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Johnson County celebrates National Ag Week with a breakfast at the fairgrounds.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them."
— Albert Einstein

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 Saturday 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.

Table rental is \$10 for a 6-foot table, and \$12 for an 8-foot table, both with a limited numbers available.

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 Thursday 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 an eat-in or takeout order.



PHOTOS BY ROB BAKER/DAILY JOURNAL

Edinburgh's Jarrett Turner reacts after making a basket to give his team a score of 100 points against South Decatur on Friday. The Lancers, wearing their retro Maroons jerseys, beat their Mid-Hoosier Conference foe, 100-73, winning the MHC championship 6-0. This was also the first time since 2011 that the team has scored 100 points in a game. See Lancer Notebook on Page 4 for more.



Above: Edinburgh head coach Keith Witt talks to his team before the game. **Right:** The Edinburgh student section reacts after two technical fouls were called on the South Decatur coaching staff.



Edinburgh's Riley Palmeter (10) blocks the shot of South Decatur's Hunter Johnson, one of the state's leading scorers.

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OBITUARIES

WESTFIELD

Madeline Acher

Madeline (Thompson) Acher, 84, of Westfield, formerly of Greenwood, passed away Monday, Feb. 14, 2022, at Copper Trace Westfield. She was born May 13, 1937, in Edinburgh to Roy and Laura Ellen (Evans) Thompson. She married Andrew Acher on Nov. 9, 1963, at the Edinburgh United Methodist Church. He survives.



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She was a 1955 graduate of Edinburgh High School and graduated from IUPUI in 1993 in general studies.

She had worked at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Franklin for eight years in the business office and then later at Isom Elementary School in Greenwood as the school secretary.

Madeline and Andrew resided in Fairbanks, Alaska for one year while he finished his military obligation and she worked at the Fairbanks Medical Clinic.

She was very active serving as a Center Grove Little League coach, she played four years of club softball following high school and was a member of a weekly bowling league at Hi-Way Lanes in Franklin, enjoyed playing on golf leagues and completed the Indianapolis Mini Marathon 15 times.

Madeline was also an active member of Mt. Auburn United Methodist Church at Stones Crossing, Greenwood for 46 years where she was a member of the church choir, attending Sunday School Class and helping start a pre-school. She and Andrew celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary there and both their daughter Amy and son Mark were married there.

She enjoyed travel with her husband to Fairbanks, Alaska, Nevada, California,

Vermont, Connecticut, New York City, Boston, Plymouth, Rhode Island, Cape Cod, Billerica, Westford, Concord, Newburyport, and many visits to Florida as well as touring Europe, England, the Virgin Islands, Jamaica and the Cayman Islands.

Survivors include her husband Andrew Acher of Westfield; a daughter Amy Lynne Barrett (Keith) of Westfield; a son Mark Andrew Acher (Melissa) of Lafayette; five grandchildren, Ashley Schreiber (Justin), Joshua Barrett, Olivia Acher, Anna Acher and Evan Acher; and a great grandchild, Aria Schreiber.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Laura Ellen (Evans) Thompson; sisters Thelma Hasch, Wanda Norton, Maxine Willard and Doiline Mattox; brothers Floyd Thompson, Harold Thompson, Walter Thompson and Donald Thompson.

The Rev. Dr. J. Wesley Hertel conducted a service at Swartz Family Community Mortuary and Memorial Center in Franklin. Burial was at Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburgh.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mount Auburn United Methodist Church Endowment Fund, 3100 W. Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood, IN 46143.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.swartzmortuary.com.

EDINBURGH

Franz Burton

Franz H. Burton, 81, of Edinburgh passed away Feb. 18, 2022, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born April 2, 1940, in Casey County, Kentucky. He was the son of Beckham W. and Zona (Rexroat) Burton. He married Mavis (Godbey) Burton on Oct. 8, 1963, and she survives.

