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Boys basketball begins

Find out how the Lancers did in their season openers.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“If you feel pain, you’re alive, if you feel other people’s pain, you’re a human being.”
— Leo Tolstoy

WHAT’S UP?

Christmas Bazaar

Beta Sigma Phi Christmas Bazaar is set for Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at East Side Elementary School. Event features over 70 booths with handmade crafts, bake sale goodies and quality gifts and an hourly door prize. Admission is free.

Letters to Santa

Edinburgh Wright-Hageman Public Library is collecting letters to Santa until 6 p.m. Dec. 15. Please make sure each letter has a return address so Santa can get his replies posted in a timely manner.

Food basket registration

People who would like a Good Cheer food basket must register at the John R. Drybread Community Center at one of the following times:

Today, 4-7 p.m.
Thursday, 1-4 p.m.

If health related issues prevent you from registering in person, you may call 812-343-4353 during the above times for a possible phone application. No calls will be made this year if you don’t register at the above times.

Christmas at the Park

A drive-thru light show and Christmas festival will be held at Johnson County Park 6-9 p.m. through December. Cost is \$30 per car and includes the light show, holiday characters, a visit to the Grinch’s Cave and the “Nightmare Before Christmas,” photos with Santa, arts and crafts, food vendors, train rides and more.

Dates are Dec. 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24 and 26.

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A GIVING SPIRIT

Sisters run several thrift shops, prioritize giving

By Kami Ervin
EDINBURGH COURIER

Rebecca Pardue was desperately combing through the racks of men’s clothing trying to find something for her son. His last pair of pants had ripped beyond repair, and even though Pardue was shopping in one of the most popular and largest thrift store chains in the country, their stock of big and tall clothing for men was extremely limited. At her third store, she finally stood at the checkout counter with a pair of basketball shorts and a t-shirt in one hand, and \$10 one of her sisters had loaned her in the other.

When the cashier told Pardue that her total was \$12, she explained to the worker that she only had \$10 and she needed the clothes for her son to wear to school the next day. The cashier, and later the manager, refused to give her a break, leaving her standing there in tears.

“I felt at that moment, that as a mother, I couldn’t take care of my kids,” Pardue said. “That was when God brought me to be humble.”

Ten years later, Pardue is the owner of Humble Impressions, a faith-based 501(c)(3) organization that not only sells new and gently used clothing for as low as 99 cents, but also provides food pantry items for people who, much like herself all those years ago, need a break. She had volunteered for her church, handling and selling clothing donations, and when they no longer needed the funding, she decided to try it on her own.

“The first location I went to was on Madison Avenue (in Indianapolis) and I was like Goldilocks walking through each room,” Pardue remembers. “One was too



SUBMITTED PHOTO

From left, Rebecca Pardue and Anita Warren are sisters who own and operate thrift stores in Taylorsville, Edinburgh and Indianapolis.



Santa and Saxy Steve will be at both holiday events.

If you go

WHAT: An Edinburgh Christmas at Gail’s, an event to distribute Christmas gifts to children.

WHEN: Dec. 17, 4-6 p.m.

WHERE: 101 W. Main Cross St. Edinburgh

REGISTER: Family who want to participate can register on Facebook, Gail’s Thrift Store.

DONATE: New toys are accepted through Gail’s Amazon wishlist or at the store. Businesses are asked to donate treats for event, too.

INFORMATION: 317-831-8050

WHAT: Sharing the Love of Christmas Humble Impressions Christmas distribution

WHEN: Dec. 19

WHERE: Camp Camby

DONATE: Accepting new clothes and toys at all three locations until Dec. 9 or donate funds at venmo @

HumbleImpressions

INFORMATION: 317-908-8635

OBITUARIES

GREENWOOD

Tony Abbott

Tony Carl Abbott, 67, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021 at St. Francis Hospital South in Indianapolis. He was a resident of Greenwood.

