

WEDNESDAY  
NOVEMBER 16, 2022



FREE



## Imagine literacy

All Johnson County kids can participate in free book program.

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# Edinburgh Courier

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“What good are roots if you can’t take them with you?”

— Gertrude Stein

## WHAT’S UP?

### Thanksgiving dinner

A community Thanksgiving dinner will be held in the cafeteria at Edinburgh Community High School Nov. 19, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is an opportunity for the community to gather together and enjoy food, fun and fellowship. Everyone is invited; it is not just for people in need.

Edinburgh Fire Department will deliver meals to those unable to attend. Today is the deadline to call the ECSC administration office at 812-526-2681 to request a delivery.

### Thanksgiving service

The Edinburgh Fellowship of Churches will host its Edinburgh Community Thanksgiving Service Nov. 20 at 5 p.m. in the Edinburgh Community High School cafeteria. Daniel Teter will be the speaker with music from Steve and Kim Cox.

All are welcome to come and give thanks as a community for all our blessings

### Christmas bazaar

Beta Sigma Phi’s 54th Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Dec. 3 at East Side Elementary School. Admission is free. The event features over 100 booths with handmade crafts, baked goodies, quality gifts and more. Door prizes are given every hour. Booths are available.

### Pizza at American Legion

The American Legion Auxiliary will sell freshly made pizzas with a variety of toppings 5-8 p.m. Nov. 17.

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

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

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# Tribute to veterans



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Edinburgh Community High School hosted a breakfast and ceremony for local veterans Friday.

**Above:** Stephen, Kim and Elly Cox perform the National Anthem.

**Far left:** Vietnam Veterans Robert Shearan, Ronald Hazelgrove and Franklin Whitlock were participants in Indy Honor Flight this fall.

**Left:** Air Force Veteran Dale Bowers stands during the Air Force segment of the “Marches of the Armed Forces Medley.”

See more photos of the ceremony in next week’s Courier.

## OBITUARY

EDINBURGH

## Jerry Burton

Jerry W. Burton, 72, of Edinburgh passed away Nov. 9, 2022 at Columbus Regional Hospital. He was born Dec. 24, 1949 in Columbia, Kentucky. He was the son of Elza and Lorene (Bryant) Burton. He married Diana (Terry) Burton on May 17, 1969 and she survives. He is also survived by his daughters, Missy (Ronnie) Burton of Edinburgh and Anna (Nathan) Eaton of Columbus; grandchildren, Jake (Alyssa) Burton, Corey (Haley) Burton, Kaden (Claire) Eaton, Alexa Eaton and Macy



BURTON

Eaton; four great-grandchildren; brother, Clifford (Alina) Burton; sisters, Eva (Bill) Cook and Geraldine (Carl) Giles.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Earl Burton, Arnold Burton, Dewey Burton, Luther Burton and Erney Burton; and sisters, Linda Orff and Judy Burton.

Jerry retired from Cummins Engine Co. in 1998 after 31 years. After retirement, Jerry and Diana enjoyed spending winters in Texas. Jerry was a gifted mechanic and craftsman. He enjoyed playing pool, bowling, woodworking and spending time with family.

A funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Randy Denton at Eskew-Eaton Funeral Home in Edinburgh. Burial was at Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburgh.

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Hospice of South Central Indiana.

## GOOD OLD DAYS

75 years ago: Post Commander Wayne Kellams announces that Edinburg Post 233 and its Auxiliary will be hosts for the entire Seventh District's America Legions.

70 years ago: Edinburg Sunshine Society sponsor Miss Roe announce that the Edinburg Sunshine Society will attend the District Meeting at Mooresville.

65 years ago: Officers for the Edinburg Band are David Parmerlee, president; Janie Merrick, vice president; Joyce Streeval, treasurer; and David Davis, treasurer.

60 years ago: Congratulations to Mary Jane Allison and Dickie Talbert, who have been chosen as the Edinburg girl and the Edinburg boy the month for November.

