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## Shooting for a cause

Girls compete in All-Star game, raise money for fellow athlete.

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# Edinburgh Courier

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.”  
— Benjamin Franklin

## WHAT'S UP?

### Edinburgh Alumni Banquet

The Edinburgh Alumni Banquet will be held May 21 at the Edinburgh Community High School. The Alumni Association will be honoring the 50-year class of 1972, the 25-year class of 1997, and the graduating class of 2022.

A social hour will be held in the high school gymnasium area for reminiscing, beginning at 5 p.m. Dinner, provided by Edinburgh Lion's Club, will be held in the cafeteria at 6 p.m.

Tickets will go on sale April 15 and can be purchased, for \$12, at the Edinburgh Wright-Hageman Public Library, Sherman's Barber Shop, or by contacting Cathy Hamm at 812-343-4352.

An alumni gathering will be held at the Edinburgh American Legion following the banquet.

### Water main flushing

Edinburgh Municipal Utilities will flush water mains beginning April at 7:30 a.m. and continue through May 1. Customers may experience some discoloration in their water during this operation. If this occurs at your residence or business, run a slow stream of cold water until the discoloration disappears. Usually five to 10 minutes will take care of the problem. If the discoloration persists, contact the Utility Office at 812-526-3514, option 1. Light-colored clothing should not be washed before 5 p.m. to help reduce the risk of staining.

### Dollars for Scholars

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

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

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# A life of service

## Whitlock took what military taught him and made a career

By Kami Ervin  
EDINBURGH COURIER

*Editor's note: Longtime Edinburgh resident Larry Whitlock died March 30. In his honor, we are rerunning a 2017 article that details his military and community service and dedication to family. The article was published in the Daily Journal's Salute magazine.*

Larry Whitlock's military service began as a trip to the recruiter at the age of 17 and ended with the start of a 50-year love story that led him to Edinburgh to raise his family, enjoy his career and give more than half his lifetime to volunteerism and political service in the community.

Whitlock, of Connersville, had finished his junior year of high school and accompanied a buddy, who was joining the Marines, to the recruiter's office. Whitlock opted for the Air Force instead. With his experience working at a local pharmacy in high school and having passed his pharmacist apprentice test, he was assured by the recruiter that he could be a medic or work in the pharmacy. Unfortunately, that didn't end up being the case.

“They told me that they needed me in electronics, and I said, ‘I’m not interested,’” Whitlock said. “But that’s where I went: fire control – radar/missile control.”

After basic training he spent a year in Colorado and then moved to the Youngstown Air Force Base. There, he worked on the F-102 Jet Interceptors, planes flown by the 86th Fighter-Interceptor-Squadron, as radar control crew chief for the 79th. He spent six



DAILY JOURNAL PHOTO

Larry Whitlock folds an American flag with a partner during a Veterans Day program at East Side Elementary School in Edinburgh in 2015.

months in Pittsburgh and San Antonio, where he worked with the Air Guard updating planes being reconned from active service to the guard.

It was April 27, 1961, his first night in Pittsburgh, that Whitlock met his future

wife, and he remembers it like it was yesterday. He and a friend attended a dance being hosted by some nurses at a local hospital, and it was there that he spotted

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## OBITUARIES

GREENWOOD

## Nathan Childers

Our loving father, son, brother and uncle, Nathan Paul Childers also known as "Nate," 40, went to his eternal home on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, with his family by his side.

He was born Dec. 3, 1981, in Columbus to his mother, Sandra Childers and his father, Ralph Childers. He graduated from Edinburg Community High School, Class of 2000.

Nathan was a sales manager at MyEyeDr for the last year. His employees loved his energy and enjoyed working for him. When he wasn't working, he enjoyed spending time with his children, family, and friends any chance he got. Whether it was fishing, cooking and chatting on Facebook live, sharing his love for Marvel or delivering excellent customer service, he had a contagious personality and a smile that was sure to win you over. He never met a stranger. He had a huge heart, and everyone felt special when around him. We know he is in Heaven creating a Marvel fan club alongside Stan Lee as well as sharing his amazing dance moves with happiness.

Nathan is survived by his children, Kaelyn and Phoenix Childers; mother of his children and former spouse of 15 years, Jodi Childers; brothers Junior "Juice" (Erin) Smith, Timmy Smith and Aaron Childers; and many friends. He was preceded in death by his brother, Kenneth Allen Smith; and his grandparents, Clifford and Mary Childers and H B and Mary Smiley.

