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## Carthage Fundraiser This Saturday 10-4

The Future of Carthage group is holding a fundraiser sale 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 25 at the Ercell Bever Jr. Community Center in downtown Carthage. The group is seeking donations of books, magazines, household and garden items, etc., and other non-clothing items for the sale. Donations can be dropped off at the community center 6-8 p.m. on Friday, June 24. All proceeds go to Future of Carthage to benefit festivals and town improvements. Contact Rita Guhr at 317-500-0684 or by e-mail at rkguhr@frontier.net for more info.

## Octagon House Fish Fry Set for July 9

The Jane Ross Reeves Octagon House will host its annual fish fry on Saturday, July 9, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. The event will take place at the Shirley Masonic Lodge, located at First and Varner streets. The Octagon House will be open for tours. Full meals, which include a drink and dessert, are \$8. Fish sandwiches are \$5. Desserts are \$2. Carry-out meals are available all day. Proceeds benefit continued Octagon House restoration efforts.

## Carthage Library Hosting Youth Event

The Henry Henley Public Library, 102 N. Main St., Carthage, is hosting "Experience Indiana in its 200th Year," a reading and activity program for children in grades K-6. There will be science activities, crafts, reading and refreshments along with perfect attendance awards. The program takes place Thursdays through July 14.

## Wilkinson Hosting Annual Garage Sales

The town of Wilkinson will host their annual garage sales on Saturday, June 25, starting at 8 a.m. The town's police and fire departments will serve food. A public auction of two town vehicles (a 2004 Ford police car and a 1984 Pierce fire truck) starts at 1 p.m. at the town park. The town's new library, located at town hall (215 N. Main St.), will also host a book sale. The public is invited to bid on vehicles, visit garage sales and have lunch.

## Town Now Addressing Hazardous Properties

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

The Knightstown Town Council is continuing to take steps aimed at addressing public concerns over unsightly and hazardous properties in town.

With one member absent, the council voted 4-0 last week at its June 16 monthly meeting to have Ben Bowling, the town's building inspector, prepare a list of all hazardous properties in town. The council then wants Bowling to prioritize the five worst ones and get estimates for razing or repairing the offending structures.

Gregg Morelock, the town's attorney, gave an overview at last week's meeting of two options the council has for dealing with problem properties. The first would be to cite property owners for violating a local hazardous property abatement ordinance, while the alternative would be to follow procedures set forth in state statutes.

"They both have pros and cons," Morelock said. While he described the town's ordinance as "workable," he said that uncooperative property owners may have an easier time challenging a town ordinance in court than they would a state statute.

Morelock urged the council to have Bowling identify hazardous properties in town, prioritize them and get estimates for how much it would cost to abate the hazards. Council Vice President Kevin Knott initially made a motion to have Bowling prioritize the three or

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## View by Canoe



Dozens of adventurers and outdoor enthusiasts showed up to canoe and kayak Big Blue River Saturday as part of Friends of the Big Blue River's annual Canoe the Big Blue event. Here, canoeists take off from the CR 350-S bridge, en route to Knightstown. More photos on Page 12. (Eric Cox photo)

## Former K-town Resident Honored



Conference and Exhibition. According to a press release issued by the NWRA, Guerin was honored for his pursuit of legislation to protect waste and recycling

The National Waste & Recycling Association has named Terry Guerin, an Indiana waste professional and former Knightstown resident and town official, the group's member of the year.

The award was presented to Guerin in Las Vegas on June 8 as part of the 48th annual Waste Expo

workers and for his work to ensure fair and equitable treatment of the waste business.

"The waste and recycling industry strives to safely collect, recycle and innovate with the exemplary leadership, dedication and service Terry Guerin has demonstrated, and his recognition is well-deserved," said Sharon H. Kneiss, NWRA President and CEO.

Guerin, who now lives in Anderson, has chaired the NWRA Indiana Chapter since 2009 and served on the NWRA Services Board of Governors since 2011. He is also an active member of the NWRA Kentucky

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## B's Battle Bike Ride & Auction



**Saturday, June 25, 11 a.m.**

Highway Bar & Grill, 9204 S. Mill Rd., Knightstown

This is a fundraising auction for a Spiceland family whose 4-year-old is battling cancer. Brantley Rayburn is currently undergoing radiation and chemotherapy and the medical bills are mounting for his parents, Bobby and Kira Rayburn. All proceeds from the ride and auction go toward treatment expenses. Stops on this ride include The Chug in Cambridge City, Flatlanders in Hagerstown, Ben's in Shirley and Highway Bar & Grill in Knightstown. Registration starts at 11 a.m.. Cost is \$25 for 1 rider and \$30 for 2 riders. Charity & Shanna DJ from 2-8:30 p.m. Live music from Waylon T starting at 9 p.m. Donations for the charity auction are greatly appreciated!





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# Judge Mary Willis Gets New Job

Henry Circuit Court 1 Judge Mary Willis will soon be leaving the bench in New Castle to take a new job as the Indiana Supreme Court's first Chief Administrative Officer.

The 49-year-old Willis, who has served as Judge of Henry Circuit Court 1 since 2003, was one of 68 applicants for the newly-created position, which was advertised nationally. She was one of 10 interviewed in Indianapolis last month, and one of just four finalists interviewed May 31 and June 1 by members of the Indiana Supreme Court and several directors of departments that are overseen by the court.

"Mary is a tremendous leader

with legal and administrative skills who will be a great asset to the Supreme Court," Chief Justice Loretta H. Rush said in a press release issued last Friday.

According to information provided by Kathryn Dolan, the court's chief public information officer, the CAO is the chief administrative officer of the Supreme Court, responsible for executing administrative decisions and policies set by the Chief Justice and the Supreme Court. The CAO will also assist in managing all aspects of the Supreme Court's non-adjudicatory functions and responsibilities, including assisting the chief justice in the fiscal, operational and administrative

duties of that office.

"I am looking forward to some new and interesting career challenges," Willis told *The Banner* on Monday. "I have been honored to serve the people of Henry County and I am really proud of what we have done here. It is the right time in my personal career path to make a move. I will miss working with the wonderful people here."

A graduate of Ball State and the Indiana University McKinney School of Law, Willis was first elected judge in Henry County in 2002, and was reelected in 2008 and 2014. She is president of the Indiana Judges Association, and is a member of the Court's Strategic

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Chapter and has devoted significant time to issues impacting the waste and recycling industry in Michigan.

