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On a roll

Lancers head into county tourney undefeated.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“The secret of freedom lies in educating people, whereas the secret of tyranny is in keeping them ignorant.”

— Maximilien Robespierre

WHAT'S UP?

C4 open house

C4 Columbus Area Career Connection will host an open house to introduce its programs and courses to potential students and their families on Jan. 26 from 5 to 8 p.m.

It will be held at the C4 facilities at Columbus North High School. Visitors should enter at door 15, closest to 25th Street.

If school is canceled that day, the snow date is Feb. 2.

C4 classes encompass a wide variety of fields including nursing, cosmetology, welding, precision machining, criminal justice, engineering, graphic arts, electronics, and education, among many others. Emphasis is placed on hands-on learning which prepares students for higher education and the workforce. College credits can be earned in many of the classes.

Students who will be in high school next school year, freshmen through seniors, are encouraged to come to the open house to meet teachers and experience hands-on activities.

C4 students will be available for tours of the facilities at North, taking visitors to classrooms and labs such as Culinary Arts, Auto Technology, Early Childhood Education, Engineering, and Automation and Robotics. Displays from classes such as Criminal Justice, Dental Careers, and Cosmetology will showcase classes held at Columbus East and McDowell Education Center.

C4 Columbus Area Career Connection provides career and technical education to students from Edinburgh and areas to the south. For more information, visit www.bcscschools.org/c4 or call 812-376-4240.

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TRAFFIC WOES

Leaders brainstorm solutions for intersection near outlet mall

A group of more than 30 business owners, retail managers, emergency responders, government officials and traffic engineers expressed concern about what they called dangerous traffic congestion about Indiana Premium Outlets.

Many suggestions were made during a 90-minute public safety roundtable at the Hilton Garden Inn on how to alleviate current and future traffic congestion around the popular outlet mall. But logistical or financial barriers for those suggestions were also brought up.

That was no surprise to Edinburgh Town Manager Dan Cartwright, whose community is responsible for public safety within the outlet area.

“We won’t walk away today with any solutions, but maybe we will walk away with some hope,” Cartwright said before the discussion began.

The most pressing problem is that about 90% of the westbound semis and their trailers in the mall area want to turn left on to U.S. 31 and proceed to Interstate 65, the town manager said.

However, there is no traffic signal at the intersection of County Road 800N and the highway, which means drivers that cross the northbound lanes along 800N must stop in the median area and wait for the southbound lanes to clear. As a result, trailers often stick out into the northbound lanes and block traffic, he said.

To avoid that predicament, many truckers drive south from 800N along North Executive Drive through areas designed for mall shoppers, diners and hotel guests. They turn right on Market Place Drive and exit through the mall’s main entrance, which has a traffic signal that allows left-hand turns.

But that creates new problems, police said. The trucks become intermingled with already-heavy mall traffic, resulting in sight-line problems for smaller vehicles, Edinburgh Police Chief Doyne Little said.



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A view of the entrance to Indiana Premium Outlets in Edinburgh.

“We’re seeing more and more crashes all the time at the intersection of Market Place and Executive drives — especially in front of the McDonald’s,” Little said.

The entrance from Horizon Drive into the mall is a problem during popular shopping days because it can back up traffic all the way to I-65, the police chief added.

In terms of public safety, Little and Edinburgh Fire Chief John Henderson say it can be extremely difficult to get first responders into the mall area if the parking lot is full.

Delays increase the chance that someone could die due to lack of medical attention, Henderson said. In addition, an accident on Interstate 65 that results in traffic being detoured on to U.S. 31 creates an extreme amount of congestion, the fire chief said.

In discussing future development, Columbus/Bartholomew County Planning Director Jeff Bergman mentioned a 130,000-square-foot expansion at Georg Utz

Inc., as well as an industrial spec building under construction.

But the biggest concern is R&L Carriers, which is scheduled to open a 105,000-square-foot cross-dock facility in the spring of 2024 that will host up to 200 semis a day, Cartwright said.

