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Cute, scary and creative

See who won the Halloween costume contest at the town trunk-or-treat.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning how to dance in the rain."

— Vivian Greene

WHAT'S UP?

Christmas fireworks

QMIX 107.3's Christmas Music Fireworks will begin at about 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 3 at CERAland Park in Columbus.

Columbus Festival of Lights

The 30th annual Festival of Lights Parade will take place on Dec. 4, starting at 6 p.m. in downtown Columbus, along Washington and other nearby streets.

Cub Scout fundraiser

Cub Scout Pack 209 will conduct a pulled pork fundraiser 5-6:30 p.m. Saturday at the John R. Drybread Community Center, 100 E. Main Cross St. The menu includes a pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, macaroni and cheese and a cookie. Meals will be served carryout only.

Purchase tickets in advance at the Community Center, $7 for adults, $4 for kids. Tickets are $1 more at the event.

Good Cheer Fund

The Edinburgh Good Cheer Fund is beginning preparations for the upcoming Christmas season. Organizers need help from the community to raise funds for toys and food for friends and neighbors in need of assistance. This year's goal is $25,000.

Donations are accepted at the John Drybread Community Center or the Edinburgh branch of Horizon Bank. Checks made out to Edinburgh Good Cheer Fund can also be mailed in care of the Edinburgh Ministerial Association , P.O. Box 83, Edinburgh IN 46124. Please make a notation on the message line of your check for either food or toys if you have a preference.

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RUNNING THE GAUNTLET

1.6-mile obstacle course coming to county park

By Leeann Doerflein
DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

A 1.6-mile obstacle course under construction at Johnson County Park will give civilians a chance to try out military-grade fitness.

The obstacle course, dubbed the Gatling Gauntlet, has been in the long-term plans of Festival Country, the Johnson County tourism organization, since 2017, said Ken Kosky, executive director. The course's military theme is a nod to the county park's neighbor, Camp Atterbury, the main training camp for Indiana National Guard.

The Gatling Gauntlet gets its name from its address, 7995 S. Gatling Street, Nineveh, and the fact that the tough course will put participants through the gauntlet, referring to the fact that the course is physically challenging.

The address adds to the military theme. The Gatling gun was the world's first machine gun, which is an 1861 invention that was operated via hand crank and was towed around the battlefield on wheels.

Construction on the course started in September and several obstacles are already taking shape. Though some obstacles look ready to use, Kosky is asking the public to wait until the full course is finished next spring.

The park is a partnership with Johnson County Park. Festival County designed the course and is paying for construction, branding and marketing, while the county provided land for the course and will be in charge of ongoing maintenance, Kosky said.

The course is a dream of Kosky and Festival Country board member Brian Alvey, a veteran and founder of The Warrior 110, a Franklin-based nonprofit that raises awareness and funds for combat veterans suffering from mental and physical illnesses following their deployment.

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Executive director Ken Kosky scales an obstacle at the 1.6 mile obstacle course being built by Festival Country called Gatling Gauntlet at Johnson County Park. The course starts at the old golf course clubhouse and runs in an L shape.

The two tried out other obstacle courses in the Midwest and relied on Alvey's military training to create a challenging and unique course unlike anything found elsewhere in Indiana, Kosky said.

"Other communities (in Indiana) have mountain biking and hiking, but we felt this obstacle course would set us apart," Kosky said. "There are other permanent obstacle courses in the Midwest but what sets ours apart is that we have 20 obstacles and they are bigger and harder than anyone else's."

The course has a net climb, hurdles, a stone lift, tire high knees, monkey bars, a rope swing, a balance beam, a climbing wall and more, according to a map of obstacles.

The course is demanding, but the stations have directions to modify the exercise for different athletic abilities, Kosky said. Since there are 20 obstacles, it is a course that could be done easily with a group of family or friends or as a team-building activity.

For those wanting an extra challenge, the course can be done twice for a 3.8 mile, or 5K length, he said.

