

WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 16, 2022



FREE



## Princess for a night

Nearly 300 dads and daughters attended the annual dance.

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# Edinburgh Courier

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"You can't depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus."

— Mark Twain

## WHAT'S UP?

### Bicentennial fundraiser

Tickets are on sale for the Edinburgh Bicentennial 200th Anniversary Kick-off Fundraiser on March 3 at The Pixy Theatre. Enjoy a historic reading with interesting facts about Edinburgh's early days, an elegant dinner and drinks.

Tickets are \$35 and available at the Community Center or online through the Facebook page at facebook.com/Edinburgh200.

### Fundraiser at Legion

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 233 will host its Indoor Market scholarship fundraiser on Feb. 26 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Edinburgh American Legion Post 233. The event will feature local individual/vendor booths along with concessions and raffles provided by the Auxiliary.

Contact Linda Medlen to reserve a table at 765-432-0682. All proceeds will go to scholarships for area students.

### Pizza at Legion

The American Legion Auxiliary will sell fresh made pizzas with a variety of toppings 5-8 p.m. on Feb. 24 at Post 233 in Edinburgh. Prices are for a 7-inch, \$12 for a 12-inch and \$15 for a 14-inch.

The Auxiliary is planning to do pizza night the fourth Thursday of each month. Pizzas can be carried out or eaten at the Legion. Call 812-526-9001 to place order.

### 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.

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

#### NEWS

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## Primary ballot mostly set; ex-judge files for prosecutor

By Noah Crenshaw  
DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

**W**ith nearly three months to go before voters head to the polls for the first time this year, the primary ballot is set — for the most part.

Johnson County Democrats and Republicans will decide races at all levels of government — from the county prosecutor to state representatives to U.S. senators. There are more than 45 local, state and federal offices on the ballot, as well as elections for delegates to the Democratic and Republican state conventions, and Democrat precinct committeemen.

### Former prosecutor challenges incumbent

A former county prosecutor and superior court judge for the last three decades is running for prosecutor again, challenging incumbent Joe Villanueva, who was selected via caucus in 2019.

Lance Hamner resigned as Johnson County Superior Court 3 Judge on Thursday to run for prosecutor, he said in a campaign announcement Friday afternoon. Gov. Eric Holcomb will appoint a replacement, per state law. Hamner previously served as Johnson County prosecutor from 1991 to 2008.

"I enjoyed my job as a criminal court judge more than I can even describe. But prior to being elected Superior Court Judge, I spent the biggest portion of my career building the Johnson County Prosecutor's Office into a highly effective partner in the fight to protect our citizens from criminals," Hamner said in a state-



DAILY JOURNAL PHOTO

Elizabeth Ann Alvey, a candidate for Johnson County Auditor, waits as First Deputy Clerk Amy Briggs looks over her candidacy filings on Jan. 5 at Johnson County Courthouse in Franklin.

ment.

He is disappointed at how the prosecutor's office has fared in recent years, and its mission to fairly and effectively prosecute criminals is not being accomplished, he said.

"Fairly and effectively prosecuting criminals is vital to the safety of our community, and that mission is not currently being accomplished. That is the reason — the only reason — that I'm leaving my job as criminal court judge to return to the prosecutor's office," Hamner said in the statement.

"Many law enforcement officers have spoken to me privately about their concerns, and I have been concerned as well. Now is a particularly critical time to be mindful of protecting our citizens from crime. Our county is adjacent to Marion County where, year-after-year, we have seen record numbers of homicides."

He waited until the end of the filing period so he could finish several important

cases that were assigned to him, he said.

"The final decision as to who should protect them and their families as prosecutor will be made, as it should be, by the voters," Hamner said.

Prosecutor Joe Villanueva is running for his first full term in office. He was selected via caucus after former prosecutor Brad Cooper was removed from office due to his felony conviction. Villanueva, who was chief deputy prosecutor at the time, won the caucus against five other candidates.

He was caught off guard by Hamner's decision to run for prosecutor, he said Friday afternoon.