That will be in addition to the 35 trucks coming in and out daily at Peer Foods, the Old Dominion cross-dock facility that has 25 trucks making two to three trips into its facility every day and Columbus Container, which has about 25 trucks per day, Little said.

“There is also another 350 acres zoned for industrial development north of the mall that, over time, will generate additional traffic,” Bergman said.

Most who attend the roundtable discussion agreed one key solution would be a traffic signal at the junction of County Road 800N and U.S. 31.

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OBITUARIES

EDINBURGH

Edward Burton

Edward S. "Bootie" Burton, 76, of Edinburgh, passed away Jan. 3, 2022, at his residence. He was born Jan. 27, 1945, in Columbia, Kentucky. He was the son of Leslie and Annie (Streeval) Burton. He married Darlene (Tucker) Burton on July 1, 1967, and she survives. He is also survived by his son, Bryan (Jordyn) Burton of Franklin; daughter, Tina Burton of Edinburgh; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; brothers, Jack (Kathy) Burton of Bedford and Phillip Burton of Edinburgh; and sister, Martha (David) Bernard of Jamestown, Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Luther Burton, Edgar Burton, Kenny Burton and Albert Burton; and sisters, Edith Bailey, Izena Burton and Mary Betty Kimbler.

Bootie was a member of Who So Ever Will Community Church in Edinburgh. He retired from David R. Webb Company and was previously a coal truck driver. He enjoyed spending time with the grandchildren, hunting and fishing.

A funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Stacey Tucker at Who So Ever Will Community Church. Burial was at Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburgh.

Arrangements were made by Eskew-Eaton Funeral Home in Edinburgh.

COLUMBUS

Norma Crouch

Norma Roseanna Crouch, 82, of Columbus, passed away at 7:15 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022, at Brown County Health and Living Community.

Norma was born March 3, 1939, in Brownstown, Indiana, the daughter of Erwin and Laura Stahl Eggeman. On Dec. 29, 1961, she married Harry W. Crouch.

Mrs. Crouch was confirmed at St. John's Church at Sauers, graduated Brownstown

High School and owned and operated Crouch's Market for 43 years with her husband, Harry.

Survivors include her children, Caroline Knoy of Seymour, Wendell (Debbie) Crouch of Columbus, Connie (Gary) Fields of Brown County; grandchildren, Samantha Rose (Jordan) Abel, Sarah Knoy, both of Seymour, Levi Bragg of Edinburgh, Garrett Fields of Taylorsville, Katie Fields of Columbus, Marie Fields of Brown County; four great-grandchildren; and sister, Thelma Ford of Greenfield.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Harry.

The funeral service was conducted at Barkes, Weaver & Glick Funeral Home in Columbus with Pastor Todd Riordan officiating. Burial was at New Bellsville Cemetery.

Memorial Contributions may be made to New Bellsville Cemetery Fund.

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

INDIANAPOLIS

Carolyn Montgomery

Carolyn Jean Montgomery, 80, passed away on Jan. 1, 2022, in Indianapolis. She was born Jan. 13, 1941, in Edinburgh. She was a homemaker for many years in which she fostered several children. She retired from working at the State of Indiana Child Support Bureau after 10 years of service.

She is survived by her daughter, whom she lived with, Cathy Medina and her son-in-law Mario Medina; her son Darryl Montgomery; her daughters Diana Montgomery and Darlene Purcell; her siblings Jerry Curry, Mary Carver, Jimmy Curry, Linda



CROUCH



MONTGOMERY

Curry, Gary Curry, Marjie Curry, David Curry and Randy Curry; her grandchildren Amanda (Josh), Marissa (Sean), Mario Jr. (Kristin), Corajeane and 10 more grandchildren; her great-grandchildren, Miah, Blake, Catelyn, Danielle, Greddy, and 19 more great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Montgomery; her sons, Kenny Montgomery, Randy Montgomery and Tony Montgomery; her parents, Cora Edna and Clarence Lester Curry; and siblings Bobby Curry, Nancy Curry, Lena Harris and Raymond Curry.

The funeral service was at Jessen & Keller Funeral Homes - Whiteland Chapel. Carolyn was laid to rest at Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburgh.