With this unique amenity comes new opportunities to draw in tourists and potentially regional fitness competitions, Kosky said. The course will be open year-round.

The course costs about $100,000 to build.

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OBITUARIES

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Meredith Gabbard

On Oct. 30, 2021, Meredith Merle "Uncle Tim" Gabbard thumbed his nose at the rest of us for the final time and left to spend eternity with his daughter, Leah, and the love of his life, Jeannette. Merle was born at home June 24, 1936, in eastern Indiana, the second child of Hiram and Carmen Gabbard.

GABBARD

After growing up in rural Indiana, Merle dropped out of school to talk his way into the Army at age 17 and served his country in the Korean War. Following a brief stint working at Cummins Diesel, he decided factory work wasn't the life for him and enlisted in the Air Force, serving in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he learned to be an avid skier as a member of the Air Force ski patrol, and later for an insufferable time in Greenland.

Working in a ball bearing factory, Hoover NSK, with his brother in-law, Ray, didn't agree with him any more than working at Cummins did and they encouraged him to drive a truck, which found him in his lifelong profession as a long haul trucker. Eventually he went to work for Watkins Transportation, where he worked for over 20 years, travelling to every state in the lower 48 except Vermont.

Merle's time over the road came to an end in an incredible act of grace and respect for his profession when he voluntarily surrendered his driver's license once his eyesight had deteriorated to the point where he could no longer drive safely.

Never one to beat around the bush, Merle was well known for his acerbic sense of humor and cut-to-the-chase style of dealing with whatever life threw at him or anyone else.

Merle is survived by his daughters, Jodi Brown of Edinburgh and Meredith Gabbard and husband Michael Woodworth of Bar Harbor, Maine; grandsons, Robert Sneed and Braxton Brown of Edinburgh; siblings Pete Gabbard, Karen Sneed and Candy Campbell; his aunt Barb; and a good many neices and nephews scattered across the country, including his close nephews Tim Gabbard and wife Myrna and Josh Grow, as well as his great-grandaughters Lexi and Leila. He's also survived by his close friend for the later years of his life, Eileen Dye. He was predeceased by his parents; wife Jeannette (Sneed); daughter Leah; and siblings Jack, Lee, Lois, Joan, Steve and Debbie. As per Merle's wishes, there will be no funeral services.

The road goes on forever my friend. Thanks for always being there for all of us.

COLUMBUS

Marvin Gates

Marvin O. "Sonny" Gates, 77, passed from this life at 11:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 1, 2021, at home surrounded by his family.

GATES

Sonny was born on Aug. 18, 1944, in Bloomington, son of Dorothy (Funkhouser) and Glenn M. Gates. The family moved to Columbus, where Sonny attended the Columbus schools, graduating from Columbus High School. He was active in sports and loved playing baseball. He is a Vietnam veteran, and served his country in the U.S. Navy on the USS Shangri La from 1963 to 1969. Sonny played in the local softball league, was an avid bowler on the 2 G's Gang team with his father, Glenn, and sons, Ronald M. and Carey J. Gates. He is a long-standing member of Winding Waters Bass Masters fishing club, holding multiple club officer positions over the years and is the current club president. He was the tournament firector for the Hospice of South-Central Indiana Fishing Tournament and was an annual Hospice concert volunteer.

Sonny is survived by his wife, Mary (Traynor) Gates; sons, Alan (Theresa) Quick of Hopkinsville, Kentucky and Carey J. Gates of Edinburgh; daughters Shannon Warner of Phoenix, Arizona and Marci (Nathan) Petri of Columbus; grandchildren Eric (Valerie) Quick, Thomas (Alex) Coakley, Cassandra Scott, Amber (Jason) Wimmenauer, Christopher (Erin) Collins, Crystal (Jonathan) White, Joshua (Kristy) Satterfield, Darien (Leah) Morin, Heather Morin, Danelle Gates, Zachary Gates, Dakota (McCaela) Gates, Sierra Gates, Marvin (Brianna) Gates, Alaysia (Jacob) Bostic, Cheyton Wise and Jaida Wise; and 33 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Glenn M. and Dorothy F. Gates; daughter, Melinda Dawn Gates; son, Ronald M. Gates; great-granddaughter, Hope Leann Adams; and grandson, Travis Satterfield.

