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JANUARY 26, 2022



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## Comfort food

Stay warm and healthy with a bowl of homemade chicken noodle soup.

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# Edinburgh Courier

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Stay away from negative people. They have a problem for every solution.”

— Albert Einstein

## WHAT'S UP?

### Dollars for Scholars

The Edinburgh Dollars for Scholars website is open through April 15 for students to apply for a college scholarship for the 2022-2023 school year. Students must be a graduate of Edinburgh Community High School or an ECHS senior graduating in 2022.

Apply: [www.edinburgh.dollarsforscholars.org](http://www.edinburgh.dollarsforscholars.org).

### Pizzas at Legion

The American Legion Auxiliary will be selling fresh made pizzas with a variety of toppings 5-8 p.m. on Thursday at Post 233 in Edinburgh. Prices: 7 inch, \$8; 12 inch, \$12; and 13 inch, \$15

Pizzas can be eaten at the post or carried out. Call 812-526-9001 to order.

### Nut sale

The Edinburgh Delta Sigma Chapter of Tri Kappa has some nuts left for this season. Stop by the John R. Drybread Community Center during normal business hours and get yours while they last.

Walnuts, cashews, pecans, healthy mix and deluxe mix are available for \$12 per bag.

Proceeds go to help fund the group's charitable contributions to the Edinburgh community.

### 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](mailto:lhunt@therepublic.com), 812-379-5655

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The bar and pro shop at Timbergate Golf Course, a municipal course owned by the town of Edinburgh.

## Town pays off 20-plus year bond for Timbergate

By Amy May

COURIER STAFF WRITER

**T**he town of Edinburgh now owns Timbergate Golf Course — free and clear.

“We had a bond we paid off. We’ve been paying on it for 20 years. It’s a really big deal,” said town manager Dan Cartwright.

Edinburgh built the course in the late 1990s and built streets in the planned residential area surrounding it. The bond issue, a loan, was taken out to build the course and clubhouse at a cost of \$5.8 million.

Town officials think it was well worth it.

“The great thing about this is it’s one of the highest ranking municipal courses in the state,” Cartwright said. “It’s a high profile golf course.”

General manager Wayne Gibbs, agreed. “Timbergate is ranked in the Top 15 out of over 200 public golf courses in the state. It’s an awesome thing for a small town to have.”

It is also one of the four Indiana courses rated to be a “good value” by Golf Digest and the only one south of Indianapolis.

And now that the debt is paid, it will likely be operating at a profit.

“It’s our first year without the bond. From every indication I have, it will be making money,” Gibbs said.

The journey there wasn’t an easy one,

however. Edinburgh built the course in the late 1990s with the plan to get upscale homes built around it and increase the amount of taxable property in the town. The hope was that the golf course would earn enough income from memberships, pro shop sales and other fees to pay both expenses and \$5.8 million in construction debt.

“A hired contractor managed the course for more than a decade and brought in enough money to cover expenses but not the \$460,000 annual debt payment that will be owed through 2022,” said a 2013 article in the Daily Journal. “The town had to spend property tax dollars to make up the

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## OBITUARIES

EDINBURGH

### Joyce Owens

Joyce Joann Owens, 76 of Edinburgh, passed away Jan. 18, 2022, at her residence. She was born Sept. 7, 1945, in Fowler, Indiana. She was the daughter of Floyd Jackson and Matilda Pauline Jewell. She married Jimmy C. Owens on July 15, 1961, and he survives. She is also survived by her son, Jimmy J. Owens of Edinburgh; daughters, Joyce Lynn (Donny) Austin of Franklin and Judy Ann (Ronnie) Cox of Edinburgh; daughter-in-law, Denise Owens of Edinburgh; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and brothers, William (Joanne) Jewell of Kentucky and Edward (Linda) Jewell of Kentucky.

She was preceded in death by her parents; grandchildren, Ron Cox and Amber Stitt; brother, Raymond Jewell; and sister, Gladys Young.