Arrangements were entrusted to Jessen & Keller Funeral Homes - Whiteland Chapel.

TAYLORSVILLE

Timothy Moore

Timothy R. Moore, 65, of Taylorsville passed away Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022, at Columbus Regional Hospital.

Tim was born Oct. 29, 1956 in Seymour, a son of Jerry "Doc" Moore and the late Carol (Day) Moore. He was a 1974 graduate of Columbus East High School and he was a veteran of the U.S. Army and the Indiana National Guard.

Surviving is his wife, Kelly (Goodman) Moore of Taylorsville; son, Chris (Courtney) Moore of Columbus; daughters, Julie (Brandon) Rotert of Columbus; Angie (Larry) Scally of Fishers; and Keela (Dustin) Ellis of Sullivan; grandchildren, Caleb Moore, Dylon Moore, Chelsea Shelton, Tristan Moore, Dustin Shelton, Haydan Moore, Blaine Perry, Keaton Moore, Dylan Scally, Dawson Scally, Ella Scally, Layla Ellis and Charlie Ellis; five great-grandchildren; brother, Dennis "Den" (Lisa) Moore of Elizabethtown; sister, Linda (Doug)



MOORE

Linger of Columbus; and sister-in-law, Teresa Moore of Columbus.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Thomas Moore; and a great-grandson, Carter Thomas Back.

The funeral was at Jewell-Rittman Family Funeral Home in Columbus. Burial was in Springer Cemetery.

EDINBURGH

Doris Smith

Doris Jean Smith, 78, of Edinburgh, passed away Jan. 1, 2022, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Indiana. She was born Nov. 26, 1943, in Columbia, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Johnnie Sneed and Mamie (Jones) Sneed Campbell. She married Clayton Smith on Nov. 30, 1996, and he survives. She is also survived by her children, Carolyn



SMITH

Burton of Atlanta, Georgia, Elizabeth (Mike) Harmon of Edinburgh, David Eugene Burton of Edinburgh, Amanda (Jim) Gaskins of Nashville, Victoria (Terry) Hebert of Indianapolis, Mike Smith of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Scott Smith of Dayton, Tennessee; grandchildren, Emily, Chadwick, Shannon, Josh, Kyle, Tessa, Melissa, Scott, Sarah, Derek, Brock, Tyler, Chris, River and Alisa; and sister, Betty (John) Benedict of Lebanon, Tennessee.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Karen Smith; brothers, Marion Sneed, Mont Louis Sneed, Arvis Wayne Sneed, Alton Snee, and Billy Sneed; and sister, Delsice Redmon.

Doris retired from United Technology in Dayton, Tennessee. She loved her family very much, enjoyed genealogy research, and had a strong faith in God.

A funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Terry England at Who So Ever Will Community Church in Edinburgh. Burial was at Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburgh.

Arrangements were made by Eskew-Eaton Funeral Home in Edinburgh.

GOOD OLD DAYS

70 years ago: June Pence is elected as the new Worthy Advisor of the Edinburg Rainbow Girls Assembly at their meeting at the Edinburg Masonic Temple.

60 years ago: The Edinburg Exchange Club announces that Don Truman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Conover, has been named boy of the month for January.

50 years ago: The Edinburg Lions Club announces that Debra Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Brown, has been named girl of the month for January.

40 years ago: The Edinburgh Community School Board announces that Rick Bechtel has been named as the freshman basketball coach, replacing Robert Becht.

30 years ago: The Edinburgh Tricounty News announces that Unie and Olivia Brooks of Nineveh win a Bahamas cruise in their Vacation Giveaway Contest.

10 years ago: Maj. Everett Baker announces that Camp Atterbury will receive an M1 Abrams main battle tank to be displayed in the camp's veterans memorial.

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Boys continue winning streak

Both the fifth and sixth grade boys earned wins this past week over a conference rival and the varsity boys basketball team showed why they are like butter — they're on a roll — improving to 11-0 with a win in their only game this past week.