55 years ago: Mark Redmond, John Drybread, Steve Bowers and David Vaughan all score in double figures to help Edinburg to a 56-52 victory over Burney.

50 years ago: Indiana Pacer Jerry Harkness sets a ABA record when he hits a 92-foot shot for a three-pointer as the Pacers defeat the Dallas Chapparrals, 119-118.

## COMMUNITY CHATTER

## Christmas festival

Edinburgh Holiday of Lights is set for Dec. 10, 4-10 p.m. at various downtown locations.

This year's theme is "Bicentennially Bright," Celebrating Edinburgh's 200th Anniversary.

## Nineveh Senior Center

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

Nov. 18: Food box distribution, 9-11 a.m. Low-income Johnson County residents over 60 can call 317-739-9999 to get qualified for the food box program.

Nov. 21: Bingo with prizes, 1-3 p.m. Free coffee provided, pop and water for sale.

Nov. 21: Pizza provided by Compass Parke of Franklin, 11:30-12:30 p.m.

Regular activities:

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

- Wednesdays, euchre, 5:30 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](http://www.ninevehseniorcenter.org)

## Cookie walk

The United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church of Columbus will host their 32nd Annual Cookie Walk on Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to noon.

A variety of homemade decorative and specialty cookies, including allergy-free and vegan treats, will be available for \$7 a pound. Fudge, divinity and other candies will be sold for \$5 a half-pound.

Monies raised will support the local, state and international missions of the United Methodist Women.

The Cookie Walk will take place in the Fellowship Hall of the church, which is located at 618 8th St., Columbus. Pre-orders are now being taken by calling the church at 812-372-2851.

## SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

## Athlete of the week

Freshman Kenna Streeval was named the Horizon Bank Student Athlete of the Week. Kenna led the Lady Lancers with 23 points and was a major contributor in the 45-32 victory over Lutheran High School.



STREEVAL

## Athlete honored

Max Blandford received honorable mention on the Daily Journal's All-County Tennis Team and the Republic's All Area Tennis Team.

## Tickets to games

Edinburgh Community Schools athletic department has released game ticket and pass prices for the 2022-23 school year.

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

Individual passes: Adult \$50; student \$40

Passes are not good for tourneys, scrimmages, jamborees or East Side contests.

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

Single game prices:

All varsity events, \$6

Non-varsity events, \$5

Middle school events, \$5

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

## 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

Nov. 23-25: Thanksgiving break

Dec. 16: End of first semester

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

March 10: End of third nine weeks

## CONTEST WINNER



Janet Totten presents Miaya Denson with the fourth grade coloring contest award for the Tri Kappa contest. Annie Jagers won the third grade coloring contest award and Carson Gentry won the fifth grade essay award. The awards were given during the Veterans Day ceremony at Edinburgh Community High School.

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## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Paula Lynn Wright, Edinburgh and Steven Duane Coyle, Centerville  
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# Lancer basketball teams play victorious week

The sixth grade girls won three games this past week while the fifth graders won a pair and both teams made it into the championship game of their own tourney on Saturday. The varsity girls notched a win and the seventh grade boys were victorious in their season opener.

The youngest Lancers kicked off the week at home on Nov. 7 by hosting Hope Elementary. In the evening's opener, the fifth grade team was offensively challenged as they lost to the Jets, 22-4. Xayla Watt scored three points and Reese Smith added the fourth. Game two of the night had a much better outcome with the Lancers prevailing in this one, 23-14 over the Jets. Lucy Buck had the hot hand as she scored 14 for Edinburgh, Lilly Bruno scored six, Reese Smith two, and Emily Mauer one.

These two teams were back on the home hardwood on Nov. 8 as Southwestern came to town. The fifth graders took a 13-6 victory over the Spartans to start the night with Reese Smith scoring five points, Averie Long had four, Nora Wilkinson two, and Xayla Watt two. This win improved them to 4-1 on the season. The sixth grade girls keep the momentum rolling in game two, soundly defeating the team from Marietta, 30-9 to move their record to 4-2. Lucy Buck once again led her team with 16 points, Lilly Bruno scored 10, Raylee Taylor two, and Reese Smith two.

Also at home on Nov. 8, the varsity



Brian Ingels

## Lancer Notebook

girls completed the trifecta by beating the Saints from Indy Lutheran, 45-32. After trailing at the end of the first quarter, they held a one point margin at the half and then dominated the visitors after the break. Freshman Kenna Streeval was on fire from the field, leading her team with 23 points. Gracie Crawhorn put in nine points, Cloee Britton seven, Shyleigh Gobel two, Bella Turner two, and Lillie Goff two. The Lancers had a big night on the boards as well with Crawhorn grabbing a dozen rebounds and Britton nabbing 10. Crawhorn also dished out seven assists on the night.

Edinburgh's middle school boys' teams opened their seasons on the road to Brown County on Thursday evening. In the lid-lifter the seventh graders gained their first win of the season by downing the Eagles in a tight one, 31-28. Carson Seigelin paced the young Lancers with 11 points, Brinnyn Moss had eight, Xander Pruitt six, Max Dodson four, and Colton Lutrell two. The eighth graders didn't fare as well, falling to the Eagles, 38-21. Ayden Swallows led his team with 13 points, Matthew Burton had four, Jaylan Burton two, and Xavier Suns two.

Playing at home on Friday, the varsity girls hosted a much improved Shelbyville team and came away with a 75-28 loss as

the Golden Bears kept the Lancer offense stifled the whole evening. Gracie Crawhorn was Edinburgh's top scorer with 13 points, Lillie Goff and Cloee Britton each added five, Bella Turner two, Jada Swallows two, and Kenna Streeval one.

Finishing the week on Saturday, the fifth and sixth grade Lancer girls hosted their own tournament. The fifth grade girls won, 19-16, overcoming a terrible start that saw them score just two points in the first half. Gracie Burton and Reese Smith led the Lancers with six points apiece, Avery Swallows had four, and Xayla Watt three. This win propelled them into the tourney's championship game versus Hauser. In that contest, the Lancers fell to the Jets, 28-11 with Averie Long scoring four points, Reese Smith four, Kenzley Emerson two, and Whitley Graham one.

On the sixth grade side of the day, the Lancer girls won their first game as well to move to the championship by defeating Southwestern in a tight one, 10-6. In this one, Lucy Buck and Lilly Bruno led the Lancers with each scoring four points and London Weddle added two. In the final game of their tourney the girls couldn't get their offense

working at all as they fell to the young Jets, 31-1 with London Weddle putting in the lone point.

## On Tap For The Week

**Wednesday**  
Girls varsity basketball, at home vs. Crothersville, 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday**  
Girls varsity basketball, opening round of Johnson County Tourney, 6 p.m.  
Girls 5&6 basketball, at Hope 5 p.m.  
Boys MS basketball, at North Decatur, 6 p.m.  
Boys varsity basketball, scrimmage at Jac-Cen-Del, 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Girlsvarsity basketball, conclusion of Johnson County Tourney, 10 a.m.  
Girls varsity basketball, at home vs. Switzerland County, 6 p.m.

**Monday**  
Boys MS basketball, at home vs. Franklin B, 5:30 p.m.  
Girls 5&6 basketball, at home vs. Triton Central 5:30 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
Boys junior varsity and varsity basketball, at home vs. Southwestern, 6 p.m.

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# Imagination Library for children now open to entire county

By Ryan Trares  
DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

Books open a window to new worlds and help young brains grow. But most importantly, they can help set kids up for success. Low literacy rates have been linked to a greater likelihood of students dropping out of high school and to higher rates of poverty, unemployment, incarceration and hospitalization, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

And now, every Johnson County child under 5 years old can receive a free book each month.

“We really see Imagination Library as an organization that not only helps kids fall in love with reading, but prevents a lot of these potential issues from happening, because they help kids be more likely to succeed,” said Susan Crisafulli, president of Imagination Library of Johnson County. “It’s important to us that we’re not just covering part of the county.”

Imagination Library of Johnson County, the local branch of the nationwide literacy

organization, will now be able to offer free books to every child age 0 to 4 throughout the county. Donations and a pair of grants have allowed the organization to add children in the two Greenwood zip codes; previously, it was able to fund books for every other zip code in the county but those, Crisafulli said.

The opportunity to give books to children, regardless of where in the county they live, is a huge step for the group.

“We are such believers in children having access to books before kindergarten. There’s so much research that shows if kids have books before kindergarten, they’re more likely to start school ready to learn to read. They’re more likely to succeed academically. They’re more likely to graduate high school,” Crisafulli said. “All kids in the county need to have equal access to getting these books for free.”

Imagination Library is an organization founded by Dolly Parton in 1995. The idea was to help children in her home Sevier County, Tennessee, achieve their dreams, by stimulating their imaginations and encouraging reading within the family at an early age.

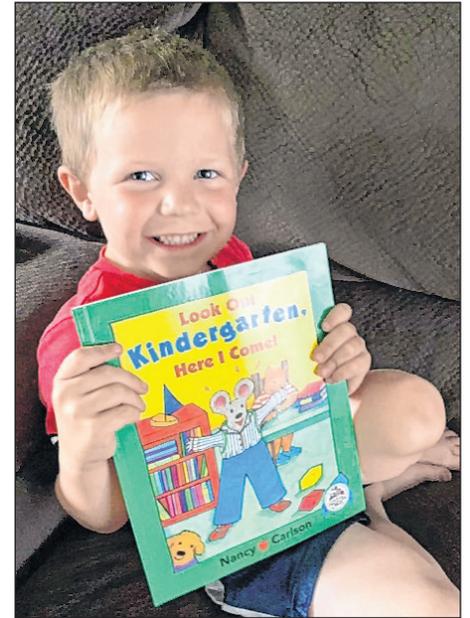
Through her foundation, Parton was able to send every child in the county who signed up a book each month.

By 2000, the program was so successful that Parton announced that she would partner with communities throughout the U.S. to spread it nationwide. There are more than 2,000 affiliate programs worldwide. The program also exists in Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and Ireland.

Johnson County formed a chapter in 2017. The organization has mailed 81,244 books to local children since then.

The concept is simple — children are mailed a free book each month from birth through age 4, for a total of 60 free books by the time they enter kindergarten. Children “graduate” from the program on their fifth birthday. The first book the children receive is “The Little Engine That Could,” which includes a welcome letter from Dolly. The last book they receive is “Look Out, Kindergarten, Here I Come!”

Up to now, 2,002 children have signed up, and 1,407 have “graduated” from the program.



SUBMITTED PHOTO | KELLY BACKSCHEIDER

Rhett Backscheider holds up a copy of “Look Out Kindergarten, Here I Come” by Nancy Carlson, the final book he received through the Imagination Library program.

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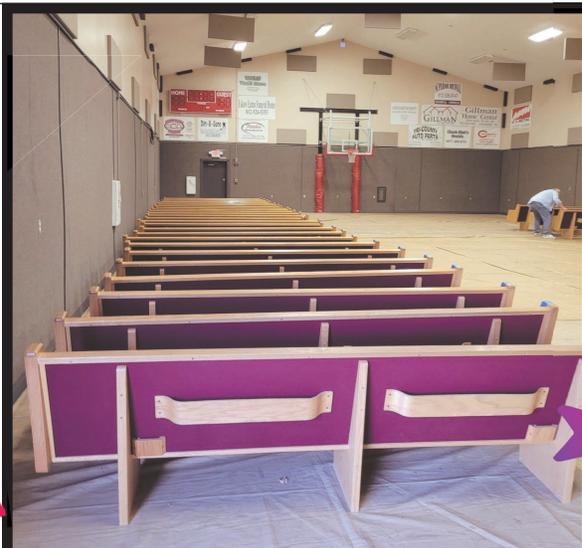
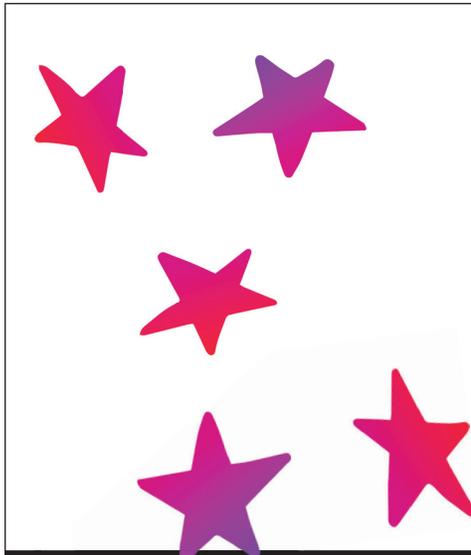
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This community always reaches out and helps others. Whosoever will church is getting new carpet in order to do this. All the pews must be moved out of the church. We reached out to the basketball team and they all volunteered to help us. There were 16 guys along with their coaches. They also helped set a very heavy piano down off of the stage. We cannot thank them enough and we appreciate what they did for us from the bottom of our hearts. God bless each and everyone of them!

**Thanks to Dusty Burton,  
Don Ramey, and Toshia Burton**

# Library

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Organizers have added communities by zip code as funding for the books has been available. Greenwood, with its dense population and a large number of children eligible for the program, was the last to be added.

“We thought Greenwood was a far-off dream, maybe another four or five years before we could muster up the money to open it up,” Crisafulli said.

Generosity of the community accelerated that timeline. On Sept. 7, 100+ Women Who Care Johnson County

chose the Imagination Library to receive its third grant of the year — worth \$14,100.

“In combination of other money we had saved up, that allowed us to open up one of the Greenwood zip codes,” Crisafulli said.

Imagination Library of Johnson County had also applied for a grant from CenterPoint Energy Foundation. The foundation has made supporting Imagination Library programs a focus, and foundation leaders contacted Crisafulli about providing more funding than she applied for.

In the end, they provided \$35,000.

“They were aware of how many people were on our list wanting to be on the program, and asked what they could do to make that happen,” Crisafulli said.

“They very generously came back with the money we needed.”

Parents across the county can sign their children up at the Imagination Library of Johnson County website, or they can pick up a paper registration form at Johnson County Public Library branches and Johnson County WIC. Organizers also plan to distribute more of those to area preschools, particularly in Greenwood, Crisafulli said.

## AT A GLANCE

### Imagination Library of Johnson County

**What:** The local chapter of a free program for families in which children are mailed a new book every month. The goal is to help build literacy skills and a love of reading in local children.

**Who can take part:** Any child under the age of 5 living in Johnson County.

**How to sign up:** Parents can go to [imaginationlibraryjoco.org/register](http://imaginationlibraryjoco.org/register).

## AT THE LIBRARY

The following events are scheduled at the Edinburgh Wright-Hageman Public Library, 119 W. Main Cross St.

Info: 812-526-5487, [www.edinburgh.lib.in.us](http://www.edinburgh.lib.in.us)

### Toy drive

The 8th Day Riders are conducting their annual toy drive for children in the Edinburgh community. The library has a collection box to leave a toy.

### Library craft

The library will offer Fairy in a Jar or Dino in a Jar Nightlights as its November Crafting at Home kit.

The kits include a glass jar, tissue paper, a fairy or dinosaur silhouette, a battery operated tea light and Mod Podge.

This is a free, all ages craft. Sign-ups are being taken until Nov. 23. Kits will be available for pick up on Nov. 28.

To sign up for any craft, contact the library during the registration dates at 812-526-5487 or in person at the Circulation Desk.

### Send a letter to Santa

Beginning Nov. 28, the library will officially begin accepting letters to Santa. This annual event is marked by the giant mailbox inside

the library.