Joyce retired from Lier after 29 years. She enjoyed time with her grandchildren, making flower arrangements and yard sales.

A funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Guy Hardin 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.

FRANKLIN

### Edward Smith

Edward Keith Smith, 78, of Franklin, passed away at his residence on Monday, Jan. 17, 2022.



OWENS

Edward was born on July 30, 1943, in Wolf Lake, Indiana to the late Franklin J. and Una Dell (Bowman) Smith.

Edward proudly served in the United States Army in Vietnam from 1966 to 1968 and was a member of the American Legion Post 205. He was employed as a realtor for 32-plus years, finishing his career with Landtree Realtors, and later worked as a truck driver before retiring from Navistar International. Edward had a strong, personal relationship with Jesus Christ and was an active member of Franklin Community Church. He was a devout Christian whose faith was his world. He enjoyed farming and gardening and took pride in raising his Arabian horses.

Edward is survived by his five children, Timothy D. (Holly) Smith of Edinburgh; Ted (Erin) Smith of Levittown, Penn.; Tanya (Rick) Dennis of Midland Park, N.J.; Tracy (Nathan) Ladd of Owensboro, Ky.; and Andrew F. (Summer) Smith of Jeffersonville; his 16 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; his beloved pet, Daisy.

Edward was preceded in death by his parents, Franklin and Una Dell Smith; and his siblings, Jerry Smith and Brenda Murphy.

Memorial contributions may be made in his honor to the Wounded Warrior Project at support.woundedwarriorproject.org.

A visitation and funeral were held at Franklin Community Church. Edward was laid to rest at Marion Nation Cemetery in Marion, Indiana.

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



SMITH

## GOOD OLD DAYS

70 years ago: Jackie Frost, a filly from Frost Hill Farms, ridden by Jimmy Jordon, sets a Florida State record with a 2:43.3 mile run at Orlando, Florida.

60 years ago: Sandra Clark is elected Worthy Advisor for the Edinburg Assembly of the Rainbow Girls as Bonnie Mitchell is elected Associate Advisor.

50 years ago: Rick Finley scores 31 points Friday and 28 on Saturday as the Edinburgh Lancers defeat Indian Creek, 73-64, on Friday and Monrovia, 64-59, on Saturday.

40 years ago: The Edinburgh Lions Club announces that Keith Sanders, son of Janet and Frank Sanders, has been named boy of the month for January.

30 years ago: The Edinburgh Community School Board announces that Jim Straejord has been hired to develop specifications for the new Edinburgh gym floor.

10 years ago: Despite 22 points by Kyle Wuest, the Edinburgh Lancers lose the championship game of the Johnson County Tournament to Center Grove, 68-55.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Robert Henry II and Natalee Sizemore, both of Edinburgh

Nohe Cano Hernandez and Marcela Gonzalez Lopez, both of Edinburgh

## COMMUNITY CHATTER

### Daddy-daughter dance

Edinburgh Parks and Recreation will hosts its annual Father/Daughter Dance 6-9 p.m. on Feb. 11 at Edinburgh United Methodist Church.

The event is open to all girls, from pre-school to senior in high school.

Tickets are \$10 per couple and \$5 for each additional daughter and includes refreshments plus a memorable photo.

Register by Feb. 9. Forms will be sent home from school or stop by the Parks & Rec Office Monday through Saturday between noon and 8 p.m.

### 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 today 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.

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

## AT THE PARKS

### Edinburgh Parks and 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

• Registrations are being taken through March 5 for youth T-ball, baseball and softball.

Boys and girls ages 3-15 can play. Practices begin the week of April 4, pictures will be taken the week of April 18; games begin April 25 and tournament

provides career and technical education to students from Edinburgh and areas to the south. For more information, visit [www.bcschools.org/c4](http://www.bcschools.org/c4) or call 812-376-4240.

### 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.

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

### Recycling in Edinburgh

The Edinburgh Recycling Depot has moved to the Edinburgh Transfer Station located at 701 W. River Road. Hours are Tuesdays and Fridays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays, 8-11 a.m. Closed on holidays.

Accepted items are flattened cardboard, clean plastic bottles and jugs, clean food and beverage cans, and mixed paper, newspapers, magazines and paperboard. Wet paper or cardboard or dirty items will not be accepted.

The site does not accept electronics, large quantities of cardboard, glass of any kind, plastic bags or items from businesses. Some of these items can be taken to Johnson County Recycling at 900 Arvin Road, Suite A, Franklin.

### 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. Patrons are now allowed inside to go through the shelves and pick the foods they could use most, with shopping adjusted for family size.

Face masks are required inside the pantry.

week is June 20-30.

Cost if \$30 for T-ball and midgets; \$40 for 8U-12U baseball and softball; and \$70 for middle school softball and Babe Ruth baseball. There is a \$5 sibling discount. Additional fan shirts, \$10, and hats, \$12, can be ordered.

To register, visit the Parks and Rec office or email Tracy Beier for an online form.

• Text EPARKS to 36000 to receive texts about scheduled events, programs, rain-outs and cancellations.

# Middle school girls win; varsity boys move to 12-1

The seventh and eighth grade girls each picked up a win on the road and the varsity boys notched another win and remain perfect in the Mid-Hoosier Conference.

Leading off the week, the middle school girls teams hosted Indian Creek on Jan. 18. In the evening's opener, the seventh grade was faced a strong Brave team and fell, 28-8. Kinzie Purvis led the scoring with six points while Mya Denton added two. The eighth grade girls found themselves in a dog fight and were able to come out the victors, 39-35. Payton Morris was Edinburgh's leading scorer with 16 points, Bella Turner had 11, Kenna Streeval five and Lillie Goff three.

The fifth and sixth grade Lancers were in action on Wednesday evening at East Side as they also took on Indian Creek. The fifth grade fell in a tough bout to the little Braves, 28-27 as they were just able to muster two points in the game's final period. Charlie Roberts led the way with nine points, Bently Roseberry had six, Brayden Burton four, Kayden Talbott four, Mason Burton two and Zyan Richardson two. In the second game, the two teams weren't so evenly matched as the sixth graders fell, 49-6. Brody Cox put in four points and Brinnyn Moss scored two.

Edinburgh's seventh and eighth grade Lancer girls were on the road to Hope on



Brian Ingels

## Lancer Notebook

Thursday. The seventh graders were victorious in an exciting contest, 17-16. Mya Denton was the Lancers top scorer with eight points, Addison Crawhorn had four, Kinzie Purvis three and Kenzie Steinke two. The eighth grade girls were able to card a decisive win over the Jets, 48-17. Payton Morris once again led her team with 18 points, Kenna Streeval put in 13, Bella Turner 11 and Lillie Goff six.

Bringing the week to a close on Friday night, the high school boys played host to Southwestern. In the JV game the Lancers got off to a slow start and found themselves trailing the Spartans by seven points at the half. They were able to make up that deficit in the third period and take the lead. That lead went back and forth through the final period before the good guys fell on a Spartan basket at the buzzer, 39-37. Tanner Kohr scored 17, Rylan Londeree had 12, Blaze Jensen four, Jackson Hartwell two and Devyn Milburn two.

The varsity game saw the Lancers build a lead from the beginning that grew to 20 points in the third period. They then let Southwestern mount a rally in the fourth

quarter but held on to win by 10, 73-63. The win improved them to 12-1 on the season and 4-0 in the MHC. Caleb Dewey had the hot hand for the Lancers scoring 29, Jarrett Turner poured in 17, Travis Jones 11, Riley Palmetier six, Landen Burton six and Braylon Bryant four.

## On tap

**Thursday**  
Boys 5&6 basketball, at home vs. Southwestern, 5 p.m.

Girls JV & varsity basketball, at home vs. North Decatur, 6 p.m.

Girls MS basketball at St. Bartholomew, 6 p.m.

**Friday**  
Boys JV & varsity basketball @ Morristown, 6 p.m.

Girls varsity basketball at Morristown, 6 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Boys 5&6 basketball, County Tourney at Indian Creek, 9 a.m.

Girls varsity basketball at South Decatur, noon

Boys JV & varsity basketball, at home vs. Henryville (Homecoming), 6 p.m.

**Monday**  
Girls MS basketball, at home vs. Brown County, 6 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
Girls varsity basketball, sectional opening game at West Washington, 7 p.m.

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## SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

### Scholarship

Centra Foundation is now accepting applications for the 2022 Loretta M. Burd Scholarship Program. The program will award 27 scholarships worth \$2,500 each to graduating high school seniors and adult students this year.

Each Centra branch will award one \$2,500 scholarship to a high school senior in the local community. The remaining scholarships will be awarded to adult or nontraditional students who have decided to return to school. The scholarships may be used to pursue an undergraduate degree, graduate degree or certification from an accredited college, university or technical/trade school.

To qualify, the applicant or the applicant's parent or legal guardian must be a member of Centra Credit Union with an account in good standing. Applications will be accepted from through Feb. 28 at [centra.org/scholarships/](http://centra.org/scholarships/). All applications will be reviewed on academic achievements, school and community involvement, work history and a short essay about financial literacy. Scholarship recipients will be announced in April 2022.

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**COST: \$10/couple & \$5/ea. additional daughter**  
(Cost includes: Dance, Pictures & Refreshments)  
**RESERVATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, February 9th**

Questions: Please contact Tracy Beier 812-526-3535 ext. 3 or cell 317-604-0364 or by email [tbeier@edinburgh.in.us](mailto:tbeier@edinburgh.in.us)

### WANTED: ALL BOYS AGES 3-15/ALL GIRLS AGES 3-15

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(Tball/Midgets Age 3-6 as of May 1, 2022)

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**\*\*There will be late sign-ups for an additional week after regular sign-ups, March 7th-12th. (There will be a \$10 late fee)\*\***

Questions or concerns please contact Program Coordinator Tracy Beier at Office - (812) 447-6076 ext. 3/Cell - (317) 604-0364/Email - [tbeier@edinburgh.in.us](mailto:tbeier@edinburgh.in.us)



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# Healthy homemade soup to jump start the new year

BY STATEPOINT

When sweater weather arrives, there's nothing quite as comforting as a pot of something savory and delicious simmering on the stove.

As you turn to hearty soups this winter, having the right seasonal staples means you'll be well on your way to having piping hot meals on the table, quickly and hassle-free.

Keep your pantry and fridge stocked with essential ingredients like onions, carrots and celery, along with a collection of earthy, zesty spices and versatile, all-purpose seasonings. You'll also need a rich and all-natural stock handy.

To help you embrace the colder weather, try a recipe for a hearty classic loaded with tender veggies, chicken, egg noodles and robust flavor that puts this stock front and-center. Yep, you guessed it, Savory Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup.

Nostalgic and nourishing, all you need is 10 minutes of prep time and 20 minutes cooking on your stovetop.

- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 cup chopped yellow onion
- 1 cup chopped carrots
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 2 tablespoons McCormick Garlic, Herb and Black Pepper and Sea Salt All Purpose Seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Ground Turmeric



- 1 pound boneless skinless chicken breast
- 2 cartons (32 ounces each) Kitchen Basics Unsalted Chicken Stock
- 2 cups uncooked medium egg noodles
- 1/2 cup frozen peas

1. Heat oil in large saucepan on medium heat until shimmering. Add onion, carrots and celery; cook and stir 3 minutes or until softened. Stir in seasoning and turmeric; cook 30 seconds until fragrant. Add chicken and stock. Bring to boil. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, 15 to 20 minutes until chicken is cooked through and tender.

2. Transfer chicken to medium bowl; shred using two forks. Set aside. Stir noodles into broth; cook 6 minutes or until tender. Return shredded chicken to saucepan. Gently stir in peas. Sprinkle with parsley to serve, if desired.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The bar at Timbergate was expanded and remodeled when the town took over the management of the course.