Nathan will be missed by so many as he made a difference in everyone's lives that he encountered.

Funeral services, officiated by Dennis Carnes, were held at Who So Ever Will Community Church. Burial was at Rest Haven Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted by Eskew-Eaton Funeral Home in Edinburg. Memorial donations may be made in Nathan's honor to his children.



CHILDERS

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## Clifford Henry

Clifford Duane "Cliff" Henry, 61, of Edinburg passed away March 26, 2022, at Franciscan Health in Indianapolis. He was born March 2, 1961, in Bedford. He was the son of Warren D. and Virginia M. (Crites) Henry. He married RaeJean (Bartlett) Henry on Sept. 12, 1981, and she survives.

He is also survived by his son, Josh (Erica) Henry of Whiteland; daughter, Whitney (Shawn) Kelsay of Columbus; grandchildren, Beau, Hudson, Lincoln and Bronson; brother, John (Tina) Henry of Greensburg; and sisters, Judy (Don) Meyers of Florida and Nancy (Jerry) Belser of Edinburg; and his dog, Heidi.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, William "Bill" Henry; and sisters, Crystal Belser, Carolyn Yonts and Paula Centers.

Cliff was a 1979 graduate of Edinburg High School. He was a member of the Edinburg United Methodist Church in Edinburg. He was active with the High School Senior Breakfast, helped to start the eighth grade lunch, Vacation Bible School, assisted with the Boy and Girl Scouts associated with the church, and many other church activities.

He retired from Saps/Dolly Madison after 31 years. He assisted coaching all levels of football in Edinburg and was a fan of all Edinburg sports. He helped with the toy drive for over 25 years and also helped with the Back-To-School Drive.

Cliff was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. He was the favorite uncle to his nieces and nephews and best friend to many. He was well known for his "bear hugs." He enjoyed fishing, collecting John Deere, John Wayne and HO trains



HENRY

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## GOOD OLD DAYS

70 years ago: The Edinburg American Legion Post 233 announces that Edinburg students Helen Ransdaell, John Newton and Jack Meier have received oratory cash awards.

65 years ago: The Edinburg Teen-Canteen announces that Merrill Ridpath is chosen as president; Mrs. George DeMuth, vice president; and Mrs. Vyron Johnson, secretary/treasurer.

60 years ago: First place finishes by Mary Beth Tulley, Mary Ann Parsley and Linda Kehoe help the Edinburg Lancerettes win first place in the Spencer Twirling Contest.

55 years ago: Edinburg seniors Jerry Trimmell and Alice Moore have been named Bandsman of the Year and Featured Twirler at the Edinburg Band Boosters Banquet.

50 years ago: The Edinburg Lions Club announces that Edinburg senior Sharon Halcomb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Halcomb, has been named girl of the month for April.

45 years ago: The Edinburg Community School Board announces that Joseph Burkart has been named as the new ECHS principal, replacing former principal Tom McConnell.

## SPORTS PREVIEWS

## Girls Track

The Lancers will begin the season with only one girls athlete, sophomore thrower Alanna Hobbs.

"She's working hard on the throwing," Edinburg coach Amy Schilling said. "She's definitely improved from last year."

## Boys golf

The Lancers will be experienced with their entire top five returning.

"We're a year older, and we're adding a few pieces to the puzzle," Edinburg coach Kyle Dell said. "We're junior- and senior-heavy, so expectations will be a little bit more this year."

Junior Max Blandford missed by only two shots of qualifying for regional as an individual last season. Also back are seniors Trevor Moon and Cash Cunningham and juniors Mason Calhoun and Devyn Milburn.

Juniors Keegan Smith and Devin Hamilton, senior newcomer Ian Buchanan, sophomore newcomer Wyatt Burton and freshman D.J. Riddle also are pushing for varsity spots.

"Our 1-through-4 is pretty solid," Dell

said. "Then, 5-through-10 is pretty competitive. With the more people we have on the team this year, practices are going to be a little more competitive for those last couple spots.

## Girls tennis

The Lancers pulled out a pair of wins in the sectional last year to advance to the final before falling to North to finish the season 7-11.

Bethany Burton played No. 2 singles last season, and fellow seniors Peyton Bryant and Alyssa Funkhouser played No. 1 doubles. Sophomore Jessica Walsh played No. 3 singles, and junior Gracie Myers and sophomore Zoey Sida played No. 2 doubles.