He was born on Oct. 14, 1954 in Franklin to Alva C. and Florence E. (Roberts) Abbott. He married Pat Wroblewski on July 10, 1981. She survives. Other survivors include his brother Gene Abbott (Paula); many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in passing by his siblings, Evelyn Roy, Barbara Hildebrand, Emerson "Bud" Abbott, Betty Chaney, Jack Abbott and Carolyn Bowman.

Tony attended Edinburgh High School. He was employed in retail for many years having worked for Block's, Lazarus, and later at Old Time Pottery.

Tony was a fan of Indiana University sports and enjoyed music.

A celebration of life service was held at Flinn & Maguire Funeral Home in Franklin.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Johnson County Humane Society.

ELIZABETHTOWN

James Carson

James F. Carson, 92, a lifelong resident of Elizabethtown, passed from this life at 4:00 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021, at Our Hospice of South Central Indiana Inpatient Facility.

Mr. Carson was born Sept. 4, 1929, in Elizabethtown, the son of the late Dorance J. and Esther A. Essex Carson. On Feb. 15, 1952, Jim married F. Norma VanEst; she survives.

Mr. Carson was a member of the 1947 graduating class of Columbus High School and he attended Purdue University for a year. Mr. Carson was a United States Army veteran of the Korean War, stationed in the territory of Alaska, serving with Company I 196th Infantry. He received the National Defense Service Medal and the Sharpshooters Badge. He was honorably discharged December 10, 1954, in Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

Mr. Carson was a lifelong farmer on Carson land that was homesteaded in 1843.



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His family is proud of his efforts to continue the lands growth and sustainability and to receive the Pioneer Homestead award in 1976. He was an assistant engineer for the Indiana State Highway Department for five years. Mr. Carson retired from 30 years of night shift work from Cummins Engine, Inc. He was a Becks Seed Corn dealer for 30 years and he served as the Rockcreek Township trustee for eight years. Jim received Democrat of the Year in 2016. He was a member of Hope Masonic Lodge No. 150, charter member of Bartholomew County Pork Producers, Modern Farmers, and Purebred Swine Breeders association. He had a passion for raising purebred Duroc hogs.

Mr. Carson was a baptized believer and faithful member of Burnsville Christian Church serving as Sunday School teacher, deacon, trustee, elder, and chairman of the board. Jim and Norma shared an interest in travel and had visited to all 50 states, many foreign countries, and attended 2 presidential inaugurations.

Surviving to cherish his memory are his wife of 69 years, Norma; children, Michael (Denise) Carson of Elizabethtown, Daniel (Marcia) Carson of Elizabethtown, Cynthia (Paul) Baute of Edinburgh, Teresa Carson of Elizabethtown, and Melissa Evens of Lafayette; grandchildren, Brad (Ana) Andress, Heather Andress, Margaret Carson, Caleb Carson, Frank (Janell) Baute, Mark (Cara) Baute, Troy (Chelsea) Baute, Stacy Baute, James Carson Evens, and Sam (Andy) Ahlersmeyer; great-grandchildren, Henry, Caroline, Adelaide, Franklin, Maverick, Beckett and Drew; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, and other dear and special friends.

Mr. Carson was preceded in death by his parents; brother, David E. Carson; and his sister, M. Kathryn Balsley.

The funeral service celebrating Jim's life was held at Barkes, Weaver & Glick Funeral Home in Columbus with David Huey and E. Reeves Flint officiating.

Mr. Carson was laid to rest at the Hope Moravian Cemetery. Full military honors were presented by the Bartholomew County Veterans Honor Guard. Mr. Carson's grandchildren will serve as the pallbearers.

Memorial contributions may be made to Johnson Bible College in Knoxville, Tennessee — where Jim and Norma attended Senior Saints in the Smokies for over 15 years — or the Burnsville Christian Church.

Online condolences and special memories may be shared with the family and a video tribute may be viewed at barkesweaverglick.com



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HOLIDAY OF LIGHTS

Edinburgh's annual Holiday of Lights is set for Dec. 11.

