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- Sir Winston Churchill

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Candlelight Service Info on Page 4

Details for two local Christmas Eve candlelight services can be found on Page 4 in this week's Bits & Pieces section.

New Carthage Salary Ordinance Grants Raises Ranging from 1.5-6 Percent to Town Employees

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Carthage Town Council approved its 2019 salary ordinance earlier this week, granting raises to town employees that range from 1.5 to 6 percent that will take effect next month.

The council, still down one member since the recent resignation of council member Rachael Morrow, voted 4-0 to adopt the new salary ordinance during a special meeting Monday evening. Morrow, who stepped down from her seat on the council so that she could be appointed as the town's new clerk-treasurer, said that with the exception of two positions, all town employees would see their pay go up 3 percent in 2019.

One employee who will be getting a bigger raise is Sandy Jackson, the town's deputy clerk-treasurer and utility clerk helper. Before the council's vote on the

salary ordinance, Morrow explained that Jackson's pay would be going up 6 percent.

"She definitely has stepped up to the plate and has done very well," Morrow said of Jackson's efforts when former Carthage Clerk-Treasurer Linda McMahan was out of the office battling health issues. McMahan passed away in October and Morrow, who just started her new clerk-treasurer duties last week, was appointed by the Rush County Republican Party to finish out McMahan's term, which runs through the end of 2019.

Council member Ashley Davis said she thought it should be made clear to Jackson that 6-percent raises should not be expected every year.

"She's aware of that," Morrow said.

"In 11 years, she's never once asked for a raise," noted council

member John Hancock.

The other town employee not getting a 3-percent raise under the new salary ordinance is Josh Douglas, the town's works manager. Initially, the salary ordinance Morrow presented to the council did not include any pay increase for Douglas, who had received a 12-percent bump in his hourly rate last March that raised it from \$27.58 to \$31.

Hancock said he thought Douglas, who was not at Monday's meeting, should at least get a 1.5-percent raise for 2019. He said Douglas had hoped for a bigger pay hike last March, but had agreed to a lower amount with the expectation that his pay would go up again next year along with that of other town employees.

"That was a big raise," Davis said of the pay increase Douglas received last March. She said she didn't think he needed another raise

now, and suggested the council consider paying Douglas a salary instead of an hourly wage, saying what the town pays him "is a lot of money for a small town."

"I know he's been open to it in the past if we want to talk about it," Council President Kelly Land said of the possibility of paying Douglas a salary instead of by the hour.

According to data available on the state's Gateway public accountability website, the town of Carthage paid Douglas a total of \$57,126.39 in 2016 and \$61,069.98 in 2017. He is the town's highest paid employee.

Hancock made a motion to amend the proposed salary ordinance to give Douglas a 1.5-percent raise for 2019, which would raise his hourly rate from \$31 to \$31.46, and Vice President Charlie Watkins seconded the motion.

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Knightstown May Purchase Old Main Street Bank Building

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The town of Knightstown is considering purchasing the former MainSource bank building on East Main Street to use as new town offices.

As The Banner reported last week, Knightstown Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman confirmed in an email to The Banner early last week that the town is considering selling its South Washington Street properties "and relocating operations." In a follow-up email, she said the town is looking at "all options," including the possible purchase of the building at 120

E. Main Street that, most recently, had housed the MainSource bank branch that closed earlier this year.

Selling the town's properties and relocating 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 meeting notice for the town council's 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. While Knightstown Town Council President Sarah Ward did tell The Banner the closed-door session had been to discuss leasing or purchasing a new home for town offices, she declined to say which property or properties the town is considering.

The Wayne Township Board voted during a Dec. 10 special meeting to offer the town of Knightstown \$200,000 for South Washington Street properties that include the Knightsown

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Thanks for Supporting The Banner!

We Tried to Keep It Going; But It's Just a Tough Time for Newspapers

by Eric and Stacy Cox
Owners of The Banner

After nearly 20 years of continuous operation, The Banner's owners, Eric and Stacy Cox, are closing the 152-year-old Knightstown newspaper. This final issue of 2018 will also be the final issue of The Banner.

