lawrence-based firm that worked with the town on developing the comprehensive plan.

Because the town of Carthage does not have its own plan commission, there is no formal process available by which the town can officially adopt a comprehensive plan. Since the town is actually covered by the county's comprehensive plan, Kieser and the town's attorney, Adam Forrest, had recommended that the plan KCG helped the draft be sent to the Rush County APC and be appended to the county's plan.

After the public hearing on the comprehensive plan concluded and the regular meeting was reconvened, the council passed a resolution approving the comprehensive plan. Kieser explained that passage of the resolution was required by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs, the state agency that had awarded the town a grant that helped pay for

The offices of township trustee and township board member are separate elected offices, and neither the trustee nor the three board members are the supervisor or subordinate of the other. The trustee is considered to be more of an executive type of position with board members serving in a legislative capacity, each office providing checks and balances on the other.

The Banner checked with legal counsel in the Election Division of the Indiana Secretary of State's office about this matter and was advised that Van Hoy had been given incorrect information from the Henry County Clerk's office.

"There is nothing illegal in one spouse being a trustee and one being on the township board," Dale Simmons, co-general counsel for the Election Division, told The Banner in an email.

The Banner also reached out to See Erroneous, Page 6

KCG's work on the comprehensive plan.

Kieser also presented the council with paperwork related to a recent \$75,703.50 Community Crossings Initiative grant the Indiana Department of Transportation awarded to the town for road repairs that will be made next year. Because the grant requires a 25-percent local match, the town is expected to contribute at least \$25,234.50 toward the road improvements, which will include milling and overlay of about two-thirds of a mile of pavement on five local roads.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the council:

*approved payment of monthly claims totaling \$9,320.48;

*was advised by Danny Baker, the town's part-time town marshal, that he had recently backed into someone's truck with the town's police vehicle, but that because he has "friends in the body business," the repairs won't cost the town anything;

*was told by Baker that two of the town's volunteer reserve officers, Nansi Custer and Steve Zimmerman, are both unable to work at this time due to ongoing health issues;

*heard from Josh Douglas, the town's works manager, that the town had paid to replace a \$94

relief valve at Carthage Community Church that was damaged by a pressure surge in the town's water utility infrastructure, and that the town had made an adjustment to the church's water bill over this issue;

*introduced and adopted an ordinance that calls for the removal of stop signs on East Fifth Street at the railroad tracks, leaving one-way stop signs in place at Fifth Street for North Walnut Street and Winters Way;

*briefly discussed whether the town, in an effort to protect the condition of town roads, can limit the size of trucks allowed to drive through town, and asked their legal counsel to research this issue and report back his findings; and

*heard from a representative of Smith Projects Inc., the Maxwell-based company hired to make improvements to the town's downtown area earlier this year, about the more than \$76,000 the town still owes the company.

More information about the Dec. 10 monthly meeting of the Carthage Town Council can be found in the memoranda and minutes of that proceeding. Those public records are available for inspection and copying at Carthage Town Hall, 6 W. First St., during normal business hours.

OBITUARIES

Nancy Carol Porter

September 9, 1948 - December 12, 2018



Nancy Carol Porter, 70, of Knightstown, passed away Monday, Dec. 12, 2018, at her residence. She was born Sept. 9, 1948, in Noblesville, the daughter of the late Orville and Orlean Nipper.

Nancy was employed as a CNA for Hancock Regional Hospital for many years and also worked as a Home Helper in the area. She was a member of the Wilkinson Church of Christ. Nancy loved shopping, rummaging, crocheting, gardening, mowing and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She was very unselfish and loved helping others.

She is survived by her husband, John Porter of Knightstown; four sons, Bobby (Becky) Craft of Muncie, Chris (Melissa) Craft of Knightstown, Matthew (Tasha) Craft of Knightstown and Tracy (Erica) Westmoreland of Knightstown; a son-in-law, Lynn Vestal of Eros, La.; 17 grandchildren, Josh (Starr), Justin (Courtney), Coty (Ashley), Dillen (Jason), Duane, Rajah (Kevin), Victoria, Tanner, Matthew, Emilee, Gabriel, Shatawn (Joshua), Breanna, Jill (Clint), Joni, Joseph and Devin; several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; two brothers, Jerry (Deann) Nipper of Auburndale, Fla., and Larry (Ann) Nipper; and a sister, Deanna Kerfoot of Fairland.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Debbie Vestal, and two brothers, Dale and Andy Nipper.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel. Visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association with envelopes available at the funeral home. Condolences and memories of Carol may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com.

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A Faint Whiff of Tobacco and Perfume

Burger King onion rings have a very distinct smell. There's no mistaking the deep-fried aroma of their seasoned breading and the strange onion-like food it's wrapped around.

It's like the unmistakable smell of a freshly-lit cigarette mixed with cool morning air. That's the only time a cigarette smells good to me anymore. After the first puff, that smoke sours.

I've already talked about the sights I get to enjoy via bicycle. Riding my bike along local roads all the time, I also get to sample a lot of smells.

Cars pass me all the time, in both directions. Since this summer has been so mild, many motorists forego the air conditioning in favor of window ventilation. This gives me an olfactory spyglass of sorts, sometimes allowing me a telling whiff of whatever's going on in your car at the time.

Kinda creepy, I know. But, whether I want to or not, I'm the one who has - and sometimes gets - to smell it.

So, I've separated these sensory samples into two categories: the normal and the not-so-normal odors.

Normal smells are about what you'd expect. Cigarettes are a big one. Lots of people still smoke cigarettes - and when driving they smoke with the windows down no matter what the outside temperature is. So, many, many smokers pass my bicycle.