Also battling for varsity spots are junior Jillian Turner, sophomores Izzy Richardson and Lily Turner, and freshmen Maegan Clapper and Mia Dodson.

"We're expecting a lot of effort, energy and confidence on the court," Edinburg coach Rachel O'Brien said. "Our strength as a team is all the confidence we have, and how well the girls work together no matter their level. I think we're capable of being at the top of our conference."

## SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

## Athlete of the week

Junior Max Blandford was named the Horizon Bank Student Athlete of the Week. He carded a 76 at the Edinburg Golf Invitational at Timbergate last Saturday, finishing in third place individually and leading the team to a ninth place finish.



BLANFORD

## Past yearbooks now online

You can view yearbooks from 1920 and up on ECSC's website. Go to the alumni

page at <https://www.ecsc.k12.in.us/about-us/alumni>

The alumni plan to continue to add more yearbooks as they get them. If you have a yearbook that is not on the site, please send an email to [bstrough@ecsc.k12.in.us](mailto:bstrough@ecsc.k12.in.us).

## GED classes

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

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

## Calendar

April 15: Good Friday

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Aaron Helton of Edinburg and Emily Earnest of Bargersville

Paige Britton of Edinburg and Jacob Cumberledge of Nashville

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# Baseball, softball open seasons with losses for both teams

Both the Lancer varsity baseball and softball teams opened their 2022 campaigns early last week at home. The varsity tennis girls didn't open until Friday but it was worth the wait as they were the only ones able to record a win in their opener. Also topping the news were accolades for the varsity boys basketball team, including one very special honor.

Baseball opened March 28 at home versus Salem. Both teams seemed to be evenly matched as they took a 2-2 tie into the final innings of the game. The wheels then fell off for Edinburgh as the visitors were able to score 10 unanswered runs and the game ended in a five inning, 12-2 loss.

March 29 marked the start of the varsity softball schedule with Edinburgh hosting Columbus East. The East offense went to work early and they were able to score in every inning as the Lancers fell, 16-4 in five innings. Mackenzie Bieker took the loss for Edinburgh giving up five earned runs in her three innings of work. The Lancers scored in the bottom of the fourth on a lead off double by Bieker and then a one out single from Angel Carman drove her home. They were then able to push across three more runs in the fifth on a solo home run from Gracie Crawhorn and then a two run shot from Carlie Cowan.

The girls were back on the home diamond on Thursday as they braved the cool weather to host Whiteland. The Warriors touched the good guys for eight runs in the top of the first as the Lancers fell in this one, 16-2 in five innings. Mackenzie Bieker was the game's losing pitcher but knocked in both Edinburgh runs at the plate. Edinburgh catcher Kyah Streeval led the Lancer offense with two base hits on the evening and also scored a run.

On Friday evening, tennis was the only game in town as the varsity tennis team soundly defeated Madison in their season opener, 5-0. Bethany Burton was victorious at number one singles, 6-0, 6-0, Jessica Walsh won at number two singles, 6-2, 6-0, and the number three singles match went to the Lancers via a forfeit as Madison's



Brian Ingels

## Lancer Notebook

third singles player wasn't available. In doubles play, the number one doubles pair of Alyssa Funkhouser and Peyton Bryant won. 6-3, 6-2 and the number two doubles team of Gracie Myers and Zoey Side were also winners, 6-0, 6-3.

On Saturday morning, the Edinburgh golf team hosted an early invitational at Timbergate. The host Lancers finished in the middle of the pack, ninth place in a field of 18 teams. Competing against schools of various sizes, they were narrowly defeated by Shelbyville and finished just ahead of Batesville. Lancer Max Blandford shot a 76 in the 18 hole tournament which was good for a third place finish in the field. Trevor Moon was 32nd with an 88, Mason Calhoun came in 50th with a 97, Cash Cunningham was 63rd with a 106, and Devyn Milburn came in 71st with a 114. This was in a field of 86 players.

## Basketball honor

The Daily Journal sports staff named their All-County team for the basketball season and Edinburgh's Caleb Dewey earned their top honor as the newly crowned Johnson County Player of the Year. Dewey led his team to a sectional championship and came within a single point of defeating eventual state champ North Davies at the Loogootee regional. He scored 20 or more points in 15 of the Lancers 26 games, averaging 21.2 points per game. Caleb also added 6.4 rebounds, 31 assists and 2.1 steals per game. He accomplished a rare feat by eclipsing the 1,000 point mark in scoring during this, his junior year. He will go into next season with a total of 1,229 points.