A funeral service was held with Father Clem Davis officiating. Military rites were performed by the Bartholomew County Veterans Honor Guard. Scottish bagpipes were played by Mike Kutsko.

COLUMBUS

Naomi Merriman

Naomi R. Merriman, 89, of Columbus, passed from this life at 4:07 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1, 2021, at Our Hospice of South Central Indiana Inpatient Facility.

MERRIMAN

Mrs. Merriman was born Aug. 24, 1932, in Bloomington, the daughter of William and Ola Golden Neal Ritter.

She married Richard L. Merriman March 18, 1950. He preceded her in death March 19, 1997.

Naomi retired from Cummins Engine Co. in 1990 after 12 years of service and she was a member of Walker Chapel.

Survivors include her children, Rick (Pam) Merriman of Columbus, Ronnie (Karen) Merriman of Columbus, Janet (Frank) Farley of Columbus, Pam Lucas of Columbus, Patty Merriman of Edinburgh and Louella Brumfield of Columbus; 13 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; and her sister, Phyllis Boswell of Dupont.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; daughters, Carol Petro and Barbara Marshall; brothers, Clarence, Chester and Neal Ritter; a granddaughter; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at Barkes, Weaver & Glick Funeral Home in Columbus with the Revs. Roy Hendershot and Gary Bradley officiating. Burial was at Bethel Baptist Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Walker Chapel.

Online condolences and special memories may be shared at barkesweaverglick.com.

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Emogene Proffitt

Emogene Proffitt, 95, passed away Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021.

A funeral was at Norman Funeral Home.

Burial was at Isenburg Cemetery in Tompkinsville, Kentucky.

GOOD OLD DAYS

70 years ago: Dramatic Club officers are: Bernard Learman, president; Gene Harrell, vice president; Janet McColl, secretary; and Richard Manion, treasurer.

60 years ago: New entrance signs to Edinburg state that Edinburg is the "World's Largest Producer of Walnut Veneer," along with the town's population.

50 years ago: Edinburgh Superintendant Ross Sharpe announces that the new high school will host an open house on Nov. 11 in the gymnasium.

40 years ago: The Edinburgh Lions Club announces that Kim Clark, daughter of Robert and Janet Park, has been named as girl of the month for November.

30 years ago: United Technologies automotive plant located in Edinburgh receives the "Elite Q1 Preferred Quality Award" from the Ford Motor Company.

10 years ago: Incumbents Jeff Simpson, Ron Hoffman and Curtis Rooks are re-elected to the town council; Jackie Smith is re-elected as clerk-treasurer.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Athlete of the week

CHAVEZ

Sophomore Anduan Chavez was named the Horizon Bank Student Athlete of the Week. He ran cross country this past fall and showed great improvement from the start of season to the final meet, being the Lancers number one runner.

All County Team

Max Blandford, Austin Brockman and Travis Jones received honorable mention for singles play in the Daily Journal's All-County Tennis Team.

INDOT engineering scholarship

The Indiana Department of Transportation is accepting applications for the INDOT Engineering Scholarship.

The scholarships offer civil engineering students up to $3,125 per semester for up to five years and paid employment during summer breaks and upon graduation.

Apply at www.INDOTScholarship.IN.gov by Dec. 31.

Information: Talent Development Manager Adam Beasley at ABeasley2@indot.in.gov or 317-234-7930.

Calendar

Nov. 24-26: Thanksgiving break
Dec. 17: End of first semester
Jan. 3: Teacher records day, half day
Jan. 4: Second semester begins

Read the Courier online at www.dailyjournal.net

Lancer girls basketball teams continue the wins as season gets underway

Edinburgh's fifth and sixth grade girls teams each put another win in the books, the girls JV opened their season with a win and the varsity Lancer girls notched wins in their first two contests of this new season.

On Nov. 1, the fifth and sixth grade girls took the short bus trip to Marietta and each were able to come home victorious over Southwestern. The fifth graders won by four, 12-8 to improve to 3-0. Lilly Bruno was the top scorer with six points, Lucy Buck added four, and Serenity Bryant two. The sixth graders didn't let the score stay nearly that close as they turned back the Spartans, 24-4 to also move to 3-0. Chloe Hancock led the charge with 10 points, Gracelyn Adcock put in six, Faith Smith four, Shyla Watt two and Elliot Smith two.

Last Wednesday, was opening night for the reserve and varsity girls as they played host to Beech Grove. In the first game of the season, the JV Lancers won a nail-biter, 19-16. Scoring for the girls were Seira Myers with seven, Mia Dodson six, Cloee Britton four, and Kyah Streeval two.

In the season's second game, the Lancer varsity came away with a nice, 44-31 victory. Alyssa Funkhouser led Edinburgh's scoring with 18 points, Gracie Crawhorn scored 15, Callie Hancock four, Bethany Burton four, and Gracie Myers three.

On Saturday morning, the sixth grade girls traveled to Franklin to compete in the sixth grade county tourney. Meeting host Franklin, the young Lancers were ousted from the tourney in the opening round, 34-12. Faith Smith and Chloe Hancock paced the Lancer scoring with

Brian Ingels

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five points each while Elliot Smith chipped in two.

Later that afternoon the varsity Lancer girls played Central Christian Academy. The good guys came out of the day with an easy 53-15 win. Kyah Streeval was Edinburgh's top scorer with 15 points, Cloee Britton scored 10, Gracie Crawhorn eight, Bethany Burton six, Callie Hancock five, Ceira Myers four, Alyssa Funkhouser three, and Katie Hardman two. The win boosted them to 2-0 on the season.

Fall awards

Nov. 3 saw the Edinburgh Athletic Department hold its Fall Sports Awards. Following are the athletes recognized and their awards:

Boys tennis: Varsity – Ian Buchanan, Austin Brockman, Trevor Moon, Max Blandford, Milas Burkman. JV – Eli Bryant, Jaden Hill. Co MVPs – Travis Jones, Max Blandford. Most Improved – Austin Brockman. Team Sportsmanship – Ian Buchanan. Mental Attitude – Trevor Moon.

Volleyball: Varsity – Zoey Sida, Kyah Streeval, Alyssa Funkhouser, Carly Cowan, Jessica Walsh, Gracie Crawhorn, Mackenzie Beiker, Lily Turner, Caitlynn Hardman. JV – Jadyn Burton, Mia Dodson, Lexi Riley, Jasmine Hester, Serenity Duncan. Dig Award – Alyssa Funkhouser. Assist Award – Kyah Streeval. Serving Percentage – Jessica Walsh. Kill Award – Gracie Crawhorn. Mental Attitude – Zoey Sida. All-Conference – Alyssa Funkhouser. Honorable Mention All-Conference – Gracie Crawhorn.

Middle school volleyball: Eighth Grade – Gracie Lawson, Bella Turner, Kenna Streeval, Payton Morris, Caelan Long, Kloee Denson, Phoebe Johnson. Seventh Grade – Faith Smith, Jazmine White, Makayla Ludlow, Kinzie Purvis, Brooke Cravens, Shyla Watt, Presley Tetrick, Gracelyn Adcock.

Girls golf: Varsity – Jillian Turner, Izzy Richardson, Macie Blandford, Gracie Myers, Hannah Pile, Ceira Myers, Cloee Britton. Team Medalist – Izzy Richardson. Low Stroke Average – Izzy Richardson. Most Improved – Gracie Myers. Sportsmanship – Macie Blandford. All-Conference – Izzy Richardson, Macie Blandford.

Co-ed cross country: Varsity – Alanna Hobbs, Brian Callejas, Rylan Londeree, Anduan Chavez, Ethan Campbell. JV – Parker Young.

Middle school cross country: Addison Crawhorn, Braiden Dewey, Emilee Cox, Collin Wesley, Lucy Buck, Lilly Bruno, London Weddle, Julian Espino, Lillie Goff, Addalynn Johnson, Gracie Barrett.

Football: Varsity – Landen Burton, Caleb Dewey, Jared Myers, Gabe Bennett, Riley Palmeter, Cade Anderson, Braylon Bryant, Lennon DeLoach, Enrique Callejas, Caleb Murphy, Skylar Bennett, Jarrett Turner, Connor Ramey, Nick Detling, Colin Richardson, Chris Gravelin, Joe Ellington, Jayden Childers, Conner Douglass, Bryce Jett, Nic Coy, Caleb Turner, Dakota Graw, Devyn Milburn, Tyler Branigan, Dylan Graw, Mason Calhoun, David Riddle, Isiaha Steinke, Keegan Smith, Gavin Mullis. Managers – Cole White, Bailey Nelson. Mental Attitude – Jarrett Turner. Team MVP – Riley Palmeter. Most Improved – Bryce Jett. Lineman of the Year – Caleb Turner. Scoring Leader – Caleb Dewey. Tackles Leader – Lennon DeLoach. All-Conference – Riley Palmeter, Caleb Dewey, Jarrett Turner.

Middle school football: Jacobi Deem, Brayden Cratty, Cayper Ison, Zaiden Voorhies, Sampson Parkhurst, Bailey Totten, Ayden Swallows, Mauricio Gonzalez, Emma Belser, Joshua Losey, Mason Myers, Dylan Belser, Caiden Miller, Wyatt Ayers, Matthew Burton.

On tap

Thursday
Boys MS basketball, at home vs. Brown County 6 p.m.
Friday
Girls JV & varsity basketball at Shelbyville, 6 p.m.
Saturday
Girls 5&6 basketball, 5&6 Tourney at home, 9 a.m.
Monday
Girls 5&6 basketball at Indian Creek, 5:30 p.m.
Boys MS basketball, at home vs. Seymour, 6 p.m.
Tuesday
Girls 5&6 basketball at Custer Baker, 5 p.m.
Girls JV & varsity basketball, Johnson County Tourney, 6 p.m.

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COSTUME CONTEST

Edinburgh's annual Halloween festival and trunk or treat included a costume contest. The winners:

Ages 0-3
Scariest: Cowboy (Kreed Emerson)
Cutest: Pebbles (Aubrey Baker)
Best Costume: Sky from Paw Patrol (Charlotte Adkins)

Ages 4-7
Scariest: Hocus Pocus (Grace Holman)
Cutest: Banana (Ainsley Quasebarth)
Best Costume: Mac-n-Cheese (Kimberlyn Ayers)

Ages 8-12
Scariest: Prom Queen (Ansley Bruno)
Cutest: Porcelain Doll (Alaura Ferguson)
Best Costume: Edward Scissor Hands (Desiree Patrick)

Ages 13-Adult
Scariest: Joker (Jodi Sizemore)
Cutest: Joker (Maddison Parish)
Best Costume: Wizard of Oz (Cathy Eisfelder & Family)

Best Decorated Table: Nineveh Senior Center (Anita Eldridge, Jackie and Phyllis Smith)

Pet Costume Contest: Luna Lovegood as Undercover K-9 (owner Morghan Wright)