Perfume is another normal smell. I have no idea what brand or fragrance they are, but I frequently enjoy a fleeting perfume smell as a car whizzes past. Some lady on her way to work inadvertently let me smell her!

Creepy? Totally! But, for me, it's unavoidable. And, frankly, if your perfume is so heavy that I can easily detect it as you whiz by going 50, then I pity your coworkers who must be bowled over when you walk in the door!

Other, normal smells are more telling. This truck was overheating and the smell of burning antifreeze wafted over me. An old car's engine burned too rich and the exhaust reminded me of my mom's Oldsmobile 88 back in the day.

Other every-day smells include carry-out food, like pizza and anything with onions, which leave in the air a heavy scent, especially when I'm hungry.

Now, some of the more unusual smells are often unpleasant, and sometimes illegal!

Cars have gone around me that reeked of alcohol - not like rubbing alcohol, but booze. Amused at first that someone would be drinking and driving, I quickly realized how lucky I was to have avoided being clobbered by a drunk behind the wheel.

Illegal smokeables have also been detected by my keen proboscis. This smell usually emanates from cars or trucks traveling 5-10 miles under the posted speed limit with music blaring and the driver's eyes pasted firmly on the rearview mirror.

Motor vehicles aren't the only odor generators in my cycling experiences. Neighborhoods, too, produce a good deal of smells.

Evening rides through town give me a pretty good idea of what everyone's having for dinner. West

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

The phrase "paying it forward" isn't just a catch phrase here in Knightstown. Our whole community pays it forward in multiple ways. Those that do so need to be recognized and thanked: Ashly Turpen from Itty Bitty Bakery for donating of cookies for the first of many art classes at the Academy Place Apartments this last Tuesday; and Joe and Denise Peacock, Mitchel Flemming, Sheryl and Mitch Roland, and others for sponsoring the classes I'm able to provide for the residents at the apartments. While the rest of the community is able to afford the classes I teach at the shelter house, the support of these people allows me to provide the classes at the Academy.

Thank you, one and all.

Jan McGuire, art teacher
Knightstown

Dear Editor,

Perhaps there are aspects to 21st century mega-farming in the United States that I do not understand. However, working for Purdue University in southern Indiana as an agricultural environmental specialist several years ago, I recall a common theme within that farming community. That theme was "sustainable farming." Farming sustainably means that the business of farming is conducted, regardless of the size and scope, to be effective, efficient and profitable. Yet, farming practices are done in harmony and respect to the environment. Farming sustainably means that trees and vegetation are left along the edges of rivers and streams in order to create a berm against soil run-off that causes siltation. Farming sustainably means leaving fence rows whenever possible and small wooded areas for wildlife such as red-tailed hawks, deer, rabbit, quail, racoons and other species. Sustainable farming in essence is farming as a business, but doing so with respect for the environment.

Directly across from my property is a 100+ acre tract of cropland. Last spring I witnessed every tree in a fence row that, for decades, had divided the field being ripped out. I thought, "What a shame." That fence row served as habitat for wildlife, a travel way for deer and a windbreak; and it provided other environmental assets. Ripping out the fence row economically cost in terms of time, labor, fuel, machinery, etc. Would the economic rewards gained from farming a few extra acres justify such an expensive action?

Currently, there is a small three-acre tract of woodland in the northeast corner of this field. It is now being torn down tree-by-tree. Once again our environment is losing a natural habitat for red-tailed hawks, deer, squirrel, racoons and other species. And, once again, can the enormous expense of this action be justified? Understandably, there are times when trees need to be removed. Many of our ash trees recently died. Selectively removing trees from a wood lot for timber stand improvement can be good management. But, the wholesale destruction of trees in a wooded area is very questionable.

Cropland acts similar to pavement in heating the atmosphere. Cropland does not act as a coolant, but, rather, adds heat. Trees, on the other hand, are nature's coolants. They are also nature's air purifiers. Multiply the devastation of our natural environment as I am witnessing by 10, 100 or 1,000 and we wonder why we are witness to drastic climate changes, an increase in violent storms and other environmental concerns.

Driven by greed, avarice and profit, too many U.S. farmers are creating a ruination of America's environment. Many farmers are good stewards of the land, but many only see dollar signs and could care less. One day we might look at our children or grandchildren when they ask, "Where are the red-tailed hawks, quail and rabbit?" Perhaps we can tell them they were killed off by greed.

Some may read this letter and grin, but there was a time in our nation's history when farming practices ripped the land, using it will little regard for

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'Granny the Invincible' Suffered to Read

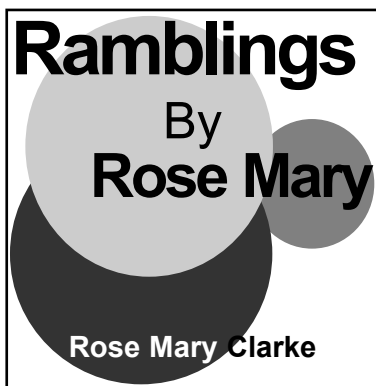
"The shadows are lengthening for me. The twilight is here. My days of old have vanished, tone and tint. They have gone glimmering through the dreams of things that were. Their memory is one of wondrous beauty, watered by tears, and coaxed and caressed by the smiles of yesterday."

I love our rich English language! I wish that I could write that well. General Douglas MacArthur, World War II commander in the Pacific, spoke those words during his farewell address to the cadets of West Point, where he had been first in his class. They express eloquently the nostalgia that many people have during their twilight years.