It's no secret the Internet, especially social media, have taken a toll on the traditional news industry. The Coxes embraced much of latest Internet trends over the years and The Banner's online following for a small town community newspaper was strong compared to other similarly-sized newspapers. As much as they enjoyed how that additional reach expanded what they could do as a weekly newspaper operation, all of it added up to a bleak future for the paper's survival.

Newspapers' share of advertising has been diminished with the explosion of online services like Craigslist, eBay and so many others that chipped away at the types of services once only available in a newspaper. We all use these services, so it's understandable.

The Internet also allowed the reduction of the operation of The Banner to just a couple of

people. Once The Banner had a huge staff, as many of our subscribers over the years told of once being employed at the paper at some time or another prior to 2000.

However, high interest in The Banner's social media outlets failed to draw new subscriptions and advertisers.

So, the Coxes decided the time has come to cease publication. They had tried for some time to find credible, qualified businesses and individuals to take over The Banner, but discussions always fizzled out.

"We had hoped that The Banner could continue on with others who would care about it, its history and the communities it serves, but we just weren't able to find an option we felt could succeed," said Stacy Cox, general manager. "We moved to this area when our two sons were toddlers, but they're grown and we want to embrace the next period of our lives, doing something new. It's indescribable how much we have learned running The Banner and it will all inform what we do in the next phase of our lives. Thank you to everyone who supported us, whether as a subscriber, an advertiser or contributor in some other way. You shared your

lives with us and we did our best for almost two decades to share your news and report on the activities of the community. We appreciate the generosity we received over the years from so many people and will miss being in the front seat of the community's history."

Eric Cox, who revived the publication after its 1998 demise, likewise expressed his gratitude for the two decades of support from Knightstown, Carthage, Shirley, Mays and other surrounding communities.

"It's truly been an honor to cover these interesting towns and their kind residents," he said. "A special thanks goes out to all our advertisers, subscribers, employees and other supporters who encouraged us and reminded us that what we were doing was important and appreciated."

"Also, we'd be remiss if we didn't acknowledge our appreciation for the consistently illuminating reporting of Jeff Eakins, who did a very fine job covering local government." Cox said.

The Banner's office, its website and social media accounts will be closed, too, as efforts will continue over the coming weeks to settle its remaining business operations.



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Davis and Land, however, both voted against the pay increase for Douglas, resulting in a 2-2 tie.

When a town council vote results in a tie, state statute authorizes the town's clerk-treasurer to cast the tie-breaking vote. Morrow said she thought Douglas deserved a raise for 2019, and while she would have liked to have seen him get 3 percent, she supported the 1.5 percent Hancock and Watkins proposed and their motion passed 3-2.

Despite their initial opposition to giving Douglas another raise, Davis and Land both ended up lending their support to the increase. Following the 3-2 vote to amend the proposed salary ordinance to include the pay raise for Douglas, Davis and Land did support adoption of the revised 2019 salary ordinance, which passed 4-0.



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OBITUARIES

Beth L. Goble

February 23, 1944 - December 15, 2018



Beth L. Goble, 74, a resident of Knightstown passed away Dec. 15, 2018, at Hancock Regional Hospital. She was born Feb. 23, 1944, in Greenfield to the late Hugh and Hazel (Bramel) Roberts.

A graduate of Carthage High School, she had worked for several local merchants including Western Auto and Jolly Drug Store. She had also worked as a cook as well as manager at the Knightstown Intermediate School cafeteria. Beth was a member of BPW where she was awarded the Outstanding Working Woman Award in 1990. Her hobbies included reading, gardening, couponing, camping and Cub Scouts, along with attending her sons' sports activities. Beth always loved helping others whenever they were in need.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Ivan "John" Goble; two sons, Mike and Marty Goble, both of Knightstown; five grandchildren, Dustin Goble (Amanda), Heather (Jake) Brower, Jacob, Liam and Hazel Goble; and three great-grandchildren, Alexis and Lilly Goble and Levi Brower.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by an infant son, Jason Matthew, and a sister, Judy Richmond.

Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service, Knightstown Chapel, with Pastors Richard Thayer and Anthony Darling officiating. Burial will follow in Walnut Ridge Cemetery in rural Carthage. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19 at the funeral home. Condolences and memories of Beth may be shared at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Eileen Ruth Walker (Kissick) Murray
December 14, 1929 - December 12, 2018



Eileen Ruth Walker (Kissick) Murray, 88, of New Castle passed away peacefully, surrounded by her children, on Dec. 12, 2018 at Glen Oaks Health Campus. She was born Dec. 14, 1929, in Weston, W.V., to the late James and Iona Ruth (Emerson) Walker Jalbert.

A farmer's wife, she worked as a cook at Kennard Elementary School and the Knightstown school system for 10 years. Eileen was an avid genealogist and co-wrote two books about Kennard and Greensboro Township. She served on the board of directors for the Henry County Heart Society and she was an active member of Shirley, Wilkinson and New Castle Order of the Eastern Star. Eileen was a longtime member of Locust Grove Homemakers Club and an active member of Knightstown United Methodist Church and First United Methodist Church in New Castle. She was a member of Farm Bureau and was a former member and leader for Henry County 4-H for many years. Eileen was both a gifted tailor and an active servant of the community.

She is survived by five children, Marsha Barnard of New Castle, Nancy Harrold of Noblesville, Peggy Muncy of Indianapolis, Duane (Belinda) Kissick of Knightstown and Marilyn (Tony) Cox of Osgood; 15 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; a half-sister, Pat Poland of California; and a very special cousin, Clarence (LaRue) Emerson.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Kash Kissick, Jr., and second husband, Fred Murray; a brother, Gordon Walker; a sister, Juanita Walker; a half-brother, Michael Walker; and a very special aunt and uncle, Emma Cool and Ivan Emerson.

Services were Dec. 15 at the First United Methodist Church in New Castle with Pastor Tom McGilliard officiating. Burial followed in Glen Cove Cemetery in Knightstown. Visitation was Dec. 14 at Hinsey-Brown Funeral Service in New Castle. Eastern Star services also took place. Memorial contributions may be sent to Henry County Heart Society, P.O. Box 490, New Castle, IN 47362. You may express condolence or share a memory of Eileen at www.hinsey-brown.com.

Justin Dallas "Peanut" Locker
July 7, 2003 - December 11, 2018



Justin Dallas "Peanut" Locker, age 15, of Carthage, passed away on Dec. 11, 2018, at Peyton Manning Children's Hospital. He was born in Greenfield on July 7, 2003, to Rusty Locker and Mandy (Henderson) Locker. He was a sophomore at Eastern Hancock High School.

Justin played baseball for the Eastern Hancock Royals. He was an avid sports lover, especially for the New York Yankees, Notre Dame, Boston Celtics and Seattle Seahawks. Anyone who knew Justin would know that he was full of life and always had a smile on his face. Justin also had a passion for history and was a WWE fan.

Justin is survived by his mother, Mandy Locker; his father, Rusty (Amanda) Locker; three brothers, Russell Wayne II Locker, Andrew Steele Locker and Dallen Palmer Locker; a sister, Shelby Gail Locker; his grandparents, Russ (Gail) Locker, David (Toni) Roland, Mariann (Rick) Ricketts, Ralph (Anita) Henderson, Marion (Donna) Potts and Tim (Tami) Hickson; four uncles, Matthew (Lacey) Locker, Kevin (Brittney) Roland, Michael Ricketts and Nathan Ricketts; and several cousins.

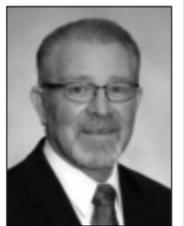
He was preceded in death by several great-grandparents and a great-uncle.

Visitation was Dec. 16 at Park Chapel Christian Church, Greenfield. A funeral service took place Dec. 17 at the church. Pastor David Oakes officiated. Burial followed at Riverside Cemetery in Carthage.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made by mail to the Justin D. Locker Baseball Scholarship at STAR Financial Bank, 230 E. New Road, Greenfield, IN 46140h. Friends may share a memory or a condolence at erleweinmortuary.com.

