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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Nothing is as permanent as a temporary government program.”

— Milton Friedman

WHAT'S UP?

Bantam football, cheer

Registration for Edinburgh Bantam Football and Cheer will be conducted May 19 and May 23, 5-7:30 p.m., at the Edinburgh Parks & Rec shelter house. An additional registration will be conducted June 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the shed in the gym parking lot at East Side Elementary School.

If you are registering a first year football player, please bring a copy of his birth certificate. If cheerleaders need a uniform, please bring child to try it on.

Bicentennial events

Edinburgh Bicentennial Bash is set for June 10-11 at Keeley Street and School Hill.

Events include hot air balloon rides, All American Lumberjack shows, live music, food trucks, petting zoo, pony rides, vendors, magic shows, fireworks and more.

Community outreach

Northview Assembly of God, 904 S. Holland St. Edinburgh, will hold its fifth annual community outreach event May 21 beginning at 10 a.m. The day includes live music, free food, and bounce houses, games and cotton candy for the kids.

Museum exhibit open

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

The museum 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.

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ELECTION 2022



Buck, Piercefield retain seats on Edinburgh council

By Leeann Doerflein
DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

Edinburgh voters chose to retain incumbent town council members Debra K. Buck and Marshall “Ryan” Piercefield.

There were four candidates on the Republican ballot and voters chose two to fill at-large seats on the council.

Buck and Piercefield won with 30% and 36% of the vote, respectively. Ryan Blaker and Maryann Gallagher-Little were also on the ballot and fell short with 21% and 11% of the vote, respectively.

How you voted

Ryan Blaker: 21%
Debra K. Buck: 30%
Maryann Gallagher-Little: 11%
Marshall “Ryan” Piercefield: 36%

Piercefield was elected for a second term on the council. Buck was elected by voters for the first time, as she was caucused in to her seat in 2019.

Both told the Daily Journal earlier this year they are proud of what the current council has achieved and they hope to see the momentum continue.

Buck, who works in human resources, first ran for election to see behind the curtain, now she’s part of the team hoping move Edinburgh forward, she said.

“I’m a lifelong resident and for several years, I wondered why

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Voters approve Edinburgh schools referendum

By Andy Bell-Baltaci
DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

Voters in Edinburgh have chosen to increase their property taxes over the next eight years in order to raise teacher salaries, increase school security, hire bus drivers and buy additional school buses.

Voters in Johnson County’s Blue River Township and Bartholomew County’s German Township voted for the measure, 66% to 34%. The tax hike will raise the education contribution of property owners in Blue River Township about 40%, to \$1.45 for every \$100 of assessed value from \$1.06. Bartholomew County residents in German Township who live within the school district’s boundaries will also be subject to the hike.



ROSS

The increase will cost the owner of a \$96,800 home, which is the median home value in the district, an additional \$9.97 a month, while the owner of a \$200,000 home will pay an additional \$31.77 a month. Translated to annual figures, the owner of a \$96,800 home will pay about \$120 more, while the owner of a \$200,000 home will pay about \$381 more. All figures are estimates from Baker Tilly U.S. LLP, a Chicago-based public accounting and consulting firm.

The need for a referendum comes as Edinburgh schools finds itself in the midst of declining student population, down almost 10% since the 2015-16 school year, which has resulted in about \$600,000 fewer state dollars, the equivalent of 10 first-year teacher salaries and benefits. The referendum will raise about \$700,000 a year for the school district, according to the figures.

The successful referendum was vital for Edinburgh schools, superintendent Ron Ross said in a statement.

How you voted

To approve the Edinburgh schools referendum:
YES: 66.36%
NO: 33.64%



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OBITUARIES

EDINBURGH

Margaret Allen

Margaret C. Allen, 69, of Edinburgh passed away May 9, 2022 at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Franklin. She was born June 6, 1952 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

She was the daughter of Robert and Eileen (Flowers) Vaske. She married Wendill Allen on July 29, 1972 and he preceded her in death on July 13, 2017.

She is survived by daughter, Pamela King of Edinburgh; sons, William L. Allen of Edinburgh and Kevin (Renee) Allen of Orlando, Florida; grandchildren, Faith King, Jamie King, Aiden Harrison, Keaghan Chandler, Peyton Allen, London Allen, Annabelle Allen, Keara Leeper, Khloe Leeper, and Abel Wise; sister-in-law, Judy (Brian) Prather of Edinburgh; brothers, Robert (Cindy) Vaske of Hamilton, Ohio, Tom (Sherry) Vaske of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Tim Vaske of Westchester, Ohio; sisters, Mary Bolin of Middletown, Ohio, Helen (Dave) Pendleton of Westchester, Ohio, and Linda Hooker of Conroe, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sister, Rosey Armacost; and brother-in-law, Kermit (Sara) Allen.

Margaret was an active member of the Saint Louis Crossing Baptist Church. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, baking, working in her flower garden, arts and crafts, crocheting and quilting.

A funeral service was conducted by Pastor Doug Sharp at Saint Louis Crossing Baptist Church. Burial was at Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburgh.

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

EDINBURGH

Dorothy Bateman

On May 7, 2022, Dorothy Esther Bateman went to be with our heavenly Father.

Dorothy was born on Feb. 8, 1915 in Daviess County, Indiana. She graduated from Washington High School in 1933 and lived most of her first 98 years in Washington before moving to Edinburgh with her daughter, Judy. She spent 74 years with her devoted husband, Archie.

Dorothy and Archie were faithful mem-



ALLEN

bers of Bethel North United Methodist Church and helped organize the annual "Smorgasbord Dinner" for several years.

In the early days, Dorothy worked as a telephone switchboard operator for Indiana Bell. In more recent years, she enjoyed the convenience of talking to family on her cell phone and playing Candy Crush on her i-Pad.

Dorothy enjoyed several past times throughout her life including gardening, fishing, reading, working puzzles and making the most delicious blackberry cobbles. She also blessed her family with many hand-stitched quilts, and beautiful crocheted snowflakes.

Always an active couple, Dorothy and Archie enjoyed spending time together. They loved to play cards with friends. They were also known for their prolific blackberry bushes, and their frequent fishing trips to Dogwood Lake.

Dorothy never shied away from baiting her own hook or taking her fish off. She also never let Archie forget when she out fished him.

Dorothy is survived by her daughter, Judy Eaton of Edinburgh; a daughter-in-law Judy Bateman Whiting (Richard) of Chandler; granddaughter Tracy Cron (Wendell) of Chandler; grandsons Nathan Eaton (Anna) of Columbus and Brent Bateman of St. Louis; seven great grandchildren, Christopher Bedwell (Tiffany), Adam Cron (Kyla), Lauren Beavers (Austin), Olivia Bateman, Kaden Eaton (Claire), Alexa Eaton, and Macy Eaton; and seven great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Wilda Wainman; her husband John Archie Bateman; son John Bateman; son-in-law Jim Eaton; grandson Christopher Eaton; sisters Iva Mae Wilson, Helen Wainman and Eva Snider; brothers William Wainman, Clarence Wainman, Howard Wainman and Harold Wainman.

A graveside service was conducted at Sugarland Memory Gardens in Washington.

Memorial contributions may be made to North Bethel United Methodist Church, PO Box 791, Washington, IN 47501, or to Our Hospice of South Central Indiana, 2626 E. 17th Street, Columbus, IN 47201, or at ourhospice@crh.org.

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

EDINBURGH

Karen Carter-Wise

Karen Kaye Carter-Wise, 57, of Edinburgh passed away peacefully on May 3, 2022 at Johnson Memorial Hospital surrounded by family.



BATEMAN

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Lancer families,

Edinburgh Community Schools would like to publicly thank the voters in our school corporation for supporting our recent referendum. Winning the referendum was a wonderful night for the students, parents, teachers, staff and the Edinburgh Community to celebrate.

We worked together to remain consistent, accessible and transparent throughout this very public campaign to garner the support of residents of our Edinburgh Community Schools.

There are many to thank and I want to make sure that we recognize the hard work

of our volunteers, the vision of our school board and the commitment of our community to support our students and our teachers.

Last Tuesday, voters in our community invested in our future. We will remain transparent in the use of the referendum dollars. We look forward to continuing to preserve one of Indiana's most historic and storied school districts.

As a result of the election, you proved that Edinburgh is Our Town AND your School! Thank you, Edinburgh!

Thank you,
Ron Ross, Superintendent

GOOD OLD DAYS

70 years ago: New Officers for the Rebekah Lodge are Mrs. Herbert Simmons, Noble Grand; Mrs. Charles Lee, Vice Grand; and Mrs. Lawrence Stillabower, treasurer.

65 years ago: Dickie Lee strikes out 11 batters as the Edinburg Lancers defeats the Center Grove Trojans, 4-1, to capture the 1957 Johnson County Championship.

60 years ago: Edinburg High School senior Bill Leohr, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Leohr, is the recipient of the first Edinburg Alumni Association's scholarship.

55 years ago: Roger Taylor goes 3 for 3 and scores three runs and Clarence Giles hurls a 3-hitter as the Edinburg Lancers blast the Columbus Bulldogs, 10-3.

50 years ago: Edinburg Community High School sophomore Darlene Smith places second in the 440-yard dash in the state GAA track meet held at Benton Central High School.

45 years ago: The Edinburg Town Board announces they have appointed Bobby Lee Smith to the board, replacing Douglas Stacy, who resigned in April.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Athlete of the week

Senior Peyton Bryant was named the Horizon Bank Student Athlete of the Week. Bryant is a member of the girls tennis team, which won the MHC for the first time this spring. She earned All-Conference honors on Saturday at three singles.



BRYANT

College notes

The Franklin College Model United Nations Team was awarded the Distinguished Delegation award. The team included Noah Childers of Edinburgh.

It was the second-highest award conferred at the world's largest simulation of the United Nations. The students competed head-to-head against thousands of students from a wide variety of countries during the April 2022 National Model United Nations Conference.

Transportation survey

Edinburgh Community Schools is conducting a student transportation survey and asking that all families complete a survey, even if they do not currently ride a

school bus. This survey will help the district determine future transportation needs as it looks to expand the number of students that are offered transportation. Families are asked to complete the survey by May 27. It can be accessed on ECSC's website at www.ecsc.k12.in.us.

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 bstrauh@ecsc.k12.in.us.

GED classes

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

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

Calendar

May 27: Last student day
May 30: Memorial Day
May 31: Teacher records day
June 4: Graduation

Girl tennis places two players on All-Conference tourney team

Edinburgh baseball won a pair of games, softball notched another win, but the lead this week has to be the varsity tennis Lancers who carded three team victories, won a co-title in the conference regular season, and placed two players on the All-Conference tourney team.

May 9 had the varsity golf team playing at North Branch against North Decatur and Hauser. The Lancers finished just behind the Chargers while defeating the Jets. Mason Calhoun was his team's leader on the night with a 45, Max Blandford shot 47. Cash Cunningham 49, Trevor Moon 50, and Devyn Milburn 55.

The varsity tennis girls were also in action that same day and they improved their season record to 7-5 with a 3-2 win over Southwestern at home. Bethany Burton won at number one singles, 6-3, 6-1, Jessica Walsh won at number two singles, 6-3, 6-3, and Peyton Bryant was victorious at number three, 6-3, 6-4. In doubles play, Alyssa Funkhouser and Jillian Turner fell at number one, 0-6, 4-6, and Zoey Side and Gracie Myers fell at number two, 1-6, 3-6.

Middle school track ran at North Decatur on Monday against both Decatur, finishing third in the meet. In the individual events, Kenna Streeval won the 200 meter dash and was second in the 200, Payton Morris was second in the long jump, Sophia Pace was second in the shot put, and Addison Crawhorn placed third in the shot put, and fourth in the discus. Edinburgh's 400 relay team of Morris, Streeval, Crawhorn, and Kinzie Purvis took second place, and the 1600 meter relay team of Morris, Streeval, Purvis, and Pace came in third.

That same Monday also saw the varsity baseball team playing host to Indy Genesis Home School Alliance. The Lancers got off to a slow start offensively but exploded for seven runs in the bottom half of the third inning. That seven runs allowed them to go on to defeat the visitors, 11-6. Jarrett Turner collected a pair of hits, a double and his first career home run. Gabe Bennett was the other Lancer with multi-



Brian Ingels

Lancer Notebook

ple hits as he hit two doubles. Caleb Turner also doubled in the contest. Turner and Bennett each had three RBIs and Colin Richardson had two. Travis Jones was the game's winning pitcher, giving up just three hits in five and two thirds innings and striking out nine.

Varsity tennis took the bus ride to Morristown May 10. They came back from northern Shelby County with a sweep, a 5-0 victory over the Yellow Jackets. In singles play, Bethany Burton won at number one, 6-1, 6-0, Jessica Walsh won at number two, 6-1, 6-0, and Peyton Bryant was victorious at number three, 6-0, 6-1. Edinburgh's number one doubles team of Alyssa Funkhouser and Jillian Turner won, 7-6, 4-5, 7-6 in a marathon and the number two doubles team of Zoey Sida and Gracie Myers bagged their opponents, 6-0, 6-0. Izzy Richardson blanked her JV singles opponent, 8-0.

The varsity MHC track meet was held on Tuesday at Southwestern. The Lancers finished in seventh, just behind the host Spartans. Jackson Hartwell was second in the long jump and fifth in the 110 high hurdles, Braylon Bryant was third in the 200 meter dash and seventh in the 100, Enrique Callejas finished fifth in the 300 meter hurdles, Irving Luis-Orozco was sixth in the 3200 meter run and seventh in the 1600 meter run, and Blaze Jensen was sixth in the high jump and seventh in the long jump. The Lancer 400 meter relay team of Enrique Callejas, Bryant, Jensen, and Hartwell was second, the 3200 meter relay team of Brian Callejas, Rylan Londeree, Anduan Chavez, and Luis-Orozco came in sixth, and the 1600 meter relay team of Enrique Callejas, Austin Brockman, Bryant, and Hartwell finished third.

Baseball traveled to Crothersville on

Tuesday. They had no trouble at all with the Tigers as they pushed eight runs across the plate in the first inning en route to a 20-3 rout. Riley Palmeter and Landen Burton led the way with three hits each and Jarrett Turner, Colin Richardson, Gabe Bennett, and Nick Detling all had two base hits. Palmeter and Bennett each doubled while Turner had a three-base hit. Nick Detling drove in four runs on the night, Turner, Burton, and Bennett each knocked in three, Richardson plated two, and Travis Jones, Ian Buchanan, and Caleb Turner each had one RBI. Palmeter took over from Bennett on the mound and earned the victory.

The Lancer softball team went to Indy on Tuesday and took on the Living Water Home Schoolers. The good guys were in command throughout but did give up four runs to the hosts in the bottom half of the seventh inning to make it close, winning, 6-4. Gracie Crawhorn had two hits on the night, both home runs. Kyah Streeval also homered and MacKenzie Bieker doubled in the victory. Crawhorn had three RBIs, Streeval one, and Jasmine Hester one. Bieker was the game's winning pitcher, going the distance and fanning 15.

Edinburgh golf was at The Legends on Franklin on Wednesday playing both Whiteland and Plainfield. Whiteland came out the victor with a 158, Plainfield shot a

169, and the Lancers came in with a 188. Max Blandford was Edinburgh's top golfer with a 40, Trevor Moon shot a 48, Mason Calhoun 49, Cash Cunningham 51, and Devyn Milburn 65.

On Thursday the middle school track team participated in the MHC meet at Southwestern. Scoring for the Lancer girls were, Kenna Streeval who was third in the 200 meter dash and fifth in the 100 meter dash, Addison Crawhorn was third in the discus, and Payton Morris finished third in the long jump. The 400 meter relay team consisting of Streeval, Crawhorn, Kinzie Purvis, and Morris finished third.

Heading to Indy Lutheran on Thursday, the varsity tennis Lancers came away with another sweep, downing the Saints, 5-0. Bethany Burton won at number one singles, 6-3, 6-2, Jessica Walsh won at number two singles, 6-1, 6-4, and Peyton Bryant won at number three singles, 6-4, 6-1. The number one doubles duo of Jillian Turner and Alyssa Funkhouser won, 6-3, 6-4 and the number two doubles team of Gracie Myers and Zoey Sida were victorious, 6-0, 6-3.

Softball went the opposite direction on Thursday as they played at Seymour High School. They were turned back by the Owls, 11-1 in this one. Kyah Streeval had a

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The 2022 Edinburgh Community High School prom court, from left: Ciera Myers, Devyn Milburn, Gracie Crawhorn, Braylon Bryant, 2022 Prom Queen Aaliyah Schmidt, 2022 Prom King Jalen Jones, Jarrett Turner, Jillian Turner, Mason Calhoun and Gracie Myers.

PHOTO BY KAMI ERVIN



Lancer

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pair of base hits on the evening and Gracie Crawhorn knocked in the lone run.

MacKenzie Bieker suffered the loss in the circle. She gave up eight runs but just one of those was earned thanks to the Lancers committing six errors on the evening.

That theme continued for the softball girls as they committed eight miscues on Friday, taking an early exit from this year's Johnson County Tourney, losing to Center Grove, 21-1. The Lancers had just four hits on the evening and their only run came from a Gracie Crawhorn home run in the first inning.

Varsity baseball played at home on Friday, hosting Indian Creek. The baseball Lancers proved to be as error prone and their counterparts, tallying nine errors on the night as they lost to the Braves, 13-3 with only four of those Indian Creek runs being earned. Gabe Bennett had a pair of base hits and Colin Richardson collected a double in the effort. Despite his line, Bennett pitched well and struck out seven batters in suffering the loss. Jarrett Turner pitched well in relief, again the victim of miscues in the field.

In Saturday's MHC tennis tourney at

Hauser, both Bethany Burton and Peyton emerged victorious with Burton winning the number one singles tourney and Bryant winning the number three singles tourney.

Athletic physicals

Free athletic physicals will be given today from 3:15 to 5:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

Forms are available at the school and need to be completely filled out and have all the signatures in place when the student comes for the physical.

Information: 812-526-5501

On tap

Thursday

Varsity baseball at Waldron, 5 p.m.

Varsity softball at Waldron, 5 p.m.

Friday

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

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

Saturday

Varsity golf, MHC at North Branch, 8 a.m.

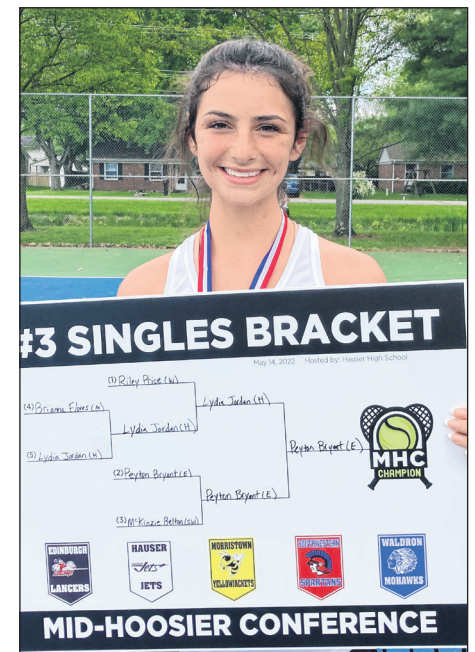
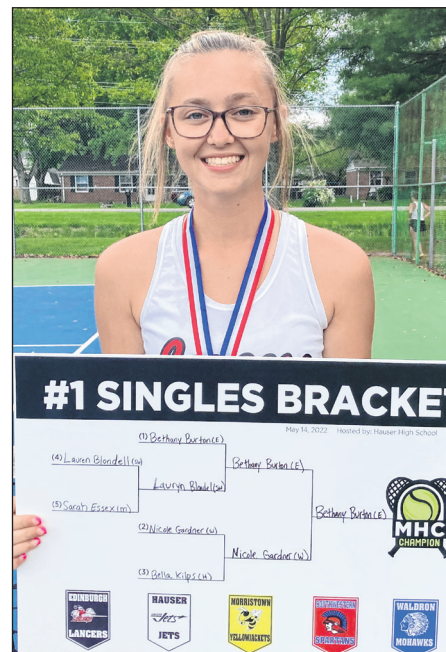
Monday

Varsity golf at home vs. Morristown, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Varsity golf at home vs. Oldenburg, 4:30 p.m.

MHC CHAMPS



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

After earning the regular season team co-championship of the Mid-Hoosier Conference with Waldron, the Lancer girls placed two athletes on the All-MHC tournament team. Bethany Burton, left, won the Number One Singles bracket and Peyton Bryant, right, was the winner of the Number Three Singles bracket in Saturday's tourney at Hauser.

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. Organizers will also show a special video honoring the 145-year history of Edinburgh Schools.

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.

Job Corps

The U.S. Department of Labor's Job Corps program has launched a recruitment drive in Indiana, offering immediate openings and free career training for low-income students ages 16-24.

There are two Job Corps campuses in Indiana: Camo Atterbury in Edinburgh and IndyPendence in Indianapolis. Both offer job training in high-growth industries, including advanced manufacturing, automotive and machine repair, construc-

tion, finance and business, healthcare, homeland security, hospitality and transportation, according to a news release.

Job Corps provides job training, on-campus housing, meals, healthcare and job search assistance. The recruitment drive in Indiana is part of a national effort to restore Job Corps campuses to full capacity following cut backs during the pandemic, the news release says.

Job Corps is free for ages 16-24 from low-income households who meet the eligibility requirements.

For more information about Job Corps, or to begin the enrollment process, visit jobcorps.gov or call 800-733-JOBS.

Free Fishing Days

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources has set free fishing days for June 4-5 and Sept. 24. These are days you can fish without a license.

Free Fishing Day applies to all public waters in Indiana and is an ideal chance for anglers to share fishing with someone who does not have a license. You can find public places to fish at on.IN.gov/where-2fish.

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.

NATIONAL POPPY DAY

Edinburgh can honor the fallen and support the living by celebrating National Poppy Day on May 27. Wear a poppy to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice and support the future of veterans, active-duty military and their families for generations to come.

The American Legion family of Edinburgh Post 233 will be distributing poppies to the community at the following locations on May 27:

Big Red's Place, 8 a.m. to noon

Not Just Popcorn, 10 a.m. to noon

Gary's Dam Bait Shop, 10 a.m. to noon

Everyone is encouraged to stop by and make a donation and get a poppy. All donations will provide support for the future of veterans, active-duty military and their families with medical and financial needs.

Cans and poppies will also be located in businesses in the Edinburgh area until the first week of June.

Members of the American Legion can place a poppy on the memorial tree at Post 233 at 500 Memorial Drive, Edinburgh, IN 46124. Donations can be made to American Legion Auxiliary #233 c/o Linda Medlen at the same address.



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Tax breaks approved for Sonoco Referendum

By Leeann Doerflein
DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

Two tax breaks were approved for an expansion of the Sonoco Flexible Packaging, Inc. facility north of Edinburgh.

Because the company is located in unincorporated Johnson County, the abatement was approved by the Johnson County Council. Real and personal property abatements with seven year terms were approved for the company at the council's May 9 meeting.

The company, located at 6502 S. U.S. 31 North, Edinburgh, plans to invest \$2.1 million to redevelop to build a 25,000 square foot addition to the existing manufacturing facility. To outfit that new addition, the company plans to buy \$12.9 million in new manufacturing equipment, according to the county documents.

The expansion will retain 15 existing jobs in Johnson County and create eight new jobs, county documents say.

According to an estimate compiled for the tax abatement application, the real property abatement will save more than

\$125,600, while the company pays more than \$222,400 in taxes over the life of the abatement.

An exact estimate of personal property abatement savings is not available because county officials determined that one piece of equipment the company had applied for does not qualify for a tax abatement under state law, said Shena Johnson, county attorney.

Under the original request, the company would have saved more than \$302,600 and paid more than \$487,300 in taxes, the application shows. The actual savings and taxes paid will be lower with the omission of that piece of equipment.

The approval for both abatements were made following a public hearing where no member of the public made a comment.

Sonoco Flexible Packaging - Edinburgh is part of the Sonoco Product Company, a 100-year-old worldwide packaging manufacturer with 300 facilities in 34 countries. The company has three other locations across Indiana: in Indianapolis, Akron and Portland. The company makes packaging for a wide variety of consumer products brands and industries that serve 95 countries, according to the company's website.

Referendum

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"Tonight, we celebrate an absolutely wonderful night for the students, parents, teachers, staff and the Edinburgh community. We worked together to remain consistent, accessible and transparent throughout this very public campaign to garner the support of residents of our Edinburgh Community Schools," Ross said. "Tonight, voters in our community invested in our future. We will remain transparent in the use of the referendum dollars approved tonight. We look forward to continuing to preserve one of Indiana's most historic and storied school districts."

Previously, Ross said, if the referendum failed, the school district would have to consider consolidation due to continually decreasing funds.

The decrease in state money has resulted in first-year teachers making the state minimum of \$40,000 a year. Ross said he feared a failed referendum would result in further monetary losses, staff members leaving, a continued inability to bus all students to school and further decreases in student enrollment, all resulting in the possible closure of Edinburgh schools or con-

solidation with another school district.

"The school provides a sense of unity and community pride. Our athletic events are packed at every home event with faithful Lancer fans. The loss of our school means no more Friday night lights. We will lose local control of our school district and a voice in what happens to our students. If Edinburgh loses its school, the town will suffer as a result. People will relocate closer to where their students attend school. They will no longer frequent the local businesses, churches (and) parks. Property values will plummet," Ross said in April. "Approving our referendum ensures that we retain local control of our schools, avoid consolidation, protect our community and property values, and ensure that the school and its programs remain a central source for community unity and pride."

Edinburgh schools is the third Johnson County school district to pass a property tax referendum in the past four years, with Clark-Pleasant schools passing one in Nov. 2018 for mental health and school security. Franklin schools had a successful referendum effort in May 2019 for teacher salary raises and mental health support. A Center Grove effort in Nov. 2019 to increase mental health services and school security was unsuccessful.

JAIL BOOKINGS

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

Christopher Logan King, 32, Edinburgh; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; released on \$185 bond.

Tony L. Richey, 49, Edinburgh; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; held without bond.

Courtney D. Sizemore, 24, Edinburgh; arrested on a charge of violation of community corrections; held without bond.

Grace E. Cordova, 24, Edinburgh; arrested on a charge of contempt; released on \$200 bond.

Omar Hernandez Altamirano, 32, Edinburgh;

arrested on a charge of contempt; released on \$200 bond.

Kristin Nicole Weber, 41, Edinburgh; arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia and reckless driving-passing a stopped school bus with stop arm extended; released on \$3,200 bond.

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

Mario Gomez Jacinto, 31, Edinburgh, arrested on a charge of operating a vehicle without a license and a Bartholomew County warrant; released on \$5,000 bond.

Council

FROM PAGE 1

the town council made decisions the way they did. So, I decided to run in the caucus to have a part in the process. As a (council member), I was involved in placing three key leaders in the community: the new town manager, the new chief of police and the new fire chief. Additionally, I was very instrumental in restructuring the trash services to include monthly big trash pickup. There are many more projects in the funnel that I would like to see come to fruition. I will continue to provide the most efficient and transparent guidance on working with the team to make Edinburgh the best community possible."

Likewise, Piercefield, who is a Franklin firefighter and small business owner, hopes to continue working on projects in the works that will benefit residents for generations to come.

"I kind of wanted to see a vision for the

town and try to direct that vision. My family has always been here. I love Edinburgh. It is my community and I wanted to have input on the future of (it). It seems like if you don't have new and fresh ideas, things can kind of go stagnant. I'm really proud of the direction we have gone. We are really looking into the future ... it is not just me, it is the vision of the shared board. That's why I'm running again, so we can continue that positive movement. We are looking at new homes. We've done amazing things with public safety in the police and fire departments. We are a really unique entity because we carry so many different departments for the town."

Both identified housing growth as a goal for the town going forward. Without more homes, they said the school district and additional business growth would be more difficult. They said developers have been showing interest in parcels that could someday soon bring new, affordable housing to the town that has shrunk in population over the past few decades.

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Obits

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She was born Aug. 5, 1964 in Indianapolis to Jack Carter Sr. and Ida (Mackey) Carter. She attended Northwest High School in Indianapolis. She was a homemaker her whole life.



CARTER-WISE

She enjoyed spending time with her grandkids whenever she had the chance. Those of you who had the chance to know her knew that she was one hell of a "Hell Raiser."

When something was bothering her, the whole world knew. She was the most strong-willed woman to walk this earth.

Her daily news was scrolling through Facebook to see what was going on in the world. She got to become a great-grandma for a short time. She only knew how to cook for an army since she had six kids. There was enough for everyone.

If you had the chance to be in an argument with her, you were privileged and loved. She had a heart you just had to know. She would tell you how it was whether you wanted to hear it or not. She was the true definition of tough love.

She loved to go to the casino and con-

certs. Steak bagels from McDonald's were her favorite and she was longing for the day they came back. You would have thought she was from the jungle as much as she loved plants.

Karen is survived by her mother, Ida Carter of Indianapolis; sons, Robert Miller Jr. of Indianapolis and Matthew Miller of Franklin; daughters, Ashley (Bobby) Jessie of Edinburgh, Alysia Wise of Edinburgh, Amber (Shaun) Locke of Indianapolis, and Bobbie Jo (Zach) Smith of Whiteland; sisters, Michelle (Denny) Nelms of Mooresville, Vicki Carter of Indianapolis, and Freida Doyle of Indianapolis; sister-in-law, Kathy Carter of Indianapolis; grandchildren, Robert "Little B", Chase, Ashton, Jesse, Robert "Frog", Jasmine, Destiny, Noah, Ayedren "AD", Chloe, Karli, Liam, Olivia, Stanley, Raelynn, Wyatt, Miah, Abel and Leighton; several nieces, nephews, uncles, and aunts.

Karen was preceded in death by her father, Jack Carter Sr.; brothers, Jack Carter Jr. and Wilbert Carter; her great-granddaughter, Oaklee Wise.

A memorial service was held Jessen & Keller Funeral Homes - Whiteland Chapel.

EDINBURGH

Sarah England

Sarah JoLee Miracle England, 3, of Edinburgh went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus on May 3, 2022. Sarah blessed

so many with her smile and bright eyes.

She will always be Princess Sarah. Sarah was born on April 10, 2019.

She was the daughter of Terry and Sandy (Costello) England and they survive.

She is also survived by her brothers, Terry England Jr. of Franklin, Andy (Shasta) England of Edinburgh, Trae England of Edinburgh, Michael England on Edinburgh, Brantley England of Edinburgh, and Wayne England of Edinburgh; sisters, Mary England of Fort Wayne and Erica (Tony) Earlywine of Columbus; grandmother, Velva Burton of Columbia, Kentucky; 13 nieces and nephews; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Bob and Delores England and Ed and Betty Ellis; Aunt Cathy Jo Turner; and Uncle Bill Costello.

She was loved by her church family.

A funeral service was conducted by Pastor Randy Burton at Grace Tabernacle in Edinburgh. Burial was at Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburgh.

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



ENGLAND

EDINBURGH

David Harmon

David D. Harmon, 69, of Edinburgh passed away May 3, 2022 at his residence. He was born Dec. 16, 1952 in Seymour. He was the son of Charles and Dorothy (Smith) Harmon. He married Karen (Hancock) Harmon Jan. 7, 1980 and she survives.



HARMON

He is also survived by his son, Joseph Harmon of Edinburgh; grand-daughter, Willow Harmon of Edinburgh; and sisters, Dottie (Tom) Lain of Florida and Peggy Harmon of Greenwood.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters, Pat Cummings, Kay Rouse, Sybil Eubank, Diana Kelsay and Pamela Ping.

David was a 1971 graduate of Edinburgh High School and attended Who-So-Ever-Will Community Church. He retired from Cummins Engine Company in 2014.

He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his "lunch dates" with his granddaughter, Willow, attending church and listening to gospel music.

A graveside service will be conducted by the Revs. Randy Denton and Kevin Metz at Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburgh.

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

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