One of the most beautiful passages in literature is in Marcel Proust's masterwork *In Search of Lost Time* which is sometimes entitled *In Remembrance of Things Past*. The adult Proust sipped a spoonful of tea in which there was a crumb of a madeleine cookie from Brittany. He was transfixed by a feeling of exquisite pleasure that he finally recognized as coming from the times when his aunt served him tea and madeleines when he was a boy.

Great writers have a deep understanding of the universality of human experiences. This is

some of what Proust wrote: "*When from a long-distant past nothing subsists, after the people are dead, after the things are broken and scattered, the smell and taste of things remain poised a long time, like souls, waiting to remind us, waiting and hoping for their moment ...*"



Proust wrote that when he tasted the tea-soaked crumb of madeleine his aunt's house, her garden, the water lilies on the river, the little village, its people, their houses, and their church all rose up before him like the scenery of a theater. In my case, I see my old granny when I dunk a graham cracker into a cup of coffee as I did so often when I visited her when I was a girl.

Proust understood how simple objects can trigger complex memo-

ries. Thus it was when Vicki and I carefully took out the items in old Granny's wicker sewing basket that was passed down to my niece, Sharon Jones Rainey. The basket sat on the table next to Granny's chair in the living room of her and Grandpa's home on North Adams Street in Knightstown. It measures only six-and-a-half inches square by four inches high, and it seems incredible that such a small thing could contain a life.

When I was young many women wore hairnets. I took her crocheted hairnet from the basket, and when I touched it, I saw Granny once again. She was not a prim, plump, rosy-cheeked, lavender-scented grandmother. She smelled of cigarettes and, sometimes, beer. Her dresses hung shapelessly and crookedly; her body and her cotton stockings sagged; she shuffled around in black felt carpet slippers; and her language was salty. The socket of her right eye was empty as she refused to wear a glass eye. She said, "What the Hell do I need a fake eye for at my age?"

I took out the little, oval-shaped, metal cup used when she washed out the socket of her missing eye. When she was a child she was

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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 Shirley Volunteer Fire Department is hosting its annual **toy drive**. Collection boxes at these locations: Ben's Friendly Bar, Shirley Town Hall, Tennant Chiropractic Clinic, Wilkinson Dollar General, Wilkinson Church of Christ and Wilkinson Insurance. These toys are collected and distributed to Eastern Hancock and the Knightstown Cheer Guild. The collection boxes will be collected on Wednesday, Dec. 19.

◆Knightstown Hoosier Friends Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) has changed meeting locations. The group now meets at The Harbor, 9002 W. U.S. Hwy. 40, Knightstown.

◆The **Christmas Eve Mass** at St. Rose Catholic Church will begin at 10 p.m. on Dec. 24. Pre-service music will begin at 9:30 p.m.

◆Knightstown Friends Church, 214 E. Brown St., will be having **youth group** on Friday, Dec. 14, 5-7 p.m. This is for kids in the fourth grade and up; and/or 10 years old and up. For more information, contact Guy Louks at 765-491-8144.

◆The next meeting of the **Henry County Economic Development Corp.** will be Thursday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 a.m. at Primo restaurant, 1326 Broad St., New Castle. Parking is available on Broad Street or behind of the restaurant on Fleming Street. A holiday breakfast will be served and, therefore, RSVPs are needed for a headcount to the caterer. Email officemanager@nchcedc.org or call 765-521-7402.

◆The Eastern Hancock Athletic Boosters are seeking nominations for the 2019 class of the **Eastern**

Hancock Athletic Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame recognizes the achievements of former athletes, teams, coaches, administrators, and other contributors to the athletic programs at Eastern Hancock, Charlottesville, Westland and Wilkinson high schools. To be eligible, an athlete must be seven years removed from competition, coaches five years, and teams 10 years. Nominations are due to the EH Athletic Director's office by the end of school on Dec. 21. The 2019 Hall of Fame class will be recognized at halftime of the EH-Union County boys varsity basketball game on Jan. 26. For more information or to obtain a nomination form, visit eathletics.org, or contact Greg Hall at gghall58@gmail.com.

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

Community Foundation, Healthy Communities of Henry County, and Richard Sitler, photographer.

◆**Historic Knightstown Inc.** has moved to a new location - right

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2013 KHS Graduate Brin Hall Enjoys Her Role as a Second Grade Teacher at Mays Community Academy

by Logan Cox

Taking on the roll of a second grade teacher at Mays Community Academy (MCA), Knightstown resident Brin Hall has grown from a diligent student pursuing her own education to become an educator in her own right. In doing so, she has fulfilled a long-held dream of hers.

"I always wanted to be a teacher, since I was a young child. I was one of the children that would play school with her dolls. While this was something that I always knew I wanted to do, another reason was experience with my younger brother, who struggled in school," said Hall. "I wanted to teach in a place where I could truly make school a positive place to be."

Hall began working Mays Community Academy at the start of the school year. This marks her first year as a teacher.

"I love working at Mays Community Academy," she said. "The staff here are friendly, positive and supportive. The students are wonderful children! They are truly a joy to teach and be around. I love that we, as teachers and role models in their lives, try to teach the students to be good citizens and great people through our den meetings, where we teach responsibility, respect, generosity, and citizenship."

Hall studied elementary education and special education at Ball State University. Upon graduating from college, she spent nearly half a year liv-

ing in Alabama before returning home.

"When I moved back, I wanted to start teaching right away," said Hall. "But since it was in the middle of the school year, I knew it would be hard to find a job."

To compensate for the lack of a full-time teacher's position, she briefly worked as a substitute teacher.

"Toward the end of the year, I went into Mays Community Academy looking to see if they would have any positions open next school year." Hall explained. "I dropped off my resume, cover letter and a brochure explaining everything that I wanted to accomplish. I sat down and talked to the principal, Mrs. New, and the school seemed like a great fit, for both myself and the school. I was excited when I learned that I would be teaching second grade!"