The evening kicks off with a parade at 5:30 p.m. The route begins at East Side Elementary and ends downtown. A decorating contest will be held for parade participants with cash prizes.

After the parade, festival events trolley rides, carolers, photos with Santa, Holiday Market, Christmas show at the Pixy and downtown shopping.

- Carriage rides are sold out. Trolley rides, which run the same route, are \$1; tickets can be purchased at the pickup site.

- Holiday Market, 5-9 p.m. at John R. Drybread Community Center.

- Santa's very own reindeer and his elf, Sierra Sprinkle, will be at the Edinburgh Wright-Hagemen Public Library 6:30-8 p.m. Meet them and take a picture.

- Night Owl and Friends Christmas show

at the Edinburgh Pixy Theater, with Avery Tallent and Breanna Faith, emcees Ed Boston and Joshua Parker. Santa will be in the lobby at 6 p.m. for the kids. Tickets are \$10; call 812-526-6513 to reserve.

Community participation

- Gather a group of friends, youth groups, church choir, scout groups, school/sports groups or any individuals/organizations interested in caroling. Each group or individual can sign up for a 30-minute time slot during the festival, which is from 6-10 p.m.

- Golf cart owners, motor vehicles, organizations, clubs, businesses, walkers and anyone who wants to join Santa and Mrs. Claus as they lead the parade are invited to participate.

To sign up to carol or be in the parade, stop by the Parks & Rec office or call 812-526-3535.

IN GOOD HEALTH

- The coronavirus vaccine is available by appointment at ourshot.in.gov or by calling 211. Seniors or caregivers having difficulty registering online or getting through to 211 can call Indiana's Area Agencies on Aging for help at 317-254-5465 or 800-432-2422.

- Be Well Crisis Helpline supports the mental health needs of Hoosiers during the COVID-19 pandemic by providing 24/7 access to experienced counselors. Call 211.

- ASSIST is a Franklin-based nonprofit program that provides services for people (age 5 and over) affected by sexual, domestic and physical violence at any point in their life. For an appointment, call 317-739-4456.

- Better Breathers: Support groups for those with chronic lung disease, asthma or other breathing-related illnesses, Johnson Memorial Hospital, Columbus Regional Health and Major Hospital in Shelbyville. 317-736-3261, 812-376-5757, 317-421-1918.

- Claim Aid Counselors are available to help Johnson County residents through the Health

Insurance Marketplace application process or to enroll in the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP 2.0). 317-346-3736 or email billquestion@johnsonmemorial.org for information.

- Connect2Help 2-1-1 helpline: Free, assists with housing, parenting, transportation, education, health care, employment and more. Call 211 or 317-926-4357.

- Great Expectations free childbirth education class at Johnson Memorial Hospital is held four times a year. Register at JohnsonMemorial.org. Remaining 2021 date is Nov. 6.

- Indiana Tobacco Quitline: free phone-based counseling service to help smokers quit. If enrolled in the QNI program, you get a two-week supply of nicotine replacement therapy gum or patches, while supplies last. 1-800-QUIT-NOW (800-784-8669).

Items for In Good Health may be sent to The Courier, P.O. Box 699, Franklin, IN 46131 or e-mailed to courier@dailyjournal.net. Info: 317-736-2726

GOOD OLD DAYS

70 years ago: Mrs. Ardis Davis has purchased the Smith Photo and Card Shop on S. Walnut Street and has hired Mrs. James Sanders to help operate it.

60 years ago: The Edinburg Exchange Club announces that William Leohr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Leohr, has been chosen as boy of the month.

50 years ago: Officers for the Rebekah Lodge are Mrs. Inez Raufeisen, Noble Grand; Mrs. Howard Sanders, Vice Grand; Mrs. Ermal Garrison, secretary; and Mrs. Ralph Roth, treasurer.

40 years ago: The Edinburgh Lions Club announces that Edinburgh student Duane Meade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Meade, has been chosen as boy of the month.

30 years ago: Teah Browning scores nine points as the Edinburgh sixth grade girls beat St. Peters, 16-14, in overtime to finish the season with a 5-0 record.

