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Athletic awards

School recognizes hard work and dedication of winter athletes.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"A person often meets his destiny on the road he took to avoid it."

— Jean de la Fontaine

WHAT'S UP?

Pre-K, kindergarten enrollment

East Side Elementary School will conduct enrollment for pre-K and kindergartners for the 2022-23 school year.

Pre-K is for children 3-5 years old who are fully independent with toileting. Students must live in the ECSC district and transportation is provided by the family.

Kindergarten is for children who will be 5 years old on or before Oct. 1.

Enrollment will be conducted 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 31 and April 1 at East Side, 810 E. Main Cross St. Pre-K registrants can visit the school anytime during those hours. If you are enrolling a kindergartner, call 812-526-9771 to schedule an appointment.

Bring the child, birth certificate, immunization records, proof of residence (a current utility bill, for example) and proof of guardianship.

Rummage sale

Rummage Remnants (items leftover from an in-house swap shop) are available at Edinburgh Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 100 Keeley Street, on April 2, 9 a.m. to noon. Items are not priced but freewill donations are accepted. Proceeds will be donated to Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl program, which feeds people locally and internationally.

Good Friday service

Edinburgh Ministerial Association is hosting the annual Good Friday Service at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. Numerous local churches will be participating in the service, which is April 15 at 3 p.m.

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LIFESAVING ADDITION

American Legion to donate medical equipment

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

Since shifting to a paid department in 2020, Edinburgh Fire & Rescue has been making strides toward improving emergency services in the community. In addition to recently adding advanced life support services (ALS) with paramedics, the department was given the opportunity to try out a new life-saving cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) device that could change the efficiency of treating patients in cardiac arrest.

The Physio-Control Lucas CPR Device, developed in 2003 in Sweden, is an external mechanical device that delivers uninterrupted and consistent compressions during cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

"This device helps us ensure consistent and quality chest compressions during any cardiac event where chest compressions are needed," Edinburgh Fire Chief John Henderson said. "Managing the patient is more efficient and safer."

Larger departments have several people who can rotate compressions for CPR, but the efficiency of the device can be a game changer for smaller departments. Once the Lucas Device is placed on a patient, first responders are able to perform other life saving measures, including starting IVs and transporting the patient, while the device continues to deliver compressions in all phases of an ambulance run. Also, EMS workers struggle to maintain balance in the back of a moving ambulance while trying to give effective CPR.

Matt Ervin, Edinburgh resident and Wayne Township (Marion County) firefighter and paramedic is assisting in Edinburgh's transition to ALS and knew there was a strong need for the device for the department.

"In the end, it's more effective CPR with minimum manpower, especially with a young department," Ervin says.



PHOTO BY KAMI ERVIN

EMT Jamie Jackomis, Edinburgh Fire Chief John Henderson, American Legion Commander Charles Humphress and paramedic Jacob Kelley stand with a Lucas Device. The medical personnel demonstrated its use at a recent American Legion meeting.

After a conversation about finding the means to purchase the Lucas Device, which with a four-year maintenance plan costs nearly \$20,000, Ervin offered to take the project to the Edinburgh American Legion Post 233, where he serves as Sons of American Legion (SAL) Commander.

EMT Jamie Jackomis, paramedic Jacob Kelley and Henderson demonstrated the device to the Legion's members on March 21. The members voted unanimously to purchase it and its maintenance plan from Stryker and donate the device to the fire department.

Edinburgh Legion, whose Post Commander is Charles Humphress, supports countless local organizations and

charitable causes and many of those donations, including the purchase of the Lucas Device, come from funds raised by charity gaming at the post.

Henderson said he was humbled by the support from the American Legion.

"I cannot tell you all how important this project is to us, and how truly grateful we are," he said.

Echoing the gratitude, Edinburgh Town Manager, Dan Cartwright said, "I want to thank the Legion for their strong support of the citizens of this community. This is another example of the great cooperation that we have to better the community and improve the lives of our residents. This device will save lives."

OBITUARIES

EDINBURGH

Bettie Billingsley

Bettie J. Billingsley, 80 of Edinburgh, passed away March 16, 2022, at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Franklin. She was born March 21, 1941, in Franklin. She was the daughter of Clarence W. and Jeanne F. (Dailey) Ashley.



BILLINGSLEY

She is survived by her daughters, Cara E. Billingsley of Edinburgh and Traci L. (Robert) Dale of Holley, New York; sons, Jay W. Billingsley of Franklin and Brandon Billingsley of New Hampshire; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Mary Stout.