According to the press release, Guerin led efforts that eliminated the ability of solid waste districts to license garbage trucks in Indiana. Through his work, the sales tax on recycling containers was removed, alleviating a heavy burden that had been placed on industry businesses, and he championed the collection of recycling data that is now required in this state.

Guerin also played a part in getting state lawmakers to enact Slow Down to Get Around (SDTGA) legislation. SDTGA requires drivers to change lanes, if possible, or slow down below the posted speed limit and pass to the left of the stationary vehicle in the process of collecting trash or recycling, or risk a penalty.

"It is this type of leadership, this type of advocacy for our industry beyond just the interests of his company that led Gov. Mike Pence to appoint Terry to a four year term on the Indiana Recycling Market

Development Board," said Kneiss.

"I continue to be motivated by the diverse issues confronting this industry," said Guerin. "We are a large and complex business, but working together we've been able to achieve valuable collaboration amongst the numerous individuals and sectors that are all stakeholders in our work."

Upon accepting his award, Guerin gave thanks to his wife, Sandy, members of the NWRA Indiana Chapter and Peggy Macenas, their regional manager, for their support. He also thanked his employers at Azo Services, where he serves as head of corporate affairs for Indiana and Kentucky.

"A special thank you goes to John and Mike Balkema, the owners of our company for their unwavering support over the years and for making my involvement in this organization possible."

While residing in Knightstown, Guerin served a four-year term on the Knightstown Town Council from 2008-2012. He was president of the town council in 2010.

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five worst properties, but council member Roger Hammer said he didn't think that went far enough.

"Rather than five, I'd like to have a full list," Hammer said. "... Why not get the full list ... and then make some decisions? ... I just want to see the whole list."

Knott amended his motion to require Bowling to create a list of all hazardous properties in town, but only prioritize and get estimates on the five worst ones. Hammer seconded the motion, and with support from President Sarah Ward and council member Valerie

Trump, it passed 4-0; the council's fifth member, Mitch Roland, who was recovering from surgery, did not attend the meeting.

Ward assured concerned citizens that the council wants to do all it can to hold owners of problem properties accountable and get these issues addressed. However, she said the cost of remediation or demolition is an ever-present concern and that the town may not be able to afford to deal with very many of them, at least initially.

Morelock said there can be a lot of uncertainties when dealing with hazardous properties and determining what steps need to be taken to address the problems they present. He said it can be an expensive process and that the town "can get into a lot of money pretty quickly."

Local businessman Lao Ghioc, owner of the recently-opened All Handy Supply & Hardware on East Main Street, asked whether local volunteers could be enlisted to do needed work to abate the hazardous conditions of these properties, thereby saving the town money. While Morelock said that was "a good idea in theory," he added that, even if volunteers signed waivers, liability concerns should still be taken into consideration.



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# Town May Hire Works Manager Thursday

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

Three months after firing the town's works manager, the Knightstown Town Council may, at last, be ready to hire someone new to fill the position.

Last week, at the town council's June 16 monthly meeting, Council President Sarah Ward announced that the council would be meeting in a private executive session Thursday evening to do follow-up interviews with two applicants.

"We're probably not going to interview anymore," Ward said.

Ward and three other council members - Vice President Kevin Knott, Roger Hammer and Mitch Roland - voted 4-0 at their March 17 meeting to fire works manager Greg Neice, who'd been hired in

2011. The council's fifth member, Valerie Trump, was absent that night.

The council initially advertised the job opening and took applications through April 15, but agreed to re-advertise the position and extend the deadline after failing to find someone during that initial search. The council took similar action at its May 19 meeting, again extending the application deadline and increasing the advertised pay range from \$50,000-\$55,000 to \$55,000-\$60,000.

At last week's meeting, Ward revealed that the council had actually offered the job to a person interviewed following the first application deadline in April. She said that person turned down the job, however, when his current

employer offered to pay him more.

"That sort of threw us off," Ward said, adding that council has been doing its best and working diligently to find a new works manager.

As she'd done at previous meetings, Ward again expressed her gratitude to local businessman Tom True, who has been helping the town out with some of the works manager's responsibilities on a volunteer, interim basis.

"If we hadn't had him step in and give us the help he has, we'd be in a real mess," Ward said. Noting that True's volunteer efforts had not cost the town anything, she urged local citizens to thank him as well.

While the state's Open Door Law permits the council to meet

behind closed doors to conduct employee interviews, any hiring decision would need to be approved by a vote taken during a public meeting. The council has scheduled a special public meeting for 7 p.m. tomorrow in council's chambers at 28 S. Washington St., immediately following the closed-door executive session that starts at six.

As previously reported, Neice applied for and was granted unemployment benefits from the state following his termination, and the town council voted in April to appeal that decision. Knightstown Clerk-Treasurer Beth Huffman confirmed Monday that the town's appeal was not been successful.

## Health Insurance Hot Topic in Lewisville

by Jeff Eakins  
for The Banner

With 2016 nearly half over, conflicts between the town of Lewisville's new clerk-treasurer and some members of the town council show little signs of abating.

At the council's June 9 monthly meeting, it was issues surrounding employee health insurance and the town's contract with a New Castle

technology firm that were the focus of ongoing disagreements between town officials.

Council member Justin Thompson said that if the town were to resume responsibility for covering 90 percent of work manager Dave Rich's health insurance, the town would need to increase Rich's pay \$376.92 a week to provide him with money for his insurance premium. He noted that this amounts to a 35-percent pay increase and said it would require

amending the town's salary ordinance, and also pointed out that Rich would not be obligated to spend this extra money on insurance.

This increase in Rich's pay would also mean, Thompson explained, that the town would also have to pay him more whenever he worked overtime. Clerk-Treasurer Larry Smith said that, for him, factoring in the increased pay for overtime "changes the whole

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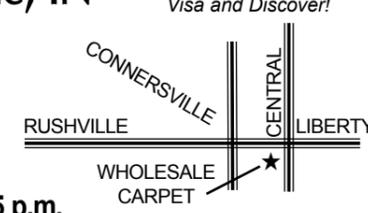
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## Universe Hosts Many Possibilities

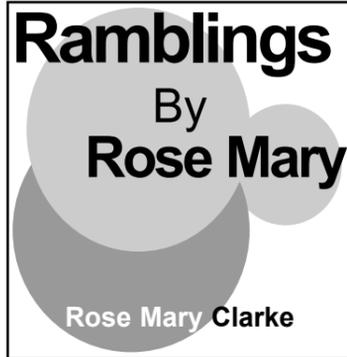
This is a continuation of a group of essays that I have entitled "From the Earth to the Stars." Stephen Hawking said, "Mankind is a complex creature living on a ball of rock spinning through space." He also wrote, "We are just an advanced breed of monkeys on a minor planet of a very average star. But we can understand the universe. That makes us something very special."