10 years ago: Edinburgh Community High School senior Leslie Barnett, daughter of Barry and Diane Barnett, has been named as the student of the month.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Lillie Parmer and Cameron Moore both of Edinburgh
Samuel McCory of Brownstown and Georgia Matthews of Edinburgh

Varsity basketball boys open season with a win on the road

For Thanksgiving week, the Lancer schedule was mighty light but the varsity boys were able to open their season with a couple of strong statements.

Starting Nov. 22, the middle school boys played at Franklin Middle School. In the evening's opener, the seventh grade lost to Franklin's B team, 42-31, to drop to 2-2 on the season.

Leading the Lancers was Cayper Ison with 13 points, Xavier Suns added eight, Ayden Swallows five, Matthew Burton four, and Jaylan Burton one.

The eighth graders also fell to Franklin's eighth grade B team, 36-28. Bailey Totten led the way with 16 points, Jacobi Deem scored six, Cayper Ison four and Matthew Burton two. This loss put their record to 1-3.

Playing at Triton Central on Nov. 22, the fifth and sixth grade girls both came home with losses. In the first game of the evening, the fifth grade lost to the little Tigers, 50-5, falling to 6-4. Reese Smith scored three and Lilly Bruno had two. The sixth grade also fell to Triton Central, losing 42-6. The loss dropped their season record to 7-4. Sharing the scoring for the Lancers, Ruby Smith, Faith Smith and Chloe Hancock each had two points.

The fifth and sixth grade girls were back



Brian Ingels

Lancer Notebook

in action Nov. 23 as they hosted Indian Creek. The fifth grade girls fell to the Braves, 26-8. Lucy Buck led her team with four points while Serenity Bryant and Lilly Bruno each put in two. In the sixth grade game, the Lancers were downed by Indian Creek, 33-11, with Faith Smith leading the way with seven points, Chloe Hancock scored three and Gracelynn Adcock one.

That Tuesday was also the JV and varsity boys annual opener against Southwestern at Marietta.

The reserves posted a strong second quarter that saw them score 18 and put the game away early, winning 52-29. Austin Brockman had the hot hand as he scored 17 to lead the Lancers with Connor Ramey close behind scoring 15, Jackson Hartwell had six, Jared Myers five, Keegan Smith four, Rylan Londeree three and Devyn Milburn two.

In the varsity game, the Lancers used the second and third quarters to pull away from the Spartans as they were victorious, 74-59, to bring the area bragging rights

home to Edinburgh. Caleb Dewey came out of the gates on fire as he poured in 27 points to lead the good guys. Travis Jones had 16, Landen Burton 15, Riley Palmeter 12, Nick Detling two and Braylon Bryant two.

In an amazing oddity, this game included two last-second buzzer beater baskets, the first from Travis Jones who hit from mid-court and the second from Riley Palmeter who was even farther back at the volleyball line.

To finish the week, the high school boys were at Indian Creek on Saturday evening to take on the Braves.

The JV stayed close throughout but succumbed to the hosts, 54-45. Keegan Smith led his team with 13 points, Connor Ramey had 13, Austin Brockman 10, Jackson Hartwell six, Rylan Londeree two, and Devyn Milburn one.

In the varsity tilt, the Lancers held a five point lead at the half and were able to keep their margin expanding through the final two periods to notch their second win, 80-56. Caleb Dewey led the Lancers in this one also with 33 points, Travis Jones put in 14, Jarrett Turner 11, Riley Palmeter 10, Landen Burton eight and Travis Vidal four.

On tap

Today

Boys MS basketball, at home vs. Columbus Central, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday

Girls 5&6 basketball, at home vs. Morristown, 6 p.m.

Girls JV & varsity basketball, at home vs. Trinity Lutheran, 6 p.m.

Friday

Boys JV & varsity basketball, at home vs. Oldenburg Academy, 6 p.m.

Saturday

Boys JV & varsity basketball at Waldron, 6 p.m.