After the holidays, things didn't get back into full swing until Wednesday of last week. Playing on the road at Speedway, the JV girls fell to the Sparkplugs in a heartbreaker, 16-15, to drop to 2-6. Scoring for the Lancer reserves were Kyah Streeval with six, Shyleigh Gobel had five and Mia Dodson four. In the varsity contest, the girls fell behind early and were never able to recover, losing 67-46 to see their season record slip to 8-6. Callie Hancock paced the good guys with 18 points, Bethany Burton put in 10, Alyssa Funkhouser six, Gracie Myers four, Gracie Crawhorn four, Kyah Streeval two and Cloee Britton two.

The fifth and sixth grade Lancer boys opened their seasons on Wednesday at Indian Creek. The Edinburgh fifth grade played Indian Creek's sixth grade B team and lost, 24-11. Scoring for the fifth graders were Charlie Roberts with six, Kayden Talbott three and Mason Burton two. The sixth grade game went much the same way as the Braves defeated the Lancers, 52-9. Colton Burton had four, Xander Pruitt three and Hayden Taylor two.

On Thursday, the youngest Lancers highlighted that evening as both the fifth and sixth graders notched wins at Southwestern.

The fifth grade team defeated the little Spartans soundly, 31-17, to even their record to 1-1. Charlie Roberts led the scoring for Edinburgh with 13 points, Kayden Talbott had six, Mason Burton six, Brayden Burton four and Bentley Roseberry two. In the sixth grade game, the Lancers took the Spartans down, winning 27-19 to also move to 1-1. Max Dodson led the way with 14 points, Xander Pruitt scored 11, Brody Cox two and Noah Parkhurst two.

The middle school boys both lost to Hauser on the home hardwood on Thursday. The seventh grade led off the night losing to the Jets, 43-35 to fall to 3-6 on the year. Ayden Swallows led his team with 18 points by way of six three-pointers, Xavier Suns had 10, and Cayper Ison seven. The eighth grade fell in the night-cap, 55-38, to fall to 2-7. Bailey Totten scored a team high 25 points, Samson Parkhurst had six, Xavier Suns three, Braylon Lenkner two and Matthew Burton two.

Saturday was a busy day to round out the week with the middle school boys starting the day off in Franklin in the Johnson



Brian Ingels

Lancer Notebook

County Tourney. The seventh grade played Franklin and fell in the first round, 50-36. Cayper Ison led the way with 19 points, Ayden Swallows put in eight, Matthew Burton had four, Xavier Suns three and Jaylan Burton two. The eighth grade also took a first round loss to Franklin, 43-28. Bailey Totten was Edinburgh's top scorer with 11, Cayper Ison had eight, Braylon Lenkner five, Xavier Suns three and Samson Parkhurst two.

Saturday evening saw the boys varsity and JV and the girls varsity travelling to West Washington to play the Senators. The girls varsity game was a back and forth affair throughout but, unfortunately, the girls ended up down by four points when the final buzzer sounded, losing 44-40. Gracie Crawhorn had the hot hand on this night as she scored 15, Callie Hancock and Bethany Burton each had six, Alyssa Funkhouser five, Kyah Streeval five and Cloee Britton three.

The JV boys were plagued by light scoring second and third quarters which doomed them as they fell to the Senators, 55-48. Frosh Connor Ramey was the Lancers' high point man with 20 points, Tanner Kohr had 15, Austin Brockman seven, and Keegan Smith six.

Improving to a superb 11-0, the varsity Lancers had to go two overtimes but defeated the hosts 46-45. Caleb Dewey scored 15 to lead the varsity, Landen Burton scored 12, Travis Jones 10 and Riley Palmetier nine.

On tap

Thursday

Boys 5&6 basketball, at home vs. Waldron, 5 p.m.
Boys MS basketball at Indian Creek, 5:30 p.m.
Girls JV & varsity basketball, at home vs. Perry

Meridian, 6 p.m.

Friday

Boys varsity basketball, Round 2 Johnson County Tourney at Indian Creek, 7 p.m.

Saturday

Girls MS basketball, at home vs. Crothersville, 11 a.m.
Girls JV & varsity basketball, at home vs. Morristown, 11 a.m.