Last week I wrote about Hawking, whose intellect many consider on a par with that of Einstein. Even though his mind exists on such a lofty plain, he tries to make the universe understandable to people. His recent PBS series, *Genius*, reawakened my interest in some of the questions that homo sapiens - thinking man - has been posing down through the millennia.

The scientific advances of our era aren't accidental, but, rather, the development of technology such as the telescope that didn't even exist in biblical times and the painstakingly slow collecting of knowledge. A man showed a portrait on *Antiques Road Show* of an ancestor who sailed with Captain Cook in 1780. The Royal Society of England had commissioned Cook to sail to Tahiti to observe the passage of Venus across the face of the Sun. This added to the attempt to establish longitude.

Blaise Pascal was a mathematician/philosopher from France who lived during the 1600s. He devised the law of hydraulics and the law of probability, which in modern times became statistics and invented an automatic adding machine.

One might wonder why a non-scientist, such as I, would know about Pascal. While doing a



Masters in French lit, I read his lovely book *Pensees* (Thoughts). He wrote, "Man is only a reed, the weakest thing in nature, but he is a thinking reed." Hawking is not religious; whereas Pascal was very devout. However, they both view mankind's intellect as special.

Hawking asserts in *Genius* that ordinary people can think like geniuses. Each program features three different, very curious adults who are given a task to perform and the equipment necessary to answer questions such as, "How

many stars are there?" "Are there other planets that could support life?" "Are we the only living beings in the Universe?"

Hawking helps us visualize the mind-boggling enormity of the universe. One group used a Hubble telescope photo that shows a tiny section of the night sky. To estimate the number of stars, they used math to deduce how many copies would cover the Earth and from that computed the number of stars. A trio set up a visual of the number of stars by building a sand pile with each star represented by a grain of sand. They went from the weight of the sand in one spoonful to buckets and finally ended up with 419 tons of sand.

I understand why the word "astronomical" is used as a superlative. I can't get my mind around our national debt, much less the numbers used in astronomy. When computing the distances of the universe, astronomers don't use miles, they use the term "light years" because the distances are so vast. I learned about light years in high school physics. Light travels 180,000 miles per second. Think of how many miles that would equal in a year! Our home galaxy, the Milky Way, has about 300 million stars and is 100,000 light

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## River Access Should be a Reality

Saturday's Canoe the Big Blue event saw dozens of kayakers and canoeists enjoying the sights and sounds of Big Blue River.

Sponsored by Friends of the Big Blue River, a volunteer organization that regularly removes trash from the waterway, the annual event is always pretty popular and well-attended.

Experienced, intermediate and novice participants launch their watercraft with the help of volunteers. Those who don't own their own boats can rent them from Canoe Country, a Daleville business that rents kayaks and canoes to people traversing White River in Madison County.

Canoe Country also provides a shuttle to take participants back to the starting point, adding convenience.

The event made me think about Knightstown's stretch of the river and how nice it would be to have a public boat launching point in town.

Some land near South Washington Street was given to the Knightstown Department of Parks and Recreation for that specific purpose. But, no one has yet acted on that opportunity, though support has been pledged.

It sure would be nice for anglers, kayakers and canoeists, if such a facility were installed. Currently, one has to seek permission from property owners, or park in a county easement in order to gain river access.

Once a parking space is secured, river enthusiasts must then contend with a steep descent from a bridge area to the water. An established launch site would be closer to the water. Plus, one wouldn't be required to blaze a trail through tall weeds.

Knightstown might realize a small tourism boom -

if they take care to establish a public river access area.

As I've said many, many times, Big Blue River is a natural tourism attraction with its scenic beauty and its potential as both a fishery and recreational area. I have no pie-in-the-sky expectations that a public river access point will dramatically effect the local economy. But, it certainly wouldn't hurt to actually develop its possibilities.

After all, we have a great local bait shop for the anglers. McDonald's Bait & Tackle, founded by Phil and the late Estelle McDonald, is still selling crickets, worms and other items on Grant Street, across from Knightstown Elevator.

The river runs right through town. We have a great bait shop. The fish are already in the river, and the river's natural beauty is on display each and every day of the year.

The only thing missing is Knightstown's desire to embrace Big Blue River and all it has to offer, both in terms of recreation for local residents

and tourism dollars for Knightstown businesses. Maybe Knightstown could work with Carthage in helping develop a public access point of its own, where boats launched at Knightstown could exit the river. In turn, Carthage would have its own public access point where anglers and kayakers could start or finish.

Such access sites make sense for both communities. These are relatively low-cost ideas that could pay small dividends to each community in the form of better quality of life for residents and increased traffic from out-of-towners looking to enjoy nature and maybe catch a fish or two.

What's it take to get a nibble of interest on this idea?



## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Indiana's economy booming - and we're not done yet! The Sunday edition of the *Indianapolis Star* editorial submission by Senator Brandt Hershman reads as a very good news story indeed. It is great to read the positive economic growth and new businesses moving to Indiana. The Military / Veterans Coalition who represents over 50 organizations hope now that veterans and retired service members will get similar attention. Indiana continues to perform poorly (currently rank 47th) in veterans benefits received by Hoosier Veterans. The main reason is that Indiana has not focused on veterans to keep pace with other states. Michigan for example was 50th a few years ago and has made a concerted effort to attract and keep veterans. In a few short years they have improved to 46th. This doesn't sound like much but Michigan has over 640 thousand veterans compared to Indiana's 469,000. Equally impressively are the annual value of the benefits those receiving benefits receive. Hoosiers receiving earned benefits make an average of \$21,320 (47th) while Michigan Veterans are making \$25,230 (29th) per year.

Indiana continues to lose veterans annually beyond those that die. In 2015, over 3,500 veterans and untold number of their family left the state. This trend will continue as long as other states continue outperforming in attracting and keeping veterans. Recently small pockets of communities have started recruiting service members and their families to come to Indiana to fill the huge problem Hoosier businesses face in the not too distant future. Dr. Michael Hicks of Ball State's Center for Business and Economic Research wrote about this in the April 3 edition of the *IndyStar*. Rolls-Royce has a team that is focused of recruiting at Wright-Patterson AFB among other places. Unfortunately, they lose too many to other states. A state focus on recruiting and retaining veterans would surely help and positive veteran's climate in Indiana would go a long way to making these efforts a success. Being No. 1 in manufacturing is great as long as you have qualified workers to fill the good jobs Senator Hershman rightfully identifies. Unfortunately, our schools will not produce enough workers to meet this growing demand - what will happen then?

