

WEDNESDAY
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FREE



Bunny hops into town

Edinburgh celebrated Easter with a breakfast and parade.

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Edinburgh Courier

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Tradition is not the worship of ashes, but the preservation of fire.”

— Gustav Mahler

WHAT'S UP?

Historic church tour

In celebration of Edinburgh's bicentennial, a Historic Church Tour is taking place Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Register by calling the Community Center at 812-526-3539 or email jrccc@edinburgh.in.us. Tickets are \$5. The tour starts at the Community Center (100 E. Main Cross St.) with visits to Holy Trinity, Methodist, Christian and Presbyterian churches.

Spaghetti fundraiser

Mell's Little Bake Shop & Cafe will host a fundraiser for the Edinburgh After Prom Committee Friday, 5-8 p.m. The menu includes spaghetti, side salad and garlic bread for \$8. All money raised will go toward planning an after-prom event for high schoolers.

The restaurant is located at the American Legion Post 233.

Museum exhibit to open

The Johnson County Museum of History's newest featured exhibit, "Edinburgh: Johnson County's First Town," will showcase Edinburgh for its bicentennial celebration. 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.

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Seizing the day

Dewey named Daily Journal Player of the Year

By Ryan O'Leary

DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

Nothing lasts forever — a hard truth that Caleb Dewey had to face just a few weeks ago.

“It first hit me, really, at the end of the regional game against North Daviess,” he said. “In the locker room with Travis (Jones), Riley (Palmer), Landen (Burton), all our seniors, it kind of just made me realize it goes by so quick.”

Fortunately for Dewey, he's still got one more year to make things happen. The Edinburgh junior hasn't been leaving everything until the last minute, though.

Dewey poured in 21.2 points a game for a Lancers squad that went 22-4 and ranked among the top teams in Class A almost all season before losing to state champion North Daviess by a point in the regional semifinal. For his efforts, he is the Daily Journal's Player of the Year in boys basketball.

Though he was the go-to scorer almost every night for the Lancers, pouring in a season-high 36 against North Decatur and going for 20-plus on 15 other occasions, Dewey was quick to credit his teammates for making his life on the court much easier. The talent surrounding him made it tough for defenses to send too much attention his way.

“Definitely having everybody else be able to do the things they can do (took) some of the pressure off me,” Dewey said. “There would be some games where I'd be getting double-teamed, but then somebody else starts scoring a bunch and they can't double-team me anymore, so that opened stuff up for me.”

That might change next season; the Lancers graduate six seniors and Jarrett



Edinburgh junior Caleb Dewey is the Daily Journal's Player of the Year in boys basketball.

PHOTO BY KAMI ERVIN

Turner is the only other returning starter, so Dewey will undoubtedly face more attention. He's looking forward to the challenge, though, and trying to improve various aspects of his game in preparation.

Among the items on his to-do list are improving his handle and his ability to shoot off the dribble along with becoming more aggressive at the defensive end. Those improvements should also help increase the attention he's been getting from college coaches.

With 1,229 points already to his credit, Dewey is just 182 points behind Kyle Wuest on Edinburgh's career scoring list; if he stays healthy, he's all but certain to eclipse that mark. He's also likely to end his career among the top five boys scorers in Johnson County history.

Such individual milestones and acco-

lades are always in the back of Dewey's mind, but they'll always take a back seat to the lofty team goals that he's helped make a yearly expectation at Edinburgh.

Especially since he knows he's only got one more season left here.

“This summer, I'm going to try to get everybody to buy in, put the work in, and hopefully have the same result next season as we did this season,” Dewey said. “It starts in the summer, getting up early, coming in and getting shots up, working out, just being dedicated. Buying into what the coaches are saying and just trusting each other.”

“(The individual stats are) always there in the back of my mind, but it's not something I ... push toward every day. It would be nice, but at the end of the day there's a bigger picture.”