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difference and decided to take over the course's management in March 2011."

That was the turning point, Gibbs said. "When I got here, it was losing a lot of money. We turned it around."

Gibbs, who was hired when the town decided to take over management of the course, employed various cost saving measures, as well as a marketing plan to bring in more customers, and things improved every year.

"The last two years were our best on record," Gibbs said. "The golf business is in good shape."

The pandemic was one factor, he said. Social distancing is easy on the golf course, so people who were wanting something fun and safe to do outside turned to golf.

Marion County closed all its public courses in 2020, so Timbergate, only about a half-hour's drive down I-65, marketed itself as an alternative. Even when Indianapolis opened back up, Gibbs said Timbergate kept many of its new golfers after they saw the quality of the Fuzzy Zoeller signature course.

Gibbs also credits the staff for creating a guest experience that includes pristine grounds, helpful staff and high-quality lessons.

Golf pro Kyle Dell, superintendent of grounds Fonda Sanders and No. 1 ranked teaching pro Jeff Smith all contribute to the guest experience that keeps people coming back.

In addition to golf for residents and out of town guests, the course's clubhouse has a sports bar, where people can get a drink, watch a game and even play on the indoor golf simulators, which can be used for teaching and to get a little taste of golf and maintain skills in the wintertime. Timbergate can also host banquets and events and golf fundraising outings, including the annual scholarship fundraiser by the local Sons of the American Legion. It serves as the home course for the high school Lancers golf team.

The course is also surrounded by more than 70 high-end homes, with room for many more, which contribute to the tax base and pay utility fees, Gibbs said.

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## TOUGHEST CHALLENGE

# Columbus Tough Mudder event to include 12-hour race

By Ted Schults  
THE REPUBLIC STAFF WRITER

About 7,000 athletes competed in either the 10-mile or 5-mile events at the Indiana Tough Mudder in July at Ceraland.

This year, those and other athletes will have a chance to test their endurance in a 12-hour race. The "Toughest Mudder" event will be part of this year's Indiana Tough Mudder Aug. 6-7 at Ceraland.

While Ceraland hosted the Indiana Tough Mudder in 2019 and 2021, this will be the first time it has hosted the Toughest Mudder 12-hour event. The closest Toughest Mudder last year was held in the Chicago area.

"They're very happy with the facility here at Ceraland, and they approached me about moving it here," Ceraland executive director Jim Kreutzjans said. "We're excited about bringing it here. We really enjoyed last year's event, and the Tough Mudder coordinators are great to work with. It's something new that we're doing this year, and if successful, it's something that we'll want to continue."

The Toughest Mudder will start at 8 p.m. Aug. 6 and conclude at 8 a.m. Aug. 7. Kreutzjans said the Tough Mudder organization will bring in portable lights to illuminate the 5-mile loop that competitors will traverse in the Toughest Mudder event.

Ike DeClue, director of sales and business development for Columbus Visitors

Center, thinks the Toughest Mudder might bring in an extra 500 people to Columbus that weekend.

"I think what we love about this event, it's one of only a handful that the local population can join and be part of," DeClue said. "The tournaments that we host are fantastic and bring people in from out of town. But this is something you can participate in and form a team. It's something that people here in town can get excited for and train for and get more fit and have fun with."

Ceraland originally signed a five-year contract with Tough Mudder in 2019. But Tough Mudder went bankrupt after 2019, and was bought out by Spartan. After not hosting an event in 2020, Ceraland signed a three-year contract last year that will keep the Tough Mudder in Columbus through at least 2023.

"In 2023, we'll evaluate it and hopefully continue it on," Kreutzjans said.

Meanwhile, DeClue noted that the Visitors Bureau is working with a state figure skating competition that will be hosted by Lincoln Center Skate Club at the Hamilton Community Center and Ice Arena the first weekend in March. Most of the events in the community that took place in 2021 are returning this year.