As a teacher, Hall, a 2013 KHS graduate, tries to impart some of the passion she had for learning in class and reading in her leisure time as a student at Knightstown High School onto her new class at MCA

"We have a wide range of reading abilities in my classroom," she said. "Therefore, we have books at every level and in different genres. My students know they can try to read different books within their reading range; this means that the students are reading books that are not too easy but are also not too hard."



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fabric softeners and dryer sheets, the wood fires burning in your fireplaces and pot-belly stoves, and the citronella candles and tiki torches

on your patios. Soon, outdoor cookouts will give way to leaf burning as autumn arrives.

After all, the nose knows.

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virtually blind from cataracts. She told me that they strapped her down and removed the cataracts without the benefit of anesthesia. "It hurt like hell, but I could read ... I could read!" She was a voracious, compulsive reader who read constantly to my mother and my uncles. Then came glaucoma for which our modern treatments didn't exist, and the pain was so intense that she had one eye removed and was nearly blind in the other.

No longer able to read, she substituted Talking Books. One day when I arrived she was fuming: "Dammit-all anyway! Why do they send me such tripe? I've told 'em I can't stand that mealy-mouthed Grace Livingston Hill!" Granny the unquenchable, Granny the invincible!

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Rush County GOP Ready to Fill Vacancy on Carthage Council

The Rush County Republican Party is looking for a local Republican interested in filling a vacancy on the Carthage Town Council.

As previously reported, Rachael Morrow resigned from her seat on the council so that she could be appointed as the town's new clerk-treasurer. Her resignation from the five-person council has left a vacancy on that body.

Since Morrow is a Republican, it will be, at least initially, the responsibility of the RCRP to try to find someone to complete her term on the council, which also runs through the end of 2019. A caucus procedure is normally held in these situations, but because there is only one Republican precinct committee person serving in Carthage, state statute allows Rush County Prosecutor Phil Caviness, the party chairman, to forgo the caucus and choose the replacement himself.

According to the office of the Rush County Clerk, Morrow's resignation from the town council took effect Nov. 30. State statute gives Caviness 30 days from the seat the council seat became vacant to name Morrow's replacement.

Caviness told The Banner that he has not set a firm deadline for receipt of letters of interest about the council vacancy. However, because he would have to make the appointment no later than Wednesday, Jan. 2, he said persons interested in applying for the opening should send him a letter of interest as soon as possible, preferably within the next couple of weeks.

Letters of interest can be mailed to Caviness at P.O. Box 621, Rushville, IN 46173. They may also be emailed to him at philcaviness@gmail.com.

Should Caviness fail to fill the vacancy on the council within 30 days, the responsibility for selecting Morrow's replacement would then shift to the town council's remaining four members.

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the Henry County Clerk's office about this matter. Nancy Marcum, the chief deputy clerk for county elections, agreed with Simmons, that there is nothing that legally prohibits spouses from serving as a township trustee and township board member, but said the state had previously given her office conflicting information on this.

"This wasn't always how the Election Board advised us in the past," Marcum wrote in an email. "So whoever they got the information from could have been going by this previous information."

Van Hoy was not happy to learn that the Henry County Clerk's office had given him bad advice about his eligibility to remain on the board. He said the only reason he withdrew his candidacy was because he and his wife had been told they would not both be able to serve.

Fortunately for Van Hoy, it's very likely that he will still get a chance to continue serving on the township board, even though he did not run for reelection. That's because there were only two candidates for the three-person board in last month's election.

Ronald Trimmell, the incumbent township board chairman, ran for reelection, and newcomer Brad Overman, son of Randy Overman, also ran. Neither Van Hoy nor the board's other current member, Sandy Swartz, sought reelection.

When not enough people run to fill all the seats on the township board, state statute requires the county commissioners to designate which of the incumbents who didn't seek reelection is to continue holding office until a successor has been chosen. Here, that means county commissioners will need to choose either Van Hoy or Swartz to serve as the holdover member.

Since Van Hoy wants to continue serving on the board and Swartz apparently does not, the chances of Van Hoy being selected by the county commissioners to be the holdover member seem good. If selected as the holdover, Van Hoy would be eligible to serve another full four-year term on the township board.



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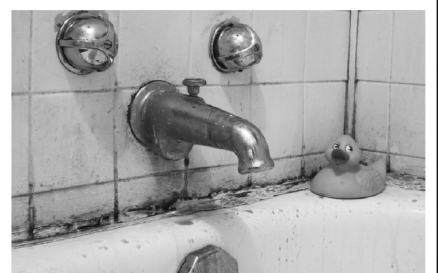
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News Flash: Exercise Good for You

Exercising on a regular basis over a lifetime may help keep the body decades younger, says new research from Ball State University.

Cardiovascular and Skeletal Muscle Health with Lifelong Exercise, an analysis of septuagenarians who have been exercising for decades, found that they have heart and lung capacities and muscle fitness like healthy people in their early 40's.

The study provided a unique opportunity to assess the physiological benefit of lifelong exercise by comparing exercisers in their 70s with their younger counterparts and sedentary people their own age. The study was published in August in the Journal of Applied Physiology.

"Exercise wins' is the take-home message," said Scott Trappe, director of Ball State's Human Performance Laboratory and leader of the 11-person research team. "We saw that people who exercise regularly year after year have better overall health. These 75-year-olds — men and women — have similar cardiovascular health to a 40- to 45-year-old."

With the average study participant, characterized as a lifelong exerciser, working out is a hobby. On average, each exercised about five days a week for about seven hours in total.