Monday

Girls 5&6 basketball, at home vs. South Grove 5:15 p.m.

Boys MS basketball at South Decatur, 6 p.m.

Girls varsity basketball, at home vs. Indiana Math & Science Academy, 6:30 p.m.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Athlete of the week

Senior Callie Hancock was named the Horizon Bank Student Athlete of the Week. Callie has scored 38 points over the past three games for the girls varsity basketball team.



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Pajama drive

Edinburgh Community Middle School is participating in the 12th Annual Scholastic Pajama Drive. Pajamas must be collected by Dec. 3 in Mrs. O'Brien's classroom.

Pajamas in all sizes, for all ages and for all seasons are accepted. They must be

brand new and a complete set (top and bottom or a onesie.)

The pajamas that are collected are donated locally to shelters, domestic violence shelters, etc. and Scholastic donates a new book for every pair collected to a child facing adversity.

GED classes

High School Equivalency (GED) classes meet twice a week at Edinburgh Community High School.

Contact Julie Redd, 317-392-2197, to learn more about the program.

Calendar

Dec. 17: End of first semester

Jan. 3: Teacher records day, half day



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Giving

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big, one was too small, but when I walked into the third room I felt the holy spirit move through me and I knew God was telling me that I could really do this.”

Now, Humble Impressions is in three locations helping her fulfill her mission to do God’s work and help others provide for their families.

Located at 8236 S. Madison Ave. in Indianapolis, 2513 Albany St. in Beech Grove and 9950 U.S. 31 in Taylorsville, each store is a place that you can go where “\$5 will buy you an outfit from head to toe,” an idea that was important to Pardue’s mission. A grocery cart full of loaves of bread and other items sits outside the door for any and all to take, and inside is a small food pantry for anyone in need.

Just a few miles down the road, in downtown Edinburgh, a similar shopping cart sits outside Gail’s Thrift Store. A customer inside is browsing through the store, counting her money, and trying to decide how much she can spend. When she finally goes to the register, the owner puts the items in a bag, places a box of doughnuts on top the bag and slides both to the customer with a smile. The customer, realizing that she was just given something for free, whispers, “She’s an angel” and scurries out the door.

Anita Warren, the owner of Gail’s Thrift Store, is Pardue’s older sister.

Nearly a year ago, Warren’s son drove past the storefront of 101 W. Main Cross and encouraged her to rent the space for a thrift shop. She nervously met the landlord the next day and was relieved to hear that the rent was much less than she anticipated, which according to Warren, was God’s plan.

“The Lord knows what I like to do and I’m just trying to please him,” she said, nodding to a photo of Jesus hanging on the wall near the entrance.

Warren had helped her sister with Humble Expressions before opening her store in the the old Danner building in February. While business can be slow,



Warren takes advantage of property her husband owns in Edinburgh and holds yard sales to raise funds to donate back to the community.

“Someone who volunteers at the Humane Society donated a lot of really nice sweatshirts,” she said. “I had a yard sale and raised \$235, so I decided to donate that money to them.”

Warren’s middle name is Gail, but her son encouraged her to name the store “Gail’s” after the pastor at their church.

The sisters, who grew up in a family of seven girls and one boy, say that they are just doing God’s work as their parents taught them. Raised near Garfield Park in Indianapolis, their father was an evangelist who retired from Chevrolet and was on disability, and their mother babysat and held yard sales to feed the family. Despite their meager upbringing, the sisters and their siblings were raised serving God and giving back through tithing, donations and acts of kindness. Pardue says that Humble Impressions donates to 20 churches each month, as well as the food pantry. Gail’s Thrift Store tithes to a different church in



PHOTOS BY KAMI ERVIN

Left: Anita Warren displays the shopping cart in her thrift store in Edinburgh. Above: Rebecca Pardue stands in front of her shop in Taylorsville.

Edinburgh each month in addition to her donations from yard sales. These are just a few examples of their generosity and giving in their local communities.

With the holiday season in full swing, both sisters are hosting their own events to help spread hope, faith and Christmas cheer to the people in their communities.