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Brooke Nicole Linville
December 12, 1981 - December 10, 2018



Brooke Nicole Linville, 36, of New Castle, passed away on Dec. 10, 2018, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

She was born Dec. 12, 1981, in Greenfield, a daughter of Bob Hicks and Darla Jackson. Brooke had a caring heart and loved spending time with her children and family.

Those left to cherish her memory include her three sons, Kolton Linville, Aaron Linville and Ethan Linville; her parents Bob Hicks and Darla (husband, Jeff) Jackson; her maternal grandmother, Betty Kise; step-grandmother, Judy Jackson; eight siblings, Jon Jackson, Christina Coomer, Samantha Whitfield, Jackie Mueller, Dustin Hicks, Page Smith, Ashley Smith, Hannah Lilly; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Brian Linville; a daughter, Kerstin Brooke Linville; and her paternal grandmother, Linda Forester.

Funeral services were Dec. 14 at Heritage Funeral Care in Knightstown with Rev. Roger Campbell officiating. Burial followed in Glen Cove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Heritage Funeral Care to assist the family with expenses. Friends called prior to services on Dec. 14 at the funeral home. You may send the family a personal condolence at www.heritagefuneralcares.com.

Bob Guillaume Ready to Unveil New School Safety Book

It is a sad commentary on contemporary life in the United States that there is even be a need for someone like Wayne Township resident Robert Guillaume to write a book like *Why American Schools Are Unsafe*.

That said, no one can deny the timeliness of the book's subject matter, disturbing though it may be. In fact, publication of Guillaume's book comes just months after a student came armed to his Noblesville middle school and shot a classmate and a teacher, and weeks after a similar incident nearly played itself out in Richmond.

Guillaume notes at the outset of his book that America's public schools had once been "iconic bastions of learning and community involvement, a place where students of all ages studied, learned, made friends, played sports (and) became involved in school activities and felt safe every day. ..." Now, though, he says many of schools have become "institutions where bullying, crime and violence are common occurrences."

In the book's opening pages, Guillaume provides charts listing school shootings in the U.S. over the past 50 years. Up until 1985, none of the incidents had resulted in more than two deaths, but, since then, 19 of the shootings have led to three or more deaths, with eight resulting in six or more deaths, and five of the worst massacres alone accounting for a total of 80 dead.

Guillaume identifies several factors he believes have contributed to the growing violence in our nation's public schools. Those include the breakdown of American society and the American family; the failure to maintain discipline, structure and order; America's attraction to violent entertainment; abuse of technology and online social media; incompetence of government and education officials; and federal laws that make it difficult to remove violent students from schools before a catastrophe happens.

"America has, and continues to, create its own monster of unsafe schools and violence," Guillaume writes in his book. "... It has

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December 21, 2017

Who was Sandy Wills?

Sandy was born Feb. 19, 1949, to Roy and Anna Turner of New Castle. She had two brothers, George and Freddie, and a sister, Sheila, and she attended Riley and Parker schools before graduating from New Castle High in 1967.

Sandy had two children, Suzee and Lynn. She married Billy Wills on Aug. 27, 1977, and became mom to Donna and David.

Sandy was the first senior center director at Knightstown. She organized a fundraiser at the "Pest House" that drew hundreds of people, thanks to then-owners Bob and Rhoda Hamblin.

Sandy and Billy owned Wills Furniture for over 10 years. In 1993, they moved to Lake Santee, where Sandy became president of the Lake Santee Women's Club.

Sandy became a displayer for Home Interiors & Gifts and went on to achieve "National Royalty" status. She also was a sales consultant for Longaberger Baskets and Mary Kay Cosmetics.

In 1997, Sandy and Billy purchased the old Odd Fellows lodge in Dunreith and that became her Home Interiors headquarters, along with Sandy's This, That and Whatever.

In 2001 Sandy became the first manager of Woodside Manor Apartments in New Castle, and in 2005 she became the first manager of Grand Avenue Commons Apartments, also in New Castle, where she stayed until her passing in 2017. She also had managed Lincoln Apartments in Knightstown and worked at Riley Park Apartments.