Dewey's fellow starters, Jarrett Turner, Riley Palmeter, Travis Jones and Landen Burton earned honorable mention nods on the All-County team.



PHOTO BY MIKE WOLANIN | THE REPUBLIC

Edinburgh's MacKenzie Bieker, left, pitches to Columbus East's Addy Ross during a softball game at the Steve Hollenbeck Athletic Complex in Edinburgh March 29.

## On tap

### Thursday

Varsity baseball, at home vs. Hauser, 5 p.m.

Varsity softball, at home vs. Hauser, 5 p.m.

### Friday

Varsity baseball at Hauser, 5 p.m.

Varsity softball at Hauser, 5 p.m.

Varsity golf at Salem, 5 p.m.

Varsity track & field at Triton Central Invitational, 5 p.m.

### Saturday

Varsity tennis at Brown County, 9 a.m.

### Monday

Varsity tennis at Seymour, 5:15 p.m.

Varsity baseball, at home vs. Genesis Home School, 5:30 p.m.

### Tuesday

Varsity softball, at home vs. Columbus Christian, 5 p.m.

Varsity track & field at Indian Creek, 5:30 p.m.



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# Whitlock

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Kay Greenberg, a student at St. Joseph's Nursing School.

"I just kept staring at her across the room, and finally my buddy convinced me to ask her to dance," Whitlock said. "She was so impressed with me that she introduced me as 'Lou' when I went to pick her up for dinner two weeks later."

They were married exactly nine months later in Cumberland, Maryland.

"Mom and Dad seemed to be a perfect match," son Dane Whitlock said. "They were a great example to others with respect to commitment, relationships and working together to raise a family."

After Whitlock finished with the Air Force, the couple settled back in Indiana. The GI Bill had come through, so while he attended Butler University for the next three years, he also worked full time at Marion County Children's Guardian Home and obtained his commercial pilot and instructor's license to work as a contractor at local airports.

Somehow, the couple managed to make their busy schedules work. After Whitlock's busy day, he stayed home at night while Kay worked as a nurse. It was about that time that Kay spotted an ad in the paper for AT&T and convinced Whitlock to take the test. With his electronics experience from the Air Force, and after passing a series of tests, he was hired in 1966 and spent most of the next 30 years working in the toll department for AT&T before retiring.

"Being in the Air Force channeled me to a field I had no interest in. But later to a career I loved, a way to feed my family, and retirement," he said.

Whitlock was transferred to Columbus in 1969 not long after their youngest daughter was born, and he chose Edinburgh as a place to plant his roots. Both of his parents had grown up there. Over the next several years, the Whitlocks worked hard, bringing their kids up in the small town, keeping them involved and volunteering together as a family. One of these family projects included the preparation and delivery of turkey dinners to seniors and needy families in Edinburgh.

"When I was on town council, someone asked me if I wanted to buy a turkey because she wanted to make Thanksgiving dinner for some seniors on the south side of town," Whitlock explained. "The first year, my daughter's confirmation class helped, and then it got bigger every year."

Eventually, Whitlock brought the ever-growing project to the American Legion, with the Edinburgh Fire Department joining in the mid-'90s to help deliver meals.

"Dad, through his actions, taught his children that we have a role in our commu-

nity where we live," Dane said. "To be part of our communities, we need to be involved, and as we participate, we make it our own community. For Dad, Edinburgh is his community and, in some respects, his extended family."

Whitlock is also proud of his work at the American Legion. In addition to having served in many different officer positions, he has been the Honor Guard coordinator at Post 233 for over 30 years, and he has coordinated the Hoosier Boys State and Scholarship selection process for 40 years.

Another part of Whitlock's community service began in 1975 when he became involved in local politics. He ran for town council, was beaten by 52 votes, but won the 1980 race. In the meantime, the steadfast Republican was elected as a precinct committeeman in 1976 and remains in the same position to this day. He was also appointed to the planning commission and served for eight years with four years as president. He has 24 years of service on the board of zoning appeals, 20 years as chairman, and was also the redevelopment commission chairman when Timbergate Golf Course was built.