"The parks are booked," DeClue said. "Essentially everybody who was here last year are back for 2022. We're continuing to speak to tournament directors who are looking for space in town. Nothing real, real big, but stuff that would fill some gaps if we can find them."



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Participants in the competitive wave line up to start the Indiana Tough Mudder July 31 at Ceraland.



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## JAIL BOOKINGS

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Joshua Wayne Thomas, 28, 762 Duncan St., Edinburgh; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; \$210 bond.

Juan Valadez Zendejas, 36, 95 Rainbow Lane, Apt. 6, Edinburgh; arrested on a charge of driving while suspended with prior suspension; released on \$250 bond.

## 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.

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## DAILY JOURNAL AND REPUBLIC STAFF REPORTS

### Edinburgh sees slight drop in grad rates

The Indiana Department of Education released updated graduation rates last week.

Edinburgh High School saw a decrease in its graduation rate, from 93.6% in 2020 to 90.4% last year. Because the graduating class at Edinburgh High School is only about 50 students, having one or two students not graduating would account for such a decrease, said Ron Ross, superintendent.

"Our high school team works tirelessly with each student and their family to make sure they graduate," Ross said in an email. "We have a partnership with the Simon Youth Academy that helps provide an alternative path if the traditional path to a diploma doesn't work for a particular student. We will continue working with students and families in our efforts to reach a 100% graduation rate."

### Residents can file their taxes

County residents can start filing their state and federal individual income tax return. The Internal Revenue Service, along with the Indiana Department of

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Revenue, will accept 2021 individual income tax returns until mid-April. Residents have until April 18 to file both their state and federal tax returns and to pay any taxes owed, the agencies said.

The department of revenue is encouraging Hoosiers to not file their taxes until they have gathered all the necessary paperwork to prevent process delays.

The department is also encouraging customers to utilize electronic filing, online payments and direct deposit to improve the quality and speed of return and refund processing, according to the news release.

Some eligible filers may also be able to file both their state and federal taxes for free through the INfreefile program. Participating companies and eligibility requirements can be found online at freefile.dor.in.gov, the news release said.

### High bids hindering projects

Local officials are facing some tough decisions about some big projects.

City and town leaders are hitting pause, changing the way projects look or powering through them blindly due to inflation, labor shortages and supply chain issues related to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

The main culprit is construction material costs, which jumped nearly 20% last year, contractors say. An analysis of the producer price index for new non-residential construction, an index that looks at the prices charged by goods producers and service providers such as distributors, increased by 19.6% in 2021, according to the Associated General Contractors of America, a construction contractor and industry trade organization.

Rising costs caused the town of Edinburgh to completely scrap and spread out the town's planned \$400,000 reconstruc-

tion project at Edinburgh Aquatic Center. The project would renovate the center's concession stand and locker rooms to comply with standards from the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The goal was for bids to not exceed \$400,000. All four bids the town received did, said Dan Cartwright, town manager.

Bids for the project ranged from \$700,000 to \$900,000, double what was budgeted. Construction companies cited inflation as the reason the bids came in over what the town expected, Cartwright said.

He recommended the town council reject all of the bids, which they did during a December meeting. The town can get by with the aquatic center they already have, but should be prepared for more costs down the road as the pool is near its life expectancy.

Instead, the town plans to add a part-time position and complete just the upgrades needed to be ADA compliant. The part-time position is tentative as it will depend on how busy the pool is come spring and summer, and Cartwright hopes to pull the employee from the town's existing pool of employees to help save money. Those changes will cost the town about \$75,000, he said.

The town is also preparing for several other projects to go out to bid later this year, including a new water plant that is expected to cost about \$7 million, and a new fire station along County Road 900 South, near the town's industrial park.

Cartwright, who was previously in the construction and development business for 30 years, has not seen inflation as prevalent as it is right now, he said.

"It's crazy — with a capital C," he said.

For more information on these stories, go to [www.dailyjournal.net](http://www.dailyjournal.net) or [www.therepublic.com](http://www.therepublic.com).

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