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It's pretty cool

Columbus company a finalist in state's "coolest thing" competition.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

— Maya Angelou

WHAT'S UP?

Good Cheer Fund

The Christmas Season is fast approaching. The Edinburgh Good Cheer Fund will be in need of funds to help pay for cheer baskets and toys for children in need in Edinburgh.

Anyone or group that would like to help with this may contact Nancy West, 812-343-4609, or mail a donation to Edinburgh Fellowship of Churches, P.O. Box 83, Edinburgh IN 46124. Donations can also be accepted at Horizon Bank & deposited in the Cheer Fund Acct. If you would like your donation to go to food baskets or toys, make a notation on your check or a note with cash.

Christmas basket application

Edinburgh residents in need of a Christmas Food Basket, may apply at the John R. Drybread Community Center on the following dates and times:

Dec. 1: 3-6 p.m.

Dec. 2: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All application must be filled out at the above times and dates. Please bring proof of residency.

If you are unable to come at the above times due to a health condition, you may call 812-343-4352 during the times above and leave a message. Your call will be returned the same day.

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 will be given every hour.

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A collector's dream

Exit 76 Antique Mall celebrates 20 years

By Barney Quick
THE REPUBLIC

Indiana boasts an abundance of natural wonders and sites of historical interest. It might seem surprising, then, that a sprawling steel building at the I-65/US 31 interchange, situated among an outlet mall, hotels and car dealerships would be an always-busy tourist destination.

But then, if one understands the passion of collectors: everything from furniture to dolls to vinyl LPs to random objects repurposed as art, then, it's not so surprising.

The Exit 76 Antique Mall has all that and more. It's a seemingly endless maze of vendor booths and display cases. In fact, brochures with maps are available at the front of the mall as well as at stations throughout. Pencils are offered, too, as experience shows that visitors may not be able to recall where they saw that certain something unless they write it down.

The mall's 72,000-square-feet



Denise Pence, owner, at the entrance to the Exit 76 Antique Mall in Edinburgh.

PHOTOS BY CARLA CLARK

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OBITUARIES

COLUMBUS

Richard Burton

Richard Allen Burton, 65, of Columbus passed away on Monday, Nov. 21, 2022 at his home.

Born on Jan. 12, 1957 in Hope Richard was the son of Arthur and Florence Reed Burton.

He had previously been employed at Cosco.

He had attended the First Baptist Church of Hope.

Richard is survived by children, Arthur (Kristi) Burton of Shelbyville, Nicole Ellington of Columbus and Michael Burton of Edinburg; grandchildren, Joseph Michael Ellington (Gretchen Robbins) of Columbus, Wyatt Edward Burton of Edinburg, James Alexander Ellington of Columbus, Abigail Nicole Burton of Shelbyville and Madyson Renee Burton of Shelbyville; siblings, Rhonda Burton of Columbus, Shelly Frazee of Columbus and Ronnie Burton of Burney; best friend, Kimberly Burton of Columbus and several nieces and nephews.

A visitation for Richard was held at Norman Funeral Home. Cremation will follow and Richard's remains were buried at Flat Rock Baptist Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be donated to Norman Funeral Home to help defray funeral expenses.

Richard loved to play poker and enjoyed many sports especially the Minnesota Vikings.

He was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Joshua Allen Ellington; nephew, Nathan Isgrigg and great-great nephew Colton Harris.

Online condolences may be expressed to Richard's family at www.normanfuneralhome.net.

EDINBURGH

Herman Norton

Herman Ray Norton, Jr., 52, of Edinburg passed away Nov. 18, 2022. He was born Nov. 4, 1970 in Columbus, Indiana to the late Herman Ray Norton, Sr., and Gladys Carol Petty Harmon.

He was married to Kimberly Plumlee, and she survives. He is also survived by his sons, Steven (Taneal) Norton of Mount Auburn and Braxton Norton of Edinburg; daughter, Jenna Carol Norton of



BURTON

Edinburg; brother, Richard Myers of Edinburg; sisters, Donna Neri of Columbus, Heather Norton of Columbus, Michelle Norton of Kentucky, Angel Norton of Kentucky and Lisa Densen of Edinburg; four grandchildren; and step-mother, Lisa Norton of Taylorsville, Kentucky. He was also preceded in death by his daughter, Kyra Warner.

He was a beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather and friend to the many people who will miss him dearly.

Services were held at Who So Ever Will Community Church. Visitation. Burial was in Rest Haven Cemetery, Edinburg. Arrangements were entrusted to Community Funeral Care, Edinburg.

EDINBURGH

Brian Prather

Brian David Prather, 75, of Edinburg passed away Nov. 26, 2022 at his residence. He was born Nov. 29, 1946 in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was the son of Joseph N. and Mary C. (Cornelius) Prather. He married Judy C. (Allen) Prather on July 17, 1971 and she survives.

He is also survived by his sons, Matthew (Eunice) Prather of Columbus and David (Audrey) Prather of Edinburg; grandsons, Elijah Prather and Adam Prather; step-grandsons, Jimmy Green, Eddie Green, Robert (Betsy) Green, Branson Arnold and Aaron Arnold; one step-granddaughter, Morgan Arnold; 19 step-great grandchildren; and two step-great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; in-laws David and Lola Allen; brother-in-law Kermit Allen; sister Sara Allen; brother-in-law, Wendill Allen; and sister-in-law Peggy Allen.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1968. He was a member of the Carthage Christian Church in Carthage, Ohio. He retired from Domtar after 25 years of service. He enjoyed spending time with family, grilling, woodworking and watching football on Sunday.

A funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Terry England at Grace Tabernacle Church in Edinburg. Burial was at Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburg.

Arrangements were made by Eskew-Eaton Funeral Home in Edinburg, Indiana.

EDINBURGH

David Sexton

Dale Wayne Sexton, 74, of Edinburg

passed from this life at 11:50 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23, 2022, at his home.

Dale was born in Greensburg Oct. 10, 1948, the son of the late Jason William and Thelma Mildred Dunn Sexton. On Sept. 1, 1994, Dale married Sylvia Mae Newman; she preceded him in death Oct. 28, 2013.

Dale received a bachelor's degree in engineering from Purdue University. Dale held various engineering jobs. He started his career at Reliance Electric and retired after 18 years of service.

Dale enjoyed reading and coaching his son in baseball and spending time with family. He also enjoyed Sunday dinners with his daughter and grandchildren. A 50-year member of Burnsville Christian Church, he served the church as Sunday school superintendent, teacher, deacon, elder and board member. Dale enjoyed life to the fullest and one of his greatest pleasures was baptizing both of his children.

A quote from Dale in his last days, "A special thank you to my children, grandchildren, and my brother, Paul, for loving me. Thank you to my church family for loving me and being a part of my life for so long."

Dale will be remembered by his children, Brian Dale Sexton of Edinburg and Candace (Dwight) Luttrell of North Vernon; grandchildren, Joshua (Allene) Richardson, Hanna (Jesse) McBride, Sophie Shafer, Zoe Shafer, and Andy Luttrell; great-grandchildren, Elias Richardson, Kora Richardson, and Morgan McBride; sisters, Barbara King of Dayton, Ohio and Betty Hayes of Lexington, Kentucky; and his brother, Paul Sexton of Columbus.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents, Jason and Thelma Sexton; his wife, Sylvia; and a stepson, Travis Wayne McDonley.

The funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022, at Barkes, Weaver & Glick Funeral Home on Washington Street in Columbus. Pastor E. Reeves Flint will officiate. A live stream of the funeral service can be seen at barkesweaverlick.com.

Family and friends may gather for visitation from 1 p.m. until service time Dec. 4. In keeping with Dale's wishes, cremation will take place following the funeral service.

Memorial contributions may be made to Burnsville Christian Church or Our Hospice of South Central Indiana.

Condolences to the family and video tribute are available at barkesweaverlick.com.



SEXTON

GOOD OLD DAYS

75 years ago: Mrs. Bund's class is publishing a newspaper called "Edinburg Sixth Grade Newspaper" by editor Lynette Glick and assistant editor Doyle Ellis.

70 years ago: Joe Lain's 18 points leads the Edinburg High School varsity basketball team to a 47-43 victory over Clifford High School of Bartholomew County.

65 years ago: Brent Miller and Ronnie Richards both score 20 points as the Edinburg Lancers defeat the Mt. Auburn Rangers by a score of 68-63.

60 years ago: Officers for the Edinburg I.O.O.F. Lodge are Virgil Scott, Noble Grand; John Saberton, Vice Grand; Don Ransdell, secretary; and Eral Garrison, treasurer.

55 years ago: Mark Redmond, David Vaughan, Steve Bowers, Dale Bowers and John Drybread score in double figures but the Lancers lose to Southwestern, 87-70.

50 years ago: Roger Rowe scores 25 points and Rick Finley adds 23 points as the Edinburg Lancers beat the Brownstown Braves, 72-59, as the Lancers improve to 2-0.

AT THE LIBRARY

The following events are scheduled at the Edinburg Wright-Hageman Public Library, 119 W. Main Cross St. Info: 812-526-5487, www.edinburg.lib.in.us

Toy drive

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

Send a letter to Santa

The library is accepting letters to Santa. This annual event is marked by the giant mailbox inside the library. 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.

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Varsity boys win two as their season kicks off

Thanksgiving week was especially kind to the Lancer boys reserve and varsity boys teams as they opened their seasons with wins over Southwestern and the varsity was able to also pick up a victory over Indian Creek.

Nov. 21 belonged to the youngest Lancers, starting with the fifth and sixth grade girls who played host to Triton Central. In the fifth grade game the Tigers turned back the Lancers 34-10. Reese Smith led the team with eight points and Gracie Burton added the other two.

The sixth graders didn't show any better as Triton Central came out the winners in this one as well, 38-4 with Lucy Buck scoring Edinburgh's four.

The fifth grade loss dropped them to 5-6 and the sixth grade's set-back dropped their record to 5-7.

Playing at home as well on Monday, the middle school boys welcomed Franklin Middle school to the high school. The seventh grade game was an exciting one that came down to the wire with the good guys falling by just three points, 35-32 to see their season record dip to 2-1. Carson Siegelin scored 13 points to pace the Lancers while Max Dodson had eight, Brody Cox five, Noah Parkhurst three, Colton Luttrell two and Xander Pruitt one.

In the second game of the night, the eighth grade also fell to Franklin, losing 45-22 to fall to 2-1. Xavier Suns led the Lancers in this one with 15, Noah Parkhurst scored three, Jaylan Burton two, and Caiden Miller two.

The one everyone looks forward to, the



Brian Ingels

Lancer Notebook

annual high school boys opener on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving versus Southwestern, didn't fail to disappoint.

The undercard was a good one for the Lancer faithful as the JV Lancers dismantled the Spartans, 57-23, leading the entire way. Rylan Londeree led the reserves with 22 points, Bailey Totten put in 19, Milas Burkman eight, Tyler Branigin six and Samson Parkhurst two.

The main event lived up to expectations with the varsity up 48-21 at the half en route to a convincing 73-37 win over Southwestern.

Caleb Dewey was on fire as he scored 28, Connor Ramey had 13, Jarrett Turner 10, Jackson Hartwell six, Austin Brockman six, Blaze Jenson three, Rylan Londeree three, Braylon Bryant two and Keegan Smith two.

Back on their home court on Saturday evening, the JV boys trailed Indian Creek by eight points at the start of the fourth quarter and almost pulled off a great comeback but they lost to the Braves by a point, 52-51. Rylan Londeree poured in 30 points for the Lancers, Bailey Totten scored 15, Tyler Branigin three, and Milas Burkman three.

The varsity played well for their second straight game versus the Braves, leading by 13 at the half and winning by 10, 65-55. Jarrett Turner was Edinburgh's high scor-

er with 20 points, Caleb Dewey chipped in 14, Connor Ramey 12, Braylon Bryant eight, Jackson Hartwell six, Keegan Smith three, and Austin Brockman two.

On tap

Wednesday

Girls 5&6 basketball at Brown County, 5:30 p.m.

Boys MS basketball at Columbus Central, 5:30 p.m.

p.m.

Thursday

Girls 5&6 basketball at Morristown, 6 p.m.

Girls varsity basketball at Trinity Lutheran, 6:30 p.m.

p.m.

Friday

Boys JV & varsity basketball at Oldenburg, 6 p.m.

Saturday

Boys JV & varsity basketball, at home vs.

Waldron, 6:30 p.m.

Monday

Girls 6 basketball at South Grove, 5:15 p.m.

Boys MS basketball, at home vs. South Decatur, 6 p.m.

Tuesday

Girls varsity basketball, at home vs. Greenwood Christian, 6:30 p.m.

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SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Students of the month

The ECSC School Board and Superintendent Ron Ross recognized the November Students of the Month at the Nov. 21 meeting: Brooklyn Locke, East Side Elementary School; Matthew Burton, Edinburgh Community Middle school; and Bella Turner, Edinburgh Community High School.

Athletes honored

Caleb Dewey, Edinburgh, was named defensive back on the Republic's All Area Football Team. The senior had 41 tackles and four interceptions and caught 22 passes for 405 yards and five TDs.

Jackson Hartwell, Caleb Murphy, Keegan Smith and Jarrett Turner received honorable mention.

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



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The Exit 76 Antique Mall in Edinburgh.

Dave Miller, who has been a red vest employee for 11 years, assists Denise Pence, owner, who is purchasing some items she will be giving as gifts, including a handmade cutting board made from domestic and exotic hardwoods responsibly sourced from local mills, crafted by KHWoodKentucky, one of the vendors.



Exit 76

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accommodate a good crowd of people whenever it's open. A few years ago, it was designated an official state attraction. The criterion it had to meet was being able to document hosting over 100,000 visitors a year.

"Our own data collection, such as looking at license plates in the parking lot, shows that we get visitors from all 50 states every year," said proprietor Denise Pence.

The building was originally erected by a now-deceased Seymour businessman named Albert Skaggs. Skaggs was colorful and had an array of interests. He ran a construction business known for developing residential parks with great efficiency, and he was an ordained minister, a collector of cars and other items. He'd started the antique mall, but also used much of the space for a car museum. Interest in the antiques clearly outpaced that for the cars, so he sold the cars. Before long, he was looking to sell the mall.

Pence and her husband, Greg, bought it, and they continued with the antique focus. So far it's worked out well. Consumer trends have been favorable to the business.

"Vintage is cool right now," explained Pence. "Both Victorian and mid-century modern are desirable. Repurposed items, such as a gumball machine made into a lamp, are big with young people trying to stretch their dollars. Home designers also come here on behalf of people who build log cabins in places like Brown County, looking for items like bearskin rugs and deer heads."

For many people, the term "antiques" brings to mind grandma's chairs and heirloom dinner sets, and the mall certainly has much of that kind of merchandise, but collectors of comic books, Hot Wheels toy cars, musical instruments and World War II artifacts will also find themselves absorbed for hours.

Pence said she sells nothing. The mall's vendors are independent business owners. The mall only supplies a staff that wanders the floor, answering questions and unlocking cases for visitors interested in items, such as knives or jewelry.

"I've been to a lot of antique malls, and this is the only one in which I've seen employees walking the floor," said Jeff Seeley, who is both a team member and a merchant.

Vendors have access to software that enables them to see where inventory stands in their booths and cases. If there has been a run on something, they know in real time that it needs to be replenished.

Pence said that interaction with people — staff, vendors and visitors — is a major aspect of her passion for her business. Loyalty is a core value at the mall.

"I didn't charge vendors any rent during COVID," she said, "and I recently let them know I wouldn't raise rents due to inflation."

She loves instances of the mall making a real impact on people's lives.

"An art dealer from Tennessee bought a painting that turned out to be worth thousands of dollars," she recalled. "A woman found her deceased dad's law diploma. Stories like that happen all the time."

Staying in touch with visitors is important to Pence. Four times a year, the mall mails out 12,000 postcard notices announcing customer-appreciation sales.

The Pence's have since opened a sister mall in downtown Bloomington that is one-third the size of the Exit 76 operation. It's in a 19th century building that was originally a grocery warehouse.

Pence deals with many kinds of people and many levels of consideration throughout a business day, but it's the stories that individual pieces of merchandise tell that remain central to her mission. She holds up a ring to illustrate.

"Maybe this ring has been to the Hamptons or Monte Carlo," she said. "Now, it's awaiting its next adventure."

Company with Edinburgh tie makes one of the 'coolest things'

By Andy East
THE REPUBLIC STAFF WRITER

A local manufacturer of custom camping trailers has made it to the semi-finals of a statewide competition to be crowned the “coolest thing made in Indiana.”

Columbus-based Hiker Trailer, 2860 N. National Road, Suite B, is one of four semifinalists in the Indiana Chamber of Commerce’s second annual “Coolest Thing in Indiana” tournament.

The contest, which started earlier this month, included 54 companies representing 43 communities, according to the Indiana Chamber of Commerce.

Voting for the championship matchup started Monday at 9 a.m.

Want to vote?

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce’s Coolest Thing Made in Indiana competition celebrates the state’s rich manufacturing tradition. Public fan voting to see who reaches the finals is underway at indianachamber.com/coolestthing. The championship matchup concludes Nov. 30. The top companies will be recognized and the champion announced Dec. 14 at the Indiana Chamber’s Best IN Manufacturing Luncheon.

The Final Four

The final four competitors are: Hiker Trailers in Columbus with a custom teardrop camping trailer; Kidstuff Play Systems in Gary with a tri-ride slide; Maple Leaf Farms in Leesburg with its roast half duck; and Polywood in Syracuse with the Elevate 12-piece pit sectional

“I’m hoping to win the whole thing, but, you know, we’ve got some tough competition,” said Robbie Bosar, director of marketing and operations for Hiker Trailer. Hiker Trailer offers a range of camping trailers models that

Bosar described as a “base camp on wheels” that can be customized with features including bunk beds, cargo racks, lighting, air conditioning, among other features.

The trailers are about 5-feet wide and range from 8-feet to 10-feet in length and 5.5-feet to 6.5-feet in height depending on the model. Prices generally range from \$5,995 to \$13,595 depending on the model, size of the trailer, accessories, among other factors, according to the company.

“Instead of a traditional RV where you have the couch and your living room inside, this is more for folks that want a secure bed to sleep in, have doors that lock, but they’re going to be spending most

of their time outdoors at a campsite or hunting fishing, doing a nature trails, whatever it might be,” Bosar said. “It’s really the bed on wheels and a nice place to store some gear and do some cooking.”

Hiker Trailer was formed about 10 years ago by two entrepreneurs in Indiana and Colorado, Bosar said. The company was initially based on the north side of Indianapolis and in the Denver area. At one point, Hiker Trailer started contracting with local manufacturer Sterling Industries Inc. through a metal shop it operates in Edinburgh, Bosar said.

In 2020, Sterling Industries moved to acquire the Indiana portion of the Hiker Trailer business and moved production to Columbus, Bosar said. Last year, Sterling Industries merged with the Colorado portion of the business and now fully owns Hiker Trailer.

Hiker Trailer employs about 35 people at its Columbus production facility. The company also has an office in the Denver area.

Since Sterling Industries took over manufacturing at Hiker Trailer about 2.5 years ago, monthly production has roughly quadrupled from an average of 12 trailers per month to about 50 per month currently, Bosar said. Last year, Hiker Trailer made about 550 trailers and anticipates making its 2,500th unit this spring.

Currently, some of the most common requests customers make for their trailers are solar panels and rooftop tents and awnings, Bosar said. It takes an average of three months for the company to complete a custom build depending on the options and features customers choose.

However, Hiker Trailer also has seen some more unique requests and uses for its products, ranging from being a base camp for wildlife photographers in the Alaska wilderness to a storage trailer for traveling show rabbits.

“We’ve done some odd customizations in the past,” Bosar said. “We had a woman that we met at the state fair about a year ago who was one of the traveling animal show people. We built a slightly modified trailer so she could store all of her show rabbits. ... She would just use it to load up the rabbits and, you know, hit the next state fair, the next competition that she was going to. We have some people that live out of these full time while they’re or building a log cabin in the middle of nowhere in Montana. We’ve had a couple people that are taking these up to Alaska because they’re wildlife photographers.”

Bosar, for his part, said being part of Hiker Trailer and making this far into the tournament has been “pretty neat.”

“I don’t think we’ve ever built the same trailer twice,” Bosar said. “... It’s definitely a fun venture for us to be involved in.”



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Bob Bosar shows a Hiker Trailer with its awning extended at the Hiker Trailer production facility in Columbus.

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Some towns rethink buffer zones

The Franklin buffer zone has been in place since 1965, but city and county officials now agree it is no longer needed.

There were once buffer zones around Bargersville, Greenwood, Franklin and Edinburgh, but over the years Bargersville and Greenwood dropped their buffer zones. Franklin and Edinburgh still have buffer zones, but after Jan. 1, Edinburgh's will likely be the last buffer zone standing.

Legally called extraterritorial zoning jurisdictions, buffer zones were created to give the cities and towns jurisdiction over how the land near their boundaries is developed.

With buffer zones, a city or town gets a say in planning and building processes, while the county remains on the hook for providing services.

For example, a landowner in the buffer zone has to build their home to Franklin's building standards while they receive services like police protection and road maintenance from Johnson County. They don't get the benefits of living in Franklin though, including tying onto city utilities and voting for mayor.

While Franklin officials are ready to let it go, Edinburgh officials still see a need to maintain control over at least one of the town's buffer zones. The town is part of three counties and has buffer zones in place for both Johnson and Bartholomew counties, but not for Shelby County.

While there are no current plans to eliminate it, the Bartholomew County buffer zone isn't needed as much today because the town doesn't plan to extend utilities to service that area, said Wade Watson, the town's planning director and interim town manager.

However, the Johnson County buffer zone is an important part of Edinburgh's hoped-for growth. The area is being hoped to be developed with workforce housing

and additional commercial spaces along U.S. 31, Watson said.

While Franklin's growth is in a good spot to surrender the buffer zone, Edinburgh isn't in that position yet. Surrendering control could mean the town missing out on the housing growth local companies and the school district needs, he said.

"One of the things that makes Edinburgh different is that we have not expanded significantly in the last 25 years," Watson said. "We are pretty much landlocked and there is not much space for us to expand in our annexed area. So it makes sense for us to preserve those land uses."

The population of Edinburgh has shrunk in past decades, but jobs continue to grow in the town's industrial park. The missing piece is housing that is priced for Edinburgh workers who currently live elsewhere, Watson said.

The only neighborhood where new construction is happening is Timbergate, a community on Timbergate Golf Course with homes that are more geared to people with higher incomes and empty nesters.

Watson and Baird haven't talked about removing the Edinburgh buffer zone, they said.

Edinburgh man charged in Thanksgiving Day shooting

The victim of the Edinburgh Thanksgiving Day shooting was identified as Wayne E. McGeorge, 49, of Edinburgh.

The cause and manner of death is pending an autopsy, according to the Bartholomew County Coroner's office.

Damion Bryant, 20 of Edinburgh, was arrested on a preliminary charge of murder by the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Office and is being held at the Bartholomew County jail.

Deputies responded to a report of a shooting in the 15000 block of N. Bluff Road in Edinburgh at 6:13 p.m. Thursday. Upon arrival, they found McGeorge with a

single gunshot wound to the abdomen, the release says.

The German Township Fire Department and Columbus Regional Hospital EMS administered medical aid at the scene, but McGeorge was later pronounced deceased at Columbus Regional Hospital, the release says.

Bryant was identified as the gunman, and was taken into custody and interviewed by Bartholomew County detectives. The incident was a family-related dispute, said Dane Duke, a Bartholomew County detective.

The investigation is ongoing, Duke said in a statement.

The Edinburgh Police Department and the Columbus Police Department assisted at the scene.

People needed for county boards

The Johnson County Council is seeking interested individuals to serve on the county boards.

Here is a list of boards with openings and qualifications needed to apply:

Alcohol Beverage Commission Board: interested individuals must have been residents of Johnson County for the five years preceding their appointment; must be 21 years or older; and not convicted of a felony in the preceding 10 years unless the conviction has been expunged.

Board of Zoning Appeals Alternate: interested individuals must be a Johnson County resident.

Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals: interested individuals must be knowledgeable in the valuation of property and be a certified level two or level three assessor-appraiser.

Johnson County Park Board: interested individuals must be a resident landowner and must have knowledge of parks and recreation.



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Johnson County Redevelopment Commission: interested individuals must be a resident of the county. Knowledge regarding redevelopment and land use is preferred.

Edinburgh Town Economic Development Board: interested individuals must be a resident of the county. Knowledge regarding redevelopment and land use is preferred.

Visit the county website at www.co.johnson.in.us and click on "How do I..." and then click on "Be on a Board."

Complete the form and email it to council@co.johnson.in.us by Dec. 20.

Aspire to host adult education fair at Greenwood mall

Aspire Economic Development and Chamber Alliance will be hosting the organization's first Adult Education Fair on Dec. 2 from 4 to 6 p.m.

Educational providers will be available to help residents and workers become aware of local opportunities to increase their skills through certification programs or degrees.

The fair will be located in front of Chick-Fil-A in the Greenwood Park Mall food court.

Police station offers medicine drop-off site

A medication drop-off site is in the Edinburgh Police Department lobby, 200 S. Main St. Leave expired or unused prescription and over-the-counter drugs in original containers, if possible. No questions asked.

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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 more likely to occur.

Edinburgh Diner

413 S. Eisenhower Drive, Edinburgh

Critical: 2. Giro meat and cut ham were held beyond the maximum of seven days for potentially hazardous foods while inside air cooler. Cooked chicken tenders and fish measured at improper temperatures while inside the upright holding warmer cabinet.

Non-critical: 11

Dollar General No. 1139

8835 U.S. 31, Edinburgh

Critical: 0

Non-critical: 6

Thorntons

12001 N. U.S. 31, Edinburgh

Oct. 31

Critical violations: 1

Poisonous or toxic materials shall be stored and displayed for retail sale so they cannot contaminate food, equipment, utensils, linens and self service and single use articles. Containers of detergent and Febreze were on the same shelf as food products.

JAIL BOOKINGS

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

Zackery Payne, 18, Edinburgh; arrested on charges of criminal mischief; \$2,000 bond.

Ramirez Hernandez, 29, Edinburgh; arrested on a charge of operating a vehicle without ever obtaining a license; released on \$250 bond.

Rhonda J. Merchant, 50, Edinburgh; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; held without bond.

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

Jeffrey S. Vincent, 45, Edinburgh; arrested on warrants for failure to appear in court; held without bond.

Melissa M. Childers, 26, Edinburgh, arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine and possession of paraphernalia; released on \$60,000 bond.

Nathan O. Garrett, 49, Edinburgh, arrested on a charge of invasion of privacy; \$5,000 bond.

Damion O. Bryant, 20, Edinburgh, arrested on a charge of murder; held with no bond.

COMMUNITY CHATTER

Home decorating contest

Homeowners can participate in the holiday home decorating contest and a chance to win cash prizes on Dec. 9, 6-8 p.m.

Categories are Bicentennially Bright (the most merry and bright display) \$100; Historically Humble (traditional decorations) \$100; and Dashing Doorway, best holiday door or entrance, \$50.

Register your home by 4 p.m. Dec. 9 by emailing jrdcc@edinburgh.in.us, calling 812-526-3539 or stopping by the John R. Drybread Community Center, 100 E. Main Cross St.

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.

Scheduled events:

Bicentennially Bright Parade: 5:30 p.m. from East Side Elementary School through downtown

(To participate in the parade, register at Parks & Rec office or the community center. A cash prize will be awarded to the top entry.)

Community Chili Supper: 5-8 p.m. at

Presbyterian Church

Holiday Market: 5-9 p.m.

(Vendor applications available)

Carriage Rides: 6-10 p.m.

Ornament crafts at 500 North: 5-8 p.m.

Pictures with Santa: 6-8 p.m. inside John

R. