

WEDNESDAY
JUNE 29, 2022



FREE



Party on the Fourth

Edinburgh, surrounding areas will host celebrations, fireworks.

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Edinburgh Courier

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Wilderness is not a luxury but a necessity of the human spirit."

— Edward Abbey

WHAT'S UP?

School open houses

Open houses for students about to start the 2022-23 school year are July 26. Edinburgh Community Middle/High School will be open 5-6 p.m., East Side Elementary, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Aquatic center

The Edinburgh Aquatic Center, 220 Harrell Drive, is open daily, noon-6 p.m.

Adult swim is 10 a.m. to noon Tuesdays through Fridays; free family swimming is 5-6 p.m. daily.

General admission for in-town residents is \$2 for ages 4-17 and \$3 for adults. Out-of-town residents is \$4 for kids and \$5 for adults. Admission for 60 and older and military is \$2. All children 3 years or younger are admitted free. A swim diaper must be worn even if the child is potty-trained.

Season passes: In-town individual pass, \$30; out-of-town individual pass, \$60. All family passes, \$100 (Up to two adults and four under-18 children living in the same household.)

Pool parties can be booked 7-9 p.m. Cost is \$250 (\$300 nonresident) for 75 guests. Call 812-526-3535 for availability.

Upcoming events:

The Center is offering children's swimming lessons July 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21. Classes are 9-9:45 a.m. Cost is \$35 per child, who can range from pre-beginner (3-4 years old) to intermediate. Sign up and pay at the center. Classes are limited to 8 students.

Aqua Zumba classes are conducted at 6-6:45 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Cost is \$5 per class.

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MEETING NEEDS

Grant will help food pantry serve the hungry

By Ryan Trares

DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

As the final clients head home with their bags and boxes of food, the volunteers of the Edinburgh Food Pantry finish up their work organizing their space on the town's main street.

They stock the shelves with non-perishable food and other supplies. Produce is boxed up and stored in a collection of refrigerators lined up in a side room. The waiting room is cleaned and ready for the next distribution day.

For the two days per month the pantry is open, the pantry passes out food to nearly 40 families struggling to eat. Their work is essential, organizers say.

"I'm amazed at how much we're able to give out to these families that come in. Having more storage capacity will allow us to serve more families or give them even more to help with their food budget," said David Bauman, director of the food pantry.

Now, with the help of a grant from Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana, the Edinburgh Food Pantry will be able to better serve the people in their community. The grant for more than \$176,600 is earmarked to purchase a walk-in freezer and cooler, additional carts for clients, an enclosed trailer and a computer to help keep track of clients.

These items will make a significant impact on the people of Edinburgh, said Sloan Shockley Lewis, local service manager for Gleaners serving Johnson County.

"The pantry has set a standard. They've been a great partner of Gleaners for many years, and it's exciting to see them grow," she said. "They've worked very hard to be good stewards of all of the gifts given them, so we knew they could handle this



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Organizers from the Edinburgh Food Pantry, local Edinburgh officials and representatives from Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana pose with the oversized grant check provided to the food pantry on May 23. The pantry, which is organized by the Edinburgh Fellowship of Churches, received a \$176,000 grant from Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana to help it better serve those in need in the community.

size of a grant to acquire these items."

Food insecurity and poverty touches every corner of Johnson County. The county had an estimated 6.7% of the population living in poverty in 2020, according to the Census Bureau. More than 15,200 residents are food insecure, including 4,150 children.

Using data from the Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, an estimated 14.4% of students from Edinburgh Community Schools live in poverty.

Volunteers for the Edinburgh Food Pantry see a steady flow of area residents in need of food every month, Bauman said.

"We're seeing a significant need, but it was a lot more during COVID," he said. "We'd have more than 80 families coming in every time we were open, whereas today we only had 39. That's pretty typical."

The food pantry in Edinburgh was initially founded by the Edinburgh

Ministerial Association, a united effort by local church leaders to address community issues. The group still operates the pantry, though they have recently transitioned to a new name, Edinburgh Fellowship of Churches.

Since the 1980s, a pantry has been available for residents in need. At one point, it was housed in the same building as an Edinburgh senior center, and organizers passed out whatever items had been donated.

The mission to keep the pantry going has been a commitment of the association.

"There continues to be a need. The ministerial association's mission it to meet people's needs, and that is a basic one," said Nancy West, a member of the Edinburgh Fellowship of Churches.

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OBITUARIES

ST. GEORGE, UTAH

Stephen Bowers

Stephen Allen Bowers, Esq., 71, went home to the Lord on Feb. 17, 2022 at St. George Regional Hospital surrounded by family and a friend. He was a resident of St. George, Utah for many years.

He was born to Harold E. and M. Eileen Bowers on Aug. 30, 1950 in Decatur County, Greensburg, Indiana and grew up on a farm west of Greensburg.

He loved telling his best memories about growing up as a farm boy in Indiana, and loved playing basketball, football and baseball. He truly loved his family. He was a 1968 graduate of Edinburgh High School, and then graduated from John Herron School of Art (IU) in 1972. He moved to California and started his family, where he received his law degree from Pepperdine University in May 1990, and he successfully practiced law in multiple states for nearly 30 years. While he was quite successful at law, his true passion was art, as clearly demonstrated by his sketches and paintings. Stephen was the oldest of six children.

He is survived by his two sons, Nathan Bowers (Kimberly) and Matthew Bowers of Los Angeles; and his siblings Dale (Debbie) of Franklin, Rebecca (James Davis) of Edinburgh, John (Diane) of Monticello, Ky., Rachel (Allen Shelley) of Smyrna, Ga., David (Shawn) of West Hills, Calif.; many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews, many cousins as well as many friends. He was predeceased by his loving parents, and his son, Aaron. He is also survived by his faithful and loving canine companion, Wolfie, who still resides in St. George Utah with a family friend.

He was a devout Christian and a member of Southland Bible Church and of the St. George Utah Dixie Detachment 1270, USMC Marine Corps League.

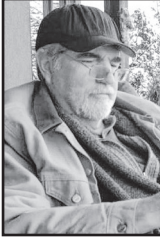
A celebration of life is planned for July 1, 2022 to be held at Columbus Baptist Church, 4821 N. U.S. 31, Columbus from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. We welcome his friends to share their memories and significance of Steve in their lives. A celebration of life and graveside service will be held during the Bowers Family Reunion at Hopewell Cemetery, Holton Ind., across from Hopewell Baptist Church, 2319 N. County Road 850 West, Holton IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hopewell Baptist Church, Holton IN.

EDINBURGH

Derek Todd Burton

Derek Todd Burton, 34 of Edinburgh,



BOWERS

passed away May 27, 2022 at his residence. He was born Sept. 24, 1987 in Franklin. He was the son of, Malcolm Todd Burton and Traci Grass. He married Chevon (Asher) Burton and she survives.

He is survived by his mother, Traci Grass of Franklin; wife; children, Annica Burton, Gunnar Burton and Stryker Burton; sisters, Destinee Burton of Hope, Dakota (David) Mikesell of Franklin and Chloe Grass of Franklin; grandparents, Shorty (Vicki) Burton of Edinburgh, Jack Grass of Franklin and Joretta Grass of Nineveh; aunt, Penny (Randy) Willard of Edinburgh; nephew, Zion Elliott; and his dog, Elle.

He was preceded in death by his father, Malcolm Todd Burton.

Derek was a 2006 graduate of Franklin Community High School. He was a supervisor at Amazon Distribution Center. He enjoyed attending his children's sporting events, cooking, animals, computer gaming and listening to talk radio.

A memorial service was conducted by Aaron Thurman at Eskew-Eaton Funeral Home in Edinburgh.

EDINBURGH

Buford Burton

Buford Dale "Pete" Burton Jr., 53, of Edinburgh, passed away on June 19, 2022, at his home, surrounded by loved ones.

He was born on Jan. 28, 1969, to Sharon Kay Kindred - Hennesley and Buford Dale Burton Sr. He married Donetta Michelle King on Nov. 26, 1997; she survives.

Pete owned Core Capital Truck Parts with his wife and lifelong friend, Charles Goff. He was a pioneer in the core industry for 40 years. He started at age 13. Pete loved dirt track racing and NASCAR, gambling, his animals and his family.

Survivors include his wife, Donetta Burton; sons, Buford Dale Burton Jr. III (Leigha) of Seymour, Toby (Amber) Burton of Seymour, Logan Burton of Hope and Dalton Burton of Edinburgh; daughters, Jami (Holden) Pittman of Edinburgh and Jessica (Kristen) Burton of Seymour; grandchildren, Jaelynn Pittman, Kionna Pittman, Kailee Pittman, Zayleigh Pittman, Adaleigh Pittman, Alisha Burton, Albriyah Burton, Kyren Dalzell, Braxin Hitchcock; one great-grandson, Zyden Dalzell; brothers, Randy Burton, Darrell (Elizabeth) Burton, Kenneth (Lora) King, David Lucas, Christopher King; sisters, Pamela (Jeremy) Steinke, Cassandra King, Ronni King; mother-in-law, Fayelene King; and many nieces and nephews. Pete



BURTON

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GOOD OLD DAYS

70 years ago: Officers for the Edinburg Girl Scouts are Tootie Reed, president; Beverly Miller, secretary; Sharon Bozell, treasurer; and Grace Keough, reporter.

65 years ago: Edinburg delegates Norma Stants, Valerie Hill, Bobbi Barnes and Remine Swineheart leave to attend Hoosier Girls State held at Indiana University.

60 years ago: Caroline White's softball team easily defeats Paula Williams' softball team, 34-12, in the girls summer softball league played at Irwin Park.

55 years ago: The Edinburg Community

School Board announces that Charles (Chuck) Crawford has been hired to be the varsity assistant football and basketball coach.

50 years ago: Edinburg pitcher Brad Cunningham tosses a no-hitter against Waldron, but ends up losing the game 2-0 due to the Lancers allowing 2 runs on 4 consecutive errors.

45 years ago: Edinburgh Town Marshal Ernest Howard announces that Lt. Dale Scott, a 10 year veteran of the Edinburgh Police Department, has been named assistant town marshal.

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

College notes

Alexander T. Turner of Edinburgh, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English at Franklin College. He graduated cum laude.

Athletes honored

Lancer Gracie Crawhorn was honored this past week by being named to The Daily Journal's All-County Softball team. She set a school record with 15 home runs this season and batted .655 on the year. Along with this, she had previously been named Second Team All-State. She also finished the season ranked second in the state with a .736 on-base percentage and a 1.603 slugging percentage. MacKenzie Bieker and Kyah Streeval received honorable mention.

Bethany Burton, Edinburgh, received honorable mention in The Republic's All-Area Tennis Team.

Riley Palmeter, Edinburgh, was named to the Republic's All-Area Baseball team. The senior led the Lancers with a .394 average, eight 2B, 17 RBIs and 22 runs scored. Travis Jones received honorable mention.

Lancers Gabe Bennett, Travis Jones, Riley Palmeter and Jarrett Turner received honorable mention on the Daily Journal's All-County Baseball team.

Max Blandford, Edinburgh, was named to the Republic's All-Area Golf team. The junior averaged 40.2 per nine holes played.

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.

On My Way Pre-K

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from low-income families with free access to high-quality pre-K, to help prepare them for success in kindergarten and beyond. Child must have turned 4 before Aug. 1 and income guidelines apply.

For more information and to apply, visit OnMyWayPreK.org. Families may also call 800-299-1627 for assistance from an early learning referral specialist or for other questions.

Before- and after-school program

Edinburgh Parks & Rec offers a Before & After School Enrichment Program at its Rec Center for East Side Elementary School students. Activities start at 6 a.m. before school and run until 5:30 p.m. after school. Transportation to and from school is provided. Activities include homework time and help, snacks and fun.

Info: Elissa Day, B.A.S.E. coordinator, 812-526-3535, ext. 4, or eday@edinburgh.in.us

Board of school trustees

Members of the Edinburgh Community School Board are Cathy Hamm, Daniel Teter, Curtis Rooks, Alice Taulman and David Bauman.

Board meetings are the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Administrative Office, 202 S. Keeley St., Edinburgh.

Calendar

2022
 July 26-27: Teacher professional development/orientation
 July 28: First student day
 Sept. 5: Labor Day
 Sept. 30: End of first nine weeks.
 Oct. 3-14: Fall break
 Nov. 23-25: Thanksgiving break
 Dec. 16: End of first semester 2023
 Jan. 3: Teacher records day, half day
 Jan. 4: Second semester begins
 Jan. 16: MLK Day (snow makeup day if needed)
 Feb. 20: Presidents Day

ONWARD AND UPWARD

As future Bull Dog Bunker continues to grow, so has her golf game

By Ryan O'Leary
DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

Lounging comfortably in the back room at Timbergate's pro shop with a pair of pink shark cloud foam slides on her feet, Ava Bunker might as well have been sitting on a couch in her own living room — which, perhaps not coincidentally, is roughly a couple of iron shots away.

Even if Bunker didn't officially reside at Timbergate, she pretty much lives here now anyway.

Though her address has changed — her family moved to Edinburgh from Franklin at the end of last summer — Bunker is still the same precocious golfing phenom that she has been for the past several years, and the 14-year-old is continuing to make a splash not just locally, but on a national level.

Her recent appearance in the annual AJGA Circle K Junior Championship at Otter Creek in Columbus sets off a whirlwind back half of the summer for Bunker. She'll spend the first week of July playing in the North & South Junior at Pinehurst No. 2 and No. 6 in North Carolina. The following week (July 12-15), she'll play in the IMG Junior World Golf Championships at Torrey Pines — her first-ever trip to California.

Bunker will cap off her summer vacation by returning to Pinehurst for the US Kids Golf World Teen Championship, a tournament where she placed third in 2021.

There's plenty of reason to believe that she can improve upon that showing this time around, because she's not the same player she was a year or two ago.

For starters, she's grown a lot physically — though she's still just 5-foot-1, Bunker is more than five inches taller than she was as a 12-year-old, and she's starting to add some muscle to her frame through regular strength training with Mike Christman at Fitness Garage in Carmel.

That ongoing metamorphosis has helped her add some distance to her shots; Bunker estimates that her drives have gone from about 190 yards to more than 230 in about a year's time.

"It's definitely helped me a lot," Bunker said of her physical growth. "I've also been working on generating some power with my legs and ground force. ... I drive into the ground, pretty much, so that's actually generated a lot of power, especially with my driver."

Of course, she's still smaller than most of the girls she plays against, especially since Bunker routinely plays up in age and competes within the 15-18 age division. As she always has in the past, she makes up the difference by staying consistent and

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Edinburgh resident Ava Bunker has won 92 tournaments since she started golfing as a 7-year-old, including 10 victories on the GolfWeek Junior Tour since the start of 2020.



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Fun-filled Fourth



Kids play in the foam in downtown Edinburgh at the 2021 Firecracker Festival.

FILE PHOTO

Festivals, fireworks abound this weekend and Monday

By Ryan Trares
DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

There is no wrong way to celebrate the most quintessential of summer holidays. Gather with friends and family for hot dogs, hamburgers, corn on the cob and other barbecue favorites. Beat the heat submerged in a local pool. Listen to live music at one of numerous area festivals planned for the weekend.

And of course, ooh and aah as a carefully choreographed show of pyrotechnics unfolds in the night skies.

The Fourth of July and the days surrounding it represent the unofficial midway point of the summer season. For those looking for some more structure or just something a little bit different, local communities and businesses have put together a slate of activities for all kinds of interests.

Here's the best of what the next few days have to offer:

Edinburgh Firecracker Festival

5 to 10:30 p.m. July 4, Main Cross St., Edinburgh

One of Edinburgh's most popular yearly events returns this summer, as the town's Fourth of July festival takes center stage. Kids activities and games will be featured throughout the afternoon downtown, while vendors serve food and local bands take the stage performing the best in rock, country and pop. A cruise-in for all vehicles is set for 6-7 p.m. downtown.

The fireworks starts at dusk, and will be launched from School Hill off of Keeley Street.

QMIX fireworks

5:30 to dark, July 1, AirPark Columbus/Ivy Tech Community College. Patriotic red, white and ooh will boom over Columbus on July 1 when organizers light the fuse on the free QMIX Musical Fireworks XXXII Sparks Will Fly, presented by Columbus Regional Health.

The event will return to its full-scale production at AirPark Columbus and Ivy Tech Community College.

The festivities begin at 5:30 p.m., and the fireworks show normally begins at 10 p.m. Big Top Productions' Adam Schill is scheduled to present a free magic show at 6 p.m. in the Ivy Tech Parking lot.

Red, White and Blueberry Festival

Noon to 9 p.m. July 2 and 3, noon to 6 p.m. July 4, Mallow Run Winery, 6946 W. Whiteland Road, Bargersville; mallowrun.com

Mallow Run Winery adds a touch of class to the All-American holiday weekend with a three day celebration of music, fireworks and of course, wine. Guests will have the first opportunity of the year to pick up Mallow Run's blueberry wine and blueberry hard cider to go along with their full slate of wines.

Live music and food trucks will endure throughout the entire weekend. Catch the Sounds of Summer at 7 p.m. Saturday, while Living Proof plays at 7 p.m. Sunday. Both concerts end with a fireworks finale. Slow down and relax on Monday with a performance by Indie Annies at 2 p.m. The entire weekend is free to attend and family friendly.

Franklin Firecracker Festival

4 to 11 p.m. July 3, Franklin Amphitheater, 237 W. Monroe St.

Only one area Fourth of July event lets local youths answer the important question: Who is the fastest kid in town? A centerpiece of the annual Norman P. Blankenship Firecracker Festival, the contest lets young people of different ages square off in a good old-fashioned footrace to determine who wears the crown.

Built around the race is an afternoon and evening of entertainment

at Franklin's new downtown amphitheater at Young's Creek Park. Enjoy balloon twisting, face painting, food vendors and a beer and wine garden. The Franklin Community Band will provide spirited patriotic music starting at 5 p.m.

Then at 7:30 p.m., Absolute Queen will perform "We Are the Champions," "We Will Rock You" and all of the beloved hits of Queen during a free concert. The night closes with fireworks starting at 10:10 p.m.

Independence Day Social

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 4, Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site, 1230 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis

The home of Indiana's only president becomes the site of a patriotic Independence Day shindig, as visitors are invited to the lawn of the downtown Indianapolis site for games, food and music. People can tour the first floor of the home, before making their way outside for ice cream, popcorn or Coney dogs.

Lawn games will be set out to laze away the afternoon, while patriotic music plays in the background. Kids can see some of Silly Safaris' animal exhibits, while Uncle Sam walks around on stilts. The event is free, but registration is required at bhpsite.org/events/independence-day-social.

Downtown Indianapolis Fourth of July Fireworks

8 to 10:30 p.m. July 4, downtown Indianapolis

Indiana's largest city hosts one of the state's most impressive fireworks displays, as the night sky around downtown Indy bursts into color. The best viewing will be on the grounds of the Indiana War Memorial and American Legion Mall, but the spectacular display can be seen well from north and west sides of the downtown Square Mile. The show will be synced to music on local radio stations B105.7, 97.1 Hank FM and 93.1 FM WIBC.

Pantry

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Currently, the food pantry relies on community donations and funds to purchase food, as well as items provided through Gleaners and Midwest Food Bank, to provide for their neighbors.

That relationship with Gleaners is what sparked the decision to apply for a grant.

Gleaners is a leader in fighting hunger throughout central Indiana, serving food pantries and organizing distributions in communities throughout the state.

One of their initiatives is the Partner Capacity Grant program, which was created to help pantries that need equipment or facility upgrades to provide fruits, vegetables and other fresh food for clients.

“We’ve always promoted and encouraged our food pantries to take advantage of the fresh produce we offer and help us to get that great food out to their neighbors,” said Shockley Lewis.

“Sometimes, those things need refrigeration or other equipment to make that happen.”

Applicants provide detailed information about what they need, the exact costs and how it will benefit the community around them. Those applications are reviewed by a Gleaners committee, which then distributes the money.

Edinburgh’s unique situation made it an idea candidate, Shockley Lewis said.

“Where they are located at, their pantry serves food to neighbors in three counties,” she said. “They have folks coming from all over, they serve anyone and don’t turn anyone away.”

Shockley Lewis met with Edinburgh food pantry leaders and discussed ways the

grant could help. Initially, pantry officials were thinking small.

“She said there’s a grant available, so we thought we could use some carts that work better and some new shelving,” said Joanne Hollenbeck, a member of the Edinburgh Fellowship of Churches. “She asked, ‘Isn’t there anything more? Isn’t there anything big you could use it for?’”

One of the most significant upgrades made possible through the grant is a mobile walk-in cooler and walk-in freezer. The food pantry has assembled a collection of refrigerators and freezers to store donations and leftover food in between distributions.

All of that can be downsized with this new cooler and freezer. With more space, they can also add more fresh food for clients, Hollenbeck said.

“One of the goals when we wrote the grant was this allowed us to have more fresh items available. What we have now, we can only do so much,” she said. “And sometimes if we don’t have

enough neighbors come in, and we have things left over, we can store them better now.”

Receiving the grant was a shock, Hollenbeck said.

“I cried. Sloan called me and said she was in tears, and then I started crying,” she said.

On May 23, representatives from Gleaners met at the Edinburgh Food Pantry to officially award the grant. They posed with a giant check and celebrated with other town leaders the significant boost to the Edinburgh community.

“We’re very excited to see how this will impact their distribution, to see what kinds of food they’ll be able to get and store,” Shockley Lewis said.

AT A GLANCE

Edinburgh Food Pantry

What: A program of the Edinburgh Fellowship of Churches providing fresh and non-perishable food to families in the Edinburgh area.

When: The pantry is open 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on the first Saturday of the month and the third Thursday

Where: 110 E. Main Cross St., Edinburgh. Parking and entrance is in the back of the building.

Other ways to get help: There are three Blessing Boxes, one located at Edinburgh Aquatic Center, 220 Harrell Drive, with the box located on Shelby Drive, and Wright Hageman Library, 119 W. Cross St., and at Who So Ever Will Community Church, 623 S. Eisenhower Dr. Anyone is welcome to leave or take food at these locations.



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Volunteers package food at the Edinburgh Food Pantry on May 19. The pantry, which is organized by the Edinburgh Fellowship of Churches, received a \$176,000 grant from Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana.



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Obits

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and Michelle took part in raising many children whom they loved dearly.

Pete is preceded in death by both parents; a brother, Toby Burton; a niece, Natasha Burton; a nephew, Isaiah King; father-in-law, Ronald King.

Pete is going to cause a lot of trouble up in Heaven with his stubborn, but loveable attitude. "Lyttlyl"

The funeral service was at Jewell-Rittman Family Funeral Home with the Rev. Ricky Burton officiating. Pete was buried at Rest Haven Cemetery immediately following the service.

Memorial contributions may be made in Pete's name to Shriner's Children's Hospital in the care of the Murat Shrine in Indianapolis.

You are invited to view his video tribute, light a virtual candle of remembrance, and leave a message of condolence to the family online at www.jewellrittman.com.

COLUMBUS

Carol James

Carol Jean James, 66, of Columbus, passed away on June 22, 2022, at home. She was born in Crawfordsville, Indiana on November 30, 1955, to Dr. Carroll F. James and Imogene Mix James.

Carol was a very loving woman. She enjoyed spending her time fishing, playing dice with her friends, going to yard sales and helping other people. For the last few years of her life, she would spend much of her time helping care for her mother. Her sense of humor and loving personality will be missed greatly.

She is survived by her mother, Imogene James; children, Edward (Jessica Williams) Wells, of Henry County, Indiana, and Kristyn (Mike Cool) Plummer of Edinburg; brother, Keith (Ann) James, of Columbia, Tennessee; grandchildren, Gage Plummer, Kaleb Williams, Faith Barrett, Harley Barrett and Graclyn Barrett; great-grandchild, Stiles Plummer; nephews, Kevin James and David James; niece, Amelia James; and her four-legged companion, Opal.



JAMES

Carol is preceded in death by her father, Dr. Carroll F. James; brother, L. Alan James; and grandchild, Kiegan Frazee.

A funeral service was conducted at Jewell-Rittman Family Funeral Home. Jim Shoaf officiated the service. In keeping with the family's wishes, cremation was planned.

Donations may be made in Carol's name to the Indiana Heart Association.

You are invited to view her video tribute, light a virtual candle of remembrance, and leave a message of condolence to the family online at www.jewellrittman.com.

EDINBURGH

Sue Mitchell

Sue Ann Mitchell, 90, of Edinburg passed away Thursday, June 23, 2022 at her residence. She was born April 3, 1932 in Shelby County. She was the daughter of David and Mildred (Hull) Kanouse. She married James R. "Bud" Mitchell on May 4, 1952 and he preceded her in death on Dec. 12, 1997.

She is survived by her daughters, Donna Orberon of Liberty, Kentucky, Shirley (Phil) Brown of Columbus, Indiana, and Dianne (Chris) England of Taylorsville, Indiana; grandchildren, Amy Orberon, Jarad (Amber) Mitchell, Keith (Ashley) Brown, Matt (Elizabeth) Brown, Ethan (Ashley) Brown, Casie (Mike) Neal, Cayla (Josh Collins) Mitchell, James (Rachel Jefferies) England and Brian England; great-grandchildren, Madison, Brady, Aiden, Cullen, Cooper, Ren, Michael, Emmalynne, Elizabeth, Cambria, Marley and Achilles; and sister-in-law, Cheryl Mitchell of Edinburg.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sons, Boyd Mitchell, Mark Mitchell and Bruce Mitchell; grandsons, Terry Orberon and Donnie Orberon; sister, Patty Ritchison; and daughter-in-law, Charlotte Mitchell.

Sue's family wants to thank the many friends and neighbors who helped to make it possible for Sue to remain in her home until her passing.

A funeral service was at Eskew-Eaton Funeral Home in Edinburg. Burial was at Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburg.



MITCHELL

COMMUNITY CHATTER

Free Fishing Days

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources' final free fishing day is Sept. 24. On free fishing days, Hoosiers can fish without a license.

The program applies to all public waters in Indiana. You can find public places to fish at on.IN.gov/where2fish.

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 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

The Edinburgh Farmers Market runs on Thursdays 4-7 p.m. through Sept. 28 at the John R. Drybread Community Center, 100 E. Main Cross St.

Applications for vendors are available at the center.

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 Edinburg.

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.

Nineveh Senior Center

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

RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS

The information below was compiled from reports of the health departments of Bartholomew and Johnson counties. Critical violations may expose customers to illnesses and typically must be corrected immediately or within days. Noncritical violations, if not corrected, could lead to critical violations or make critical violations more likely to occur.

Ruby Tuesday
3715 Market Place Drive, Edinburg
May 31

Critical violations: 1
Multiple potentially hazardous items are stored in the walk-in cooler that are from the previous day and not date labeled. Items prepared and held for

June 29: Greeting cards craft, 3-4 p.m.
Elyssa Everling will be the instructor.

June 29: Pizza dinner, 4-5 p.m.

June 5: Computer class, 6-7 p.m.

July 8: Shanghai and Euchre, 9-11 a.m.

July 8: Phone class sponsored by Cricket and taught by Cassie, 10 a.m. to noon. Sign up, class is about 20 minutes long. Bring your phone and questions.

July 8: Pitch-in luncheon and members meeting, noon to 1:30 p.m. Blood pressure checks by Tiffany Creech of Franklin Meadows. Stephanie Sultz from CICOA will be guest speaker.