On Dec. 17, Warren is hosting “An Edinburgh Christmas at Gail’s” from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Santa and his saxophone playing elf, Saxxy Steve, will be handing out new toys to children. Families are encouraged to register by visiting Gail’s Thrift Store’s Facebook page and clicking on the pre-register link. Warren also has a link to an Amazon Wishlist and a collection box set up at the store for those who would like to donate new toys for the event. Businesses are encouraged to provide treats or other promotional items to pass out to children, such as candy canes, hot chocolate packets or promotional coupons for the business. Donations are being taken through Dec. 16.

Humble Impressions is holding a Christmas distribution this year and is

looking for sponsors for both children and families alike. \$50 will sponsor a child and help provide new toys, new clothes, food and more. Donations can be made via Venmo @HumbleImpressions and new toys, games and clothing donations are also being accepted at all three locations through Dec. 9. The event, “Sharing the Love of Christmas,” will be held on Dec. 19 at Camp Camby, where parents or sponsors will be able to pick out toys and clothes valued up to \$300 for their sponsored child. There will be a meal served, food available to take home, activities and Santa and Saxxy Steve will be at this event as well.

Donations are the heart of these sisters’ ability to give back to churches, food pantries and communities across Central Indiana. Donations of new or gently used items are welcome at any of their stores and are greatly appreciated.

For more information, contact Rebecca Pardue at Humble Impressions at 317-908-8635 and Anita Warren at Gail’s Thrift Store at 317-831-8050.

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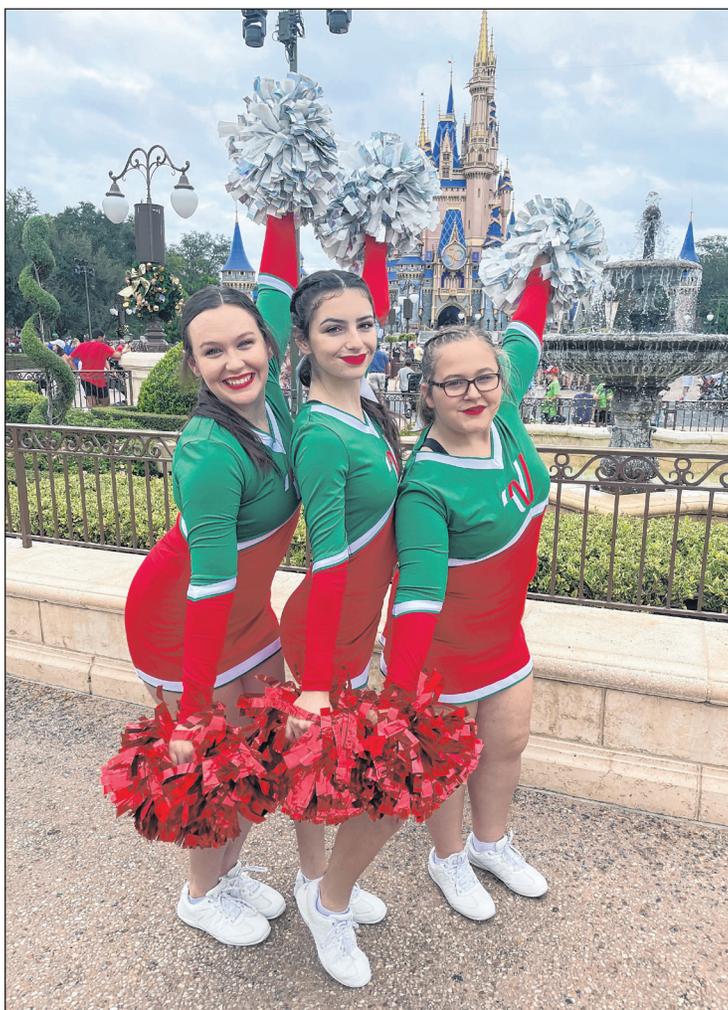
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CHEERING IN FLORIDA



From left: Senior Alivea Cundiff, Senior Peyton Bryant and sophomore Bailey Nelson pose in front of Disney's famous Cinderella Castle in Orlando, Florida.