Bettie was a 1959 graduate of Edinburgh High School. She served many years on the board of directors of Edinburgh Wright-Hageman Public Library. She had worked at Amos-Hill Plastics in Edinburgh, Edinburgh State Bank and Rogers-Gesse Attorneys in Franklin. She enjoyed reading and gardening.

A memorial service will be conducted at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Edinburgh Wright-Hageman Public Library at 119 W. Main Cross St., Edinburgh IN, 46124.

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

EDINBURGH

Audrey Ingram

Audrey Regina Ingram, 83 of Edinburgh passed away Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at Willow Crossing Health and Rehabilitation Center in Columbus. She was born Oct. 16, 1938, in Campbellsville, Kentucky. She was the daughter of James R. Gilbert and Nellie E. (Benningfield) Gambrel. She married Charles Ingram on May 1, 1975, and he preceded her in death on April 6, 2012.



INGRAM

She is survived by her daughter, Deborah L. Simpson Fields of Edinburgh; son, Jerald L. Simpson of Edinburgh; stepsons, Charles Ingram of New York and Anthony Ingram of Indiana; grandchildren, Stacy (Michael) Loudon of Edinburgh, Jennifer Sherlock of Florida and Ricky (Heather) Stevens Jr. of Franklin; and sister, Barbara Wood of Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Norman Gilbert; sister, Virginia Gilbert; and grandson, Dakota Stevens.

Audrey was a member of the former Assembly of God Church in Franklin. She formerly worked at Edinburgh License Branch. She enjoyed crocheting, painting, ceramics and reading her Bible.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. Ricky Burton at Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburgh.

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

GOOD OLD DAYS

70 years ago: The Edinburg Moose Lodge announces that new officers for the lodge are: Louis Owens, Governor; Ermal King, Junior Governor; and Earl Lazzell, treasurer.

65 years ago: Bill Depp is voted as Most Valuable Player and Wade Roth is voted Honorary Captain by their teammates on the Edinburg varsity basketball team.

60 years ago: Edinburg High School senior Phillip Newton, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Newton, has been selected as the Junior Exchange for the month.

55 years ago: The Edinburg Lions Club elects Orval Waltz as president, Robert Alter first vice, Richard Records second vice and David Patterson third vice.

50 years ago: Charles Straughn and Mark Owens announce they have purchased the Rodgers Standard Service Station at County Line Road and State Road 79.

45 years ago: National Lead Plastic Products honors Hubert Gideon for his 35 years of service and Dale Cordray for his 30 years of service with the company.

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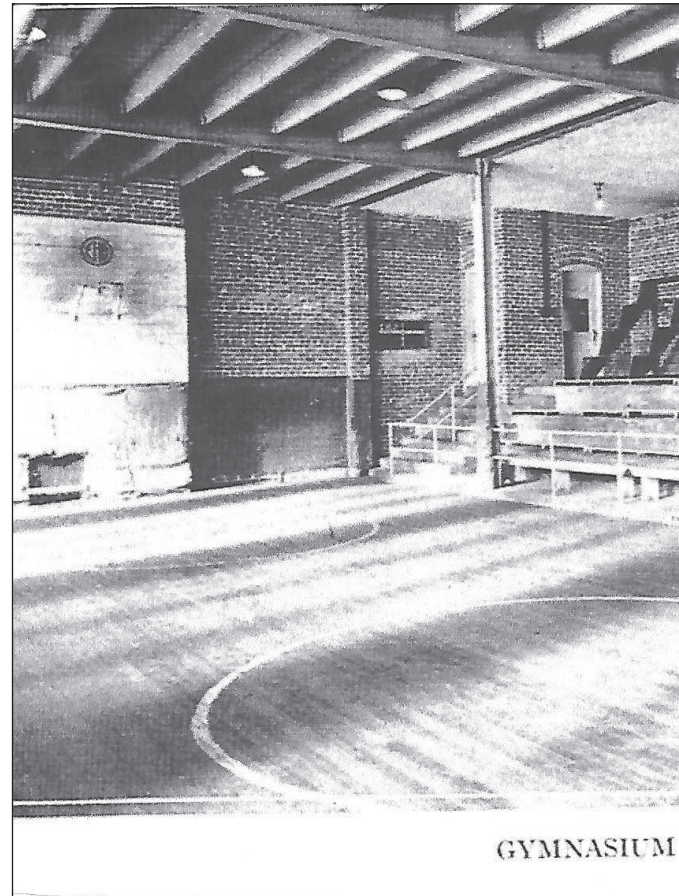
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COMMUNITY PHOTO GALLERY



Jackie Smith submitted a photo of the old gym at Edinburgh Community High School. The gym was later converted to the cafeteria.