He is also survived by his daughters, Janet Dick of Bethel Ridge, Kentucky, Sondra (Johnny) Burton of Edinburgh,

Cynthia Goff of Taylorsville, Lisa (Greg) Johnson of Bedford and Becky (Chris) Marcum of Salem; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and brother, Raymond (Rosemary) Burton of Columbus.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Tarenna Jo Bryant; grandson, Charles "Chuckie" Goff Jr.; and sisters, Helen Burton and Beulah Faye Eaton.

Franz was a member of Who-So-Ever-Will Community Church. He was a retired truck driver. He enjoyed racing, wrestling and fishing.

A funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Randy Denton 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

Connie Facemire

Connie P. (Asher) Facemire, 68, of Franklin passed away Saturday Feb. 19, 2022, at her home surrounded by her family. She was born April 14, 1953, in Franklin to Virgil Leon Asher and Mabel Dora (Hamblen) Asher. She married James R. "Jim" Facemire on April 27, 1973, at Rocklane Christian Church in Greenwood; he survives. She was a 1971 graduate of Franklin Community High School.

She had been a nurse's aide at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Franklin for 12 years. She was also a loving homemaker and worked alongside her family on their farm.

Connie was a 25 year plus member of the Edinburgh Tri Kappa Sorority

Survivors include her husband James R. "Jim" Facemire of Franklin; two sons Ryan M. Facemire and daughter-in-law Julie of Franklin and Chad A. Facemire of Franklin; a brother Francis "Buster" Asher (Sue) of Needham; and a sister, Judy Cooper (Lee) of Franklin; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Tom Bechman will conduct a service on Saturday, Feb. 26 at 10 a.m. at Swartz Family Community Mortuary and Memorial Center, 300 South U.S. 31 (Morton Street) in Franklin and will be live streamed at www.swartzmortuary.com connee-asher. Friends may call Friday, Feb. 25, from 3 until 8 p.m. at the mortuary. Burial will be at Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Shelby County.

Memorial contributions may be made to Main Street Hospice, 10 Highland Ave. Franklin, IN 46131.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.swartzmortuary.com. Information 317-738-0202.

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Alexa McKnight

Alexa Jane (DeMoss) McKnight has "Left the Building." She passed peacefully surrounded by her family on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022. Alexa could keep people rolling in laughter because she could find humor in the most mundane life circumstances. Her hobbies included playing with her dog, doll collecting and dancing to Elvis music.

Alexa was, in her own words, a home-grown performer when not working as a bank vice president. She loved to make



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GOOD OLD DAYS

70 years ago: Indiana Bell manager R.G. Roth announces that all pay telephones in Edinburg will cost 10 cents and will operate on a dime or two nickels.

65 years ago: Bill Depp scores 43 points and grabs 20 rebounds giving him 108 points and 51 rebounds in his last two games as Edinburg beats Boggstown, 94-63.

60 years ago: Dickie Talbert scores 21 points as the Edinburg Lancers defeat Union Township, 69-61, in the Lancers win in their final regular season game.

40 years ago: The Edinburgh Lions Club announces that Vanieca Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Turner, has been named girl of the month for February.

30 years ago: Emily Arnold, Ryan Facemire and Tony Coffman are named as first place winners in the Edinburgh East Side Elementary School's science fair.

10 years ago: Jordan Burton scores 20 points in Edinburgh's 87-68 victory over South Decatur to join teammate Kyle Wuest in the 1,000 career point club.

PEOPLE

Edinburgh student involved in Franklin College play

The Franklin College Theatre Department will present its third play of the year, "Cry It Out," at 8 p.m. March 10 -12 and at 2 p.m. on March 13 in Théâtre Margot in the Johnson Center for Fine Arts. Katy Poff of Edinburgh will serve as assistant stage manager for the show.

Written by Molly Smith Metzler, the play is a comedy about two new moms from vastly different financial backgrounds that have one thing in common, the love they feel for their newborns. Their friendship is tested when a third mom tries to make the duo a trio with mixed and surprising

results. The play takes an honest look at the absurdities of being home with a baby, the power of female friendship and the effect class has on parenthood in America.