Edinburgh Fire and Rescue Chief Allen Smith's path crosses quite often with Whitlock's through their joint community efforts with Thanksgiving dinners, the trustee's office and Smith's coordination of the Edinburgh Cheer Fund.

"Larry is a true-blooded Republican, a gentleman and a very good friend. We make a good team," Smith said. "He's one of those guys people look up to because when he puts his foot down, it's down."

In 1989, Whitlock took Ray Walton's position as Blue River Township trustee and held it for the next 25 years. Although Walton returned to the position not long ago, Whitlock still serves as chairman of the advisory committee. Walton agrees with Smith's summation of Whitlock's integrity.

"Larry is very civic-minded, and he never wavers from what he feels is right," Walton said. "I admire his military service, the way he raised his kids and his good sense of humor. He's good for the community."

Walton described Whitlock as gruff but good-natured, a depiction with which many folks in Edinburgh would agree, even Whitlock himself.

"I'm a big, fun-loving, overbearing, son of a gun," Whitlock said. "I always said that my wife had the patience of Job and was as quiet as I was mouthy." Kay, the love of his life, passed away on April 28, 2012, exactly 51 years and one day after the two met at that dance in Pittsburgh so many years ago.

The dance that he never would have attended had it not been for the path that he began the day he joined the U.S. Air Force.



Larry Whitlock and his wife, Kay, who passed away in 2012.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Whitlock in 2017. He has held several positions in town government in Edinburgh.

PHOTO BY KAMI ERVIN

# Playing for a cause

## Yellow tops Maroon in All-Area All-Star girls game

By James Pence

THE REPUBLIC STAFF WRITER

Even though the Yellow team defeated the Maroon team 69-56 in last Monday night's annual All-Area All-Star Girls Basketball game, it was more than just an ordinary basketball game.

The bigger emphasis was playing for a cause and helping out the community.

The beneficiary of this year's boys and girls games is Columbus North junior cheerleader Ariel Roberts, who is battling an embryonic brain tumor that was diagnosed in early January. The money raised will help Roberts and her family with medical costs. About \$600 was raised during the March 28 girls game to go with the \$950 that was raised at the March 21 All-Star boys game.

"It's nice to be able to support another student athlete in the community. It seems like it's grown every year," Columbus Christian boys coach and athletics director Kevin Roth said. "It's been great for the community. The kids enjoy it. Several kids, parents thanked me after the game. It's a situation where seniors can put an ending to their high school careers and move on to college or something else whether it be in basketball or other sports. It's an opportunity to play with other student athletes you don't get to play with."

It's been a yearly tradition that started back in 2015 by Roth, Columbus Christian superintendent and South Decatur boys coach Kendall Wildey and former Columbus Christian girls coach Ron Bridgewater. Bridgewater had the idea after watching his son and friends practice together in the gym.

The All-Star players were from The

Republic's All-Area team from the nine schools across the circulation area. The beneficiary in the inaugural game was former North boys basketball standout Josh Speidel, who suffered a traumatic brain injury from an auto accident earlier that year.

"It was born out of an idea that I wasn't done watching my son play. We had incredible support, and then when we tied the fundraiser for Josh Speidel to it, it took it to another level. It's been running great ever since," Bridgewater said. "Every year, we've been looking for a special cause money can go to."

North junior Emma Long, who's known Roberts since they both went to Ogilville Christian Church Preschool together, became close with Roberts all the way up until this year because of different classes each one of them had. Long did mention that she still keeps in touch with Roberts.

"She's always the energetic girl that I'd always hang out with at school," Long said. "We had a bunch of classes together, so I was really upset because I know that's a bad thing for her. She's super-active in cheer, so I was down for her, but I always prayed for her because I wanted her to get better."

In the game, Columbus East's Saige Stahl finished with a game-high 17 points for the Yellow team. East's Koryn Greiwe had 13, and Hauser's Madelyn Poe added 11. For the Maroon team, Brown County's Lexie Austin scored a team-high 11 points, and North's Lauren Barker added 10.

"I love playing with girls that I never even thought I'd be playing with," Greiwe said. "It's so fun to see all the talented girls come together, and to have the support of the community is awesome. It was a really fun game today."



Edinburgh's Gracie Crawhorn launches a 3-pointer over Trinity Lutheran's Liza Froedge during the All-Area All-Star girls basketball game at Columbus Christian School.

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items.

A funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Jason Hyer at Edinburgh United Methodist Church. Burial was at Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburgh.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Edinburgh United Methodist Church.

