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AUGUST 31, 2022



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# Edinburgh Courier

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"We learn from history that we do not learn from history."

— Friedrich Hegel

## WHAT'S UP?

### Water main flushing

Edinburgh Municipal Utilities will flush water mains beginning Sept. 19 at 7:30 a.m. and continue through Sept. 26. 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 be washed after 7 p.m. to help reduce the risk of staining.

### Family Fun Day

The public is invited to Celebrate Recovery Family Fun Day Sept. 24, noon to 4 p.m. at Edinburgh Nazarene Church, 716 S. Eisenhower Drive.

The day includes music, bounce house, free food, games and door prizes donated by local businesses.

Information tables in support of recovery awareness and Celebrate Recovery Christ-centered program will be on hand and guest speakers Jason Davis, Destrey Brown, Mark Oliver and more will discuss the topic of substance abuse and recovery.

### Car show

The Wounded Hero Car Show will be held Sept. 11 in Irwin Park. All vehicles are welcome.

Registration begins at noon; awards will be given at 3 p.m. Awards include best hot rod, best truck, best muscle car, best modern car, best motorcycle and best of show.

The show will also include music, food vendors, door prizes and raffles

Proceeds will go to the Camp Atterbury Sportsmen's Club for the Wounded Hero Hunt.

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## NEWS

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## GOODBYE KISS

# Edinburgh residents remember famed 'kissing tree'

By Ryan Trares

DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

For generations of school children, it was known simply as "the kissing tree."

The stately tree dominated the field behind East Side Elementary School in Edinburgh, just a footrace away from the school's playground. Kids used it as a boundary for football games, as a shady spot to sit underneath, and of course, to meet their crushes and "marry" them.

As large as the tree loomed above the school community, it loomed larger in the memories of those who passed through East Side.

"It was the first kiss spot for many youngsters, either by dare or sincere crushes! It was truly a tree of love as many kids got "married" at the tree as well," said SaraBeth Drybread, a former East Side Elementary student and community development director for Edinburgh. "I recall holding my first crush's hand at the tree in kindergarten. That was enough affection for my 6-year-old heart."

Those same people are remembering the tree with melancholy, as school officials announced that the tree had to be cut down. Storm damage from over the summer has exasperated cracking throughout the tree, which had become rotted and mostly hollow over time, raising concerns that it might fall, according to an email from Edinburgh superintendent Ron Ross.

In late August, the tree was safely cut down. All that remains is an

empty space where it once stood.

School officials understand how important the tree is to local residents, and will try to determine if enough wood is salvageable to make a commemorative marker, Ross said. Discussions have also included planting a tree to replace it.

But the attention on the kissing tree has offered the community an opportunity to relive what it meant to them.

"It will surely be missed," said Joanne Hollenbeck, a longtime Edinburgh resident and former teacher at East Side Elementary.

In mid-August, after Edinburgh school officials examined the trees behind East Side Elementary and discovered the extent of the damage it had suffered, a wide area around the tree was roped off with caution tape.

During the Aug. 15 meeting of the school board, Ross presented the news of the tree, requesting permission to have a tree service take it down and discussed with the board options for it once it came down.

"The tree has some emotional attachments to the community, and there have been numerous suggestions what we should do with the tree," Ross said during the meeting. "We wanted to hear from you guys about what you'd like to see happen with it. Structurally, I think it needs to come down, but then what happens after that."

The school district posted on Facebook about the damage the trees sustained, asking the community to not cross the caution tape set up as a safety precaution.

Immediately, people started post-



PHOTO BY RYAN TRARES | DAILY JOURNAL

A large crack is visible in the "kissing tree" behind the playground at East Side Elementary School in Edinburgh. Kids met their crushes there, used it in their games and had lessons underneath it. Damage and rot had made the tree unsafe, and school officials were forced to cut it down in late August.

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## OBITUARIES

EDINBURGH

## Melissa Burton

Melissa Kay Burton, 60, of Edinburgh, passed away Aug. 23, 2022 at Compass Park in Franklin. She was born Aug. 11, 1962 in Franklin. She was the daughter of Samuel O. Curry and Evangeline F. (Moxley) Burton. She married Marion Burton and he preceded her in death on Dec. 17, 2016.

She is survived by her mother of Edinburgh; daughter, Heather Childers of Edinburgh; son, Seth Voorheis of Edinburgh; stepchildren Ben (Misty) Burton of Edinburgh, Josh Burton of Edinburgh, Tony Burton of Gainesboro, Tennessee and Jamie Burton of Tompkinsville, Kentucky; grandchildren, Brayden Childers, Zaiden Voorheis, Zander and Zoie; step-grandchildren, Brittany Burton and Braxton Burton; brother, Stanley (Janice) Curry of Edinburgh and Jeff "Pedro" Curry of Edinburgh; sister, Jackie (Harold) Crawhorn of Edinburgh; stepbrothers Donnie (Mary) Burton of Franklin and Troy (Paula) Burton of Princess Lakes; and stepsisters, Arcena (Larry) Burton of Franklin, Devela (Jackie) Lawson of Princes Lakes, Vivian Mathews of Columbia, Kentucky and Tina (Jon) Julbert of Franklin.

She was preceded in death by her father, stepfather, Donald Wayne Burton, and daughter, Kayla Voorheis.

Melissa was a member of the Edinburgh Separate Baptist Church. She formerly worked at David R. Webb in Edinburgh and NTN Driveshaft in Columbus. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren, auto racing and college basketball.

A funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Danny Bailey at Edinburgh Separate Baptist Church. Burial was at Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburgh.

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

TAYLORSVILLE

## Velma Rooks

Velma F. Rooks, 94, of Taylorsville, passed away on Aug. 24, 2022 at Millers Merry Manor in Hope. She was born May 11, 1928 in Columbia, Kentucky. She was the daughter of the Rev. C. G. Green and Mary Ella (Blaydes) Green. She married James Raymond Rooks on Dec. 23, 1944 and he preceded her in death on Aug. 17, 2015.

She is survived by her children, Ray E. (Dianne) Rooks, Jim (Nancy) Rooks and Cathy (Brian) Simmons; son-in-law, John Wagner; grandchildren, Amy Thayer, Audrey (Phil) Westerfield, Ben (Michelle) Rooks, Adam (Jennifer) Rooks, Jill (Todd) Adams, Jayna (Brad)



BURTON

Brooks, Matthew (Sarah) Simmons, Beth (Cameron) McKinney, and Chris (Tammy) Morgan; 25 great-grandchildren; eight great-great grandchildren; brothers, James (Naomi) Green and Carl (Freda) Green; and sisters, Mable Ruth Bryant and Eva Cooley.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; daughter, Jan Wagner; brothers, David Green, Paul Green and Joseph Green; and sisters, Rachel McGaha, Annie Acree, Myrtie Green, and Flossie Campbell.

Velma was a former member of Freedom Baptist Church in Columbia, Kentucky for 14 years. She was currently a 64-year member of Edinburgh Separate Baptist Church, where she had served as a Sunday School teacher. She enjoyed time with her family, attending church, reading her Bible, walks and was a wonderful seamstress.

A funeral service was conducted by the Revs. Mark Polston, Danny Bailey and Ken Green at Edinburgh Separate Baptist Church. Burial was at Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburgh.

Memorial contributions may be made to Edinburgh Separate Baptist Church or Alzheimers Association. Arrangements were made by Eskew-Eaton Funeral Home in Edinburgh.

WALDRON

## Richard Vinson

Richard G. Vinson, 44, of Waldron, passed away, Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022, at Franciscan Health in Indianapolis.

He was born July 30, 1978, in Franklin, the son of Michael and Teresa (Rodgers) Vinson. On May 15, 2010, he married Rachel Petro, and she survives.

In addition to Rachel, Richard is survived by his parents of Shelbyville; son, Clayton Vinson of Shelbyville; daughters, Lauryn Vinson of Raymondville, Texas, and Riley Vinson of Waldron; brother, Michael Vinson Jr. and wife, Ana, of Shelbyville; grandchildren, Everly Vinson and Aubrey Vinson; mother-in-law, Sandy Petro of Edinburgh; father-in-law, Jim Petro and wife, Angie, of Edinburgh.

Richard graduated in 1997 from Shelbyville High School. He had worked as a CNC technician at PKUSA, for the last 16 years.

Richard enjoyed going fishing and camping. He also enjoyed working on vehicles. He loved his family and enjoyed making memories with them.

Funeral services were held at Freeman Family Funeral Homes and Crematory, Carmony-Ewing Chapel with Rev. Harvey Taylor officiating. Interment was at Van Pelt Cemetery in Shelby County.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Francis Heart Hospital, 8111 S. Emerson Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46237.

Online condolences may be shared with Richard's family at [www.freemanfamilyfuneral-homes.com](http://www.freemanfamilyfuneral-homes.com).



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## GOOD OLD DAYS

55 years ago: The Amos-Thompson Corp. announces that will be a totally-owned subsidiary of National Lead with the acquisition of \$23 million of shares.

50 years ago: Edinburgh baseball players Darrell Begley, Wayne Larsen and Brad Cunningham have been named to the All Mid-Hoosier Conference Baseball team.

45 years ago: Josie Enfinger receives a Bulova wristwatch from her foreman, Larry Bush, for her 25 years of service in the finishing department of National Lead.

40 years ago: Vince Barringer,

son of Mr. and Mrs. Delmos Barringer, has been named as the 1982 Johnson County Pitcher of The Year, leading the county in ERA, strike outs and complete games.

35 years ago: John E. Scott of Edinburgh wins the state competition for his poppy poster and it will be sent to San Antonio for the National Poppy Poster Contest.

30 years ago: Over 3,000 quests, veterans and area residents attend the dedication of the Atterbury Memorial, touring the site and enjoying the Camp Atterbury hospitality .

## PEOPLE

Edinburgh artist Rick D. Wilson is among nearly 130 artists from across Indiana who now have their work displayed in the Indiana State Museum through Oct. 23 as part of the 98th annual Hoosier Art Salon exhibition.

This year's exhibit features 155 artworks by 129 artists in eight categories — figure, still life, abstract, three-dimensional work, watercolor, portrait, landscape

and original work or print on paper.

To be eligible for the competition, an artist must be a Hoosier Salon member and must have lived in Indiana for a minimum of one year at any point during his or her life.

All the work in the show is available for sale through Oct. 23 online at [hoosiersalon.org](http://hoosiersalon.org).

## SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

## Athlete of the week

Senior Enrique Callejas was named the Horizon Bank Student Athlete of the Week.

Enrique was a perfect 6 for 6 in PATs and had two punts of over 50 yards, helping the Edinburgh football team to a 42-14 victory over Cloverdale.



CALLEJAS



HARRISON



SHEFFIELD

## GED graduates

Edinburgh Adult Education would like to congratulate Chase Harrison and Theresa Sheffield on earning their HSE (GED).

Classes meet twice a week at Edinburgh Community High School for students 16 and up.

Interested students should contact Julie Redd at 317-392-2197.

## Calendar

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

## 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](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](mailto:bstrauh@ecsc.k12.in.us).

# Golf, tennis, volleyball all bring wins; football moves to 2-0

The varsity golf Lancers defeated two opponents this past week, varsity tennis got their first victory of the season, the varsity volleyball girls continued their winning ways and the Edinburgh varsity football team moved to 2-0 with a Friday night win at home.

Playing at Morristown on Aug. 22, the tennis team recorded its first win of the young season by beating conference for Morristown, 3-2 to improve to 1-4 and 1-1 in the MHC. Max Blandford won at number one singles, 6-0, 6-1, Austin Brockman won at number two singles, 6-2, 6-0, and Milas Burkman was victorious at number three singles, 6-0, 6-1. Bailey Totten and Braylon Lenkner fell at number one doubles, 3-6, 2-6, and Teddy Crawhorn and Jayson Music were beaten at number two doubles, 1-6, 0-6.

Also on the 22nd, the middle school volleyball teams each dropped their matches to North Decatur at home. The seventh grade girls fell, 15-25, 13-25 and the eighth graders lost, 19-25, 18-25. The losses dropped both teams to 0-3.

The Lancer tennis team lost to Brownstown Central at home on Aug. 23, 4-1. Senior Max Blandford was the Lancers' lone winner at number one singles, 6-1, 6-1. Austin Brockman lost at number two singles, 2-6, 3-6, and Milas Burkman lost at number three, 2-6, 1-6. In doubles play, Braylon Lenkner and Bailey Totten fell at number one, 1-6, 0-6 while Jayson Music and Teddy Crawhorn lost at number two doubles, 1-6, 0-6.

On that same Tuesday, the varsity volleyball Lancers took another MHC victory, this time at Morristown. They downed the



Brian Ingels

## Lancer Notebook

Yellow Jackets, 25-21, 25-14, 19-25, 25-14. The win moved their record to 8-2 and 2-0 in the Mid-Hoosier Conference. Gracie Crawhorn led the way with 11 kills, eight blocks, and 26 digs. Kyah Streeval had seven kills and 31 assists, Zoey Sida seven kills and 14 digs, Jessica Walsh six kills, 14 digs, and three aces, MacKenzie Bieker 22 digs, and Kenna Streeval had 11 digs and two aces.

In the night's opener, the JV fell to Morristown in two, 23-25, 18-25.

Tuesday saw the middle school girls teams each fall to Brown county. The seventh grade lost, 20-25, 14-25 to see their record drop to 0-4, and the eighth grade lost 17-25, 21-25, also falling to 0-4.

The 2022 Johnson County Golf Tournament was played last Wednesday at The Legends in Franklin. Edinburgh's girls finished sixth out of the seven county high schools, defeating Greenwood Christian. Center Grove finished as this year's champions. Izzy Richardson finished the 18 hole match with a 99, Macie Blandford shot a 109, Jillian Turner 116, Gracie Myers 121 and Cloee Britton 141.

The girls were back at it on Thursday, playing the International School of Indiana at Coffin Golf Course. The Lancers were winners, improving to 8-2 on the year. Izzy Richardson earned medalist honors by shooting a 47, Macie Blandford checked in with a 50, Jillian Turner 53, Gracie Myers

58 and Hannah Pile 66.

Tennis was at home Thursday playing Indian Creek. The Braves turned back the good guys, 5-0. Max Blandford lost at number one singles, 4-6, 2-6, Austin Brockman lost at number two singles, 2-6, 1-6, and Milas Burkman lost at number three singles, 2-6, 0-6. Bailey Totten and Braylon Lenkner fell at number one doubles, 1-6, 2-6 while Teddy Crawhorn and Jayson Music fell at number two doubles, 1-6, 0-6.

Thursday evening also saw the middle school girls volleyball teams playing at home against Indian Creek. The seventh grade team lost their match in two, 18-25, 23-25 and the eighth grade took theirs to three sets but fell, 13-25, 25-20-14-16. The losses dropped their records to 0-5.

Football Friday night was back at home with the Lancers playing host to Cloverdale High School. The Lancer offense got off to a slow start which saw the game tied at seven points apiece after the opening period. Edinburgh's only score of the quarter came on the heels of a Connor Ramey kick return that covered 36 yards. Jarrett Turner got the final call on this drive and went on a 27 yard romp to the end zone. Enrique Callejas added the point after to tie it.

In the second quarter, the offense started firing on all cylinders and the defense buckled down even tighter as it wouldn't

allow another score until the fourth quarter. Turner scored again, this time on a two yard run, Ramey found pay dirt on a run of 12 yards and Jackson Hartwell returned an interception for 22 yards for a touchdown. Callejas was accurate on each PAT once again.

Edinburgh's passing game got its chance in the third period, starting with a beautiful shovel pass from Lancer QB Caleb Murphy to Braylon Bryant. Bryant took it 52 yards for a score and Callejas' kick was good. Caleb Dewey scored the Lancers' final TD of the night on a seven yard toss from Murphy. This score was set up by Jared Myers' second interception of the night and runs of 27 and 18 yards by Turner. The extra point was good and Edinburgh led 42-7. Cloverdale scored in the fourth quarter to tally the 42-14 final.

Turner racked up 106 rushing yards on 10 carries in the game, Ramey had one carry for 12 yards and Isaiah Steinke carried the ball twice for seven yards. Bryant had three catches for 61 yards on the night, Hartwell one for 25, Turner caught two totaling 22 yards and Dewey had one for seven yards. Murphy completed eight of 17 passes for 115 yards. Callejas successfully converted all six points after touchdowns and also had two punts over 50 yards on

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# There are several ways to support festival queen candidates



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From left: Bailey Nelson, Lexi Riley and Kloee Denson are candidates for Edinburgh Fall Festival queen.

Three young women from the Edinburgh area have stepped forward to run for the 2022 Fall Festival Queen. The winner is decided based on the funds she raises for Tri Kappa, which are used for several community causes.

Below are some special events and fundraisers planned by the candidates. People can also donate to queens' canisters, which are placed in businesses around town.

- Aug. 31: Lexi Riley, pulled pork lunch at JDC/Delivery, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Sept. 1: Lexi Riley, Spaghetti Lunch at JDC/Delivery, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Sept. 1: Bailey Nelson, booth at Farmer's Market, 4-7 p.m.
- Sept. 1: Kloee Denson, booth at Farmer's Market, 4-7 p.m.
- Sept. 1-3: Bailey Nelson, garage sale at 1008 Shelby St., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Sept. 3: Kloee Denson, breakfast at Who So Ever Will Church, 7-11 a.m. (dine in/carry out/delivery)
- Sept. 3: Bailey Nelson, car wash at Who So Ever Will Church, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Sept. 4: Bailey Nelson, bake sale at Who So Ever Will Church, following service, approx. 12-12:30 p.m.
- Sept. 8: Bailey Nelson, pulled pork dinner at Mell's at American Legion, 5:30-8 p.m. (dine in/carry out/delivery)
- Sept. 8: Kloee Denson, booth at Farmer's Market, 4-7 p.m.
- Sept. 9: Kloee Denson, chicken & dumplings dinner at Mell's at American Legion, 5:30-8 p.m. (dine in/carry out/delivery)
- Sept. 10: Lexi Riley, breakfast at Mell's at American Legion, 7-11 a.m. (dine in/carry out/delivery)
- Sept. 11: Kloee Denson, bingo with hamburgers/hotdogs at Park & Rec (upstairs), 2 p.m. (carry out/delivery)
- Ongoing/fundraiser updates
- Bailey Nelson, greeting cards at Bailey Nelson for Fall Festival Queen on Facebook or <https://forms.gle/91cd9thBKKt6qUhB7>
- Kloee Denson, peanut butter fudge \$7/tin at Kloee Denson for Queen on Facebook
- Lexi Riley, pre-paid Santa visits at Lexi Riley for Queen on Facebook
- Lexi Riley, online bake sale at Lexi Riley for Queen on Facebook

## FALL FESTIVAL

The 2022 Edinburgh Fall Festival will be held Sept. 14-17 at various downtown sites. Many of the events will tie in with Edinburgh's yearlong bicentennial celebration.

Organizers are asking for participants or registration in the various contests held during the festival.

### CONTESTS

#### Baby contest

Registration is now open for the baby contest, which will be held Sept. 15 at 6 p.m. Age divisions are 0-6 months, 7-12 months, 13-24 months and 25-36 months. Boys and girls will be judged separately and there will be a winner in each category for cutest baby/Mr. Personality/Miss Personality/best outfit or costume.

One baby will be chosen as the overall winner. To register, stop by the Park & Rec office, 722 S. Eisenhower Drive, from noon to 8 p.m. The registration form can also be downloaded at [www.edinburgh.in.us/egov/documents](http://www.edinburgh.in.us/egov/documents). Registration deadline is Sept. 13. Entry fee is \$5.

#### Prince and Princess

The 2022 Prince & Princess will be crowned on Sept. 17 following the Fall Festival Parade. Registration is closed.

#### Parade

The Fall Festival Parade is set for Sept. 17. The 1.2 mile route starts at the ECHS Sports Complex through historic downtown and Main Cross Street and ends at East Side Elementary. Top three floats win cash prizes of \$300, \$200 and \$100. Forms are available at [www.edinburgh.in.us](http://www.edinburgh.in.us) or at the John R. Drybread Community Center.

#### QUEEN CONTEST

##### Festival Queen

The queen will be crowned Sept. 17. Registration is closed.

##### Past queens

Past Festival queens are invited to join the parade.

If you are riding on the float, they will have signs with your name/year on the float. If you are providing your own transportation, please make your own

sign if you'd like to have one.

Call 317-661-0600 for details.

#### RED CLOUD 5K

The Inaugural Red Cloud 5K Trot will kick off at 8 a.m. Sept. 17 at the John R. Drybread Community Center. The route begins in downtown Edinburgh, goes through Timbergate golf course and returns to downtown.

Register through the community center facebook page. The deadline to purchase a T-shirt has passed but people can still participate in the race.

Fees: Adult runner/walker, \$10; child under 12, \$5.

Participants all receive a medal, keepsake runners bib and post-race refreshments. Free breakfast will be available one block east at Presbyterian Church.

The event honors Edinburgh's equestrian history.

Red Cloud was a racehorse from Edinburgh that held the world record as a trotter in the 1870s. He's buried on North Walnut Street.

#### FOOD

The American Legion Fall Festival Fish Fry will be held Sept. 16, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. or until the food is gone, at 500 Memorial Drive. Prices are fish sandwich, \$8; french fries, coleslaw and baked beans, \$2 each. Proceeds benefit the Legion Post, Sons of the American Legion and the Auxiliary.

#### OTHER EVENTS

If you would like your event to appear in the weekly Fall Festival listing in the Courier, email the details to [courier@dailyjournal.net](mailto:courier@dailyjournal.net). Info: Amy May, 317-736-2726

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**NEW BUSINESS**



PHOTOS BY SARABETH DRYBREAD

A new business, Shoppe 109, has opened in downtown Edinburgh at 109 E. Main Cross St. The owners are Curt and Debra Weiler. The shop offers antiques, vintage items and collectibles and a variety of “unusual things,” Curt said. The Weilers have been collecting things for years and decided to open a shop and start selling. People are invited to come and browse. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**AMERICAN LEGION DONATION**



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The American Legion Post 233 recently donated \$3,500 for new MWR equipment to support soldiers at Camp Atterbury. From left: 1st Vice Post 233 and MWR Manager David Bowling, Post CSM David Routson, Post 233 Commander Jim Burton, LTC Eric Nance, and SFS David Gotts.

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## CDC ends free mailed-to-home COVID tests

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will soon stop mailing free at-home COVID tests due to lack of congressional funding, the agency said Sunday.

The White House and the CDC told CNN that in the absence of funding, there's a need to preserve supply for an expected surge in COVID-19 cases this fall, so the program will be suspended on Friday.

"Ordering through this program will be suspended on Friday, September 2 because Congress hasn't provided additional funding to replenish the nation's stockpile of tests," reads the CDC website.

"We have warned that Congressional inaction would force unacceptable tradeoffs and harm our overall COVID-19 preparedness and response — and that the consequences would likely worsen over time," a White House official told CNN. "Unfortunately, because of the limited funding we have to work with, we have had to make impossible choices about which tools and programs to invest in — and which ones we must downsize, pause, or end all together."

Since the beginning of the year, the federal government has mailed tests to households at no charge. The program started as omicron took over in January. A second

round became available in May.

All is not lost, however. Free testing is still available at retailers and pharmacies, and insurers are still required to provide or reimburse up to eight tests monthly to clients free of charge.

## People objecting to U.S. 31 revamp at Taylorsville

Proposals to reconfigure U.S. 31 in the Taylorsville area displayed last spring appear to be attracting growing opposition.

During an April 13 public meeting, the Indiana Department of Transportation publicly presented its recommendations for a proposed \$3.1 million highway improvement project from just south of County Road 650 North to the northbound off ramp of Interstate 65.

The state's four main recommendations include:

- Straightening out the exit ramp from northbound Interstate 65 to U.S. 31.
- Installing a median U-turn just south of Bear Lane.
- Construct a reduced conflict intersection at Tannehill Road.
- Forbid motorists approaching U.S. 31 from a side street to make left turns.

"I think there's a better plan for that area that INDOT has not looked closely enough at," Force Construction president Harold Force told the Bartholomew County commissioners Monday. "The most reasonable, realistic and probably preferred neighborhood solution is a combina-

tion of median modifications and a properly designed signalized intersection at Bear Lane."

Force, who says his background is in civil engineering, does agree with one part of the INDOT plan. By straightening out the exit ramp from northbound I-65 to U.S. 31, it provides the ability to stop vehicles before they get on the highway. That will allow drivers more time to make better safety decisions, INDOT engineers said last spring.

The straight exit ramp, along with proper traffic signals at Bear Lane, should make that area significantly safer for motorists, he said. Force also said he doesn't want to eliminate the Bear Lane intersection.

"If anyone tries to access the Speedway or Burger King or anything built to the east, they will have to come south and do a U-turn and come north," Force said. "It just doesn't make sense".

In a final concern, Force said the corner access at Old 31 and County Road 650N allows a dangerously wide entrance into the Circle K.

Force also gave the commissioners a list that includes a retailer, restaurants, an automobile dealership and convenience stores who are worried about the impact the proposed INDOT design will have on their businesses.