As a citizen of Indiana my whole life I can appreciate the positive changes in the tax environment here - retiring service members and their families don't get it. Highly educated, trained, and talented service members and their families must not be getting it either - we continue to lose ROTC officers, and service academy officers commissioned from Indiana. These leaders have proven again and again to be some of the best business leaders in society.

Last year the Regional Cities initiative garnered \$43 Million for three areas so they can improve the economic situation of their region. Unfortunately, none included provisions to hiring more veteran service officers. These men and women, only recently trained using funds from the state's family relief fund, have added over \$660 million in four short years. The ROI they provided exceeded \$3000 to \$1.

Lastly, Indiana should look at retirees and become much more aggressive in keeping them. Why? They have much more disposable income and tend to purchase bigger, and more costly goods than even working families do. A few years ago a study revealed that a retired couple was equal to 3.9 workers in economic impact to a state. Sure would be great to get those retiring military officers and NCOs to come to Indiana. Yes, Senator Hershman is right on with his closing - "And we're not done yet." Let's hope that statement holds true for veterans.

Jim Bauerle  
brigadier general, United States Army retired

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◆ **Eastern Hancock High School's Class of 1966** will host its 50-year reunion on Saturday, July 30, at Hawk's Tail Golf Club, 145 S. Morristown Pike, Greenfield. The event lasts 6-11 p.m., with dinner service at 7 p.m. Cost is \$50 per person. Payments may be sent to Tom Barton, 104 N. Harrison St., Knightstown. RSVP to ehhsclas-sosf1966@gmail.com.

◆ The **Jane Ross Reeves Octagon House** will host its annual fish fry on Saturday, July 9, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. The event will take place at the Shirley Masonic Lodge, located at First and Varner streets. The Octagon House will be open for tours. Full meals, which include a drink and dessert, are \$8. Fish sandwiches are \$5. Desserts are \$2. Carry-out meals are available all day. Proceeds benefit continued Octagon House restoration efforts.

◆ The town of Wilkinson will host their **annual garage sales** on Saturday, June 25, starting at 8 a.m. The town's police and fire departments will serve food. A public auction of two town vehicles (a 2004 Ford police car and a 1984 Pierce fire truck) starts at 1 p.m. at the town park. The town's new library, located at town hall, will also host a book sale. The public is invited.

◆ The **Moles Family Singers** from Muncie will perform at Knightstown Church of God, 405 North St., on Saturday, July 16, at 6 p.m. The public is invited to this free event.

◆ Faith Chapel Independent Baptist Church is holding a **rummage sale** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, June 25, at 359 E. Morgan St., Knightstown. They plan to have lots of good stuff.

◆ New Castle-Henry County Public Library is planning interactive events for adults and teens during the **"Get in the Game: Read"** summer reading program. Stuart Hamby of Fierce Martial Arts presents the free programs, which take place in Meeting Rooms A and B on the lower level of the library. Teen Self-Defense is open to students in grades 7 through age 18. This introduction to self-defense will include a demonstration of self-defense techniques. The same class will be offered from 5 to 6 p.m. on the following days: June 27, July 11, and July 18. Boot Camp 101 is open to adults ages 18 and over. In this class, participants will learn about fitness boot camps and see a demonstration of class activities. The same class will be available from 6 to 7 p.m. on the same days as the self-defense class: June 13, June 27, July 11, and July 18. For more information about these events, contact Krystal at 765-575-4557.

◆ The **Future of Carthage** group is holding a fundraiser sale 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 25 at the Ercell Bever Jr. Community Center in downtown Carthage. The group is seeking donations of books, magazines, household and garden items, etc., and other non-clothing items for the sale.

Donations can be dropped off at the community center 6-8 p.m. on Friday, June 24. All proceeds go to Future of Carthage to benefit festivals and town improvements. Contact Rita Guhr at 317-500-0684 or by e-mail at rkguhr@frontier.net for more info.

◆ The Henry Henley Public Library, 102 N. Main St., Carthage, is hosting **"Experience Indiana in its 200th Year,"** a reading and activity program for children in grades K-6. There will be science activities, crafts, reading and refreshments along with perfect attendance awards. The program takes place Thursdays, through July 14, 3-4 p.m.

◆ The **Men's Club of St. Rose** of Lima Parish is making available *The History of St. Rose of Lima Church*. Copies are free for registered members of St. Rose. Additional copies are available for \$10. Copies will be available Sunday, June 26, at the Celebration of St. Rose of Lima Mass or by contacting Patricia Goodspeed at

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◆ Beautify Knightstown has **extra bicycles** available for residents who wish to paint and decorate one for their own property. Free non-functional bikes are available by contacting Kevin Richey at 765-445-2328, emailing km\_richey@yahoo.com.

◆ Knightstown High School's Class of 1976 will host its **40-year reunion** on Saturday, Aug. 6, at Knightstown American Legion Post 152. The event will be held 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. There is no registration cost. Attendees may choose individually to order off the menu and at the bar. A DJ and dancing will also be available. For more information, check out the KHS Class of 1976 40th Reunion Facebook page, or contact Kevin Richey at: km\_richey@yahoo.com.

◆ **Bicentennial Hoosier Gym T-shirts** are now available to order from Beautify Knightstown, Inc. in gray or gold with the official bicentennial logo. Sizes small through XL are \$20; 2X through 5X are

\$22. To order, call 765-445-2328; go to Facebook at Knightstown ... It's a Beauty; or visit 12 E. Main St, Knightstown. Celebrate *Hoosiers* 30th anniversary and Indiana's 200th birthday. Proceeds go to the *Hoosiers* movie themed mural project.

◆ **Raintree Cycling Club** is gearing up for another season of bicycling around the tri-county area. The Saturday morning road ride leaves from Knightstown's Public Square (west side) at 9 a.m. This is a developmental road ride for aspiring riders with road bikes. Tuesday evenings at 6 p.m., a leisure ride departs from the Henry County YMCA, 300 Wittenbraker

Ave., New Castle. The club also has a Thursday morning group ride for road bikes, which departs from the Baker Park pool house in New Castle. For more information about Raintree Cycling Club, find them on Facebook, or call 765-571-2168. Updates about specific rides, weather conditions and more can be found on the club's Facebook page.