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

EDINBURGH

### Brandon Hughes

Brandon James Hughes, 32, of Edinburgh passed March 26, 2022 in Edinburgh. He was born Oct. 7, 1989, in Columbus. He is survived by his parents, Gary and Norma (Howard) Hughes of Edinburgh; sister, Danielle Sneed of Edinburgh; nephew, Dakota Sneed of Edinburgh; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.



HUGHES

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Jane and Ernie Howard and Lucille and John R. Hughes.

Brandon was a 2008 graduate of Edinburgh Community High School. He loved his family and friends, was an avid sports fan, played football and basketball, and was a Black Belt in karate.

A funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Eli Johnson 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.

DALLAS

### Bradley Lemons

Bradley Lemons, 58, of Dallas, Texas, formerly of Edinburgh, passed away March 23, 2022. He was born Nov. 24, 1963, in

Columbus. He was the son of Tom Lemons of Whiteland and Patty (Lamphere) and Ron Hazelgrove of Edinburgh, and they survive. He is also survived by his daughter, Elizabeth Lemons of Lewisville, Texas; sister, April (Eric) Mathis of Nolensville, Tennessee; and sister-in-law, Kimmi Hazelgrove of Amherst, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Brian Hazelgrove.

Bradley was a Columbus High School graduate and a Coast Guard veteran. He was employed as a hospital medical traveling nurse working as a surgery technician. He enjoyed spending time entertaining his friends and helping others.

A funeral service was conducted by Elliott Parmer at Eskew-Eaton Funeral Home in Edinburgh. Burial was at Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburgh.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Edinburgh Dollars for Scholars.

TAYLORSVILLE

### Joyce Rodgers

Joyce Alberta Rodgers, 77, of Taylorsville passed away March 28, 2022 at her residence. She was born April 17, 1944, in Adair County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Tim and MaryJane (Burton) Burton. She married Fraymond Douglas Rodgers on Feb. 24, 1962, and he preceded her in death on Aug. 18, 1992.

She is survived by her sons, Lonnie (Teresa) Rodgers of Columbus and Donnie (Julie) Rodgers of Whiteland; grandchildren, Dillen Rodgers of Pennsylvania and Keelie Rodgers of Columbus; great-grandchildren, Devon, Jacob, Brycen, Bianca, Dillen Jr., Tanner, Ezekiel and Dawson; brother, Randell (Judy) Burton of Adair County, Kentucky; and sister, Phyllis Shirley of Adair County, Kentucky.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Charles Burton;



LEMONS

and sisters, Bernice Cowan, Lucille Burton, Madeline Grider, Loeta Redman and Betty Jean Burton.

Joyce attended the Who-So-Ever-Will Community Church and had a strong, unwavering faith in the Lord. She retired from United Technology in Edinburgh, and had formerly worked at Cummins Engine Co. in Columbus.

She enjoyed spending time with her grand and great-grandchildren, liked being outdoors, taking care of her yard, and couponing.

A funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Ricky Burton 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.

COLUMBUS

### Kevin Smith

Kevin Darrell Smith, 48, of Columbus, passed away on March 23, 2022, at Columbus Regional Hospital.

Kevin was born Oct. 7, 1973, in Columbus, the son of Darrel and Linda Crouch Smith.

Kevin loved mudbogging, drag racing, hunting and fishing. He loved spending time outdoors and could always be found tinkering on anything with an engine. Kevin had a huge heart and was always willing to help anyone he knew who needed it. He will be greatly missed.

Kevin is survived by his parents; a brother Eric Smith of Edinburgh; a sister Deborah Dawn Smith of Columbus; a son, Kevin Willoughby; his grandchildren, Bryson, Addi, Hunter, Kia; his companion, Amanda Mitchell of Columbus; a special friend Shelly Willoughby; as well as his four-legged canine companion, Coco.

Jewell-Rittman Family Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Send a message to the family at [www.jewellrittman.com](http://www.jewellrittman.com).



SMITH

EDINBURGH

### Larry Whitlock

Larry V. Whitlock, 82, of Edinburgh passed away March 30, 2022, at Community Hospital South in Indianapolis. He was born May 9, 1939, in Connorsville. He was the son of Vernon and Gladys (Miller) Whitlock. He married Kay (Greenberg) Whitlock on Jan. 27, 1962, and she preceded him in death on April 28, 2012.