Tuesday

Girls MS basketball, at home vs. Indian Creek, 6 p.m.
Girls JV & varsity basketball at South Decatur, 6 p.m.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Athlete of the week

Seventh grader Ayden Swallows was named the Horizon Bank Student Athlete of the Week. Ayden made six 3-point baskets in the game against Hauser this past week.



SWALLOWS

HSE program

Gavin Ackerman earned his HSE (GED) diploma recently.

Free classes are Monday and Wednesday nights at 5 p.m. at Edinburgh Community High School. Call 317-392-2197 to register.



ACKERMAN

On My Way Pre-K

On My Way Pre-K provides children from low-income families with free access to high-quality pre-K, to help prepare them for success in kindergarten and beyond. Child must have turned 4 before Aug. 1 and income guidelines apply.

For more information and to apply, visit OnMyWayPreK.org. Families may also call 800-299-1627 for assistance from an early learning referral specialist or for other questions.

Homework help

Students struggling with math or science homework can get help from the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology's AskRose homework line. Rose-Hulman students are

available 7-10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday during the school year to help students in Grades 6-12 review math and science concepts. Connections can be made at 877-ASK-ROSE (877-275-7673) or AskRose.org.

Before- and after-school program

Edinburgh Parks & Rec offers a Before & After School Enrichment Program at its Rec Center for East Side Elementary School students. Activities start at 6 a.m. before school and run until 5:30 p.m. after school. Transportation to and from school is provided. Activities include homework time and help, snacks and fun.

Info: Elissa Day, B.A.S.E. coordinator, 812-526-3535, ext. 4, or eday@edinburgh.in.us

Board of school trustees

Members of the Edinburgh Community School Board are Cathy Hamm, Daniel Teter, Curtis Rooks, Alice Taulman and David Bauman.

Board meetings are the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Administrative Office, 202 S. Keeley St., Edinburgh.

Calendar

Jan. 17: MLK Day (snow makeup day if needed)

Feb. 21: Presidents Day

March 4: End of third nine weeks

March 7-11: Spring break (snow makeup days if needed)

March 14-18: Spring break, protected days

March 21: Students resume classes



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'WE'VE GOT THIS'

Second-ranked Lancers looking to make mark at county tourney

By Mike Beas
DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

After winning nine straight games to open the season, members of Edinburgh's boys basketball team looked down to see their high-tops on unfamiliar ground.

The Lancers weren't merely guilty of a sluggish start in the championship game

If you go
Johnson County
tournament

Friday at Indian Creek
Franklin/Indian Creek vs.
Center Grove, 6 p.m.
Greenwood/Edinburgh vs.
GCA/Whiteland, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday at Indian Creek
Championship, 7:30 p.m.
* Face masks required at
Whiteland

of the recent eight-team Edinburgh holiday tournament — they trailed Indianapolis Lutheran by 10 points after the first quarter.

Lancers coach Keith Witty noticed

something.

Reading his players' mannerisms and listening to them talk in the huddle prior to the start of the second stanza conveyed the message: We've got this.

And they did. The Lancers remained poised, rallied and won, 60-48.

"We had to make a lot of in-game adjustments, and the guys did a great job of adjusting to changing the game plan a little bit," said Witty, whose squad, now 11-0 and ranked second in Class A, carries a full head of steam and absolutely no lack of confidence into this week's Johnson County tournament.

The Lancers hosted Greenwood in a first-round game on Tuesday night.

"Our thing was, the speed of the game we hadn't seen yet, and the athleticism they had we hadn't seen yet. We just told them we've got to grind it out. We've got to play our game, and we just slowly dug away."

As a result, these Lancers find themselves in conversations comparing them to the 2010-11 and 2011-12 teams. Those Edinburgh squads teamed to post a 43-7 record, with the latter group making it to the final of the county tournament and then to a Class A semistate before losing to eventual state champion Loogootee.

