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Home Rally June 13 on Public Square

The Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home Alumni Association will hold a rally in support of the Home on Saturday, June 13, on the Knightstown Public Square at 11 a.m.

Kennard Fire Dept. **Hosting Breakfast**

The Kennard Volunteer Fire Department will host a sausage and pancake breakfast on Saturday, June 20, from 7-11 a.m. at the fire station. Freewill donations will be accepted.

Tickets Remain for All-Star Ball Game

Tickets for the fourth annual Hoosiers All-Star Classic Doubleheader go on sale this week. The games, featuring Indiana's top male and female high school basketball talent, will take place Friday, June 5 at the Hoosier Gym in Knightstown. Game tickets are \$25 each and admission is good for both contests. Tickets can be purchased at The Banner and at the office of local optometrist Dr. Neil Shaneyfelt.

KHS Alumni to Host Banquet on June 27

The Knightstown High School Alumni Association will host its annual banquet and reunion on June 27 at 6 p.m. in the Knightstown High School cafeteria. Registration begins at 3 p.m. and concludes at 5:30 p.m. Seating starts at 5:30. Cost of the dinner is \$12.50 and alumni dues are \$5. Checks may be made payable to the KHS Alumni Association, PO Box 121, Knightstown, IN 46148. This year's featured 50-year class is the Class of 1959. Other classes to be honored include 1949, 1969 and 1984. Those planning to attend the event are encouraged to make reservation as soon as possible. For more information, contact Janice Barton at 765-345-2752.

USPS Delivery at **Snail's Pace Again**

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CAB Board Votes 4-3 to Repair KIS, Build Athletic Facilities

by Jeff Eakins for The Banner

At the outset of Monday's special meeting, Superintendent Gary Storie noted there was "some difference of opinion" among Charles A. Beard School Board members as to how CAB should use about \$2 million it could get through debt refinancing.

By the time the meeting adjourned - two-and-a-half hours and three divisive votes later - board members had shown the standingroom-only crowd just how deep some of those differences are.

Monday's meeting was another in a series of special meetings the board has held over the past few months to deal with strategic planning issues. The board's primary objective for Monday was to come up with a list of proposed projects for spending up to \$2 million that could become available if CAB refinances bond debt incurred when Knightstown High School was built.

There was some urgency to the board's task: With a public hearing connected to the refinancing scheduled for the following night, the board had to come up with its list at Monday's meeting, or face putting off the public hearing and refinancing for at least another month.

The board had previously approved a projects list at its May 19 meeting. Storie advised them at a May 27 strategic planning meeting, however, that their attorney had said the list needed to be more specific and without the contingencies that had been part of the board's first effort.

Discussion and debate among the board's seven members at Monday's meeting was, as it had also been on May 19 and 27, at times heated and contentious. The primary issues of continued to center around how the funds from the refinancing should be used with respect to athletic facilities and the Knightsown Intermediate School.

Saying he thought CAB needs to "maintain our commitment" to KIS, Storie recommended that most of the money be used on making improvements to the intermediate school. Funds unused on KIS, he said, could be used to address some of CAB's athletic facility needs.

The primary alternative to Storie's proposal had been offered by Board Vice President Steve Dalton, who wanted CAB to build an Olympic-size track with a combination football/soccer field in the interior, with an artificial turf

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In the Mood



Over 500 people showed up at the Knightstown High School auditorium Friday night to hear the Tom Daugherty Swingin' Sounds Orchestra. The 17-piece "big band" performed a tribute to big band leader Glenn Miller, and did so decked out in World War II-era air force uniforms. Daugherty and his musicians wowed the crowd with classic hits from the forties, including "In the Mood," "Tuxedo Junction," Chattanooga Choo Choo" and others. The concert, part of the Henry County Concert Series, featured both instrumental and vocal routines and seemed to delight the audience. (Eric Cox photos)



Fire Department Gets Generous Donation

by Jeff Eakins for The Banner

Knightstown-Wayne The Township Volunteer Department recently learned it will be receiving a sizable donation that will allow it to replace equipment due to become obsolete at year's end.

Fire Chief Bob Schaeffer explained at the Knightstown Town Council's May 21 meeting that the self-contained breathing apparatuses the department bought new in 2006 will not be able to be used starting in 2010. Because the manufacturer of the SCBAs is no longer going to produce them, Schaeffer said the gear will not be able to be certified, as the law requires.

"There are a lot of fire departments in Indiana caught with this particular problem," Schaeffer told the council. "And it's a big prob-

The fire department's chaplain, Mark Tabb, said that the department's past success in getting grants made it unlikely that it would be able to get another this soon to cover the cost of new SCBAs. He said he decided to look into securing a donation from a private foundation.

Tabb said he contacted Helen Rosburg, an heiress of the Wrigley chewing gum family who he is working with on a book. While he had planned on just asking Rosburg, who lives in Florida, for suggestions for possible funding sources, Tabb said she offered to

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Indiana's Top Military Man Coming to Knightstown Tuesday

The Indiana National Guard will hold a informal round table discussion in the Sunset Park Shelter House in Knightstown on Tuesday, June 2, from 6:30-7:45 p.m.

"The Adjutant General of Indiana, Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger is looking forward to presenting information on the Hoosier Youth ChalleNGe Academy as well as sharing the Indiana National Guard vision for the Knightstown site," said Lt. Col. Deedra E. Thombleson, a public affairs officer at Indiana's Joint Force Headquarters.