The cardiovascular health was gauged by having participants cycle on an indoor bike to determine VO2 max, which measures the maximum amount of oxygen a person can use during intense exercise and establishes aerobic endurance. Each participant also had a muscle biopsy to determine how capillaries formed and aerobic enzyme activity.

VO2max typically declines by about 10 percent per decade after age 30. The age-related reduction in VO2 max is directly associated with an increasing risk of multiple chronic diseases, mortality and loss of independence.

Researchers also broke the male subjects into two groups: the performance group and the fitness group. The performance group's training revolved around competition. The fitness group's revolved around simply exercising.

"For some of the variables, the performance group had some metrics that were superior to the fitness group,

and cardiovascular capacity was one of those," Trappe said. "But things like muscle health and capillaries to support blood flow, they were equivalent between the two groups. Higher intensity didn't necessarily take them to a higher place."

HPL researchers have been studying athletes since its creation in the 1960s. For this latest project, Ball State researchers recruited people who have been regularly training for decades by running, biking, swimming or whatever exercise they enjoyed.

"What was really interesting about this study is these folks came out of the exercise-boom generation, which really started in the 1970s when running and tennis became popular to the masses," Trappe said. "Previous research studied people who were older exercisers but were champion athletes. They had a pathway in life that was a little different. Our idea was that we really felt that from our interactions around the community that there's a group of people here that are 70 and above, that started exercising in the late 60s, early 70s with the exercise boom."

"When we started this project, I didn't know if we'd find enough of these lifelong exercisers, and once we got into it, I was signing up for local races and introducing myself," he said. "But then what would happen is they would recruit — they'd bring in their training buddies. We had a husband and wife team who rode a tandem bicycle together. They've ridden 4,000 to 5,000 miles together outdoors since the mid-1980s. There's tons of people like this out there."

Trappe also noted that women who've exercised since the '70s were almost as plentiful as men, attributing that to not only the exercise boom of the 1970s but also to the passage of Title IX in 1972. This federal law opened the doors to competitive sports to millions of young women across the nation.

Trappe acknowledged that while younger adults can handle more intense exercise, many septuagenarians have managed to find new ways to stay in shape at a fairly high level.

Trappe said the benefits of the study should be obvious for the average person: 30 to 60 minutes of exercise a day may be the key to a healthy life.

CAB Public Hearing Tuesday, Dec. 18

The Charles A. Beard School Board will hold a public hearing Tuesday evening on proposed amendments to the contract of Superintendent Jed Behny.

Behny, a former Knightstown Elementary School principal who has served as the district's superintendent since July 2014, is now under contract through the end of June. If approved by the school board, the proposed amendments to his contract would extend that another two years.

The school board last amended Behny's contract in July of 2016. Those changes extended his initial three-year contract an additional two years, and increased what CAB paid for Behny's health/medical insurance.

In addition to the two-year extension, the proposed changes the board will consider making to Behny's contract this time will also:

*allow Behny to be eligible for any one-time performance pay-

ments or stipends funded by teacher performance grants and/or similar programs if he is deemed effective or highly effective as a result of the preceding year's job evaluation;

*grant Behny a one-time retention bonus of \$1,500, payable as a lump sum, as soon as he completes his fifth year as superintendent;

*permit Behny to be paid in December and June of each year for any unused vacation days, not to exceed 20 total days annually;

*give Behny an additional five vacation days once he finishes his fifth year as superintendent, bringing his yearly total to 25 days, and increases that to 30 days after he serves in that position for 10 years;

*raise the amount of CAB's matching contribution to Behny's 403(b) retirement plan or other similar sheltered retirement plan from 2.5 percent to 3.5 percent of Behny's salary;

*increase CAB's contribution to Behny's school corporation

Voluntary Employee Beneficiary Association (VEBA) account — a health reimbursement account that holds money in trust to be used for medical expenses — from 1.5 percent to 3.5 percent of his salary; and

*will give Behny a monthly stipend of \$450 in lieu of mileage and technology reimbursements/claims submissions.

When Behny took over as CAB's superintendent in July 2014, his base yearly salary was \$95,000. Since then, that amount has been increased four times — \$5,000 each time — to bring his current salary to \$115,000.

Tuesday's public hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the media center at Knightstown High School, 8149 W. U.S. Hwy. 40, immediately prior to the school board's regular monthly meeting. Board members are expected to vote on the proposed changes to Behny's contract at their Jan. 8 organizational meeting.

Knightstown Still Seeking Two for Park Board

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

As previously reported in The Banner, the park board has lost two of its five members over the past couple of months. Jeffrey Van Hoy submitted his resignation in early September, and Jacob Hart 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 prevents the board from meeting if even one of the three remaining members were to be absent.

The park board experienced this very problem last month. When two of the three remaining members were unable to attend the meeting scheduled for Nov. 5, it had to be canceled.

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

Whether the council appoints replacements for Van Hoy and Hart remains to be seen. The council voted in September to take an initial step toward dissolving the

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sustainability. This disregard for the environment led to the great “dust bowl” and economic hardship. We did not create the trees and the wildlife, or the streams and rivers. We are simply stewards of these resources. I am by no means a radical “tree hugger,” but I am a realist. Perhaps we should be careful what we do for the sake of profits.