Sandy was not just an apartment manager, she was a friend and helper to all her tenants, always going far above what she was paid to do to help them. A finer manager you will never find. She was truly one of a kind.

Sandy was "Gram" to Bryant, Courtney, Chase, Zane, Jordan and Jeremy. She was also "Gram" to sons-in-law Al Wilson and Scott Neal, and to daughter-in-law Tonia Wills.

Sandy operated Sandy Wills Bus Trips for about 10 years, and this became her love - traveling with her "Bus Family" to many states. She also had a passion for cookbooks, collecting more than 3,000, and no one loved to shop more than Sandy.

Sandy was the "Queen Mother" of the local chapter of the Red Hat Society, and she also loved her classmates, always attending "Girls Night Out" and class reunions. Some of the best times of her life were going to the beach in Florida with the children and grandchildren.

Sandy was Billy's wonderful wife for over 40 years, and was truly an outstanding woman. She is sadly missed by everyone who knew and loved her.

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Police Department, town utility offices, town council chambers and the fire station. The Knightstown-Wayne Township Fire Department, which currently leases the fire station from the town for \$14,400 a year, would remain in that location.

According to an online real estate listing, the asking price for the former MainSource bank building is \$154,900. The township's offer is expected to be presented to the town council this Thursday, at the council's regular monthly meeting, which is open to the public and will be held at 7 p.m. in the town council's chambers at 28 S. Washington St.

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become a sad commentary on American society when a public school must become a fortress in an attempt to keep students safe."

Guillaume will be discussing his book and signing copies during a special reception at the Knightstown Public Library, 5 E. Main St., at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22.

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◆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 Friends Church, 214 E. Brown St., will host its annual Christmas Candlelight Service on Dec. 23 at 7 p.m. This will include readings, congregational singing, (accompaniment by Robin Richey) and solos by Larry White, Hannah Basford Battistone and Mike Haemmerle on guitar. There will be lighting of personal Christmas candles at the end of the service. Cookies, punch and fellowship will follow the service. The public is invited to attend this annual community service.

◆A Christmas Eve **Candlelight Service** will be held Dec. 24 at Knightstown Christian Church beginning at 6 p.m. There will be special music including Christmas carols, a meditation by Anthony Darling and communion. The public is invited to attend this special

service with family and friends. The church is located at 138 W. Main St. in Knightstown.

◆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.

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◆**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 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.



Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
 First of all, as your parents, we want you to all know that we are very proud of all the years of quality and truthful editions of The Banner. Your attention to details has been a shining example of excellent journalism. You have been unafraid to challenge local issues that often would simply be ignored. But, you took the high road and stepped on some toes. The community of Knightstown will be much poorer without The Banner. It's a sad day!
 We will no longer receive our issue simply addressed to "The Kindly Old Grandparents." We will miss the Blah Blah Blah column and the interviews that Logan has done - and Jeff Eakins' excellent, detailed reporting ... And the great pictures taken by Stacy and Eric. The list goes on and on!
 Dad and Mom wish you great success in your future endeavors. Stay warm! We love you.

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Banner Writer Appreciates Opportunities to Glimpse Into Local Peoples' Lives; Work for Parents' Newspaper

by Logan Cox

I began writing for The Banner in mid 2013, shortly after graduating from Knightstown High School. Looking back now, it's hard to believe so much time has passed, that I've been doing this for so long. And now, amazingly, I'm finding it hard to believe I won't be doing it any longer.

Endings have a way of turning out bittersweet. Sometimes, though, an ending can have its own sort of triumph. So with this being final issue of The Banner, I thought I might reflect not only on the road that has led us here but on the new roads that lie ahead as well.

While I have been writing this weekly feature for over five years, my relationship with The Banner newspaper goes much deeper into my past. My father, Eric, took on a job there when I was still a young child. For a time, I only knew it as "the place dad goes every day." When I began reaching adolescence, dad suddenly went from an employee to being the boss. Not long after that, it was something both parents were invested in, with my mom, Stacy, taking on the general manager's position. It became what my family was known for: the current owners and operators of The Banner, one of this state's oldest newspapers.