"We need INDOT's consultant to do a proper evaluation in terms of hazard and cost, of what those modifications would be like when compared to the others they have studied," Force said.

## 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.

**Taco Bell #3001065**

11740 N. U.S. 31, Edinburgh

Aug. 10

Critical violations: None

Noncritical violations: 6

**Express Mart**

11700 N. U.S. 31, Edinburgh

Aug. 1

Critical violations: 1

Toxic items stored above single-service items in retail sales area.

Noncritical violations: 4

**CVS Pharmacy #6707**

15622 N. State Road 79, Edinburgh

Aug. 1

Critical violations: None

Noncritical violations: 3

**McDonalds**

11995 N. U.S. 31, Edinburgh

July 26

Critical violations: None

Noncritical violations: 8

**Auntie Anne's Soft Pretzels**

3025 Outlet Drive, SPC E85, Edinburgh

July 26

Critical violations: None

Noncritical violations: 7

**Cracker Barrel #256**

11701 N. U.S. 31, Edinburgh

July 27

Critical violations: Plumbing system shall be installed to preclude back siphonage of a solid, liquid or gas contaminant into the water supply. The spray hose with a nozzle attached was not protected by back siphonage prevention device or an air gap.

Noncritical violations: 10

**Montana Mike's Steakhouse**

3720 W. Marketplace Drive, Edinburgh

July 20

Critical violations: 4

Employee drinks in cooking area. Food and drinks must be kept out of prep areas unless the drink container is lidded with a straw. Cream cheese mix and cheese bacon mix in cooler not date labeled. Potentially hazardous foods that are ready to eat must be date labeled the date prepared. Can opener blade heavily coated with food debris. Food contact surfaces must be kept free of soiling and food debris. No double check valve at sinks with hoses and spray nozzle. Lines under pressure must use double check valves to prevent back siphonage.

**Montana Mike's Steakhouse**

3720 W. Marketplace Drive, Edinburgh

Aug. 1

Critical violations: None

Noncritical violations: None

**Jay C Food Store #79**

15801 N. U.S. 31, Edinburgh

Aug. 5

Critical violations: None

Noncritical violations: 10

## MARRIAGE LICENSE

Elleena Dayton of Edinburgh and Caleb Bullock of Lombard, Illinois

## Tree

FROM PAGE 1

ing their memories in the comments section.

"So sad ... so many kids got fake married at that tree back in the 80s and 90s," one post said.

Another read, "Man a big part of my childhood was playing red-rover by that tree. Or chilling under its shade and reading a book."

People talked about all of the faux "marriages" that occurred around its trunk, meeting there to settle disagreements on the playground, and playing "Little House on the Prairie" underneath its canopy.

Hollenbeck was a teacher at East Side Elementary for years. She recalled that at recess, it was a key landmark on the playground. Kids would race to the tree and back, Hollenbeck said. If they misbehaved, some of them

had to walk or run to the tree and back several times for causing trouble.

In her early years of teaching in the 1970s, the large tree served as the perfect place for her class to spread out for story time and a lesson under its shade.

"We didn't have air conditioning then and that was one of the few shady places to cool off outside," she said.

Tanya Crider has been retired from teaching for many years, but still remembers the outsized role the tree played to the East Side Elementary community.

Kids would perform "weddings" at the tree with the boy or girl that they liked. Being set away from the main playground, it was also where students would meet to make "devious" plans, Crider said. When teachers learned about those plans, kids used it as a hiding place.

"I am sad to see the tree cut down," she said.

## Lancer

FROM PAGE 3

the evening.

Edinburgh cross country went to Rushville Saturday morning to compete in their annual invitational. Irving Luis-Orozco came in 95th place in the small school division with Brian Callejas finishing 109th and Ethan Campbell 126th. For the girls, Shyleigh Gobel was 58th and Kenzie Steinke finished 73rd.

## On tap

**Wednesday**

MS volleyball, at home vs. St. Peter's, 6 p.m.

**Thursday**

Varsity tennis, at home vs. Southwestern, 4:30 p.m.

MS volleyball at Southwestern, 5:30 p.m.

JV &amp; varsity volleyball at Southwestern, 5:30 p.m.

**Friday**

Varsity football, at home vs. South Decatur, 7 p.m.

**Saturday**

MS cross country, Grizzly Classic Invite at Franklin, 9 a.m.

**Tuesday**

Varsity golf, at home vs. Indian Creek and Southwestern, 4:30 p.m.