As a young kid, Travis Jones doubled as a mascot and water boy for those Lancers. Jarrett Turner also served as a water boy. The rest of the current Edinburgh team



PHOTO BY ROB BAKER/DAILY JOURNAL

Led by its starting five of (left to right) Travis Jones, Caleb Dewey, Landen Burton, Riley Palmeter and Jarrett Turner, Edinburgh comes into the Johnson County tournament unbeaten and ranked second in the state in Class A.

watched and admired from the stands, hoping that one day they could replicate that magical sliver of time.

So far, so good. The Lancers, who narrowly escaped a double-overtime affair at West Washington on Saturday, 46-45, are 29-6 since the beginning of last season.

"This is definitely that team," said Jones, now a 6-foot-4 senior center and the team's second-leading scorer (12.3) and top rebounder (8.8). "Off the court, a lot of our guys are best friends. It's kind of hard to break a bond like that. I feel like (county) is our chance to show different schools around here what we've got."

The 5-10 Turner, a junior point guard who was utilized primarily during junior varsity games last winter and scored a total of 20 varsity points, has stepped up to give the Lancers another dimension.

"It's been easier than I thought because in JV games, I didn't come out of the

game at all," Turner said. "On varsity, I have teammates I know I can give the ball to under pressure, and they can handle it."

Equipped with loads of experience — and wingspan, particularly for a small school — Edinburgh is led by versatile 6-3 junior wing Caleb Dewey, who is as loud statistically (23.9 ppg, 7.0 rpg, 3.5 apg) as he is quiet off the court. The other starters are Turner and seniors Landen Burton and Riley Palmeter; each of them averages eight points or more.

Edinburgh confidently goes eight deep, according to Witty, the main backups being senior forward Travis Vidal, junior guard Braylon Bryant and freshman guard Connor Ramey.

In an era of revolving door transfer policies and, at times, questionable levels of loyalty, Edinburgh is as refreshingly throwback and homegrown as it gets.

"We're always with each other. We're

always talking about basketball," Palmeter said. "Last year, we started 6-0 and got upset (at Monrovia, 63-53). We totally expected to be 8-0 or 9-0 last year. This year's not much of a surprise.

"A lot of us have been playing football together since bantam league. Basketball is a little more broken up between grades, but we've always lived near each other, so it goes back to our elementary school days."

In the more than a century of Edinburgh boys basketball, the highest a team had climbed in the weekly polls was third in the latter stages of the 2011-12 regular season.

Witty's team eclipsed that by a notch at the beginning of last week, moving up to No. 2 behind only North Daviess, a team Edinburgh is scheduled to host on Feb. 19.

Perhaps more history awaits this week.

ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Caleb Dewey, an Edinburgh Community High School junior and member of the basketball team, was named The Republic's athlete of the week last week.

Dewey led the Lancers with 27 points in a 68-48 win against Lanesville, scored 17 in a 57-47 win over North White and led Edinburgh with 28 points in a 60-48 title game win against Indianapolis Lutheran in the Edinburgh Tournament.

His performance last week: "That's just how I felt like I needed to play. In that championship game, we started slow, and somebody needed to bring some energy."



DEWEY

Do you do anything special to prepare? "I like to meditate and pray. During the national anthem, I usually pray. If it's warm outside, I'll get shots up at my house."

Favorite drink: "Sprite"
 Favorite food: "10 oz. Sirloin"
 Favorite class: "English"
 Favorite sports team: "Maryland"
 Favorite athlete: "Melo Trimble"
 Role model: "My older brother Jacob."
 Best advice: "Never give up. Always play hard or try hard, no matter what it is."
 Athletics goal: "To play college basketball."

If you could travel anywhere: "Australia. I like nature and wildlife, and there's a lot of it there."

CHURCH BULLETIN

Edinburgh United Methodist

305 S Main St.
 • Griefshare, Tuesdays at 6 p.m.
 • Wednesday Evening Bible study, 5 p.m.

Old Union United Church of Christ

12703 N. County Road 50W, Edinburgh
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pliship growth at 9 a.m. on Sunday mornings. This ongoing class time will be studying "Be The Church."
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Edinburgh Full Gospel

507 W. Center Cross St.
 • Fellowship meeting, 7 p.m., second Friday.
 Info: 812-376-8144

AT THE PARKS

Edinburgh Parks & Recreation

722 Eisenhower Drive
 Hours: Monday through Saturday, noon-8 p.m.
 Info/to register: Tracy Beier at 812-526-3535, ext. 3, or tbeier@edinburgh.in.us

Community Center

The John R. Drybread Community Center, 100 E. Main Cross St., is hosting the following programs:
 • The Edinburgh Bicentennial Committee is selling keepsake ornaments for \$10.