AT THE PIXY

The Edinburgh Pixy Theatre is at 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

Upcoming events:

April 30: Addison Johnson (country)
 May 6: Happy Place Comedy with Jeffrey Bodart
 May 14: Wyatt Massingille (country)
 June 11: Mike Milligan and Steam Shovel (blues)
 June 16: Auditions for Fairy Tale Theater, 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays.
 July 9: Bomar and Ritter (folk, pop)
 Aug. 13: Magician Jordan Rooks
 Aug. 20: Kevin Stonerock
 Nov. 13: Fairy Tale Theater musical, 2:30 p.m. Freewill donation



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Country artist Addison Johnson, described by one reviewer as "nostalgic country with a dark twist," will perform at the Pixy April 30.

COMMUNITY CHATTER

Edinburgh Alumni Banquet

The Edinburgh Alumni Banquet will be held May 21 at the Edinburgh Community High School.

The Alumni Association will honor 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 are on sale 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 is flushing water mains 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.

Voting locations

The following locations are open for early voting, which runs through 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.

Below are nearby Election Day vote centers. Election Day is May 3, and polls are open 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 (Bartholomew County residents)

St. George Lutheran Church, 10931 S. 600 West, Edinburgh (Shelby County residents)

Garden celebration

Johnson County Garden Club will host Garden Celebration XVII: Watch Your Garden Grow, 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 at Johnson County Fairgrounds, 250 Fairground St., Franklin.

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

GOOD OLD DAYS

70 years ago: Officers for the Edinburg Eagles Aerie are Howard Fuller, president; Robert Hart, vice president; Clarence Miller and Virgil Jones, trustees.

65 years ago: Bill Depp scores a team high 15 points as Edinburg scores 101 points to defeat Charlottesville, Greenwood and Center Grove in a track meet.

60 years ago: Steve Kellams wins five blue ribbons and sets a junior high record in the 220-yard dash as Edinburg Junior High beats Southwestern, 53-47.

55 years ago: Edinburg executes two

double plays and Clarence Giles pitches a 3 hitter as Edinburg defeats Morgantown, 7-1, in a baseball game at Irwin Park.

50 years ago: Edinburg High School junior Teresa Gunkel is named president of Central Trust for the month of April, succeeding outgoing president Charles Denny.

45 years ago: The Edinburg Exchange Club announces that Edinburg senior Richard Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Clark, has been named boy of the month.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Athlete of the week

Junior Gracie Crawhorn was named the Horizon Bank Student Athlete of the Week. During the last three softball games, she has batted 10 for 10 with 13 RBIs and six home runs, leading the Lady Lancers to a three-game win streak.



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College notes

John Martin of Edinburg was one of 21 students Trine University welcomed into the Delta Mu Delta business honor society during a ceremony earlier this month. Delta Mu Delta is an international honor society that recognizes academic excellence in business administration programs at institutions accredited by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs.

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 bstraugh@ecsc.k12.in.us.

Tickets to games

Edinburg Community Schools athletic department has released game ticket and pass prices for the 2021-22 school year.

Family passes (members of same household): 1-4 members, \$150; 5-6 members, \$160; 7 members and up, \$170

Individual passes: Adult \$50; student \$40
 Passes are not good for tournaments, scrimmages, jamborees or East Side contests.

Passes are available at the high school during regular school hours.

Single game prices:

All varsity events, \$6

Non-varsity events, \$5

Middle school events, \$5

East Side events, adults, \$4; students, \$1

Homework help

Students struggling with math or science 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.

Before- and after-school program

Edinburg 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

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Victories this week for Lancer golf, tennis and softball teams

The Edinburgh varsity golf team took a win in a three-way meet versus a pair of MHC teams, varsity tennis got a nice victory over Columbus East as they finished a match suspended from earlier in the season, and the Lancer softball team saw their bats come alive in a big way in three straight victories at the end of last week.

Kicking things off for the period, the boys varsity track team finished fourth in a four-way meet at Indian Creek on April 12. Greenwood was the runaway winner of the meet with the Lancers coming in just behind Indian Creek and Monrovia.

The Lancers had second place finishes from the 400-meter relay team of Enrique Callejas, Blaze Jensen, Braylon Bryant, and Jackson Hartwell, the 1600-meter relay team of Callejas, Austin Brockman, Bryant and Hartwell. Hartwell also earned second place ribbons in the long jump as well as the 110-meter high hurdles. Callejas had a third in the 300-meter hurdles and Bryant scored with a fourth in the 100-meter dash.

Moving to Thursday evening, the varsity tennis girls were at Hope to take on the Jets. They fell to Hauser, three matches to two. Bethany Burton was a winner at number one singles, 6-0, 6-4 as was Jessica Walsh at number two singles, 6-1, 6-1. Jillian Turner fell at number three singles, 2-6, 2-6. In doubles action, Alyssa Funkhouser and Peyton Bryant dropped their match, 4-6, 1-6, and Zoey Sida and Gracie Myers fell in a hard fought match at number two, 3-6, 6-4, 4-6.

In JV play, Maegan Clapper lost her singles match, 2-8, Izzy Richardson and Lily Turner lost in a doubles match, 5-8 and then they fell in another doubles match, 3-8.

Timbergate played host to the Lancers, Morristown and Southwestern on Thursday evening and saw the Lancers come out on top with a 192 to Morristown's 198 and Southwestern's 204. Max Blandford led the good guys with a 40, Trevor Moon shot a 47, Mason Calhoun 50, Cash Cunningham 55, Keegan Smith 55, Wyatt Burton 56,



Brian Ingels

Lancer Notebook

Devyn Milburn 58, and Devin Hamilton 67.

Both baseball and softball were able to host South Decatur on Thursday evening after a herculean effort by the Lancer athletic department to get both diamonds ready for play.

Varsity softball pounded the Cougars 10-0 in five innings to record their first Mid-Hoosier Conference victory of the season. Scoring 10 runs on eight hits, the Lancers were led by Gracie Crawhorn's three base hits including a home run and two RBIs. MacKenzie Bieker was the game's winning pitcher and helped her own cause at the plate with two hits, a home run and a double, and four runs batted in. Carly Cowan and Zaza Nelson knocked in a run each. Bieker allowed just two hits on the night and fanned 14 Cougar batters.

Baseball didn't fare as well on Thursday despite the Lancers starting pitcher, Travis Jones, being perfect through the game's first three innings. South Decatur proceeded to put four runs on the scoreboard in the fourth inning and added three more in the fifth to go on to down the Lancers, 7-1. Gabe Bennett had Edinburgh's only extra base hit, a double, and Colin Richardson knocked in the Lancers' lone run. Jones struck out five Cougar batters in his six innings of work.

Finishing a match that had been suspended due to rain back on the fifth of April, the Lancer tennis team notched a super victory over visiting Columbus East, 4-1. Bethany Burton won her number one singles match, 6-4, 6-1, Jessica Walsh was victorious at number two singles, 6-2, 6-4, and Jillian Turner lost at number three singles, 2-6, 1-6. The Lancer doubles duos were both winners with Peyton Bryant and Alyssa Funkhouser winning at number one, 6-1, 7-6, 6-4, and Gracie Myers and Zoey Sida winning at number two, 6-2, 6-3.

Playing in Westport on Friday evening, the varsity softball team won 20-12 in their second conference match-up against South Decatur.

Gracie Crawhorn and Carly Cowan provided the power as each belted two round-trippers and had three runs knocked in apiece. MacKenzie Bieker added a home run and three RBIs to help herself as the game's winning pitcher for the second night in a row. She also struck out 13 in this game. Kyah Streeval was on fire as she had four base hits, including a double, and batted in six Lancer runs. Angel Carman had three hits and two RBIs, Carly Cowan had two hits and three RBIs, Alix Streeval had a pair of hits and an RBI, and Caitlyn Hardman had two base hits.

Also in action at South Decatur on Friday, the baseball Lancers fell to the Cougars, 18-6. They jumped out to an early 3-0 lead but couldn't stop South Decatur's offense after it got rolling as they scored their 18 runs in the next three innings.

Jarrett Turner, Gabe Bennett, and Colin Richardson each had two base hits for Edinburgh with one of Turner's being a double. Turner, Richardson, Travis Jones, Ian Buchanan, and Nick Detling each had an RBI in the game. Bennett suffered the loss on the mound as he gave up seven earned runs and struck out four in 2 1/3 innings.