◆ Knightstown Wesleyan Church has **welcome packets** available. Anyone new to the area interested in receiving local business information and discounts may contact Kathie Rummell at 765-345-9660 or Amy Bell at 765-686-7063.

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**Choking Incident at Family Event Spurred Olsheske's Interest in Emergency Service**

by Logan Cox for The Banner  
 Ervin Olsheske, a 34-year resident of Knightstown, began his path as a public servant after he personally witnessed a medical emergency occur at a family function.

"It all goes back to a family reunion back in the mid '80s, up in Portland," Olsheske said of the event. "We had a cousin or, I think, it was an aunt who had been choking on a piece of chicken. And I didn't know what to do, I didn't know about anything. So when I got back home, I looked up what I needed to do to become an EMT and what I had to do to join the fire department."

26 years later, Olsheske still proudly serves as a volunteer firefighter for the Knightsdown/Wayne Township Fire Department. He is a captain, overseeing the training of his fellow firefighters. They undergo this training sometimes twice a month.

"Maybe it's an old cliché, but it also allowed me to give back to the community, on account of I've lived here since I've been married," said Olsheske.

He had also volunteered for the Wayne Township Fire Department near the Indianapolis International Airport in the mid-1990s. At that time, they were the world's largest volunteer department. Olsheske served there for roughly two years.

Looking back on his years of work, Olsheske laments that he did not take his volunteer service further into a full career.

"I enjoy working with people, helping people with recovery, seeing the looks on their faces from the time we arrive on the scene to the recovery," he said. "There's just a joy in knowing that you had a part in helping them overcome their obstacle. Plus we're more involved with fire prevention over at the elementary schools. Just seeing the look on the kids' faces over there, I mean, it's priceless."

Firefighters can never be sure of what to expect

when they are on the job. Olsheske himself believes the only fear he truly experiences when taking part in firefighting is a fear of the unknown.

"I don't really experience fear, because, being a Christian, if something were to happen to me I know where I'm going. But the unknown of being dispatched to a run, not knowing whether it's one of your relatives or a young kid that's involved," said Olsheske.

Olsheske's younger son, Layne, is now serving as a second-generation firefighter alongside his father in Knightstown.

"That's another joy of doing this job, seeing one of your boys follow in your footsteps. It's something that we can do together," he said. "I'm a little protective of him out there, yet I push him to do the best he can. Push him to not be afraid."

Working on the same team, father and son operate on a level of mutual respect. Together they learn from each other and help each other to be better at what they do.

"We are growing together," he said. "The time that he's put in here, I believe, has helped him grow as a firefighter. But his mom is the one who's fearful for him."

In addition to volunteering in Knightstown, Olsheske stated that Layne will also be seeking a full firefighting career at a fire department in Brownsburg.

"Layne's been going to the fire station with me since he was two years-old," Olsheske said of his son. "He's been around it his whole life. He's one person that as a little kid says he's going to become a firefighter or he's gonna do this or he's gonna do that, and then he actually becomes that."

Olsheske's cousin by marriage, Terry Helderbrand, also serves on the fire department.

"I'm originally from Gary," he said. "I met my wife in Carthage and that's where we first settled down. I've lived in this area since 1982."



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 years wide! Think of it! Astronomers believe that there are 200 billion galaxies in the universe.  
 Hawking believes that out of the vastness of the universe, it is probable that there is intelligent life elsewhere, on a rocky planet with the basic necessity for life: water. However, radio signals that allow us to listen to the universe have revealed nothing so far.  
 At the conclusion of the series, one of the budding geniuses wondered if, perhaps, there have been other planets that had intelligent beings, but died because of cataclysmic events such as disease.  
 Hawking showed some examples of possibilities, including a photo of an atomic bomb blast. Could he be trying to tell mankind something? More to come.

**MEETINGS CALENDAR**

**Wed., June 22** – Henry Co. Council meeting, 3:30 p.m., old circuit court room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle  
**Wed., June 22** – Henry Co. Commissioners meeting, 6 p.m., old circuit court room, 2nd floor of courthouse, New Castle  
**Thurs., June 23** – Hancock Co. Planning Commission plat committee meeting, 8:30 a.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

**Mon., June 27** – Rush Co. Commissioners meeting, 9 a.m., courthouse assembly room, Rushville  
**Tues., June 28** – Hancock Co. Planning Commission monthly hearing, 6:30 p.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield  
**Thurs., June 30** – Hancock Co. Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 6:30 p.m., courthouse annex room 101, Greenfield

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# FOLKWAYS

## Lewisville Masons Award Scholarships



Lewisville Masonic Lodge 72 recently awarded six scholarships from the Grand Lodge Of Indiana.

Recipients this year are (left to right) Tyler J. Pffaf, Katherine M. Pffaf and Thomas J. Pffaf. Pictured at far right is Lewisville Lodge Worshipful Master Terry Southerland. Not pictured are scholarship recipients Jessayln A. Nicholas, Sara J. Steet and Baylie R. Hochstedler.

### Area Students Get Scholarships

The Andersons, Inc. (Nasdaq: ANDE) has awarded \$78,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors living in communities where the company has operations.

As a part of The Andersons' community commitment and support of education, the company awards a \$500 scholarship to a senior who is selected by the principal at each respective school. The students, who might not otherwise qualify for a more traditional scholarship award, must distinguish themselves as good citizens.

The 2016 graduating seniors who received the scholarships in communities outside of the Toledo metropolitan area, where the company is headquartered, are: Jaclyn Kimball of Middletown, Shenandoah High School; Trevor Snavelly of New Castle, Blue River Valley Junior-Senior High School; Grant Terry of Muncie, Cowan High School; and Macy Whitehair of Albany, Delta High School.

### Banner Correction

In a story about Psi Iota Xi Sorority last week, it was incorrectly reported that the group was celebrating 75 years of service. In fact, they were celebrating 70 years of community service. The Banner regrets the error.

## Local Sorority Details Another Busy Year of Community Service

The Knightstown Alpha Zeta Chapter of Tri Kappa has had a very busy and productive year. In order to support the group's many projects they have several fundraisers.

Last November Alpha Zetas made and sold over 2,000 cheese balls. The sorority also sold a variety of nuts. In May they had their annual flower sale. The proceeds from these fund raisers provided \$1,000 scholarships to four deserving seniors and a monetary award to all seventh and eighth graders, who earned all A's for the year.