In truth, I never imagined myself working for a newspaper when I was younger. Some kids grow up knowing they're bound to walk in their parents' footsteps, but I was not one of them. Even as a kid, I could see the stress and the cost that came with my parents' investment to delivering a quality newspaper every week. That rattled me.

Yet it was only after I began writing for the paper that I was able to truly appreciate what they did and how much I, my brother and the people of Knightstown benefited from their dedication to The Banner.

I'm proud to have been able to witness their constant professionalism and commitment to pro-

viding an honest source of local news, as well as being able to contribute whatever small way I could.

The weekly feature allowed me to become part of my parents' work cycle, and I quickly grew accustomed to the pattern. It has provided me, a literary person, with an opportunity to write on a weekly basis. Even more importantly, it broadened my perspective of the rural area I grew up in.

It's easy to look inward and bemoan the mundane nature of a small town where not a whole lot happens. When your job is to be constantly finding and highlighting the lives of people from the community, you start to see the flaw in that way of thinking.

As a writer for The Banner, I have covered a wide variety of individuals from all walks of life. And while it's true that many of these people have gone on to do great things, there are just as many who have found an equilibrium in a simpler life.

I hope that our readers, like myself, were able to take comfort in knowing that there are plenty of

people who are happy to be the ones that make up a community and give it an identity. These people are local business owners and entrepreneurs, volunteer fire fighters and EMTs, bank clerks and morticians, school teachers and police officers, single parents and cancer survivors.

I also hope our readers have been just as inspired as I was to see the number of people whose hard work and pursuit of their passions have led them far beyond Knightstown or Henry County. The people who have become highly successful doctors and lawyers, made honorable careers in the military, or developed their talents to prove themselves as professional artists. These are the ambitious sorts who become executives and administrators, or devote their time to traveling around the world.

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Logan Cox

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Carthage Renews Attorney Contract

by Jeff Eakins
for The Banner

The Carthage Town Council has voted to renew its yearly legal services contract with the town's longtime attorney, Adam Forrest.

Council members voted 4-0 during a special meeting Monday evening to approve a legal services contract for 2019 with Forrest, who was not in attendance. Council President Kelly Land said the hourly rate Forrest charges the town will be increasing to \$200, but he noted this is a "discounted

price" and lower than the \$250 an hour Forrest charges his non-governmental clients.

"I've been happy with Adam," Land told the council's other members. Even at times when Forrest had been unable to attend council meetings, Land said the attorney was "always just a phone call away."

"I think we all share your sentiment," council member John Hancock said.

Forrest, a partner in the
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Richmond-based firm Boston Bever Klinge Cross & Chidester, has represented the town of Carthage since 2009. This increase in the current \$150-per-hour rate he charges Carthage is, Forrest told The Banner, the first in several years. In a letter from Forrest that Land read during Monday's evening, the attorney said he expects the hourly rate to remain at \$200 the next two or three years.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the town's new clerk-treasurer, Rachael Morrow, provided council member with minutes from several meetings held earlier this fall. Council members opted to take the minutes home to review and plan to vote on them in January.

"I kind of like getting the meeting minutes beforehand," Land said.

"I understand. I'm just trying to get caught up," said Morrow, who, until last month, had been the council's president. As previously reported in The Banner, she resigned from the council so she could be appointed to replace former Carthage Clerk-Treasurer Linda McMahan, who passed away in October.

The council also voted 4-0 Monday to approve a \$600 expenditure for tires for a Carthage

Police Department vehicle. Morrow said the council's vote was needed for this because the cost exceeded the \$500 discretionary spending limit that Carthage Town Marshal Danny Baker has.

With the council having just held its December monthly meeting a week earlier, Morrow said she did not have any new claims to submit to the council for payment. Land asked if there was any update on the more than \$76,000 the town

still owes Smith Projects Inc., the Maxwell-based company hired to make improvements to the town's downtown area earlier this year. Morrow said the town is not yet ready to pay that obligation.