SPORTS PREVIEWS

Baseball

Coach: Dennis Smith

Last season: 1-16, lost to Greenwood Christian in Class A sectional opener

Key returnees: Ian Buchanan, Landen Burton, Nick Detling, Riley Palmeter, Colin Richardson and Caleb Turner, seniors; Jarrett Turner, junior; Gabe Bennett, sophomore

Top newcomer: Travis Jones, senior

Outlook: The Lancers ran into trouble last year by walking too many batters and struggling to get off the field in two-out situations; Smith is hopeful that they can improve in those areas and bump the win total up a bit. Edinburgh doesn't have nearly as many year-round players as some other teams do, but there's no shortage of athleticism — many of the players were part of successful football and basketball seasons. If it can translate to the diamond, the Lancers should become a bit more competitive.

Boys golf

Coach: Kyle Dell

Last season: Seventh at county, 12th at Franklin Sectional

Key returnees: Cash Cunningham and Trevor Moon, seniors; Max Blandford, Mason Calhoun, Devin Hamilton, Devyn Milburn and Keegan Smith, juniors

Top newcomers: Ian Buchanan, senior; Wyatt Burton, sophomore; Caleb Murphy, freshman

Outlook: The Lancers have a larger and more experienced squad than usual, with three seniors and five juniors among the 10 players out. Blandford was two strokes short of advancing to the regional last season and hopes to get out this spring; Moon and Calhoun should fill in the second and third spots in the lineup, and Dell hopes the competition at four and five will force everyone to get better. Competing for the Mid-Hoosier Conference title is a primary goal, along with improving overall scoring and closing the gap at the county and sectional levels.

Lancers honored for hard work with Winter Sports Awards

The Lancer Athletic Department held its annual Winter Sports Awards program last Thursday evening, March 24. Following are the athletes recognized and special awards given.

Girls basketball

Varsity: Cloee Britton, Bethany Burton, Carly Cowan, Gracie Crawhorn, Ceira Myers, Alyssa Funkhouser, Callie Hancock, Gracie Myers, Kyah Streeval, Caitlynn Hardman, Mia Dodson

Managers: Enrique Callejas, Ethan Campbell

Captain: Alyssa Funkhouser

Awards: Mental Attitude, Mia Dodson; Most Rebounds, Bethany Burton; Most Points, Callie Hancock; Most Improved, Shyleigh Gobel; Hustle Award, Kyah Streeval; Defensive Award, Alyssa Funkhouser; All-Conference Honorable Mention, Alyssa Funkhouser, Gracie Crawhorn; IBCA Academic All-State Honorable Mention, Alyssa Funkhouser

Junior varsity: Serenity Duncan, Alix Streeval, Shyleigh Gobel, Jordan Deem

Eighth grade: Kenna Streeval, Kenzie Steinke, Payton Morris, Bella Turner, Addison Crawhorn, Gracie Barrett, Lillie Goff, Nevaeh Lister

Seventh grade: Kinzie Purvis, Addyson Grebel, Evelyn Martinez, Sophia Pace, Daisy Hernandez, Madisyn Freeman, Mya Denton

Sixth grade: Ruby Smith, Faith Smith, Shyla Watt, Serinity Cole, Kaydra Peters, Madison Dewees, Elliot Smith, Chloe Hancock, Gracelyn Adcock



Brian Ingels

Lancer Notebook

Manager: Alexis Stroud

Lancer Award: Faith Smith

Fifth grade: Averie Long, Avery

Swallows, Reese Smith, Xayla Watt, Lucy Buck, Addy Johnson, Serenity Bryant, London Weddle, Lilly Bruno, Rilee Terry

Manager: Jordyn Davis

Lancer Award: Lucy Buck, Lilly Bruno

Boys basketball

Varsity: Braylon Bryant, Landen Burton, Nick Detling, Connor Ramey, Caleb Dewey, Travis Jones, Trevor Moon, Riley Palmeter, Keegan Smith, Jarrett Turner, Travis Vidal, Austin Brockman