• Edinburgh's Bicentennial Committee meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. Anyone wishing to help with 2022 celebrations can contact the center.

Information/register: 812-526-3539, sdrybread@edinburgh.in.us.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

DAILY JOURNAL AND REPUBLIC STAFF REPORTS

Child dies in I-65 crash

A child died in a two-car crash that shut down parts of Interstate 65 for several hours Jan. 5.

Dispatchers received a call at 9:47 a.m. about a partially disabled vehicle in the left lane of I-65 northbound, near mile marker 86 south of Franklin. As police were responding, dispatchers received multiple calls about a serious crash in the same location, according to an Indiana State Police news release.

When first responders arrived, they found a 3-year-old child trapped in a car seat in the backseat of a heavily damaged car. The child was extricated and taken to an area hospital where they were pronounced dead, according to the news

release.

State police believe the passenger car had pulled to the left side of the highway's northbound lanes and stopped for unknown reasons, remaining partially in the left lane. A pick-up truck which was also traveling northbound struck the rear end of the car, police said.

The drivers of the car and truck were also taken to area hospitals with non-life threatening injuries, according to the news release.

All lanes of I-65 between mile markers 87.2 to 87.4 south of Franklin were closed after the accident. The southbound lanes were reopened about 11 a.m., but northbound lanes remained closed until after 2 p.m. The northbound lanes between Edinburgh and Franklin were closed for nearly four hours while police investigated the crash and crews removed the wreckage, police said.

Traffic

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However, that signal is currently part of a \$1.2 million improvement project being developed for the entire intersection that isn't scheduled to be installed until the end of the 2024 construction season, said traffic engineer Damon Brown, Indiana Department of Transportation Seymour District.

Sprague Hotel Developers owner and CEO Janeen Sprague asked if the project could be phased in, with the traffic light installed next spring as an emergency measure.

"If we keep doing what we're doing now with all these added trucks, it ... could become frighteningly dangerous out here," Sprague said.

Bartholomew County commissioner Larry Kleinhenz said the county might be willing to finance some costs of putting up a traffic signal next spring, if INDOT agreed to a reimbursement a few years from now.

While Brown seemed to understand the urgency of the concerns, the traffic engineer emphasized there are some steps that just can't be fast-tracked.

Utilities will have to be moved because there's not enough room to put traffic light poles on the west side of the road, and there's an additional problem with obstructing power lines, Brown said. In addition, utility studies and the acquisition of right-of-way of property must be completed before a traffic signal can go up, Brown said. By state law, these types of upgrades also require an environmental study, he said.

A suggestion to make some streets one-

way was dismissed by a representative of Simon Malls, which owns the shopping facility. Another concept that would involve temporary 4-way stop signs at U.S. 31 and Road 800N was also considered insufficient in addressing the problem.

When it was proposed that the matter be turned over to the Bartholomew County Redevelopment Commission, Kleinhenz said tax abatements will leave that group with insufficient funds to take on such a project for several years.

Edinburgh Planning Director Wade Watson warned that, even after the intersection of U.S. 31 and 800N is upgraded and a signal installed, it will not solve the traffic problems of shoppers in the mall area — especially during the holiday season. That same assessment was expressed by Dave Henson of Peer Foods, who says the \$1.2 million project will only help alleviate truck traffic.

But it might alleviate some congestion if a second entrance was made into the mall, Sprague Hotel Developers Director of Business Development Nicholas Sprague suggested.

While Sprague's idea initially resulted in a number of approving nods, discussions faded when someone asked who would pay for the second entrance.

Since the area north of the mall is likely to be further developed, Kleinhenz said it might best to start planning for improvements at the intersection of U.S. 31 with County Road 900N, as well as 800N.