July 18: Box lunches from Franklin Meadows, 11 a.m. to noon.

July 18: Bingo with prizes, 1-3 p.m. Free coffee provided, pop and water for sale.

July 27: Mystery craft, 3-4 p.m.

Regular activities:

- Mondays: Shanghai, 9 a.m. to noon; ping pong, 9:30-11:30 a.m. (See John if interested)

- Wednesdays, euchre, 4:30 p.m.

- Thursdays, bid euchre, 6 p.m.

New members are welcome.

Membership is \$15 per year. Call Janet Wolfe, 812-376-3671, to join.

Information: Jon Myers, 812-343-4229, www.ninevehseniorcenter.org

The Edinburgh Pixy Theatre

111 S. Walnut St. Unless noted, shows are at 7 p.m. and admission is \$10.

Information/purchase tickets: 812-526-6513, www.TheEdinburghPixy.com or advance tickets for some shows at www.brownpapertickets.com

July 9: Bomar and Ritter (folk, pop)

July 30: Lloyd Wood Night and Friends (country, impersonations, comedy)

Aug. 13: Magician Jordan Rooks, \$15

Aug. 20: Kevin Stonerock

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David Williams of Edinburgh and Jordan Nusbaumer of Indianapolis

Golfer

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hitting the ball straight.

Hitting fairways and getting greens in regulation has always been Bunker's calling card, along with an elite short game.

"If I miss the green, I've got to make sure my up-and-downs are on point," she said.

"Ava's learned that keeping the ball in play is a major player in her success," added her swing coach, Jeff Smith. "There's a lot of people out there who can hit it a little farther than she can right now, but if they're out of play, they're out of contention."

Bunker hasn't been out of contention often.

She was the GolfWeek Junior Tour's Player of the Year in 2020, winning three of eight events and placing in the top 10 seven times. She was even better last year — in 11 tour starts, Bunker collected five wins and eight top-three finishes.

This year, Bunker has finished in the top eight in 12 of her first 13 tournaments, winning four of them. Those victories include two more GolfWeek crowns and an Indiana Junior Golf Spring Series event at Kokomo Country Club on May 15 that saw Bunker shoot a 7-under-par 63 —

which was not only her career low, but also established a new course record.

She's had five rounds under par this year in all, four more than she'd previously had in her tournament life.

"I've been shooting under a lot more, which is nice," Bunker said.

Such rounds should be more common in the future. Between her physical maturation and a switch to firmer club shafts that has aided her consistency, the physical tools are all there.

What separates Bunker from her peers, however, is all between the ears, according to Smith.

"The struggle now is always to keep it maintained at a high level," he said. "What's going to make that all happen is the discipline that she has. Most people, most players, don't have the thing that she has, and that's the willingness to sacrifice a lot of other things to make herself successful. She's doing that, and that's one of the big reasons that she will remain a great player."

Because of her busy tournament travel schedule, Bunker had long been on the fence about whether or not she wanted to play high school golf once she begins her freshman year in August. She has found an arrangement that works for her, however; Bunker will continue her education remotely but do so through

Columbus North — a team that, as luck would have it, practices at Timbergate.

Bunker will be able to take classes at home during the day (when she's at home, at least), then walk down the street and tee off with her Bull Dog teammates.

"I didn't know if I wanted to," Bunker said. "It wasn't a huge concern, but I was like, 'This would be fun.' It'll be nice to get to know some people. Even though I can't do as many tournaments (during the season), it'll still be nice to get that experience."

And, as Smith pointed out, you can't win a state championship if you never play for one.

Between now and the start of the high school season, Bunker will be getting most of her experience in other parts of the country, testing her skills on some of the most prestigious and challenging courses the sport has to offer. She's racked up 92 tournament victories since she started competing in 2015, and there figure to be far more to come if she continues to progress as she has.

Bunker has always been plenty good. The question now is this: How good can she get?

"As good as she wants to be," Smith said. "She is the only limit."



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Ava Bunker has already amassed an impressive collection of trophies during her young golfing career.

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