Sorority members hosted Knightstown High School's "Top 15" banquet, served at the senior girls luncheon. They will prepare and serve the annual Knightstown Alumni dinner on June 25.

Alpha Zetas also support two educational programs per year, one for the elementary students and another at Knightstown Intermediate School.

During the Jubilee Days parade, sorority clowns distributed balloons to children along the parade route.

The sorority also supports the local food pantry, donates healthy snacks to the elementary school, and organizes annual projects for mental health and the Riley Cheer Guild.

Six new members were recently welcomed. They include Lauren Congdon, Meghan Cupp, Jessica Lykens, Kale Obye, Laura Turpen and Brooke Vise.

## 93rd Orr Family Reunion Held

The 93rd annual Orr reunion was held Sunday, June 12, at the Sanders Shelter in Memorial Park in New Castle. Approximately 50 people attended the event with Howard Wayne Orr being the family patriarch and Ruby Evelyn Orr, wife of Harold Orr Jr., being celebrated for her upcoming 90th birthday on June 21.

Games played included hoeshoes, corn hole, penny hunt and a three-legged race. There was an abundance of good food and a great time was had by all. A photo booth was set up to capture the memories of this annual reunion held in New Castle since 1923.

Julie Orr Kirk hosted the event this year and next year's event host, Jessica Beaudry, was chosen, with the location changing next year to the large shelter in the old section of the park.



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# LOCAL SPORTS

## Peggs, Mattix Selected for South Team in State Baseball All-Star Game

Recent Knightstown graduates Drake Peggs and Spencer Mattix have been selected to participate on the Indiana South All-Star Baseball team.

This marks the second year in a row that a Panther has made the All-Star team. Last year, Panther star pitcher Jake Kwisz was selected as a pitcher for the South team for the All-Star series held at Indiana State University in Terre Haute.

Due to prior commitments, Peggs will be unable to participate.

The announcement about the selections was made at The Banner's deadline. More information about the All-Star game will be posted in next week's issue.

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## Audubon Bird Walk June 26 at Mounds S.P.

Join experts from the local Robert Cooper Audubon Society on June 26 at Anderson's Mounds State Park for a bird walk.

Participants will take a count of the morning birds during a hike through the park. The hike will last approximately two hours and is open to people of all skill levels.

A limited supply of guide books and binoculars will be available.

The group will meet at the Mounds State Park Nature Center at 9 a.m.

For more information, call 765-649-8128 or send email to kmorgan1@dnr.in.gov.

## 2014 Lady Panther Alumni Thomas, Fennig, Jones Continue to Compete at College Level

*Emily Thomas Playing for University of Indianapolis Greyhounds*

by Stacy Cox  
General Manager

Knightstown High School class of 2014 alum Emily Thomas continues to find ways to contribute on the women's basketball team at the University of Indianapolis.

Thomas left Knightstown as one of the school's most successful athletes. During her senior year, she broke the school record for career high scorer in girls basketball. She not only was a prolific scorer but she led the Lady Panthers in rebounding all four years she played at KHS.

While attending Knightstown, she earned 11 letters – four in basketball, four in track and field, two in volleyball and one in soccer. Twice she was named All-Area Player of the Year for basketball and was recognized several other times at the conference

and county levels.

Thomas averaged a double-double as a senior, scoring 21 points and 12 rebounds per game. She also helped lead the team to sectional championships in 2013 and 2014.

The 6-foot Thomas played in four games as a freshman at Uindy. She averaged 4.5 minutes per game during her initial year. In a February 2015 game at Bellarmine, she went 3-for-3 shooting for six points.

As a sophomore, Thomas dramatically increased her playing time. She played in 28 games last season, starting for the Greyhounds in 10 of those and averaged 6.9 minutes per game. Thomas scored 22 field goals in 42 attempts and pulled down 23 rebounds. She was 5-for-7 from the free throw line and had one block, five assists and three steals.



Emily Thomas

Unfortunately, the Greyhounds women's basketball team encountered back-to-back losing seasons in 2015 and 2016, the first for the team since 1999. In response to the losing seasons, the school decided not to renew the contract

for coach Constanin Popa, who had coached the Uindy women's basketball team since March 2011.

Popa was replaced with Kristin Drabyn in March. She had spent the previous three seasons as an assistant coach at IUPUI and served as assistant at other colleges. Drabyn played at the University of Maryland Baltimore County for four years, helping the team to a spot in the NCAA Division I Tournament in 2007.

Thomas has proved over the years that she will put in the work needed to improve her game. With a new coaching staff, she has the opportunity again to build upon the experience she has gained during her time on the court the first two years at Uindy.

Thomas is the daughter of Joe and Christy Thomas of Knightstown.

## Abby Fennig Finding Place on Anderson Univ. Volleyball Team

by Stacy Cox  
General Manager



Abby Fennig

Abby Fennig was another standout Lady Panther in Knightstown's graduating class of 2014 and has gone on to find success on the women's volleyball team at Anderson University.

Fennig had a huge senior season on the court for the Lady Panthers in 2013.

She led the team in the number of kills with 507, easily topping the next best by 120. She made 118 of the team's 201 total blocks

that season, more than double the next player's number of digs.

When Fennig joined the Anderson University volleyball team in 2014, she found a familiar face.

Michelle Hochstedler, who graduated from Knightstown in 2012, had also been playing for AU's volleyball team since 2012. By 2014, Hochstedler was one of the team's top performers. She was third in most points and second in number of kills.

In her freshman year at AU,

Fennig played 13 sets in six matches. She posted eight kills, two serving aces, two digs and five blocks.

The 5'10 Fennig dramatically increased her time on the court during her sophomore year in 2015. She played 51 sets in 15 matches, averaging 1.6 points and 1.35 kills per game. She finished the 2015 season with 69 kills, 20 assists, nine digs and 21 blocks.

Fennig, the daughter of Keri and Bruce Wiemer, is majoring in sports and recreational leadership.

## Patty Jones Bounces Back from Injury to Play on AU's Basketball Team

by Stacy Cox  
General Manager

Patty Jones, a 2014 graduate of Knightstown High School, has been able to continue her athletic career on the Anderson University women's basketball team.

Jones was three-sport athlete while attending Knightstown, playing basketball, softball and volleyball.

During her senior year at KHS, she played in just 10 basketball games after an injury ended her season early.

Jones was originally added to the varsity lineup as a freshman

and, as a sophomore and junior, she played in all but one game.

In the 2011-2012 season, Jones played in 22 games, scoring 94 points to average 4.3 points per game. She pulled down 88 rebounds and had 15 assists and 19 steals.