Edinburgh girls participate in national cheer event

Alivea Cundiff, Peyton Bryant and Bailey Nelson from Edinburgh Community High School were a few of more than 800 high school cheerleaders and dancers from across the country that represented the camp brands of Varsity Spirit in the Varsity Spirit Spectacular at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida Nov. 19 -22.

The individuals invited to perform are part of a group of captains, co-captains and officers who attended a Varsity Spirit summer camp this summer hosted by Universal Cheerleaders Association, Universal Dance Association, National Cheerleaders Association, National Dance Alliance, United Spirit Association and Urban Cheerleading Experience.

Cundiff, Bryant, and Nelson performed in an exclusive performance at Disney's Magic Kingdom Park before hundreds of fans. Besides enjoying a sunny trip to Orlando, performers had the opportunity to meet cheerleaders and dancers from across that nation and enjoy a trip Walt Disney World Resort parks.

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UNIFIED GAME



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Students from Edinburgh and Indian Creek play in the Unified Game Saturday at Indian Creek High School. A program of Special Olympics and the Champions Together, Unified Games give special needs athletes an opportunity to play a game in a varsity-like setting.



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How to avoid online shopping scams

By Noah Crenshaw
DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

On Cyber Monday and beyond, online shoppers should take steps to protect themselves, officials say.

This year, online holiday sales are projected to reach a record-breaking range of between \$218.3 billion and \$226.2 billion between November and December, according to an analysis from the National Retail Federation, a retail trade association. Online sales will be roughly 11 to 15% higher than last year's, which was \$196.7 billion.

Online scammers have many methods, such as sharing dangerous links in emails, setting up fake charities and selling fake toys through a third-party vendor, cyber security experts say.

Some hackers try to take advantage of unsuspecting shoppers by extracting personal and financial information from shoppers through websites and charities, according to the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. Another way to steal information is by searching for weaknesses in their devices and internet connections, officials from CISA say.

During the holiday shopping season, it is especially important for consumers to take proactive measures to protect their information while shopping online, CISA says.

Johnson County Sheriff Duane Burgess says people should think before they click, especially when it comes to emails. If you receive an email with links, you should approach it with caution and avoid clicking anything unless it comes from a credible sender, he said.

Most email programs will show the user the real target address and the sender. For example, if you get an email that appears to be from your bank, but the email address doesn't seem legit, don't click on any links in the email, Burgess said.

When holiday shopping, people should take advantage of security features on websites, such as passwords and two-factor authentication.

"Two-factor (authentication) is an extra layer of security for your accounts to make sure you're the only person accessing your account even if (someone else) has your password," Burgess said.

You should also check the website's privacy policies to see how a company will use or distribute your information, according to the National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center, a federal agency focused on online intellectual prop-

erty rights.

The center has a significant role and police the sale and distribution of counterfeit goods on websites, the dark web, and social media, and is partnering with Homeland Security Investigations division, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, the FBI and The Toy Association to share information with a goal of helping consumers make educated decisions while searching for the best holiday deals.

Officials at the IPR Center recommend keeping a record of online purchases and order confirmation pages and comparing them to your bank statements. If there is an issue or discrepancy, consumers should report that immediately.

Shoppers should also keep an eye on where the goods are coming from and their authenticity, the IPR Center says.

There are several risks that come with buying counterfeit products. For example, counterfeit electronics can overheat and explode, fake cosmetics can be made with dangerous ingredients that should not be applied to skin, or counterfeit holiday lights could be a fire hazard, officials say.

When sold online, these counterfeit goods can put shoppers at higher risk of having their personal and financial data stolen and used for criminal purposes. Online shopping is especially vulnerable to scams that trick people into buying counterfeit or pirated goods, IPR Center officials say.