MS volleyball, at home vs. South Decatur, 5:30 p.m.

Brian Ingels is an industrial arts teacher at Edinburgh Community High School. Send comments to *Edinburgh Courier*, P.O. Box 699, Franklin, IN 46131, [courier@dailyjournal.net](mailto:courier@dailyjournal.net).

**COMMUNITY CHATTER**

**Taylorville reunion**

The annual Taylorville Grade School Reunion is set for Sept. 10 at noon at Heflin Park, 4323 W. County Road 700 North, Edinburgh.

All school alumni are welcome. Bring a covered dish, pictures and memories.

For more information, call Brenda Repp Cox at 317-364-5702.

**Purse bingo**

The Gals for Girls Purse Bingo will be held Sept. 28 at the Greenwood Moose Lodge, 813 Smith Valley Road. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The event is a benefit for Girls Inc., which organizes programs for girls, including an annual summer camp in Edinburgh. The evening includes cash bar, snacks, 50/50 raffle and bingo for designer bags from Michael Kors, Kate Spade, Coach and more.

Cost is \$30 per person. Reserve a VIP table for eight for an additional \$10. Reservations can be made at amy@girlsincjc.org and mail check to Girls Inc of Johnson County, 200 E. Madison St. Franklin IN 46131.

Information: 317-736-5344 or email.

**Pie contest**

Edinbakers of all ages are invited to participate in PIEcentennial on Sept. 29.

Registration forms are available at the John R. Drybread Community Center and are due by Sept. 26.

Pies must be brought to the center by 5:30 day of the event. The winners will be announced at 6:30 p.m.

**Calling all cooks**

The Daily Journal's Southside Neighborhood Cookbook will be published Oct. 15 and is asking you to share your favorite recipes for publication.

Include your name, your hometown and a contact number in case we have questions.

Recipes can be sent via email to dj-recipes@dailyjournal.net or mailed to Daily Journal c/o Cookbook, PO Box 699, Franklin IN 46131 or brought to 30 S. Water St., second floor Ste. A, Franklin.

Please submit your recipes by Sept. 16.

**PARP recertification**

The Central Indiana Field Day Private Applicator Recertification Program will be held Sept. 9, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Fischers Farm Inc, 3387 S. 375 East, Shelbyville. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Topics to be covered include crop disease, weeds and more. Fred Whitford will talk about tie down safety.

Cost is \$10.

RSVP by Sept. 4: 317-392-6460

**Nineveh rummage sale**

The Nineveh Senior Center, 3208 Rodeo Drive, Johnson County Park (next to horse park), will have its annual rummage sale fundraiser and ham and bean dinner Sept. 23-24.

Friday hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Saturday hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Event includes the rummage sale, ham and beans and chili, hot dogs, plenty of homemade desserts and drinks for purchase.

**Shelby County Farm Fest**

Shelby County is celebrating its bicentennial on Sept. 10. From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., a tour of five agriculture operations will be offered. Information: <https://www.bicentennialshelbycounty.com/farm-fest-2022>

**Halloween festival**

Edinburgh Halloween Festival 2022 will take place Oct. 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Edinburgh Community High School.

Sponsored by Edinburgh Parks and Recreation, the event includes trick or treating with area organizations and free hot dogs, walking tacos and drinks.

Donations of bags of candy are requested and can be taken to Parks and Rec.

Regular residential trick-or-treating will

take place on Oct. 31, so families can participate in both events.

**Fish fry**

The Amity Fire Department's second fish fry of 2022 will be on Oct. 1, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Meal will be served carry out only, which has proven to work better for getting everyone through the lines. Cash, checks, and credit/debit cards are accepted.

**Nineveh Senior Center**

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

Aug. 31: Craft, 3-4 p.m. Decoupage boxes

Aug. 31: Dinner provided by Church of the Lakes, 4-5 p.m.

Aug. 31: Caterpillar and United Way facility tour, 1-1:30 p.m.

Sept. 6: Computer class, 6-7 p.m.

Sept. 9: Shanghai and euchre, 9-11 a.m.

Sept. 9: Phone class, 10 a.m. to noon.

Regular activities:

- Mondays: Shanghai, 9 a.m.-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.

Information: Jon Myers, 812-343-4229, [www.ninevehseniorcenter.org](http://www.ninevehseniorcenter.org)

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