In the 2012-2013 season, she competed in 24 games and scored 135 points for an average of 5.6 points per game. She added 91 rebounds, 56 assists, 41 steals and 15 blocks.

Jones was a major player on the Lady Panthers volleyball team during her years at KHS. In her

senior year, she was responsible for 984 of the 1023 assists made by the team.

The 5'7 Jones was unable to play during her freshman year of college due to an injury. She joined the Anderson University women's basketball roster for the 2015-2016 season.

She played as a forward in 16 games for the Ravens last season, averaging 8.1 minutes per game.

In those 10 games, Jones averaged 1.3 points per game, 0.8 rebounds and 0.4 assists per game.

She is majoring in athletic training.



Patty Jones

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# LOCAL SPORTS

## Bob Allen Resigns as KHS Head Basketball Coach; Former Panther Dusty Magee Named as Replacement

by Stacy Cox  
General Manager

In Tuesday's monthly school board meeting for the Charles A. Beard Memorial School Corporation, varsity boys basketball head coach and language arts teacher Bob Allen resigned from both his teaching and coaching positions.

The board accepted his resignation and then approved Dusty Magee as the new varsity boys basketball coach. Last school year, Magee had served as the school's varsity boys golf coach as well as the varsity girls soccer coach and the junior varsity boys basketball coach.

Allen took over the boys basketball program prior to the start of the 2010 school year and accumulated a 56-74 record in six seasons at Knightstown. The Panthers were 9-12 in Allen's first season, then 1-20 the following year and 7-14 in the 2012-2013 season.

The tide changed for Allen in 2013 when he posted his first winning season at KHS, going 12-9. In the 2014-2015 season, the Panthers were 15-8 and last season they finished 12-11.

There is no further information at this time of Allen's future plans.

Longtime readers of The Banner's sports pages will no doubt remember Magee.

In 2004 as a junior, Magee helped lead the Panthers to their first basketball sectional victory in 17 years. The following year, as a senior, Magee was a central figure in the school's first, and only, basketball regional title.

Magee was a three-year All-Conference and three-year All-Area basket ball player. He also was a three-

year All-Conference golf player and was named to the All-Area team for soccer one year.

Magee went on to play basketball and golf, along with fellow Panther Shane Roland, at Aurora University in Illinois.

His star continued to shine at Aurora where he scored 1,474 points in his four years there, placing him in the top ten all-time scorers at the school.

As a freshman at Aurora, he played in 27 games, starting 11 and averaged 11 points and 2.5 rebounds.

In his sophomore year, 2006-2007, he started 14 of the 28 games he played in, averaging 10.5 points. He finished the season knocking down 62 of the 150 three-point shots he took. He also dished out 49 assists that season and nabbed 28 steals.

He started all 28 games his junior year, averaging 15.1 points. He pulled down 74 boards and 64 assists during the season.

As a senior, Magee was named Student-Athlete of the Week in the Northern Athletics Conference after he helped lead the Spartans to the 2010 NAC Tournament Championship as well as the fourth straight NCAA bid.

He averaged a team-high 15.4 points and 2.5 assists his senior year. He shot 42.6 percent from the field (138-of-324) and 39.2 percent (76-of-194) from behind the arc.

Magee's father, Brent, also had a storied career on the basketball courts in the mid-1970s for Knightstown.

At press time, there was no information available on whether Magee would continue in his other coaching positions next year.

## Eastern Hancock Golf, Tennis Coaching Spots Available

Eastern Hancock has the following coaching openings for the fall: Head Girls Golf Coach and Middle School Tennis Coach.

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### Mt. Lawn Racing Returns July 10

Sunday racing is set to return to Mt. Lawn Speedway July 10.

Two other racing dates, Aug. 7 and Sept. 11, are also scheduled.

The highlight of the season will be the running of the Raintree 100 on Aug. 7 featuring Street Stocks in a \$2000-to-win affair.

For up to date information on 2016, follow Mt. Lawn on the web at mtlawn.com.

Racing results will be published in The Banner in upcoming issues.

#### 2016 Mt. Lawn Speedway Schedule

##### Sunday July 10

Street Stocks, Van Hoy Oil Thunder Cars, Compacts and TBA

##### Sunday Aug 7

Street Stocks Raintree 100 \$2000 to win, VanHoy Oil Thunder Cars, Compacts and King of the TQ Midgets

##### Sunday Sept 11

Street Stocks, VanHoy Oil Thunder Cars Founders Day 100 \$1000 to win, Compacts and King of the TQ Midgets

### Three Tri Students to Tour Europe as Indiana Ambassadors of Music

Tri High School students Mikayla McKellar, Sebastian Buchanan and Cheyenne Stiner will join Tri H.S. principal Tony Benson for the Indiana Ambassadors of Music tour of Europe.

The entourage consists of 160 students and staff, made up of high school students from across Indiana. The group will tour seven countries over a 16-day period. They departed on June 18 and will return on July 3.

"The students form a Concert Choir and Concert Band," said Benson. "They perform in London, Switzerland, Austria and Germany. We usually perform in Paris, but due to recent events, we will be touring Paris, but not performing."

Other Henry County students participating are from New Caste High School including Tanner Alfrey, Ben Smith, Gage Caruthers, Sydney Hedges and Rebecca Pollock.

Benson said the tour will take the students to England, France, Switzerland, Lichtenstein, Austria, Germany and Italy. The students are selected by their respective band and choir directors.

Dr. Joseph Scagnoli is the tour Director. The students participating in the tour spend three days at Ball State University rehearsing together and attending orientation meetings.

"I have worked as an associate director with the Ambassadors since 1996," said Benson. "I have had the pleasure of participating with a great group of kids and watching them grow and mature in 16 short days through their European experience."

The public can follow the group's trip on Twitter at Indiana Ambassadors @IAM\_2016.

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outlook" on the health insurance issue, and suggested that one way to deal with that would be to place Rich on salary.

"You're going to have to watch the overtime," town attorney Martin Shields told the council.

Patrick Saunders, who was appointed to the council last month by Henry County GOP Chairman Mike Gerrish to replace Robert Blake, who abruptly resigned after the April meeting, said he thought Rich was deserving of the extra pay. He also rejected the notion that Rich might use the extra money for something other than health insurance.

"I'm not saying that he's not deserving of insurance," Smith explained. He added, however, that the town needs to look at whether it can afford fully funding this benefit for employees.