One idea that might be worth pursuing would be the installation of one or more urban-style roundabouts that would reduce speeds, delays and accidents for the mall shoppers, Brown said.

At the end of the roundtable, Brown said he would talk to his superiors about the possibility of speeding up the project.

The accident remains under investigation by state police and the Johnson County Sheriff's Office. Fire departments from Amity and Franklin responded to the scene, along with SEALS Ambulance Service.

COVID-19 rapid tests hard to come by locally

A national supply shortage has made it a challenge to get a COVID-19 test locally.

Appointments were already hard to come by for both PCR and rapid tests at most locations. Now, the Indiana Department of Health is halting rapid testing for a large portion of the state's population.

Rapid tests at state and local health department testing sites will only be available to individuals aged 18 and younger and symptomatic individuals aged 50 and

older.

The change will impact both community testing sites that are open for walk-in and drive-up appointments, including the Johnson County Health Department's site at the Compass Park event center.

"This change is necessary due to the national shortage of rapid antigen tests and is designed to help ensure that students can stay in school and that Hoosiers who are most likely to need a monoclonal antibody are identified within the prescribed window in which they can be administered. Indiana typically uses about 50,000 rapid tests per week but is only guaranteed to receive 11,000 a week at this time," a state health department news release said.

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JAIL BOOKINGS

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

Alex J. Harper, 32, 306 S. Pleasant St., Edinburgh; arrested on a charge of battery; \$100 bond.

Anthony Lee Allen, 54, 480 Prosser Drive, Lot 25, Edinburgh; arrested on charge of criminal trespassing, possession of controlled substance-schedule V, criminal mischief and wanted on warrants for failure to appear in court; \$3,730 bond.

Derick W. Chandler, 34, 103 S. Blue River Drive, Edinburgh; arrested on a charge of drivign while intoxicated; \$2,000 bond.

Tristan Marie Kay Wilkins, 22, 206 Hart St., Edinburgh; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; held without bond.

Courtney D. Sizemore, 23, 425 Piatts Trailer

Court, Edinburgh; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; held without bond.

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

Shannon E. Totten, 42, Edinburgh, arrested on a Bartholomew County warrant; \$10,000 bond.

Joseph R. Rice, 39, Edinburgh, arrested on an out-of-county warrant; held with no bond.

Randy S. Colburn, 45, Edinburgh, arrested on charges of confinement, domestic battery, strangulation, intimidation, residential entry, burglary, invasion of privacy and a court order; \$460,000 bond.

Mary J. Craig, 25, of Edinburgh, arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine, resisting law enforcement and a Bartholomew County warrant; \$170,000 bond.

COMMUNITY CHATTER

Bridal shows

The Daily Journal's 2022 Bridal Show is set for Feb. 6, noon to 3 p.m. at Garment Factory Events in Franklin. The event is free and open to the public. Information: 317-736-2730

The Republic's Bridal Show is also Feb. 6, 1-4 p.m., at The Commons in Columbus. Admission is free but pre-registration is required. For more information contact Lara Hunt, lhunt@therepublic.com, 812-379-5655

Christmas tree disposal

The Johnson County Recycling District will not be offering Christmas Tree Recycling this year.

According to the district, the town of Edinburgh will pick up trees through Friday. Makes sure all lights, ornaments and tinsel are removed.

Nineveh Senior Center

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

Jan. 14: Brown bag luncheon and members meeting, noon-1:30 p.m. Blood pressure checks by Franklin Meadows.

Jan. 17: Bingo with prizes, 1-3 p.m. Free coffee.

Jan. 26: Free craft class with Elyssa Everling, making paper wreaths from pages of old books. 3 p.m.

Feb. 1: Computer class, 6 p.m. Let Char Roller know if you plan on attending due to limited class size. This first class will be to get to know what our needs are and teaching some simple computer skills.

Feb. 11: Pitch-in luncheon and members meeting, noon-1:30 p.m. Blood pressure checks by Franklin Meadows.

Feb. 21: Bingo with prizes, 1-3 p.m. Free coffee.

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