Managers: Eloise Cox, Cole White, Kinzie Purvis

Captains: Caleb Dewey, Travis Jones, Riley Palmeter

Awards: Most Assists, Caleb Dewey; Free Throw Percentage, Travis Jones; Offensive Average, Caleb Dewey; Most Rebounds, Travis Jones; Lancer Toughness Award, Riley Palmeter; Lancer Teammate Award, Nick Detling, Trevor Moon; Academic Award, Riley Palmeter, Jarrett Turner; 6th Man Award, Travis Vidal; Mr. Lancer Award, Landen Burton; All-Conference, Travis Jones, Jarrett Turner, Caleb Dewey

Junior varsity: Jared Myers, Devyn Milburn, Jackson Hartwell, Gabe Bennett,

Tanner Kohr, Rylan Londeree, Blaze Jensen.

Eighth grade: Bailey Totten, Samson Parkhurst, Jalan Barker, Braylon Lenkner, Anakin Copeland.

Seventh grade: Xavier Suns, Jaylan Burton, Braden Cox, Matthew Burton, Cayper Ison, Ayden Swallows, Caiden Miller.

Sixth grade: Xander Pruitt, Raiden Stanley, Brinnyn Moss, Brody Cox, Hayden Taylor, Noah Parkhurst, Addysen Whitis, Colton Burton, Max Dodson

Lancer Award: Hayden Taylor.

Fifth grade: Blake Andis, Bentley Roseberry, Brayden Burton, Jayden Little, Kayden Talbott, Zyan Richardson, Ayden Taylor, Roman Barker, Mason Burton, Zayne Smith, Charlie Roberts

Lancer Award: Charlie Roberts.

Cheerleading

Varsity: Peyton Bryant, Alivea Cundiff, Abriann Hinton, Bailey Nelson, Lily Turner, Maegan Clapper, Shyleigh Gobel, Jasmine Hester

Awards: Leadership Award, Alivea Cundiff; Mental Attitude, Lily Turner; Most Improved, Abriann Hinton

Middle school cheer: Jaycee Burton, Eloise Cox, Deborah Dewees, Gracie Lawson, Brooke Cravens, Annie

Greathouse, Mia Smith, Lakayla Ludlow.

Fifth and sixth cheer: Avyaunna Bryant, Lilly Bryant, Serenity Bryant, Lucy Buck, Reighlynn Burton, Paisley Chandler, Madison Dewees, Eiley Hazelgrove, Maddyn Hazelgrove, Baylea Simpson, Faith Smith, Hayleigh Suns, Halle Turner, London Weddle.

On Tap

Thursday

Varsity baseball, at home vs. Brown County, 5 p.m.

Varsity softball, at home vs. Whiteland, 5:30 p.m.

Friday

Varsity tennis, at home vs. Madison, 5:15 p.m.

Saturday

Varsity golf, Edinburgh Invite at Timbergate, 10 a.m.

Monday

Varsity softball, at home vs. Franklin, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Varsity track & field at Indy Lutheran, 5 p.m.

Varsity softball at Oldenburg Academy, 5 p.m.

Varsity tennis, at home vs. Columbus East, 5 p.m.

Varsity baseball, Johnson County Tourney at Center Grove, 5:30 p.m.

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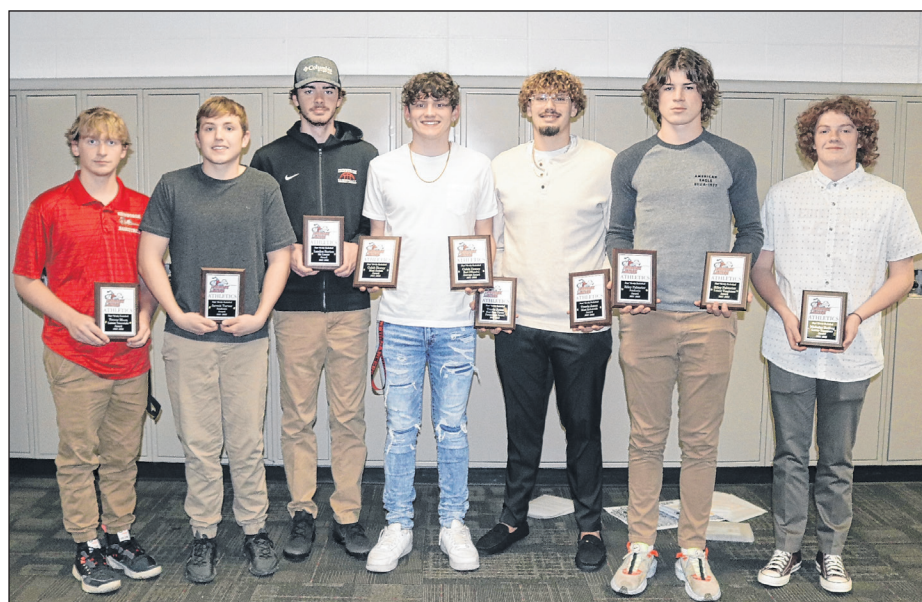
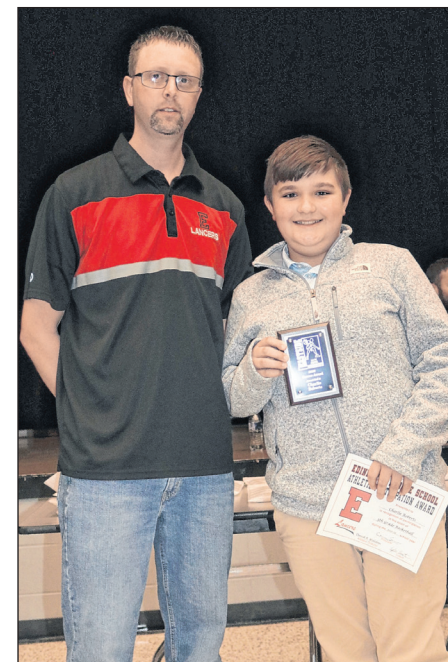
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TOP LANCERS



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Edinburgh Community High School and Middle School held their Winter Sports Awards on March 24. Athletes in Grades 5-12 were honored.

Top row"

Athletic Director David Walden was named the District IV Athletic Administrator of the Year by the Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrator's Association. Seniors honored were from left, front: Bethany Burton, Alyssa Funkhouser, Callie Hancock, Alivea Cundiff, and Trevor Moon; in back: Nick Detling, Landon Burton, Travis Jones, and Riley Palmetier. Not pictured Carly Cowan and Travis Vidal. Fifth grader Charlie Roberts is presented the Lancer Award by Coach Tyler Burton.

Above:

Varsity basketball boys special awards went to Trevor Moon

(Lancer Teammate), Jarrett Turner (Academic), Landon Burton (Mr. Lancer), Caleb Dewey (Assists, Offensive), Travis Jones (Free Throw, Rebound), Riley Palmetier (Academic, Lancer Toughness) and Nick Detling (Lancer Teammate). The sixth grade Lancer Award went to Hayden Taylor from Coach Bill Fosskuhl.

Aabriann Hinton received the Most Improved Award for varsity cheerleading

At right:

Callie Hancock (Offensive Award) and Alyssa Funkhouser (Defense Award) from varsity girls basketball

For a complete list of award winners, see Lancer Notebook on Page 3.

ALL STARS

Lancers on both teams in All Star

By Ted Schultz
THE REPUBLIC STAFF WRITER

All-Star basketball games typically aren't known for their defense, but on March 20, a huge defensive turnaround led to a big comeback.

After giving up 33 points in the third quarter to fall behind by 14 at halftime, the White team allowed the Red only 31 the entire second half in the Seventh Annual All-Area All-Star boys basketball game at Columbus Christian. That allowed the White to rally for a 93-90 victory in the game that mostly featured players from The Republic All-Area team.

"We knew we could score," said Jennings County junior Keegan Manowitz, who helped fuel the White team's comeback. "We weren't really playing defense in that first half or rebounding. We really locked in on defense and rebounding (in the sec-

ond half), and we came back."

The rosters were set up to pit players from big schools Columbus North, Columbus East and Jennings County on the White side against those from small schools Edinburgh, South Decatur and Columbus Christian on the Red side. All-Area selections from Hauser, Brown County and Trinity Lutheran did not take part in the game, and a player from Christian Academy of Madison was added to the Red roster.

Then, with North's Paul Ferguson coaching the White team and Edinburgh's Keith Witty coaching the Red, underclassmen from North and Edinburgh swapped sides so that they and their coaches weren't in violation of IHSAA rules.