There's no age to old or young to submit. Simply place your letter to Santa in the giant mailbox before Dec. 16 and get a guaranteed response from St. Nick.

All letters must include a return address so Santa can write back. You can write a letter at home on your own paper and drop it in the mailbox or you can use one of the library's pre-printed letters.

### Free meal

Two Shirts Kitchen, sponsored by Edinburgh Church of the Nazarene, is an opportunity for individuals, couples, friends and families to enjoy a warm meal at no cost. All are welcome regardless of income. The monthly meals are usually served the last Thursday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m. Meals are carryout only at this time. Go to the south door of the library.

### Library hours change

The library has switched to its winter hours. Until March 1, hours will be Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Computers will shut off 45 minutes before closing.

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# Republicans sweep elections in Johnson county; many unopposed

By Ryan Trares  
DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

A number of races for Johnson County offices went uncontested in last week's general election.

These office-holders will play vital roles in Johnson County moving forward. Here are those winners, and a little bit about them.

## County Council

Four district seats were uncontested for county council this year. But already, one of the candidates elected will have to be replaced.

Republican Charlotte Sullivan moved to Florida sometime this summer, and did not notify the Johnson County Clerk's Office or the county election board to remove her name from the ballot.

In other district races, Republican Pamela J. Burton will represent District 1. She has served as the county auditor since 2015, having worked in the auditor's office for 30 years prior. The Edinburgh resident won the Republican nomination for the district in the May primary, defeating Franklin businessman David Bleke.

The district includes all of Union,

Hensley, Nineveh, Blue River, Needham and Clark townships, southern White River Township and southern Franklin Township.

## Prosecutor

Republican Lance Hamner won against sitting prosecutor Joe Villanueva in one of the biggest races during May's primary election. He previously served as Johnson County prosecutor from 1991 to 2008, before running for Johnson County Superior Court 3 judge. When he announced his campaign, he said he was disappointed in how the prosecutor's office has fared in recent years, and said its mission to fairly and effectively prosecute criminals was not being accomplished.

## Commissioner District 2

Republican Kevin Walls will continue to represent District 2 after going uncontested both in the primary and general elections.

He has already served two terms with the commissioners, after being elected to the office for the first time in 2014.

The seat on the three-member board of commissioners represents Union, Franklin and Needham townships.

## Sheriff

Duane Burgess, a Republican, was elect-

ed sheriff in 2018. He was uncontested in the general election that year, after defeating fellow Republicans Stoney Vann and Kirby Cochran in the May primary.

Under his leadership, the county embarked on a \$23.1 million project to add 264 additional beds, a new intake area, an expanded medical center and more to the Johnson County Justice Center was first announced in 2019 and is designed to address frequent overcrowding issues.

## Clerk

Republican Trena McLaughlin has served as county clerk since 2018. She was uncontested in May's primary election, and did not have a challenger Tuesday.

As clerk, she reviews, processes and stores all records from criminal and civil courts, oversees the voter registration departments and runs county elections. Prior to her election, she had served in the clerk's office for 21 years.

## Auditor

Elizabeth Ann Alvey, a Republican, is the new county auditor after being uncontested in both the May primary and the general election. She will take over from Burton.

The auditor is responsible for overseeing the collection and distribution of county

taxes and estimating how much tax revenue the county expects to receive each year.

## Recorder

Republican Teresa K. Petro will again serve as county recorder, after winning the office in 2018. Prior to that, she had served as deputy recorder.

The recorder is responsible for maintaining the county public records, mostly dealing with property and mortgages. One of Petro's goals upon taking office was to continue to make the office more digital friendly.

## Assessor

Mike Watkins, a Republican, will take over as the county assessor, after going uncontested both in the primary and general elections. He'll fill the office currently occupied by Mark Alexander.

The assessor is primarily concerned with the assessment of real and personal property, handling appeals regarding real estate and personal property and calculating the inheritance tax.

## School board

For Edinburgh School Board At-Large, David M. Bauman, Daniel Teter and Ryan Blaker won their seats.

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