"When my office faced issues because of the acts of my predecessor, I stepped up and worked diligently to fix any issues that remained after his departure," Villanueva said in a statement. "Mr. Hamner voluntarily chose to leave his position as prosecutor mid-term for something different, and has now just done the same thing a second time. The people of Johnson County deserve to have someone who they elect believe that the person is committed

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## OBITUARIES

EDINBURGH

## Thomas Evans

Thomas Pat Evans, 79, of Edinburgh passed away on Feb. 12, 2022 at St. Francis Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born Dec. 9, 1942, in Stevenson, Alabama. He was the son of Rosie (Elliott) Brothers. He married Linda Faye (Streeval) Evans on Feb. 8, 1964, and she preceded him in death on June 28, 2016.

He is survived by his son, Troy (Sonja) Evans of Columbus; daughter, Serena Faye Salomon of Franklin; 12 grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother; wife; sons, Thomas Pat Evans Jr. and Clarence William Evans; and one grandson.

Pat served in the US Air Force. He attended the Assembly of God Church in Edinburgh. He retired after 36 years as supervisor of vehicle maintenance for Bartholomew Consolidated School Corporation.

He enjoyed time with his grandkids and family, being a mechanic, and working on projects.

A funeral service will be conducted by Pastor Rob Hurt at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Come As You Are Church, 2002 Ohio St., Columbus. Calling will be from 1 p.m. until time of service on Wednesday. Burial will be at Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburgh. Arrangements were made by Eskew-Eaton Funeral Home in Edinburgh.

EDINBURGH

## John Mayer

John R. Mayer Sr., 70, of Edinburgh, passed away on Feb. 12, 2022 at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Franklin.

John was born Feb. 6, 1952, in Washington, D.C., the son of Lawrence and Bettie Jane Rollison Mayer. He married Bonnie S. Brooks on Dec. 31, 1975.

John loved all he met, and was loved by everyone who knew him. He was fondly called "Pops" or "Pappy" by more people than he ever knew. John enjoyed camping with his wife, and especially loved watching his son and his grandchildren participate in dirt track races.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Bonnie; his son John R. (Suzie) Mayer Jr. of Flat Rock; daughters Stacy (Gabe) Funkhouser of Edinburgh and Elizabeth (Darrell) Burton of Edinburgh; grandchildren Austin, Macey, Bryce, Kolton and Alyssa; brothers Paul (Maria) Mayer of Palatka, Florida and Terry (Tara) Mayer of Jacksonville, Florida; a sister Rosemary (Jarrah) Goodge of Orlando, Florida; as well as his four-legged Yorkie child, Half-Pint.

John was preceded in death by his father Lawrence; his mother Bettie Jane Andreu; his step-father Freddie Andreu; as well as a brother Larry Mayer.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Who So Ever Will Community Church in Edinburgh with Rev. Randy Denton and Rev. Ricky Burton officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service Wednesday. Burial will be at Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburgh.

Memorials may be made to the animal shelter of your choice.

Services were entrusted to the Jewell-Rittman Family



EVANS



MAYER

Funeral Home. You are invited to send a message to the family via the funeral home website [www.jewellrittman.com](http://www.jewellrittman.com).

EDINBURGH

## Gloyd Owens

Gloyd Arvy "Rabbit" Owens, 88 of Edinburgh, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022, at his residence. He was born Feb. 27, 1933, in Summerset, Kentucky. He was the son of Killus and Maudie (Floyd) Owens. He married Celestine "Tina" (Burton) Owens on Sept. 11, 1954. She preceded him in death on Oct. 16, 2018.

He is survived by his daughter, Penny "Mike" Black of Hurst, Texas; sons, Arvy Owens of Edinburgh and Kenna "Patricia" Owens of Whiteland; five grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and sisters, Ida Minton of Franklin and Louis Brantley of Indianapolis.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, three brothers and two sisters.

Gloyd was a former member of the Indiana National Guard and Edinburgh Separate Baptist Church. He was employed at Arvin's and retired after 15 plus years. He enjoyed racing, especially watching his grandson and great-granddaughter race, fishing, and tinkering.

A funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Danny Bailey at Edinburgh Separate Baptist Church. Burial was at Nineveh Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Eskew-Eaton Funeral Home in Edinburgh.

EDINBURGH

## Donna Smith

Donna M. Smith, 62, of Edinburgh, passed away on Feb. 5, 2022, at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Franklin.

Donna was born Feb. 9, 1959, in Columbus, the daughter of Norman and Earline Bennett George. She married Jeff Smith on Aug. 8, 1981.

Donna was employed at Hickory Creek at Columbus for 30 years before retiring as a CNA. She was an avid Colts fan, enjoyed traveling with her husband, and loved watching "Andy Griffith" and "The Waltons" every day with her daughter. Most of all, Donna loved spending time with her family. She especially loved her dogs "Rusty Rabbit" and "Axel," whom she lovingly called "Sweet'um Pies."

Donna is survived by her husband Jeff, with whom she celebrated 40 years of marriage this last August; her children Teresa L. (Sean) McGraw of Columbus, Amanda Jo Smith of Edinburgh and Daniel G. (Rebecca) Smith of Nineveh; grandchildren Brittney Smith, Brianna Smith, Cadance McGraw, Brayden Smith, Tyler Barnhorst, Alex Barnhorst and Jasmine Smith; as well as a sister, Debbie (Darrin) Fowler of Greensburg.

She was preceded in death by her parents; as well as two brothers, Rick and Kenny George.

The funeral was at the Jewell-Rittman Family Funeral Home with the Rev. Derek Carpenter officiating. Burial was at Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburgh.

Memorial donations may be made to any animal charity of your choosing.

You are invited to send a message to the family at [www.jewellrittman.com](http://www.jewellrittman.com)



SMITH

## GOOD OLD DAYS

70 years ago: The Edinburg Girls Athletic Association places maroon and white pennants in the high school gymnasium for county, sectional and regional championships.

65 years ago: Bill Depp sets school records with 65 points and 31 rebounds as the Edinburg Lancers fill the scoreboard with a 120-83 victory over Charlottesville.

50 years ago: The Edinburg Exchange Club announces that Randy Mosier, son of Bob Mosier and Geraldine Mosier, has been named boy of the month for February.

40 years ago: Ogel and Mary Burton celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary with their family at their home located at 902 S. Pleasant St. in Edinburgh.

30 years ago: The Edinburg Lions Club announces that Jason Whitlock, son of Frank and Edna Whitlock, has been named student of the month for February.

10 years ago: The Edinburg Lancers score 33 first-quarter points and cruise to a 72-55 victory over Oldenburg Academy, led by Kyle Wuest's seven three-pointers.

## COMMUNITY CHATTER

## Nineveh Senior Center

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

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

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

March 2: Craft class, 3-4 p.m. Project is making wreaths from old book pages.

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

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

March 23: Bingo with prizes, 1-3 p.m. Free coffee.

Regular activities:

- Mondays: Shanghai, 9 a.m.-noon; ping pong, 9:30-11:30 a.m. (See John if interested)

- Wednesdays, euchre, 4:30 p.m.

- Thursdays, bid euchre, 6 p.m.

New members are welcome. Membership is \$15 per year. Call Janet Wolfe, 812-376-3671, to join.

Information: Jon Myers, 812-343-4229, [www.ninevehseniorcenter.org](http://www.ninevehseniorcenter.org)

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# JV boys defeat three teams to win home basketball tourney

The eighth grade girls and fifth grade boys earned wins this past week as did the varsity boys basketball team.

The highlight of the week though was the JV boys basketball team who won three contests, including two on Saturday as they brought home the hardware in their own tourney that morning.

Edinburgh's high school boys were in action on Feb. 8, travelling to Shelbyville. The reserves were not able to get their offense in gear as they lost, 47-22, to see their overall record drop to 4-8. Jackson Hartwell led the JV with seven points, Connor Ramey and Keegan Smith each scored five, Austin Brockman four and Devyn Milburn one.

In the varsity contest, the Golden Eagles proved to be 10 points better than the Lancers as the good guys fell, 68-58. Caleb Dewey's 24 points led Edinburgh in this one, Travis Jones put in 13, Landen Burton 11, Jarrett Turner six and Riley Palmeter four.

On that same evening, the middle school girls went to Columbus Central. The seventh grade team lost to the hosts, 40-5, to drop to 1-4. Mya Denton scored three and Kinzie Purvis two. The eighth graders took Central to overtime to put a win in the scorebook, 33-32. The win improved them to 3-2 on the year. Payton Morris was the



Brian Ingels

## Lancer Notebook

Lancers' top scorer with 16 points, Bella Turner scored six, Kenna Streeval and Lillie Goff each had five, and Addison Crowthorn one.

The seventh and eighth grade girls were back on the road on Thursday, going to Waldron to play the Mohawks. The seventh grade was unable to get the scoring attack going again as they fell to the Mohawks, 41-2 to fall to 1-5 on the season with Mya Denton carding the only two points. The eighth grade made things exciting again but this time lost in overtime, 32-27 in another thriller. This loss dropped them to 3-3. Kenna Streeval led the way for the girls with 15, Lillie Goff scored six, Bella Turner three, Addison Crowthorn two and Gracie Barrett one.

Waldron was also the place the fifth and sixth grade Lancer boys played on Thursday. In the evening's opener, the fifth grade defeated the Mohawks, 25-17 to see their record bump up to 4-3. Mason Burton led his team in scoring with 10 points, Charlie Roberts had eight, Bentley Roseberry five, Brayden Burton one and

Kayden Talbott one. The sixth grade fell in their game with Waldron, 26-9 to fall to 2-6. Max Dodson scored six and Hayden Taylor three.

It was the high school boys turn to play again on Friday as they played host to Medora. The Edinburgh reserves had very little trouble handling the Hornets, winning 55-13. Tanner Kohr had 12, Connor Ramey 10, Jackson Hartwell 10, Keegan Smith eight, Austin Brockman seven, Blaze Jensen four, Devyn Milburn two and Jared Myers two.

In the varsity game, the Lancers were in control the biggest part of the time as they came out victorious, 63-40. Travis Jones was the night's leading scorer with 21 points, Jarrett Turner poured in 14, Travis Vidal nine, Riley Palmeter six, Connor Ramey six, Trevor Moon three, Nick Detling two and Landen Burton two.

Playing in their own tournament on Saturday morning, the Edinburgh JV wrapped up the week in grand fashion by putting their own trophy in the trophy case with the tourney championship.

In the morning's first game the Lancers defeated Austin, 49-29 to put themselves into the championship game with the other opening round winner, Cascade. In this first game the Lancers were led in scoring by Austin Brockman's 13 points, Keegan

Smith scored nine, Tanner Kohr nine, Jackson Hartwell eight, Connor Ramey seven, Devyn Milburn two, and Blaze Jensen one.

In the Lancers title win, they were able to defeat Cascade by five, 46-41 to see their record move to 7-8. Connor Ramey had the hot hand for the Lancers, scoring 16, Keegan Smith scored 12, Austin Brockman added 11, Tanner Kohr five, and Jackson Hartwell two.

## On tap

### Thursday

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

Girls MS basketball, at home vs. Morristown, 6 p.m.

### Friday

Boys JV & varsity basketball, at home vs. South Decatur, 6 p.m.

### Saturday

Boys JV & varsity basketball, at home vs. North Davies, 6 p.m.

### Monday

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

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## CALENDAR

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  
April 15: Good Friday (snow makeup day if needed)



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**COLLEGE PLANS**

PHOTO BY KAMI ERVIN

Edinburgh Community High School senior Riley Palmeto signed to play football for Marian University on Feb. 11. In front are his parents, Carrie Palmeto and Paul Palmeto, with Riley; back row: ECHS Principal Kevin Rockey, Coach Tyler Despain and Athletic Director David Walden.

**SCHOOL NOTEBOOK****Athlete of the week**

Freshman Connor Ramey was named the Horizon Bank Student Athlete of the Week. Connor helped the Lancers win the Junior Varsity Tournament at Edinburgh on Saturday. He scored 16 points in the championship game.



RAMEY

**College Notes**

John Martin and Noah Swift, both of Edinburgh, were named to the dean's list at Trine University.

**College Goal Sunday**

On Feb. 27, College Goal Sunday will take place across Indiana. Financial aid experts will be available between 2 and 4 p.m. to help attendees with filing their FAFSA.

Sites closest to Edinburgh are:  
IUPUC, 4601 Central Ave, Columbus  
Ivy Tech Community College, 2205 McClain Drive, Franklin  
Information: [CollegeGoalSunday.org](http://CollegeGoalSunday.org)

**Scholarships**

● Centra Foundation is 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. 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.

● The Johnson Memorial Hospital Foundation provides scholarships to financially assist Johnson County students pursuing health care careers. Applications are available at [johnsonmemorialfoundation.org/scholarships](http://johnsonmemorialfoundation.org/scholarships). Deadline for all applications is April 2. Information: 317-346-3703 or [foundationmail@johnsonmemorial.org](mailto:foundationmail@johnsonmemorial.org).

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# Some Enchanted evening



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Nathan Long and his daughter, Averie, were drawn as the 2022 King and Princess of the Father-Daughter Dance sponsored by Edinburgh Parks and Recreation. The event, held at Who So Ever Will Church, had nearly 300 participants. Music was provided by Edinburgh Police Chief Doyne Little and his wife, Maryann. From left: Girls await the drawing to see who will be king and princess. Town Council President Ryan Piercefield and daughter Rylenn share a dance. Nathan and Averie Long.

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# Edinburgh schools referendum will be on primary ballot

By Andy Bell-Baltaci  
DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

**E**dinburgh schools plans to ask voters in its district to increase their property taxes to support raises for teachers and enhanced school safety.

The tax hike would raise the education contribution of property owners in Blue River Township about 40%, from about \$1.06 for every \$100 of assessed value to about \$1.45. German Township residents who live within the school district's boundaries would also be subject to the hike. The increase would cost the owner of a \$96,800 home, which is the median home value in the district, an additional \$9.97 a month, while the owner of a \$200,000 home would pay an additional \$31.77 a month. All figures are estimates from Baker Tilly U.S. LLP, a Chicago-based public accounting and consulting firm. Translated to

annual figures, the owner of a \$96,800 home would pay about \$120 more, while the owner of a \$200,000 home would pay about \$381 more.

The Edinburgh school board unanimously approved placing the referendum question on the spring ballot. The primary election is May 3.

The need for a referendum comes as Edinburgh schools finds itself in the midst of declining student population, down almost 10% since the 2015-16 school year, which has resulted in about \$600,000 less in state dollars, the equivalent of 10 first-year teacher salaries and benefits, superintendent Ron Ross said.

If successful, the referendum would raise an estimated \$701,590 a year over the course of eight years.

Measures would include improving school entrance security and increasing the number of security cameras at the schools, as well as stop arms cameras for school buses and teacher raises, Ross said.

"The loss of students has been across all grade levels,

which makes it hard to adjust programming. We still have the same needs, but less students to generate the money to fund those needs," he said. "This makes it very difficult to compete with larger and growing districts in terms of salaries, wages and academic programming."

This is the fourth referendum in Johnson County schools since 2018.

In November 2018, 57% of voters passed a referendum that allowed Clark-Pleasant schools to raise money for mental health and school security. Franklin schools also had a successful referendum in May 2019, when 63% of voters approved a property tax hike that allowed the district to raise teacher salaries and provide mental health support. Center Grove schools proposed a referendum in November 2019, but 64% of voters rejected the measure that would have raised \$24.8 million for safety and security efforts, as well as mental health and behavioral support for students.

## Vote

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to the position to which they were elected, and will fulfill their current commitments."

He has spent his entire 22-year career at the prosecutor's office, and continues to carry a caseload, he said.

"I have personally tried two recent attempted murder cases where the victims were police officers from Johnson County, and secured convictions on both of them," Villanueva said in the statement. "I have a caseload, go to court and try my own cases."