Robert Guillaume, Knightstown

Dear Editor,

Recently an “attorney at law” wrote a letter to the editor expressing concern about the four mile safety ordinance. To date, eleven towns in Henry County have passed the ordinance to protect their citizens from 500 ft. wind turbines and their bad effects on people and animals. She said she is “troubled”, and

stated that attempting to regulate property rights up to four miles outside of the town boundary is “unreasonable”, which means “not rational.” Most of her letter was not rational. The four mile ordinance is not a “land grab” as she described. In fact, it is backed by Home Rule Act “first passed in 1980 and generally grants municipalities the power to govern themselves as they see fit.” (Joshua Claybourn - published

5:04 a.m. ET May 7, 2017, - *Indianapolis Star*)

She claims that wind turbines won’t endanger health, safety or welfare! Turbines are not totally green; do not create local jobs; do kill birds; cause irritating “shadow flicker” and dangerous “ice throw;” make noise; lower property values; produce a low-frequency “infrasound” that can cause sleep problems, headaches, nausea, dizziness,

cardiovascular disease, animals to abort, and more. Yes, some people who live near them have no problems, but many do. Some cigarette smokers don’t die of lung cancer, but many do. I have listened to testimonies from people with real-life awful experiences living near turbines. Very disturbing! Picture hundreds of these eyesores in a county with a population of 49,000! Turbines should not be allowed in a county as densely populated as Henry County!

Another major concern is dismantling them in the future when they become outdated and replaced with better technology, after fire or lightning strikes, or the company simply goes bankrupt. Does anyone actually expect wind companies to spend millions to take them down after spending millions to build them? Two words: county taxpayers.

To understand the consequences of living near turbines, check out “World Council for Nature” or “wcfn.org”, or listen to personal testimonies at <https://vimeo.com/161375063> and <http://energizevermont.org/2017/05/whats-it-is-like-to-live-near-a-wind-turbine/>. Don’t trust the words of a wind company. People of Knightstown and the surrounding area, please ask the town council members to hear a presentation on the four mile safety ordinance. You can contact them by email at www.knightstown.in or call at 765-345-5977 x111. They know who to contact for that information. I thank the attorney for her letter so I could counter with “reasonable”, “rational” information.

**Susan Stoots
New Castle**

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to Amy Cornell’s letter in the December 5th Knightstown Banner. These are partial statements on her employers’, Bose, McKinney & Evans, website. “... significant experience in Indiana wind law representing clients in contract negotiations between energy companies and landowners.” “... active leaders in the State of Indiana Wind Working Group (my interjection, big wind contributes greatly to certain State legislators) ...” “... worked with various wind farm developers and land owners for the siting of turbines. ... efficiently navigate the complexities of wind farm development including permitting, zoning, landowner easement, municipal ordinance drafting (my interjection, remember the farce Ms. Cornell participated in with drafting our WECS ordinance and Kim Cronk said she did not have to divulge her clients) ...” “assisted clients in creation of favorable tax legislation for wind farm projects ... “ ... assist clients with state and federal issue such as production tax credits, access to the transmission grid .” “... have the background to assist landowners considering placement of wind turbines on their land.” You can understand why Ms. Cornell speaks against this ordinance. Her firm has a huge financial interest in these turbines being built.

This ordinance was presented to 11 towns. All 11 voted for the ordinance. 10 of 11 of these towns voted unanimously for this ordinance. It would be very difficult to “unduly influence” that many people. As to her question what about the landowners that do not vote for the town councils? Neither do we that

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LOCAL SPORTS

Panthers Get Back-to-Back Wins Over Lincoln, Wapahani

Knightstown Downs Lincoln 66-48

Knightstown's varsity basketball team won two in a row last week to move its record into the positive realm.

The Panthers dominated Lincoln in a road game at Cambridge City Dec. 7, taking home a 19-point Tri-Eastern Conference win, 66-48, over the Golden Eagles.

The Panthers scored 17 points in each of the first three quarters and 15 in the final period. Their consistent scoring and tough defense put them up 17-12 after the first quarter and gave them a 34-21 lead at the half.

The Eagles put up more of a fight in the second half but the Panthers still held the momentum, outscoring Lincoln 17-14 in the third and 15-13 in the fourth to get the conference win.

Senior Treavor Cook had another standout game, leading KHS with 21 points, shooting 71 percent from the field.

Cook also led the team on the boards with seven rebounds and dished out three assists. He got position to take a charge and made

a block to add to this game stats.

Kyler Burchett scored 13 and yanked down six rebounds.

Jose Olivo and Aaron Reagan each finished with 11 points.

Chase Burton and James Lukens hit two buckets apiece and Jack Fort also scored a basket.

Reagan and Lukens pulled down six rebounds each while Olivo had five rebounds, Burton grabbed three rebounds and Austin Campton also had one board.

Olivo again came up big on the defensive side with five steals and two blocks, but was key to the Panthers' offensive effort with his six assists.

Reagan frustrated the Eagles too, making three steals. Cook, Burchett, Burton, Lukens and Fort each made a steal, helping KHS post 13 steals in the game.

The Panthers were unselfish throughout the game, tallying a total of 18 assists. In addition to Olivo's six assists and Cook's three, Burchett and Burton each handed out three assists. Lukens made two assists and Devyn



The always-expressive senior Kyler Burchett takes the ball to the hoop against Wapahani Dec. 8. Burchett had 10 points in the game. (Kayla Kimmerly photo, courtesy of Knightstown Yearbook)

Schaetzle also had an assist.

The win over Lincoln pushed up Knightstown's overall record to 2-2.

KHS Boys Deliver Wapahani Its First Loss This Year

Wapahani came to Knightstown Dec. 8, flying high on their undefeated season. But, the Panthers weren't letting the Raiders get away with another win and held back a late surge to pick up the home court win, 49-48.

The Raiders got off to a good start, going up 15-9 at the end of the first quarter. KHS bounced back to outscore their opponents 13-9 to head into the break down just two points, 22-24.