After the game was tied 26-26 after one quarter, the Red used a 33-19 advantage in the second to take the lead. South Decatur senior Hunter Johnson's back-to-back 3-pointers to end the half gave the Red a

SEE ALL STAR, PAGE 6

Edinburgh's Caleb Dewey drives against Edinburgh's Riley Palmeto during the All-Area All-Star boys basketball game at Columbus Christian School.

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COMMUNITY CHATTER

Community yard sale

Edinburgh Parks & Recreations annual Spring Indoor Community Yard Sale is set for April 2, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the East Side Elementary School gym, 810 E. Main Cross St.

Booth space reservations will be taken until March 30. Cost is \$20 with a table; \$15 if you provide your own table.

Reserve space and pay at the parks department or by calling emailing or phoning Tracy Beier, 812-447-6076 or tbeier@edinburgh.in.us.

Wild mushrooms

Trafalgar library, 424 S. Tower St., will host "Indiana's Wild Mushrooms" March 31 at 6 p.m. Naturalist and mushroom expert David Mow will talk about the array of mushrooms in Indiana's woodlands. Free and open to the public. No registration is needed. For more information, call 317-517-0566.

Immunizations at Taylorsville

Indiana Immunization Coalition will have a community immunization clinic in Bartholomew County in April.

The clinic will be from 9 to 11 April 2 at

Taylorsville Elementary School's cafeteria.

Those who attend should bring insurance cards as the organization will bill insurance carriers. There is no cost to those without insurance, except for the shingles vaccine, which often has a required co-pay.

To register online, visit patients.vaxcare.com/registration and use the enrollment code IN 65942.

Farmers market

Applications for the Edinburgh Farmers Market are available at the John R Drybread Community Center, 100 E. Main Cross St. The market will run on Thursdays 4-7 p.m. starting June 2 through Sept. 28.

Free mammograms

Major Hospital in Shelbyville will offer free mammograms April 7 beginning at 6 p.m. Call 317-346-4366 to see if you qualify.

Tri Kappa bingo

The Edinburgh Delta Sigma Chapter of Tri Kappa is hosting its annual bingo event featuring Vera Bradley on April 12 at 6 p.m. in the Edinburgh Community High

School cafeteria. Doors open at 5 p.m. Event is for people age 18 and older only. Proceeds provide scholarship for local students.

Cost is \$25 for 20 games. Additional game packs can be purchased at the event for \$20. Table space is limited.

Intermission games featuring Kate Spade, Coach and Michael Kors bags will be available for purchase at the event for \$5 in unlimited quantities. Table space may be limited. Tickets for themed raffle baskets are 6 for \$5.

Refreshments will be available for purchase (No outside food and drinks).

Group will not be doing food pantry donations this year.

Call 812-344-6069 for ticket.

Easter events

Edinburgh Parks and Recreation has Easter events planned for April 16.

Breakfast and pictures with the Easter Bunny will be 9-11 a.m. at the John R. Drybread Community Center downtown. Registration for the breakfast is at the Parks & Rec. office, noon- 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday until April 15

The parade will begin downtown at 3 p.m.

RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS

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

Cliff's Bar

113 E. Main Cross, Edinburgh
Critical: 0
Non-critical: 2

Domino's Pizza No. 2539

8843 U.S. 31 S., Edinburgh

Critical: 0

Non-critical: 3

Holiday Inn Express

12225 N. Executive Dr., Edinburgh

Feb. 25

Critical violations: None

Not Just Popcorn Etc.

101 E. Main Cross, Edinburgh

Critical: 0

Non-critical: 0

JAIL BOOKINGS

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

Christopher Donald Lloyd, 32, 113 Shelby Ave., Edinburgh; arrested on a charge of manufacture/dealing methamphetamine; \$6,600 bond.

Donnie Lucas Goff Jr., 42, 608 S. Pleasant St., Edinburgh; arrested on a charge of bond forfeiture; held without bond.

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

Shara M. Turnbloom, 30, Edinburgh, arrested on a charge of false reporting or informing and an out-of-county warrant; released to other agency.

Sherissa D. Burt, 41, Edinburgh, arrested on a charge of public intoxication by alcohol; released on \$3,500 bond.

EARLY VOTING

Here is a look at when and where you can cast your ballot early. Early voting runs from April 5 to May 2:

Johnson County Courthouse, 5 E. Jefferson St., Franklin

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 23 and April 30 (Saturdays)

8:30 a.m. to noon May 2

John R. Drybread Community Center, 100 E. Main Cross St., Edinburgh

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 23 and April 30

10 a.m. to 7 p.m. April 25-29
For Bartholomew County residents, NexusPark (former JC Penney store), 2252 25th St. and Bartholomew County Governmental Office Building, 440 Third St. are early voting locations.