Putting an exclamation mark on the week's activities, the Edinburgh softball team played at Brown County on Saturday morning and were able to come back with a sweet, 11-5 victory over the Eagles. Gracie Crawhorn capped a stunning week of play as she had four hits, three of which left the park, and had a whopping eight RBIs. MacKenzie Bieker plated the other

three Lancer runs with two hits, one being another home run for her. Kyah Streeval and Angel Carman each had a pair of base hits in the win. Beiker went the distance as the game's winning pitcher, allowing just four earned runs while striking out a dozen.

On tap

Wednesday

Varsity baseball at North Decatur, 5 p.m.
Varsity softball at North Decatur, 5:30 p.m.
Varsity tennis at Brown County, 4:30 p.m.
MS track & field vs. Southwestern-Indian Creek-Greenwood Christian at Southwestern, 5 p.m.

Thursday

Varsity baseball, at home vs. North Decatur, 5 p.m.
Varsity softball, at home vs. North Decatur, 5:30 p.m.

Friday

Varsity tennis at Waldron, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity track & field, Lancer Relays, 5 p.m.

Saturday

Varsity tennis, at home vs. Indian Creek, 10 a.m.
Varsity baseball, at home vs. Indy Lutheran & Eminence (DH), 10 a.m.
Varsity softball, at home vs. Indy Lutheran & Hauser (DH), 10 a.m.

Monday

Varsity golf at Brown County, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity tennis at Rushville, 4:30 p.m.
Varsity softball, at home vs. Indian Creek, 5 p.m.
Varsity track & field, at home vs. Medora & Crothersville, 5 p.m.

Tuesday

Varsity golf, at home vs. Beech Grove & Trinity Lutheran, 4:45 p.m.
Varsity baseball, at home vs. Greenwood Christian, 5 p.m.
Varsity track & field, at home vs. Waldron, 5 p.m.

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Celebrating Easter



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Top: Kelli Clawson and Shelly Baxter toss out candy while riding in the truck with the Easter bunny. The Easter parade was Saturday at 3 p.m.

Above: Decorated golf carts participate in the parade.

Top left: Iona Elliott, daughter of Brandon and Mandi Elliott, meets the Easter Bunny at the Edinburgh Parks and Recreation's annual breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Left: An Edinburgh school bus is seen on the parade route. Kids on the bus threw out treats to the spectators.

COMMUNITY PHOTO GALLERY



PHOTO BY KAMI ERVIN

The American Legion Post 233 donated a new 6 burner grill to the USO at Camp Atterbury. From left: Brett Harrel, 1st Vice Commander SAL; Post Commander Chuck Humphress; and Justin Kiel, operations supervisor of USO Camp Atterbury.



PHOTO BY KAMI ERVIN

Winners of the April 12 Edinburgh Tri Kappa Bingo show off their prizes. The annual event, which features Vera Bradley items, raised \$9,000 to be donated to Dollars For Scholars.



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INDOT sets public hearing for road project

SUBMITTED ARTICLE

The Indiana Department of Transportation will host a public hearing for a roadway reconstruction project on State Road 252 on April 27 in the Edinburgh Community High School cafeteria. The meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to learn more about the project and provide official comments to the project team.

The \$6 million proposed project includes pavement replacement along State Road 252 between U.S. 31 and I-65, a small structure replacement east of U.S. 31, and replacement/expansion of sidewalks along 252. The project aims to enhance safety

along the corridor and reset the service life of the roadway. The contract is currently scheduled to let to contractors in fall of 2024.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. to allow the public time to view displays and interact with project personnel before the meeting. A formal presentation will begin at 6 p.m. Project information will also be posted on the INDOT Seymour District webpage prior to April 27 and can be viewed any time.

Questions and comments may be submitted in person at the meeting or via email to Susan Castle (susanc@metricenv.com) with Metric Environmental. All comments are requested by end of business on May 11.

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 to 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 through 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

May 14: JoCo Pours in the Park, noon to 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 to 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

JAIL BOOKINGS

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

Anthony L. Britt, 36, Edinburgh, arrested on charges of leaving the scene of a property-damage crash and driving while suspended with a prior conviction; released on \$7,500 bond.