General admission is \$12, \$8 for students and seniors 55 and older.

To reserve tickets, email tickets@FranklinCollege.edu or call 317-738-8029 or 800-852-0232, ext. 8029. The box office opens one hour before the performance; please claim reservations no later than 10 minutes before the performance. Tickets are payable by cash or check only.

Masks are required in all indoor spaces on campus regardless of vaccination status.

COMMUNITY CHATTER

Johnson County Museum

The Johnson County Museum of History is at 135 N. Main St. in downtown Franklin. Regular hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Unless noted, admission and activities are free. Information: 317-346-4500, johnsoncountymuseum.org.

Saturday: Sharon Kirk Clifton will portray Abigail Gray, 1:30 p.m. An Abolitionist farm wife of 1859, Abigail Gray will tell some of the true stories of the Underground Railroad in southeastern Indiana and points north and south.

Free tax help available

United Way of Bartholomew County is offering free tax assistance through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistant program.

The program offers free tax filings to Bartholomew County residents who make \$64,000 or less, persons with disabilities, elderly and limited English-speaking taxpayers who need assistance preparing their own tax returns. IRS-certified volunteers provide confidential and secure basic income tax return preparation with electronic filing to qualified individuals.

Income tax assistance appointments will be conducted through mid-April at Nexus Park. Reservations for a tax appointment will be taken on a first-come, first serve basis. Appointments can be made by calling 812-375-2216 anytime between 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Assistance is available by appointment only. Spanish speakers may make an appointment by calling Su Casa at 812-375-9370.

Information: uwbarthco.org/taxes

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, go to www.edinburgh.dollarsforscholars.org.

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.

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.

The Edinburgh Pixy Theatre

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

March 4: Happy Place Comedy with Jeffrey Bodart and Hay-Smith
April 8: Happy Place Comedy with Mark Armstrong

April 10: Palm Sunday concert with Night Owl Country Band and friends, 3 p.m.

April 30: Addison Johnson (country)

Ag breakfast set for mid-March

The Johnson County Ag Breakfast is March 16 from 7:30-9 a.m. in Scott Hall on the Johnson County fairgrounds.

Cost is \$1 per person.
RSVP by March 8 to johnsonces@purdue.edu.

Two guest speakers will be at the breakfast.

Andrea Huntington

Andrea serves as the executive director for Indiana Land Protection Alliance, a statewide alliance that unites and empowers Indiana's land trusts and land conservation organizations. Collectively, ILPA's members have protected over 140,000 acres throughout the state.

Andrea has a law degree from Chicago-Kent College of Law and bachelor's degree in Political Science and English from Temple University. She has been active with the land trust community since 2017, following a rewarding career in the public sector.

Andrea grew up in rural Pennsylvania, but considers the mid-west "home." She and her husband, Mickey, have two rescue dogs, Reggie and Noodles, and a clumsy cat, Neville.

Jon Zirkle

Jon Zirkle is the director of Wood-Land-Lakes RC & D, a nonprofit land trust organization which works with farmers and landowners in northern Indiana to protect farmland. Jon also directs a small educational farm in Elkhart, called Bushelcraft

Farm, which teaches classes and workshops, offers CSA shares, donates produce and runs a high school youth internship program.

Previously Jon worked for Goshen College's field station ("Merry Lea") in Noble County from 2013-2019 as farm manager and teaching college agriculture classes. From 2012-2013, Jon worked with field crop farmers on soil health and cover cropping while working for Michigan State University Extension. Jon was born and raised in central and southern Indiana and has family ties to Johnson County. He and his wife

live in Goshen, where they enjoy growing vegetables, persimmons and pawpaws in their backyard.





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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Athlete of the week

Sixth grader Max Dodson was named the Horizon Bank Student Athlete of the Week. Max scored 41 points in the last four games for the sixth-grade team.



DODSON

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.

College Goal Sunday

On Feb. 27, College Goal Sunday will take place at over 40 locations across Indiana. Financial aid experts will be available between 2 and 4 p.m. to help attendees with filing their FAFSA, which must be done to attain financial aid.