Here is a look at approved Johnson and Bartholomew County Election Day vote centers. Election Day is May 3, and voters can vote from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.:

John R. Drybread Community Center, 100 E. Main Cross St., Edinburgh

Amity Volunteer Fire Department, 3247 S. County Road 550 E., Franklin

Trafalgar Public Library, 424 S. Tower St., Trafalgar

Princes Lakes Town Hall, 14 E. Lakeview Drive, Nineveh

German Township Fire Station, 9428 Main St. in Taylorsville

All Star

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59-45 lead.

The Red still led 70-56 midway through the third quarter when the White went on a 16-0 run to take its first lead of the game. The Red tied it at 72-72 at the end of the third quarter and again at 74-74 early in the fourth before the White took the lead for good.

The White led by eight with just over a minute remaining, but the Red had a half-court shot from Johnson to tie at the buzzer that bounced off the backboard.

"It was fun getting to play with all these different guys from different schools," Manowitz said. "Not very much defense, but I like high-scoring games, so it was cool."

Edinburgh junior Caleb Dewey added 10 points for White.

"It was a blast getting to play with everybody from the area," Johnson said.

"Everybody was having a good time, and coming out here was kind of a sendoff almost, as a senior. It's fun to get to play with all these guys. We had a blast."

The beneficiary of this year's games is Columbus North junior cheerleader Ariel Roberts, who is battling an embryonal brain tumor.

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New Taylorsville area park to be celebrated

By Mark Webber
THE REPUBLIC STAFF WRITER

The Bartholomew County Parks and Recreation Department will soon have its 12th park.

Newton Park will consist of eight acres that include what most people call the Tannehill Road Boat Ramp, which provides access to the Driftwood River west of Taylorsville.

The land transfer from the Bartholomew County Conservation Council to the county parks department will be celebrated at 3 p.m. on Friday, April 22.

"We look forward to preserving the area, just as the council has done all of these years," parks director Rich Day said.

The council is planning a fundraiser to finance a shelter house on the site, and the parks department is preparing to plant about 25 new trees, Day said.

The park will honor the memory and contributions of William P. "Bill" Newton (1911-1998), a Clifford farmer who also worked 35 years at what is now Cummins, Inc. before retiring in 1976. He was regarded by his peers as among the region's leading conservationists.

Newton was instrumental in the creation

of the Flat Rock-Hawcreek Conservation Club. These types of organizations support safety and conservation education programs that include hunter education and shooting sports. The Bartholomew County Conservation Council provides an annual \$1,000 scholarship each year in Newton's memory to a student who is active in conservation.

The boat ramp project at the Driftwood River began in October of 2008 — a decade after Newton's death. That's when the Bartholomew County Conservation Council purchased eight acres to have the Indiana Department of Natural Resources build the boat ramp and parking lot. A few months later, about 25 percent of the acquired property was turned over to the county to help straighten out a dangerous curve.

Surveying and engineering work began a year later, followed by work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. After four years of preparation and paperwork, the Bill Newton Boat Ramp and Wildlife Area was dedicated in 2012.

While Newton received recognition for his contributions during his lifetime, he was probably best known as one of the most talented fishermen in the region.

If you grew up during the 1970s and '80s, you may have been in awe at the huge, live

fish displayed annually at the Bartholomew County 4-H Fair. Few people knew at the time that Newton was responsible for catching all the displays.

Newton's skill became so well known that he even became the subject of a widespread (pardon the pun) "fish tale."

The story goes — a prank phone call was made to former Indiana University basketball coach Bob Knight to come to Bartholomew County the next day to go fishing in the Flatrock River. Knight took the invitation seriously and showed up to fish the next morning.

Since the surprised prankster didn't know anything about the sport, Newton was quickly recruited to take Knight out on his boat and serve as his guide and fishing companion. After the event concluded, Knight supposedly proclaimed that "Bill Newton is the best river fisherman I've ever fished with."

Many accepted that story as fact from about 1976 until Newton was interviewed by The Republic in 1989. While he calls the story flattering, Newton said during the interview that he had never fished with Knight and the story was a complete fabrication.

"But if people want to believe it, that's all right with me," Newton said then with a smile.

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