Ainsley Quasebarth

Alaura Ferguson

Desiree Patrick

Cathy Eisfelder & Family

Charlotte Adkins

Grace Holman

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Ansley Bruno

Kimberlyn Ayers

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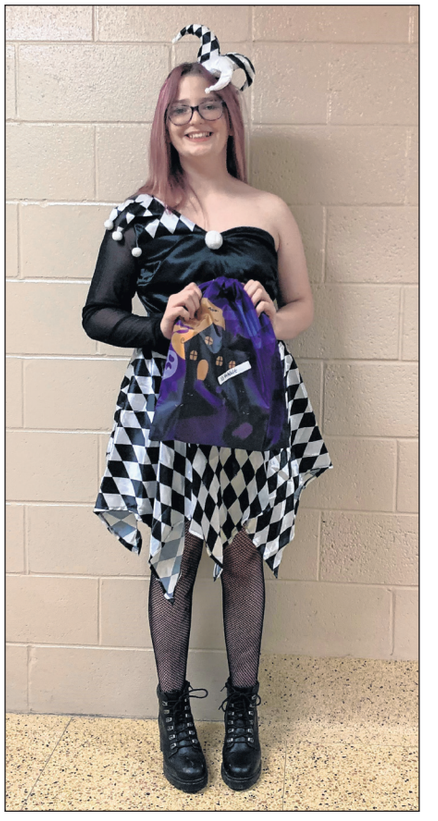

Maddison Parish

Jodi Sizemore

Luna Lovegood

Kreed Emerson

Anita Eldridge, Jackie and Phyllis Smith of the Nineveh Senior Center

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NEWS ROUNDUP

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State grant will pay for street upgrade

The Town of Edinburgh was awarded an $883,621 Community Crossings grant from the state.

The money will be spent on the total reconstruction of High School Drive, located two blocks north of Rest Haven Cemetery between U.S. 31 and South Eisenhower Drive, Edinburgh Town Manager Dan Cartwright said.

New pavement, curbs, sidewalks and lighting are all part of the improvements that Cartwright says constitutes one of the main entrances into Edinburgh.

Currently, the town is in Phase One of construction as they make drainage repairs including installing a new storm sewer down the middle of the street, the town manager said.

"Once that is completed, I think we are going to do a whole new street," Cartwright said.

With a population of only 4,480 residents, the town will be required to match 25% of the grant.

In contrast, cities and counties with significantly larger populations such as Columbus are required to match 50% of a Community Crossings grant.

Vaccines available for kids

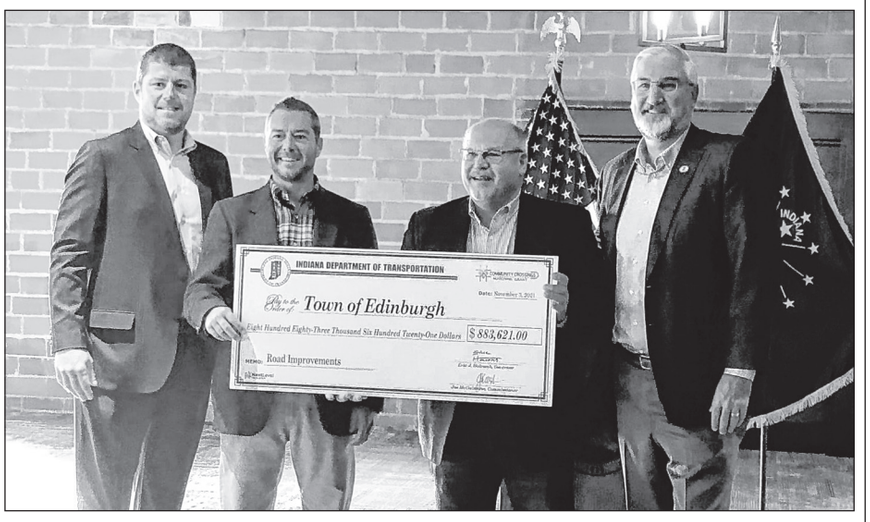
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention authorized the shots in children ages 5 to 11, opening the door to thousands more Johnson County residents. About 18% of the county's population are school-age children, ages 5 to 17, according to U.S. Census data.

Initial pediatric vaccine supplies may be limited. Individuals are encouraged to make an appointment or call ahead to ensure that a site has vaccines available prior to visiting, officials said.

Hospitals serving Johnson County did not have those vaccines on hand and are not sure when the first vaccines will arrive, hospital officials said.