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

GED classes

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

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

Homework help

Students struggling with math or science

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

Calendar

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)
May 27: Last student day

Boys capture MHC crown

The Lancers had a big week in the period with the fifth grade boys and the eighth grade girls earning two victories each.

The Edinburgh boys' varsity also put a pair of wins in the books including one on Friday night that gave them sole possession of the MHC crown — only the third time in the history of the Mid-Hoosier Conference that has ever happened to a Lancer team.

The action kicked off on Valentine's day with the fifth and sixth grade boys playing at Hope. In the evening's opener, the fifth graders defeated Hope, 16-12, to bump their season record to 6-4.

Scoring for the East Side Lancers were Charlie Roberts with eight and Bentley Roseberry, Brayden Burton, Kayden Talbott and Mason Burton, all with two points each.

In the second game, the sixth grade fell to the Jets, 26-17. This loss dropped them to 3-8 on the year. Max Dodson led the way with eight points, Hayden Taylor had four, Xander Pruitt two, Noah Parkhurst two and Brody Cox one.

Traveling to Seymour for a pair of Tuesday games, the reserve Lancers led off with a hard-played loss at Trinity Lutheran, 49-40, to see their record dip to 7-9.

Austin Brockman was the top scorer on this night with nine points, Tanner Kohr had eight, Jackson Hartwell seven, Keegan Smith five, Connor Ramey five, Devyn Milburn four and Jared Myers two.

In the varsity game the Lancers proved to be 10 points better than the hosts as they were victorious, 54-44 to see their record balloon to 17-2. Caleb Dewey led the Lancers with 23, Jarrett Turner had 13, Travis Jones eight, Riley Palmetter seven, Connor Ramey two, and Landen Burton one.

Also on Tuesday evening the middle school girls played the Chargers of North Decatur. The seventh grade Lancers opened the evening with a 32-10 loss with Kinzie Purvis scoring six and Mya Denton scoring four. This dropped their record to 1-6. The eighth grade was able to down the Chargers with ease, winning 37-22 to improve to 4-3.

Kenna Streeval and Payton Morris were Edinburgh's top scorers with 12 points apiece, Lillie Goff had 10, and Bella Turner three.

They were back in action on Thursday, playing host to Morristown. The seventh grade girls had no answer defensively for the Yellow Jackets and came out on the wrong side of the scoreboard.

Kinzie Purvis and Mya Denton each had



Brian Ingels

Lancer Notebook

three points in the game.

The eighth grade survived a late Morristown rally and won, 31-22. Payton Morris poured in 16 for the Lancers, Bella Turner had six, Kenna Streeval five, and Lillie Goff four.

Playing Morristown at East Side on Thursday, the fifth grade boys earned a victory to end their season at 7-4. In the 29-22 win, Kayden Talbott was the high scorer with 11 points. Bentley Roseberry, Brayden Burton, Mason Burton and Charley Roberts each had four, and Zyan Richardson added two.

The sixth grade Lancers weren't able to keep pace with the Yellow Jackets and fell, 35-17 to finish their year at 3-9. Max Dodson once again led the Lancer scoring with 13, Hayden Taylor had two and Raiden Stanley had two.

On Friday evening the start of the big weekend the Lancer faithful had been waiting for proved to be well worth the wait. It started off with a tough loss by the JV to South Decatur, 58-47. The reserves were thwarted by a second quarter that saw the visiting Cougars score 26 points and the good guys weren't able to recover.

Austin Brockman led his team with 16 points, Connor Ramey scored 13, Keegan Smith nine, Tanner Kohr nine, Jackson Hartwell three and Jared Myers three.

In the night's main event, the Lancer varsity did not disappoint as they came out firing on all cylinders, hitting the century mark and winning 100-73. This was the first Lancer team to hit the 100-point mark since they put 102 on Hauser in the Final Four season of 2011-2012.

They built a very impressive 29-9 lead by the end of the opening quarter, scored 32 points in the third, and posted the impressive win en route to a perfect 6-0 record in the MHC.

All five Lancer starters were instrumental in the scoring attack as all scored in double figures. They were led by Caleb Dewey with 28, Jarrett Turner scored 18, Travis Jones 18, Riley Palmetter 17, Landen Burton 10, Braylon Bryant five, and Connor Ramey four.

The win took their season record to 18-2. Saturday's lid lifter versus North Davies at home saw the Edinburgh reserves suffer through a cold shooting contest as they were bested by the visitors, 35-20. Tanner Kohr scored 11, Keegan Smith four, Connor Ramey three and Austin Brockman two.

North Davies came into Saturday's var-



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sity contest as the state's number three ranked Class A team with an 18-3 record. Edinburgh was number four in Class A, standing at 18-2.

In a wildly entertaining game that was totally different from the previous night, there were 16 lead changes along the way and the final one was in the Cougars favor. In the final minutes the Lancers had a pair of turnovers and a missed shot that led to Cougar scores and number three defeated number four, 55-47.

Travis Jones scored 15 to lead Edinburgh, Caleb Dewey had nine, Riley Palmeter nine, Landen Burton five, Jarrett Turner three, Travis Vidal three, and Connor Ramey three.

Sectionals

The sectional lineup is set after Sunday evening's tournament draw. On March 1, the tourney will kick off at 6 p.m. at Edinburgh with Madison Shawe Memorial facing West Washington. The second game that evening will be host Edinburgh taking on Trinity Lutheran.

The games then go to March 4 with the game one winner meeting Medora and the game two winner playing Crothersville.

The sectional will conclude with Friday's two winners playing for the championship at 7 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are available at the high school during regular school hours. \$10 season tickets are the only tickets available pre-sale. Single session tickets will be available at the gate and cost \$6. Lancer season passes may not be used for the tournament.

On tap

Wednesday

Girls MS basketball at Southwestern, 6 p.m.

Thursday

Girls MS basketball, at home vs. Hauser, 6 p.m.
Boys JV & varsity basketball at Brown County, 6 p.m.

Tuesday

Boys varsity basketball, Round One Edinburgh Sectional at home, 6 p.m.

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The varsity boys basketball team, coaches and cheerleaders celebrate after winning the Mid-Hoosier Conference championship Friday night. The boys won 100-73 over South Decatur, the first time a Lancers team hit 100 points since 2011.

PHOTO BY KAMI ERVIN

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. 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 through Feb. 28 at 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 Johnson County students pursuing health care careers. The scholarships available are the Freda P. and Millard R. Montgomery Registered Nursing Scholarship, Katie Robards Memorial Scholarship, Johnson Memorial Hospital Guild High School Health-Related Scholarship and the Johnson Memorial Hospital Guild Continuing Education Health Field Scholarship. Apply at johnsonmemorialfoundation.org/scholarships. Deadline is April 2. Info: 317-346-3703 or foundationmail@johnsonmemorial.org.

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people smile whether she was performing as Tina Turner, Paul Stanley from KISS, or her main man, Elvis Presley. She could put on quite a show. Her "Big Wheels Keep on Turning" in our hearts forever and always.

Alexa had a passionate love affair with ice cream, chicken fajitas and anything dipped in chocolate. She was a member of the Edinburgh American Legion Auxiliary Post 233.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lenard McKnight; brother, John DeMoss; and parents, Grover and Beulah DeMoss. She is survived by her daughters, Brigette McKnight, Marcea (Kim) Folks and Billie (Jeff) Park; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren; as well as her puppy dog, Priscilla.

A celebration of life will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2022, at Eskew Eaton Funeral Home in Edinburgh at 3:30 p.m. Calling hours will be from 12:30 p.m. until the time of service. Burial will be at Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburgh.

COLUMBUS

Judith Strahl

Judith Ann Strahl, 79, of Columbus, passed from this life at 5 a.m. Monday, Feb. 14, 2022, surrounded by family at her home.