"For most, the holidays represent a season of good will and giving, but for criminals, it's the season to lure in unsuspecting holiday shoppers," Matt Allen, director of the IPR Center, said in a news release.

Fake toys are a concern because they are unlikely to comply with toy safety laws that are designed to protect children, Steve Pasierb, Toy Association president and CEO, said in a news release. The Toy Association is a trade association representing the toy industry.

Consumers should only purchase products from reputable retailers and should be cautious when using third-party vendors, IPR Center officials say.

Consumers should also check the reviews of product sellers and verify there is a working phone number or address for the seller, officials say.

If consumers aren't familiar with a particular company, they should research them before purchasing any items. If a deal seems too good to be true from a retailer or third-party seller, it probably is, IPR Center officials advise.

If consumers suspect they are a victim of a scam, they should contact local law enforcement.

COMMUNITY CHATTER

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.

Information: Jack Gray, 812-390-5758

Franklin Holiday Lighting

Franklin annual Christmas festival will be Saturday. The all-day event includes a live nativity, visits with Santa, story time, "A Christmas Story" at the Artercraft, Winter Market, holiday crafts, games and stories for kids, a parade at 5:30 p.m. and the lighting of the Johnson County Courthouse at 7 p.m.

Christmas fireworks

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

Columbus Festival of Lights

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

Food pantry

The Edinburgh Food Pantry and

Edinburgh Ministerial Association has two distributions a month: the first Saturday and the third Thursday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Odd Fellows building, 110 E. Main Cross St.

Free meals at library

Two Shirts Kitchen, sponsored by Edinburgh Church of the Nazarene, is an opportunity for individuals, couples, friends and families to enjoy a warm meal at no cost. All are welcome regardless of income. The monthly meals are usually served the last Thursday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m., in the community room at Edinburgh Wright-Hageman Public Library. Upcoming date is Dec. 30.

Meals are carryout only at this time. Go to the back door by the community room.

Nineveh Senior Center

The Nineveh Senior Center, 3208 Rodeo Drive, Johnson County Park (next to horse park), for people 50 and older.

Dec. 10: Pitch-in luncheon and members meeting, noon-1:30 p.m. Bring a gift of no more than \$10 if you wish to participate. If you are woman bring a gift for a woman and if you are a man bring a gift for a man. Blood pressure checks done by Franklin Meadows.

Information: Jon Myers, 812-343-4229, www.ninevehseniorcenter.org

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

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

RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS

The information below was compiled from reports of the health departments of Bartholomew and Johnson counties. Critical violations may expose customers to illnesses and typically must be corrected immediately or within days. Noncritical violations, if not corrected, could lead to critical violations or make critical violations more likely to occur.

7K Farms

Post Office Box 485, Taylorsville
Nov. 3.
Critical violations: None
Noncritical violations: 5

Arby's Roast Beef #6539

11999 North U.S. 31, Edinburgh
Nov. 3
Critical violations: 1
Insufficient sanitizer concentration in wiping cloth container.
Noncritical violations: 3
Thornton's #106
12001 North U.S. 31, Edinburgh
Nov. 3
Critical violations: None
Noncritical violations: 2

JAIL BOOKINGS

The following people recently were arrested and booked into the Johnson County jail:

Alvaro Hernandez-Ramos, 32, 13500 U.S. 31 N., Lot 85, Edinburgh; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; held on \$210.50 bond.

The following people recently were arrested and booked into the Bartholomew County jail:

Diana G. Hupp, 47, of Edinburgh, arrested on a charge of possession of legend drug or precursor; released on \$7,500 bond.

Devan P. Evans, 30, Edinburgh, body attachment, 9:06 p.m., by the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Department, released on \$125 bond.

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6.2 V-8, Carron Pro Edition, Carbon Fiber Bed, NAV

2020 #P14957



\$77,990 DODGE CHARGER SRT HELLCAT
6.2 Super Charger, Leather, Sunroof

2015 #P14799B



\$23,995 GMC ACADIA SLT-1
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6 cyl, Sport, Soft Top, Lifted, Auto

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