Kylee Weber, 24, Edinburgh, arrested on two

Bartholomew County warrants and an out-of-county warrant; no bond.

Cameron M. Ayers, 32, Edinburgh, arrested on body attachment; released on \$500 bond.

Bryan W. Lambert, 28, Edinburgh, arrested on a Bartholomew County warrant; no bond.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Abigail Bryant and Gavin Frady, both of Edinburgh

Logan Coffey and Kathryn Sanders, both of Edinburgh

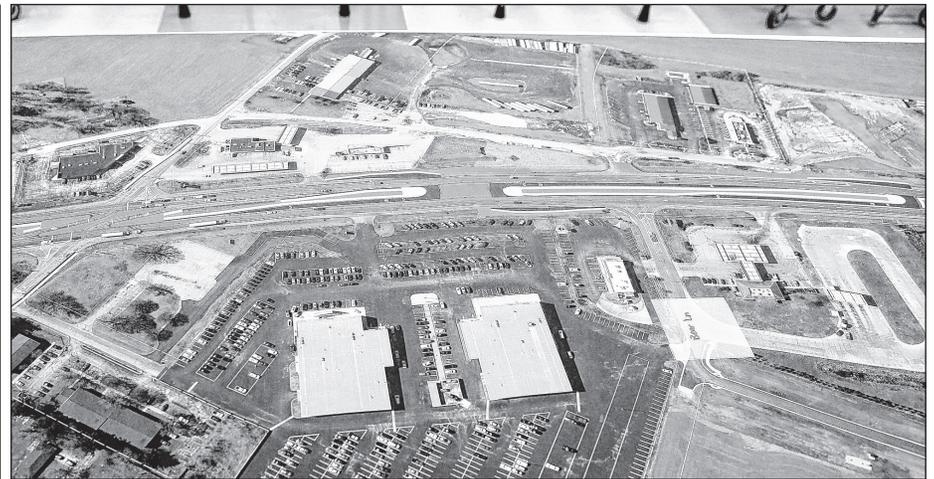


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Part of a preliminary design is on display during the INDOT public open house held at Taylorsville elementary school for the discussion about the intersection improvement project along U.S. 31 at Tannehill Road and Bear Lane.

INDOT considers reduced conflict intersections for Taylorsville area

By Mark Webber

THE REPUBLIC STAFF WRITER

Three significant reconfigurations along U.S. 31 between Bartholomew County Road 650N (Tannehill Road) and Interstate 65 are being recommended by a consulting group to the Indiana Department of Transportation.

The recommendations, presented during a public hearing last week in Taylorsville, include:

Straighten out the exit ramp from northbound Interstate 65 to U.S. 31

Install a median U-turn just south of Bear Lane, which would necessitate closing the current intersection of U.S. 31 and Bear Lane/Frontage Road.

Construct a reduced conflict intersection (RCI) where the highway intersects with Tannehill Road.

Project manager Adam Burns told about 30 people attending the open house at Taylorsville Elementary School that final project decisions will be made by the end of June, with all design work completed by the end of the summer.

An employee of the Indianapolis-based engineering consulting group of Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Inc., Burns said bids will be awarded this fall, with the entire \$3.1 million project expected to be started and completed next year.

There are only four of reduced conflict

intersection configurations being used in Indiana at this time.

Essentially, the configuration means motorists approaching divided highways from a side street are not allowed to make left turns or cross traffic. Instead, they are required to turn right onto the highway before making a U-turn at a designated median opening. These openings are frequently called J-turns.

While Bartholomew County Highway Engineer Danny Hollander said drivers will have to adapt as they did with roundabouts, he believes the safety statistics for reduced conflict intersections (RCI) speak for themselves.

The frequency of crashes at the four current RCI intersections have been reduced by 60 to 77% - and the number of injuries and fatalities by a significant 86%, according to INDOT statistics.