Mrs. Strahl was born March 2, 1942, in Indianapolis, the daughter of Carl E. and Maxine E. Lang Fischer.

Judith married Perry Richard Baxter June 28, 1962; he preceded her in death Aug. 22, 1984.

She later married Robert Lee Strahl October 15, 1988; he preceded her in death Oct. 27, 2017.

She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church, buck's and doe's square dancing club and FCRV camp-club and was a 4-H leader for 40 years.

Survivors include her children, Nancy (Leon) Swift of Edinburgh, Jill (Scott) Renner of Columbus, Tony (Kelly) Strahl of Columbus and Darrell Strahl of Columbus; 14 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; brothers, David (Carol) Fischer of Florida and John (Donna) Fischer of Greenwood and a sister, Pauline (Bernie) Morris of New Mexico.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands; a son, Michael Strahl; and a granddaughter, Cady Lynn Garrison.

The funeral was held at Barkes, Weaver & Glick Funeral Home in Columbus with the Rev. Todd Riordan officiating. She was laid to rest next to her husbands at Garland Brook Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the 4-H Fair Foundation, Our Hospice of South Central Indiana or Faith Preschool Designate Funds.

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



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STRAHL

NEWS ROUNDUP

DAILY JOURNAL AND REPUBLIC STAFF REPORTS

State dials back COVID-19 measures for schools

State health officials on Thursday announced changes to their COVID-19 guidance.

Indiana schools will no longer have to conduct contact tracing for state reporting, or quarantine staff and students who are close contacts of COVID-19 cases.

The new guidance from the Indiana Department of Health still requires staff and students to quarantine for five days if they test positive for COVID-19, and requires people to stay home beyond the five-day mark if they are still showing symptoms of the virus. Staff and students who come back after the five-day quarantine period are required to wear masks until their 10th day after testing positive, according to the guidance.

Schools are also still expected to report any outbreaks or case clusters to the state health department, and share information with family members of close contacts so they can monitor for symptoms, according to a state health department news release.

The changes in guidance, which take effect Wednesday, come amid recovery from the COVID-19 omicron wave, which saw the most cases and hospitalization statewide since the start of the pandemic. But since January, when the rolling average of statewide positive cases topped 14,500, the number of daily positive cases has plummeted, with the rolling average at 1,610 as of Wednesday. In Johnson County, the number of daily positive cases is less than 10% of what it was in January, according to state health department data.

The local positivity rate, which hit 32% on Jan. 11, was down to 10.6% on Feb. 9, the last day data appears on the state website. The number of COVID-19 patients in central Indiana hospitals decreased from 1,236 on Jan. 11 — an all-time high — to 489 Wednesday, data shows.

The decrease in cases also resulted in the state lifting the same requirements for children in the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning, according to the news release.

The state health department will end its Indianapolis Motor Speedway testing and vaccination clinic on Feb. 26, and cease services of its testing and vaccination strike teams, but will make mobile testing and vaccination units available when requested. Indiana National Guard members will leave long-term care facilities and hospitals March 14, and no new requests will be accepted after Feb. 26, the news release says.

People in need of a COVID-19 test can visit coronavirus.in.gov for locations, and people seeking a COVID-19 vaccine can visit ourshot.in.gov.

County OKs Edinburgh schools referendum

An Edinburgh schools referendum that would increase property taxes will appear on voters' ballots in May.

The Johnson County Election Board unanimously approved Edinburgh Community School Corporation's request to ask voters in Blue River Township to increase their property taxes to support enhanced school safety and teacher raises during an election board meeting Tuesday morning.

The tax hike would raise the education contribution of property owners in Blue River Township about 40%, to \$1.45 for every \$100 of assessed value from \$1.06. Bartholomew County residents in German Township who live within the school district's boundaries would also be subject to the hike.

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

Festival Country to offer grant for temporary ice rink

Festival Country Indiana plans to offer a grant to a local city or town that's willing to host a temporary ice skating rink next winter.