Some members of the public in attendance were in agreement. Sharon Witthun noted that she had never worked for a company that paid that large a percentage of her health insurance premiums.

"So," Witthun asked, "why are we so dead set to pay 90 percent of his insurance? ... I don't understand that." Another citizen said he thought the town, if it plans to con-

tinue covering employee health insurance for Rich and the town's deputy clerk, should consider having the employees pay a larger portion, maybe as much as 40 percent.

Thompson said he wasn't picking on Rich by bringing up this issue, but said the town's financial well-being needs to be considered. Smith said he agreed.

"Our town is not a unique town," Smith said. "... A town of our size with the money that comes in ... you can't afford to give these benefits."

Thompson said he thought the council should delay voting on the health insurance issue that night to give Saunders and Council President Richard Craig a chance to review relevant financial information. Smith also told the council that a special meeting could be scheduled to deal with this issue if members didn't want to wait until their July 14 meeting.

A second issue that found Smith and Saunders going head-to-head was the termination of the town's contract with New Castle technology firm Computers & Co. Saunders claimed that Smith terminated this contract without council approval and said Computers & Co. said the town

could owe nearly \$1,800 for the early termination.

Smith said the contract allowed either party to cancel by simply giving 30 days notice. He said the council had given him permission to find another company to provide the town's technology services.

"Why are you so worried about the changing of our computer system?" Smith asked Saunders.

"I don't know why you're yelling at me," Saunders replied. "I'm just trying to get some answers."

"I thought we were going to look into it," Craig said, "... not make a change yet."

Smith said he thought the council had given permission for him to find a new service provider, something prompted by incidents earlier this year where one or more persons gained unauthorized access to the town's computers. He said he would not have made a change had he not thought he had the council's OK to do so.

In other business at the June 9 meeting, the council:

- \*approved paying a \$2,000 legal bill to Shields, who is resigning as the town's attorney at the end of this month;

Judge, from Page 2

Planning Committee and the Indiana Judicial Conference Board of Directors.

Willis, who is expected to start the new job in July, will earn a salary of \$141,311 - the same salary earned by trial court judges in the state, effective July - and will also receive regular state employee benefits. Lilia Judson, who has been serving as interim CAO since the position was created earlier this year and earns an annual salary of \$133,688, is expected to continue working until September to help ensure a smooth transition.

The Supreme Court will appoint a temporary judge to hear cases in Henry County. The responsibility for naming a permanent replacement to complete Willis' current term, which runs through the end of 2020, belongs to the governor.

- \*voted to grant New Lisbon Telephone Company a permit to install fiber optic cable underground in town;

- \*OK'd payment of claims for May and June;

- \*adopted Ordinance 2016-2, which sets up a special distribution fund for Local Option Income Tax funds the town has received from the state for use on road repairs and other designated work;

- \*approved a new policy establishing internal controls related to oversight of town finances;

- \*OK'd a \$7,000 contract with Water Solutions to address an issue at the town's water treatment plant that the Indiana Department of Environmental Management asked the town to address; and

- \*heard an update from Heather Logan of the Lewisville Volunteer Fire Department on savings the department has had since installing new lights, and the department's efforts to get food and beverage tax money from the county to use toward the purchase of new rescue truck.



# A River Runs Through It

Knightsdown siblings Jason Williams (right) and Kristin Crawford navigate Big Blue River near the CR 600-S bridge during a journey they've made many times together.



Friends of the Big Blue River volunteer Jim Eckerty points out a submerged log to a kayaker getting ready to launch from the CR 350-S bridge Saturday morning. Friends of the Big Blue River sponsored Saturday's Canoe the Big Blue event, which was rescheduled from its original June 11 date due to high water.



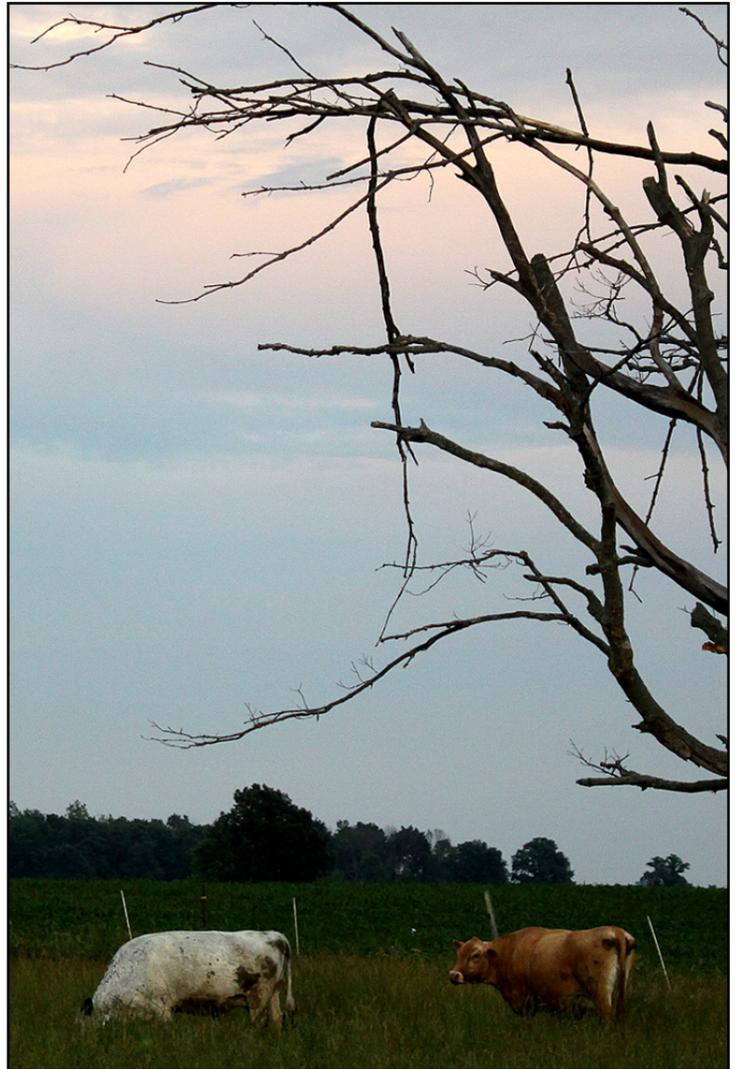
Ben Fitzwater, an employee of Canoe Country in Daleville, carries a rental canoe to the Big Blue River bank Saturday morning.



Dozens of canoeists and kayakers made Saturday's Canoe the Big Blue event. (Eric Cox photos)

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