But vaccinations are available at the Johnson County Health Department's clinic at Compass Park in Franklin, said Betsy Swearingen, health department director. The clinic is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each weekday except for Wednesday, when it is open until 6 p.m.

Windrose Health, 911 E. Main Cross St., Edinburgh, also offers the shot Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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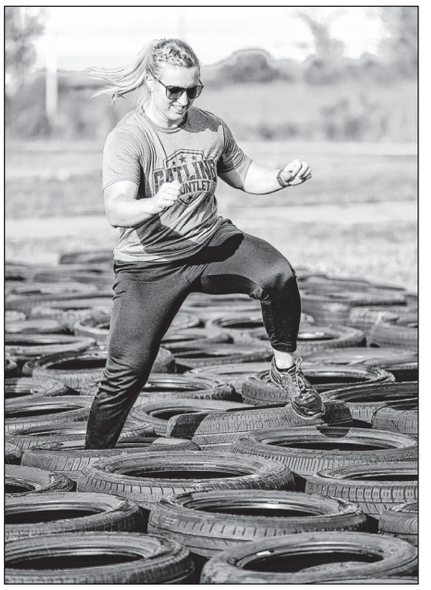
Town officials receive the ceremonial check from Gov. Eric Holcomb.

I-65 patching operations move to daytime hours

Indiana Department of Transportation contractor MAC Construction plans to resume patching operations on I-65 in Shelby and Johnson Counties. Work began in early October between State Roads 252 and 44.

Daily lane closures will be in place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, Thursday, and Saturday (Nov. 8, 11 and 13). All work is expected to be complete by the end of the week, but may be extended if needed due to weather.



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Festival Country employee Shelby Miles races through an obstacle made of old tires.

Obstacle

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Materials donations, cash donations and in-house construction by Festival Country board and staff members have brought the cost down at least $50,000, Kosky said.

Johnson County REMC, A&E Tire Recycling of Noblesville, Hirons & Company, Visit Indiana, The Warrior 110, and Hoagies and Hops have signed on to sponsor the course and more are welcome to sponsor, Kosky said.

Companies interested in sponsorships can reach Kosky via email at ken@festivalcountry.com.

Money not raised from sponsors will be covered from Festival Country's budget, which is funded by the county's hospitality tax. That tax on hotel rooms booked in the county.

The course is expected to open in April of next year, Kosky said. Information on the grand opening celebration will be announced at a later date.

AT THE PIXY

The Edinburgh Pixy Theatre
111 S. Walnut St. Unless noted, shows are at 7 p.m. and admission is $10. Information/purchase tickets: 812-526-6513, www.TheEdinburghPixy.com or advance tickets for some shows at www.brownpapertickets.com

Nov. 19: Happy Place Comedy Comedian Dave Dugan

Nov. 20: Addison Johnson (traditional country)

Dec. 10: Jim Hayden & The Country Playboys (traditional country)

Dec. 11: Night Owl and Friends Christmas show, with Avery Tallent and Breanna Faith, emcees Ed Boston and Joshua Parker. Santa in the lobby at 6 p.m for the kids. $10

Dec. 17: Sugar Lime Blue (blues, country, rock)

Dec. 18: Ted Yoder Band Holiday Special $25 and up, Q&A with band at 5:30 p.m. (hammered dulcimer, marimba, percussion)

Fairy Tale Musical Theater's annual productions are among the more whimsical and fun shows presented locally — but with serious life lessons creatively woven into the script and songs. The next production, for donations of any amount, will be "Ember-Ella and the Imagical Cat," 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Information: Cecile Beavin at 812-988-6854.

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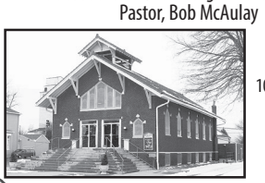

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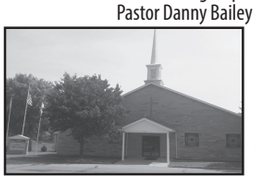

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