Parks departments in Johnson County will soon be able to apply for a grant to cover the costs associated with bringing the temporary rink to the community.

"Right now we are just in the preliminary stage," said Kenneth Kosky, director of Festival Country Indiana. "It's more making sure we're ready if one of our cities is interested in partnering with us to test this out."

Kosky proposed the idea at a recent Johnson County Convention and Tourism Board meeting, and the board approved the grant program.

"There are synthetic surfaces and real ice options, and those can cost anywhere from \$20,000 to \$80,000 for a month," he said.

Parks departments would have to provide a space for the rink and staffing.

The grant is intended to test whether Johnson County would be a good fit for a permanent ice skating rink. It would likely fit best in Franklin or Greenwood due to the higher populations and available parks facilities.

If the trial run proves a success, then a permanent location would be a place for family, friends and, potentially, hockey teams.

"Maybe one weekend while it's there, a holiday market or an ice carving festival, something like that," Kosky said. "Winter is one of our slow times in the year, and obviously, a project like this would give residents and visitors something to do."

For more information on these stories, go to www.dailyjournal.net or www.therepublic.com.

JAIL BOOKINGS

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

Bridget Leann Govero, 48, 509 S. Pleasant St., Apt. 2, Edinburgh; arrested on charges of criminal conversion, false identity statement, escape and bond forfeiture; held without bond.

Clifton Michael Service, 30, 522 E. Campbell St., Edinburgh; arrested on charges of domestic battery and disorderly conduct; \$2,200 bond.

Gordon M. Hancock, 49, 112 N. Holland St., Edinburgh; arrested on charges of public intoxication by alcohol/drugs, disorderly conduct, resisting law enforcement, intimidation and possession of marijuana/hash oil/hashish/salvia; \$5,200 bond.

Tristan Marie Kay Wilkins, 22, 206 Hart St., Edinburgh; arrested on charges of possession of hypodermic syringe or needle, possession of paraphernalia and operating without ever obtaining a license; \$4,400 bond.

SENIOR CENTER

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

March 1: Computer class, 6 p.m. RSVP to Char Roller 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

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

• Registrations are being taken through March 12 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 week is June 20-30.

Cost if \$40 for T-ball and midgets; \$50 for 8U-12U baseball and softball; and \$80 for mid-

dle school softball and Babe Ruth baseball. There is a \$5 sibling discount. Additional fan shirts, \$10, and hats, \$12, can be ordered. (Prices include the \$10 late fee.)

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, rainouts and cancellations.

Johnson County Park

2949 E. North St., Nineveh

Hours: Monday through Friday: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays (April-October), 8 a.m.-noon
April 9: Scrambled Eggs (adult Easter egg

hunt)

May 14: JoCo Pours in the Park, noon-4 p.m.

June 16-19: Johnson County Antique Machinery Association annual show

June 24: Sparks in the Park

Aug. 13: Movie in the Park

Aug. 20: Car show

Sept. 24: Movie in the Park

Indiana Live Steamers offers public rides noon-4 p.m. the third Saturday of the month May through October (except August.) \$4 per person.

Info/register for programs: 812-526-6809 or jocopark@co.johnson.in.us

IN GOOD HEALTH

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

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

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

• Bariatric Surgery Seminars at Johnson Memorial Hospital, Wellness Classroom, new building, second floor. Free, no registration required. 317-346-3867

• Beginning Again: eight-week grief support group, helps adults cope with the loss of a loved one. Our Hospice of South Central Indiana, 2626 E. 17th St., Columbus. Dates and times vary. Info: 812-314-8042.

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

• Breastfeeding support group, 1-2 p.m. Wednesdays at Johnson Memorial Hospital, 1125 W. Jefferson St., Franklin, Education Room 4. Certified lactation consultant will help with breastfeeding basics, pumping and storage instructions, infant weight check and more. No registration required.

• Claim Aid Counselors are available to help Johnson

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

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

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

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

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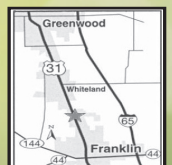


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