Land also asked Morrow whether she had put together the council's meeting schedule for 2019. Council members said they prefer to continue holding their regular monthly meetings at 6 p.m. on the second Monday of each month, and Morrow said she would prepare and email the meeting schedules to them.

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Rush Co. GOP Still Seeking One Person for Carthage Post

The Rush County Republican Party is still 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 he has not set a firm deadline for receipt of **See GOP, Page 7**

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Despite the various differences between these individuals, they all share a single commonality. All of them come from, or have come to, this little spot in Indiana. The people of Knightstown and Henry County are like ripples in a lake, spreading throughout the United States and beyond.

The ripples will continue to spread, even after The Banner ends and we no longer chronicle these local stories. One thing this job has taught me is that, while people and businesses and even towns may not last forever, the stories do not end. Life goes on, and the possibilities for the future are endless.

The story of Knightstown and its people will grow and diversify, and so will those of us who have been a part of The Banner. It is the end of an era for us as much as it is for our readers. But, we are hopeful and ready to embrace it.

It has been a privilege to work alongside my father, my mother and Jeff Eakins and learn the ways of journalism from them. It has likewise been an honor to discover new people - people I would never have met otherwise. I enjoyed my glimpses into their lives and the ability to share it with the world. Thank you!

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Notice of Filing of Petition to Vacate a Portion of a Public Way and Hearing Thereon Before the Board of Commissioners of Henry County, Indiana

Pursuant to the provision of IC36-7-3-12, Betty G. Arnold, surviving Trustee or her successors in Trust of the Loren R. Arnold and Betty G. Arnold Revocable Trust, has applied to and vacate a certain portion of a public way described as: A portion of the platted public way (Roosevelt Road) running between parcel #012-08619-00, #014-10431-00 and parcel # 014-10435-00 in the Knightstown Lake Addition, Knightstown, Indiana, being in Wayne Township, which runs through and adjacent to real estate owned by Arnold Loren R Betty G Trustees Rev Trust, 5652 W Star Blvd. and 5686 W Star Blvd owned by Leach Celess Sturgill. Pursuant to the provisions of the aforementioned statute, the Board of Commissioners of Henry County is providing you with this notice of the petition and the public hearing to be held on an ordinance regarding same. If you are interested in this matter and wish to present testimony regarding this ordinance, please plan to appear at the meeting of the Henry County Board of Commissioners. The ordinance to vacate will be publicly heard at the regular meeting of the Henry County Board of Commissioners on January 9, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room, Henry County Courthouse, 101 S. Main Street, New Castle, Indiana.

In the event you wish to file a remonstrance or objection to the ordinance, you should consult the appropriate statutory provisions, IC36-7-3-13. A copy of a map showing the portion of the streets, and alleys to be vacated is available for public inspection as in a copy of the proposed ordinance and the petition. Those documents may be viewed at the office of the Henry County Commissioners, 101 S Main Street, New Castle, Indiana, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Bruce B. Baker, Board of Commissioners
Henry County, Indiana
Attest: Patricia A. French, Henry County Auditor (12/19)

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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 7-10 days.

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. The council, unlike Caviness, would be free to choose any person legally eligible to sit on the council regardless of their political party affiliation.

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Pursuant to the provision of IC36-7-3-12, Jerry Flowers has applied to and vacate a certain portion of a public way described as: A portion of the platted alley running between parcel #002-05409-00 and parcel # 002-05417-00 in the unincorporated town of New Lisbon in Dudley Township, which runs through and adjacent to real estate owned by Jerry Lee and Tina Maria Flowers. Pursuant to the provisions of the aforementioned statute, the Board of Commissioners of Henry County is providing you with this notice of the petition and the public hearing to be held on an ordinance regarding same. If you are interested in this matter and wish to present testimony regarding this ordinance, please plan to appear at the meeting of the Henry County Board of Commissioners. The ordinance to vacate will be publicly heard at the regular meeting of the Henry County Board of Commissioners on January 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room, Henry County Courthouse, 101 S Main Street, New Castle, Indiana.

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