Additionally, he has taken steps over the past two years to work more closely with law enforcement, including having prosecutors at every major crime scene, having regular meetings with police administration, providing numerous training seminars and legal updates and doing "ride alongs" with officers, he said.

"Under my leadership we helped organize and execute multiple agency narcotics roundups, two multi-agency sex crimes stings, as well as help to provide nationally recognized sex trafficking training," Villanueva said. "These things happened because the current leadership of the police agencies and I work well together."

## Some incumbents are unopposed

Several local offices likely won't see any changes.

More than two-thirds of local offices have just one candidate each, including county assessor, auditor, clerk, recorder and sheriff. Other local offices with just one candidate include Johnson County Commissioner District 2 and Whiteland Town Council Ward 2. Most are incumbents.

bents.

Rep. Michelle Davis, R-Whiteland, is running unopposed for a second term in the Indiana House of Representatives, and Sen. Greg Walker, R-Columbus, is running unopposed for re-election in the Indiana Senate.

Walker, however, will face a challenger in the general election, as Democrat Bryan Muñoz will challenge him for his seat. Muñoz, like Walker, is unopposed in the primary.

## Incumbents challenged in towns, townships

Three township boards, along with the Bargsville, Edinburgh and New Whiteland town councils have contested races.

In Edinburgh, four candidates are running for two at-large seats on the town council. Republican incumbents Debra K. Buck and Marshall Ryan Piercefield will face primary challenges from Ryan Blaker and Maryann Gallagher-Little.

Bargsville and New Whiteland town councils also have contested primaries.

## State, federal reps face battles

The contested primaries don't stop there. There are several races for state and federal offices.

In the Statehouse, Johnson County will be now be represented by two new districts — 57 and 60 — and both will have contested races in the Republican primary.

District 57's Republican primary is a three-way race between Rob Stiles, Craig Haggard and Melinda K. Griesemer. Griesemer is in year two of her term on the Johnson County Council. The district was in Shelby County, but after redistricting, moved west to encompass portions of northwestern White River Township,

northeastern Morgan County and southeastern Hendricks County.

In District 60, Incumbent Rep. Peggy Mayfield, R-Martinsville, will face off against White River Township resident Brittany Carroll in the primary. The district was redrawn to include portions of White River Township, along with almost all of Morgan County and portions of northern Monroe County.

A four-way race is underway for the Republican nomination in District 47, which now includes Franklin, Bargsville, all of southern Johnson County and portions of western and northwestern Shelby County. Incumbent John Young will face off against Luke Campbell, Rob Green and Scott C. Strother.

In the U.S. Senate race, where Todd Young is running for re-election, he faces a primary challenge from Danny Niederberger. Young was elected in 2016, and this would be his second term if re-elected. Across the aisle, three Democrats are fighting for the party's nomination — Haneefah Khaaliq, Thomas M. McDermott, Jr. and Valerie McCray.

Following federally-mandated redistricting, Johnson County was placed into a new U.S. congressional district — moving to District 6 from District 9. There are contested primaries for both parties. Johnson County's new U.S. representative, Republican Greg Pence of Columbus, faces a primary challenge from both James Dean Alspach and Zach Smith. In the Democratic primary, there is a three-way race between George Thomas Holland, Cynthia (Cinde) Wirth and Whiteland resident Mark J. Powell.

## County council races await new districts

Possible races for four open numbered

seats on the Johnson County Council is up in the air, as the filing deadline was extended following a court decision last month.

The Johnson County GOP filed a petition in Morgan County to order the Johnson County Board of Commissioners, auditor and clerk to move the deadline back and conduct the redistricting process during an election year. The petition was filed because the county had to rush to submit new districts before the end of last year, and did not have time to properly draw the districts. Indiana law forbids redistricting during an election year, however, the county council seats on the ballot this year required redistricting.

The petition did not allege any wrongdoing of the county's elected officials, but requested more time in light of the extraordinary circumstances surrounding the redistricting process, as the coronavirus pandemic delayed the 2020 U.S. Census, the redistricting process that depends on new population data was also delayed. The county did not receive an order from the state until Dec. 20 — 11 days before the statutory deadline.

The new district maps were just redrawn, with final maps to be reviewed by the Johnson County Board of Commissioners on Feb. 22.

In the meantime, the Republican primary race for District 1 has Auditor Pamela J. Burton running against Robert (Robbie) Williams. In District 4, Republicans Walt Janeic and John M. Mallers have thrown their hats in the ring. And in District 2, Republican Charlotte A. Sullivan is running unopposed for the seat currently occupied by Rob Henderson. Republican incumbent Jon T. Myers is running unopposed in District 3.

The last day to file for one of the four county council seats is Feb. 25.

## FELINE RESCUE

Local firefighters pulled a cat from a burning home this weekend. Edinburgh police and fire were dispatched Saturday to a residential fire in the 400 block of E. Thompson Street, where an upstairs apartment was fully engulfed in flames, according to an Edinburgh Fire Department news release. Edinburgh firefighters made the initial attack while assisting agencies responded to extinguish the fire, according to the news release. "This team effort not only quickly prevented the spread of the fire to other apartments, but the team saved the life of the family cat that was still inside the fire," Edinburgh police chief Doyne Little said in the news release. A Franklin firefighter carried the cat out of the fire, and Seal medics gave it oxygen to save its life, the news release said. Amity, Franklin, German Township and Nineveh fire departments, and Prince's Lakes police also responded.

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## JAIL BOOKINGS

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

Curtis Vaughn Thompson, 42, 210 N. Grant St., Edinburgh; arrested on a charge of violation of community corrections; released on \$2,000 bond.

James Loren Hardin, 44, 407 N. Kyle St., Edinburgh; arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana/hash oil/hashish/saliva, possession of controlled substance-schedule V, possession of paraphernalia and resisting law enforcement; \$5,400 bond.

Kristin Nicole Weber, 41, 206 N.

Kyle St., Edinburgh; arrested on charges of possession of controlled substance-schedule V and possession of cocaine or narcotic drug; \$2,200 bond.

Nathan O. Garrett, 48, 608 Memorial Drive, Edinburgh; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; \$350 bond.

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

Matthew W. Robertson, 37, Edinburgh, arrested on charges of public intoxication by drugs and possession of controlled substance; \$8,500 bond.

## RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS

This information was compiled from reports at the Johnson County Health Department. Reports include the business name, its address, the date of inspection, the number and type of violation and details about critical violations:

### Tara Treatment Center

6231 U.S. 31 S., Franklin

Critical: 1. Internal temperatures of milk and sliced turkey were not at proper level.

Non-critical: 2

### Tara Treatment Center

7919 S. County Road 100 E.,

Nineveh

Critical: 0

Non-critical: 2

### Tasty Shop II

810 W. Center Cross St., Edinburgh

Critical: 0

Non-critical: 11

### Big Red's Place

124 E. Main Cross, Edinburgh

Critical: 0

Non-critical: 2

### Edinburgh Diner

413 S. Eisenhower Drive, Edinburgh

Critical: 3. Date marking system of

potentially hazardous foods is not consistent. Three bay sink contained stagnant water in the basin and mechanical dish machine drains into a large tub below the unit. Firm does not have a certified food handler.

Non-critical: 8

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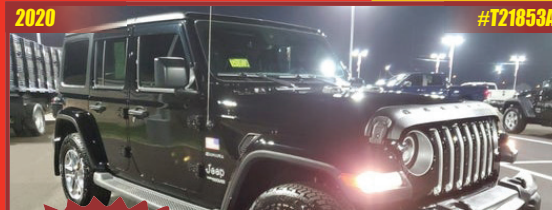
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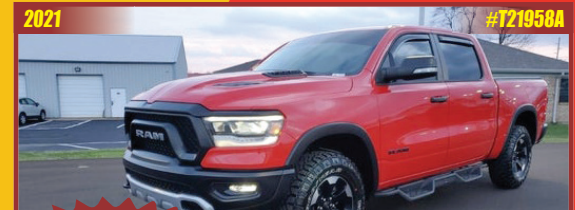
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