A six-year accident court shows the intersection of U.S. 31 and Bear Lane, located between Speedway and Burger King, is a high crash location where improvements are highly recommended. Although the Tannehill Road intersection doesn't have as many collisions. The crashes that do occur there tend to cause injuries and fatalities, Burns said.

Part of the problem is the exit ramp from northbound Interstate 65 on to the highway at Taylorsville, the project manager said. It has a gradual curve that encourages higher speeds when vehicles merge onto U.S. 31, Burns said.

Have a question?

Questions and comments regarding upcoming changes planned by the Indiana Department of Transportation to U.S. 31 in the Taylorsville area may be emailed direction to Project Manager Adam Burns. The address is aburns@cmtengr.com

Project materials are available on the INDOT Seymour District webpage at in.gov/indot/about-indot/central-office/welcome-to-the-seymour-district/.



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Council approves rate increase for water plant

By Leeann Doerflein
DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

The average Edinburgh Municipal Water Utility customer will pay about \$10.31 more per month after the town council recently authorized a rate increase.

The rate increase was made as Edinburgh aims to generate \$6.4 million for a new water plant, which town officials say has been due for an upgrade for more than 5 years. The 1997-built plant has become a drain on the town utility's finances, said Dan Cartwright, town manager.

Thousands of dollars have been spent on plant repairs, while the town also has to add the chemical sodium permanganate to help the aging filtration system remove discoloration from the water, he said.

The plant will cost and estimated \$6.7 million to build and \$8.1 million in total. The total also includes design, engineering and bond financing costs, said Mitchell Eschweiler, of Baker Tilly, the accounting firm hired to perform the rate study. To lower the cost of the new plant, the town council appropriated \$956,500 that the town

received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), along with a \$700,000 grant from the Indiana Office of Rural and Community Affairs.

The town council allocated the ARPA funds to this project to lower the cost of the rate increase to ratepayers, council members said. Utility projects are an approved use of the federal COVID-19 relief funds.

Originally, ratepayers could have paid up to \$12.02 more monthly, but using the ARPA funds allowed the council to reduce the maximum increase to an average of \$10.31 each month.

The current average monthly bill for a single-family home is \$31.62, meaning the average customer will pay \$41.93 per month with the increase.

The council was given several rate increase scenarios and approved the maximum rate increase of \$10.31. The difference between the scenarios is how much extra money that would be collected for future water system projects, so by choosing the maximum increase, the utility will collect money for the projects more quickly, Eschweiler said.

The rate increase will fund future projects and provide funds to pay back the \$6.4 million State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan

that is being taken out for the new plant. The loan is due to be paid off in 2042, town documents show.

The town council held a public hearing last week before approving the new rates. One member of the public asked why the town chose an SRF loan to fund the new plant rather than municipal bonds. An SRF loan is a process by which the state purchases municipal bonds and allows communities to pay the government back over time with a low interest rate, Baker Tilly representatives explained.

The new plant will be built next to the old plant at 308 N. Walnut St. The old plant is planned to be converted to a storage building when the new plant comes online.

The plant will also up the town's current capacity from 1.4 million gallons per day to 2.1 million, with the ability to expand to 2.8 million with an additional filter and pump, Bill Jones, Edinburgh's water superintendent said last year. With current daily water usage at about 700,000 gallons per day, there is plenty of room for commercial, industrial and housing growth, he said.

The rate increase will take effect after the increase is advertised to ratepayers via legal notice.

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:

American Legion Post #233

500 Memorial Drive, Edinburgh
Critical: 1. One refrigeration unit's temperature not at proper level.

Non-critical: 1

Starbucks #52318

11900 North U.S. 31, Edinburgh
March 9

Critical violations: None

Noncritical violations: 1

T & P Petroleum, Inc.

13340 North U.S. 31, Edinburgh
March 18

Critical violations: None

Noncritical violations: 3

Circle K

200 W. Cross St., Edinburgh

Critical: 0

Non-critical: 6

Best Western

11780 N. U.S. 31, Edinburgh
March 21

Critical violations: None

Noncritical violations: 1

Hardee's

1200 N. Hartman Drive, Edinburgh
March 22

Critical violations: 1

Pop dispenser machine and nozzles at drive-thru window need cleaned.

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