He is survived by his sons, Dean (Barb) Whitlock of Grand Forks, North Dakota and Dane (Jolinda) Whitlock of Columbus; daughters, Tracy (Rick) Swift of Indianapolis and Kimberly (Mike) Criss of New Palestine; grandchildren, Christopher Swift, Matthew Whitlock, Adam Swift, Audrey Dean, Daniel Seiltz, Emily Reichet, Marcus Swift, Jarod Criss, and Ben Seiltz; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and sister, Patricia McCarty.

Larry was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Edinburgh, the American Legion Post 233 in Edinburgh, and the Moose Lodge in Columbus. He served in the U.S. Air Force, was a Blue River Township trustee for 20-plus years, was on the Edinburgh Town Board for eight years and was a precinct committeeman for several years. He was inducted into the Johnson County Republican Hall Of Fame and was a flight instructor for single engine planes. He retired from Indiana Bell in 1996 after 30 years of service.

He was an avid reader and enjoyed fishing, boating and camping.

A funeral service will be conducted by Father Chris Wadelton at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Edinburgh. Calling was on Tuesday at Eskew-Eaton Funeral Home in Edinburgh. Burial will be at Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburgh.



WHITLOCK

## CHURCH BULLETIN

### 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.

### Grace Tabernacle Church

512 W. Center Cross St.  
Easter egg hunt and prizes, April 16 at 1 p.m. All ages are invited.

For more information, call pastor Terry England at 812-371-4503.

### Edinburgh Full Gospel

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

### Edinburgh United Methodist

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

### Old Union United Church of Christ

12703 N. County Road 50W, Edinburgh  
The church has added a time for discipleship growth at

9 a.m. on Sunday mornings. This ongoing class time will be studying "Be The Church," which features 10 simple drawings accompanied by 10 simple conversations that teach the followers of Jesus who they are and what they are supposed to do.

Info: 812-526-9430

Items for Church Bulletin may be sent to Edinburgh Courier, P.O. Box 699, Franklin, IN 46131 or e-mailed to [courier@dailyjournal.net](mailto:courier@dailyjournal.net). Info: 317-736-2726

Reach your neighbors with an ad in the Edinburgh Courier  
317-736-2703

## AT THE PARKS

### Edinburgh Parks & Recreation

722 Eisenhower Drive  
Hours: Monday through Saturday, noon-8 p.m.

Info/to register: Tracy Beier at 812-526-3535, ext. 3, or tbeier@edinburgh.in.us

• The summer Youth Club will be conducted June 1-July 22.

The club is for children ages 4-12. Activities include swimming, field trips, crafts, breakfast and snacks. Cost is a \$100 registration fee and \$25 per week per child. Hours are 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

Signups will be taken April 11-May 14. Contact Elissa Day, 812-526-3535, 317-833-8637 or eday@edinburgh.in.us for information or an online registration form.

### Johnson County Park

2949 E. North St., Nineveh  
Hours: Monday through Friday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays (April-October), 8 a.m. to noon

April 9: Scrambled Eggs (adult Easter egg hunt)

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

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

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

### Museum exhibit to open

People of all ages are invited to be among the first to see the Johnson County Museum of History's newest featured exhibit "Edinburgh: Johnson County's First Town." This exhibit will showcase Edinburgh for its Bicentennial Celebrations.

The opening event is 6-8 p.m. on April 21 and is free and open to the public.

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.

### 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.

### 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

## COMMUNITY CHATTER

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.

Anyone who would like to volunteer at the breakfast, donate candy or pre-filled Easter eggs, or has a golf cart and would

like to participate in the parade, contact Event Coordinator Tracy Beier at tbeier@edinburgh.in.us or 812-447-6076.

### 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.

### Garden celebration

Johnson County Garden Club will host Garden Celebration XVII: Watch Your Garden Grow is set for May 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Enhance your garden with tips from professionals regarding roses, daylilies, trees and much more with 40-plus garden-related vendors and seminars. Admission is \$2 at the door. Located at Johnson County Fairgrounds, 250 Fairground St., Franklin.

For information, call Carolyn Williams at 317-736-8080 or email jgardenclub@gmail.com.

### Pizza at Legion

The American Legion Auxiliary sells freshly made pizzas with a variety of toppings 5-8 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of every month at Post 233 in Edinburgh.

Prices are \$8 for a 7-inch, \$12 for a 12-inch and \$15 for a 14-inch.

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

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