The Panthers came out of halftime with their offense cranked up to score 16 while holding the Raiders to 10 points, taking a 38-34 lead.

But, Wapahani was ready to give up, putting 14 on the board in the fourth quarter. Knightstown scored 11 to hold off the Raiders and come away with the win to move their overall season record to 3-2. The loss was Wapahani's first of the year and the Raiders are now 4-1.

Cook again led the Panthers with his second double-double of the season. He scored 13 points and got 13 rebounds with three blocked shots and two steals.

Burchett and Reagan each scored in double digits

too with 10 points each. Burton had seven points and Olivo scored five. Robert Porter and Lukens were both 2-for-2 on the free throw line.

The Panthers were again hustling on defensive, coming up with 14 total steals. In addition to Cook's two steals, Olivo, Lukens and Reagan made three steals apiece. Burchett, Burton and Porter had one steal each.

KHS also posted 32 total rebounds. Olivo, Burchett and Lukens each had four boards while Porter and Reagan pulled down three rebounds. Burton also grabbed one rebound.

Olivo, Burchett and Lukens dished out two nice passes apiece for assists and Burton had an assist. Reagan and Olivo also added one block each.

The Panthers have their big rivalry game against Eastern Hancock at home Friday night, Dec. 14. The Royals are also 3-2 this season with wins over Centerville, Wes-Del and Northeastern but fell to Southwestern and Randolph Southern. The varsity boys game starts about 7:30 p.m., following the game between the varsity girls game.



Senior Jose Olivo (above and below) always plays aggressively but is the first to be a model of sportsmanship too. (Kayla Kimmerly photo, courtesy of Knightstown Yearbook)



Junior James Lukens slaps the hands of his teammates as he's announced during the Panther game opening against Wapahani Dec. 8. (Kayla Kimmerly photo, courtesy of Knightstown Yearbook)



LOCAL SPORTS

Senior Smiles



These seniors on Knightstown varsity girls' basketball always have positive attitudes and easy-going smiles. It's hard to believe this is their final season on the court, but Kaitlyn Jackson, Jessica Butler, Maggie Smith and Sidney Vise (l-r) are trying to enjoy every minute of it. The team includes one other senior, Elizabeth Moore, who was not around for this snapshot. (Caleb Pyle photo, courtesy of Knightstown Yearbook)

KHS Athletic Council to Host Taco Bar During Panther-Royal Games Friday to Benefit Hiner, Settergren Funds

When Knightstown and Eastern Hancock hold their annual doubleheader girls and boys varsity basketball games Friday night, there may be tough competition inside the gym but it's all cooperation outside the gym.

The Knightstown High School Panther Athletic Council will be hosting a walking taco bar begin-

ning at 5 p.m. It will continue as the girls game gets underway at 6 p.m. and continue through the third quarter of the boys' varsity game in the athletic hallway outside the gym doors.

Walking tacos will be \$3 and proceeds will benefit the Dylan Hiner Memorial Scholarship, the Riley Settergren Foundation and

Champions Together fund.

Knightstown officials will also be holding some activities during halftime of both games. A "shot for a two-liter" will be held where participants can pay \$1, make a free throw and win a two-liter bottle of soda. Proceeds from this will go towards to the Champions Together fund.

State Parks Offer First Day Hikes on New Year's Day

Usher in 2019 with other outdoor lovers at one of the many First Day Hikes offered Jan. 1 at Indiana's state parks.

First Day Hikes are a healthy way to start 2019 and a chance to get outside, exercise, enjoy nature and connect with friends.

Information on First Day events in Indiana is at StateParks.IN.gov/2420.htm.

The guided hikes are organized by Indiana State Parks in cooperation with America's State Parks. Hikes will take place in all 50 states.

First Day Hikes originated more than 20 years ago at the Blue Hills Reservation, a state park in Milton, Massachusetts. The program was launched to foster healthy lifestyles and promote year-round recreation at state parks.

For more information, visit America's State Parks website (stateparks.org) or [facebook.com/Americas-State-Parks-205324976548604](https://www.facebook.com/Americas-State-Parks-205324976548604).

First Day events at Indiana State Park properties near our area are (all times are local):

—Brookville Lake, Mounds State Recreation Area, 4-4:45 p.m.: Meet at the Campground Shelter

across from Wildlife Wander Trail for a 0.7-mile hike. Along the way, a naturalist will explain what life is like for animals during winter. The trail is rated easy. Hot cocoa will be served around a campfire afterward.

—Fort Harrison State Park, 1-2 p.m.: Meet at the Delaware Lake parking area for a hike on Harrison Trace. The paved loop is 2.25 miles long. Hot cocoa will be provided by Friends of the Fort group.

—Mounds State Park, 5:30-6:30 p.m.: Join the naturalist on an illuminated hike to the mounds. The hike will begin at the nature center and may involve rugged terrain and stairs.

—Summit Lake State Park: An indoor activity for kids starts at 10 a.m. at the park office. At 11 a.m., hikers should meet at the nature center for a 1-mile, 30-minute hike. Coffee, hot chocolate and cookies will be available at the park office beforehand.

—Whitewater Memorial State Park, 1-2:30 p.m.: Meet at the Poplar Grove Shelter for a moderate, 2.5-mile hike on the Memorial Loop Trail with a trivia game. Participants can drink hot cocoa around a fire afterward.

Lady Panthers Continue Up and Down Season

Knightstown varsity girls' basketball team continued its rollercoaster season the past two weeks.

After their loss to Tri on Nov. 21, the Lady Panthers fell to North Decatur 40-58 Nov. 24 then whipped Irvington Preparatory Academy 74-7 Nov. 27 before getting demolished by Shenandoah 63-23 Nov. 29.

On Dec. 4, the KHS girls were defeated 54-24 by Southwestern Shelby. Then, on Dec. 6, the Lady Panthers shocked class 1A's ninth-ranked Blue River Valley with an overtime 57-56 victory.

KHS 40, North Decatur 58

Sophomore Rena' Witham led the scoring for the Lady Panthers against North Decatur, dropping in nine points.

Kaitlyn Jackson and Sidney Vise each scored eight points. Jess Butler had six points and Maggie Smith got five points. Liz Moore and Emma-Kate Moore each hit a bucket for two points apiece.

Butler led on the boards with six rebounds and one block. Witham grabbed five rebounds while Vise, Smith and Katie Clark each pulling in three rebounds. Jackson had two rebounds and dished out four assists with two steals. Witham made three assists. Clark also made an assist and hustled for three steals. Vise, Smith, Emma Moore and Witham also stole the ball once each.

KHS 74, Irvington Prep 7

Three Lady Panthers scored in double digits in their win over Irvington Prep. Jackson and Witham each scored 13 points and Butler had 12 points.

Witham pulled down 13 rebounds and made 10 steals in the game to post her first triple-double at the high school level. She also made four assists and took a charge.

Clark scored eight, Smith had seven points, Trinidie Newby and Vise each had six points, Moore got five points and Jasmine Happe had four.

Butler yanked down six rebounds. Vise and Smith each had four rebounds. Clark, Newby and Jackson each had three rebounds while Happe and Moore grabbed two rebounds apiece.

KHS 23, Shenandoah 63

Shenandoah sophomores Erika Hill and Kathryn Perry combined for 39 points in the Lady Raiders huge win over the Lady Panthers.

Jackson scored six points in the game to lead KHS scorers. Vise and Clark each had five points. Moore, Butler and Witham hit one bucket apiece and Smith sank a free throw.

Butler grabbed six rebounds and Vise had four boards. Moore, Witham and Jackson each had three rebounds. Clark got on rebound and Smith had one. Vise and Clark each blocked one shot.

KHS 24, Southwestern 54

Smith led the Lady Panthers against Southwestern with 10 points. Vise scored four points with Elizabeth Moore contributing three points. Jackson, Clark and Emma Moore had two points and Witham had one point.

The 5'3" Clark led KHS on the boards with eight rebounds. Witham had six rebounds. Emma Moore, Vise, Butler and Jackson each pulled in three rebounds. Smith had two boards while Happe had one rebound.

KHS 57, Blue River Valley 56 (OT)

It was quite a night for the Lady Panthers in their 57-56 OT win over the ranked Lady Vikings.

Vise was on fire offensively, finishing with 21 points including three from long range.

Smith posted 11 points and Butler had her second double-double of the season with 10 points and 10 rebounds. Butler made three steals, one block and one assist as well.

Clark scored six points and Jackson had four points in the game. Emma-Kate Moore got three points and Witham dropped in a bucket.

The Lady Panthers dominated the Lady Vikings on the boards. In addition to Butler's 10 rebounds, Witham also yanked down 10 rebounds, Jackson got eight boards and Vise had six rebounds. Emma Moore grabbed three rebounds while Clark and Liz Moore each had one rebound.

Though Witham scored just two points, she helped others shine, making eight assists in the game. She also led the team in steals with four. Jackson and Vise also made three assists.

The win over Blue River earned the Lady Panthers the "bucket" in the county rivalry game and pushed their overall record to 3-8 and 1-4 in the Tri-Eastern Conference.

Dirt Road Basketball Scores Posted

Knightstown's Dirt Road Basketball League's fifth graders fell 8-19 to Franklin County Nov. 11 at a Rushville event.

Gage Broady led the fifth grade team with six points and Jameson Crawford had two points.

The KIS fifth graders defeated Greenfield though 11-5. Broady scored seven points, Crawford had three points and Denny Weir hit a free throw. Ray Byers dominated the boards with 11 rebounds.

Knightstown's fourth graders picked up two wins on Dec. 3. The team beat Eastern Hancock 32-17 and Morristown 28-22.

In the game against the young Royals, the KIS fourth graders were led by Bryor Carmichael with 20 points with Gavin Jenkins scoring 12 points.

Jenkins was the top scorer against Morristown with 16 points. Carmichael had 10 points and Lily Drew scored two points.

Knightstown's second graders also played on Dec. 3 and beat Lincoln 17-12.

Kenny Schweizer had 10 points to lead the young Panthers. Baylor Clements scored four points. Jagger Cole had two points and Bently Robinson got a point.

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support this ordinance.

Credible sources show turbines are a danger to the public's health, safety and welfare. Calpine specifically set out Cadiz, Kennard and Sulphur Springs. One hundred turbines have been proposed for these areas. If Calpine's permits are approved, not only will our citizens be severely affected, but town growth will also be severely limited or non-existent.

Ms. Cornell made a statement about seeking outside counsel. This was done. There was no outside influence. No laws misinterpreted purposely or not. Her statement of "Especially those who would not be left holding the bag when these are deemed inappropriate when challenged by the landowners." This has never been challenged in Court but apparently Ms. Cornell already knows the Court's decision. I suggest she go back and review Indiana Home Rule Law (IC36-1-3) and Indiana safety Code (IC36-8-2-13). Ms. Cornell's letter had one purpose, to instill fear within the town councils.

Judy Walker
Middletown

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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 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 taking final action on it.

The town's attorney, Gregg Morelock, has told council members that the park board should continue to operate normally until

it is formally dissolved. That, he said, includes filling any vacancies on the board, like those left by the two recent resignations.

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.

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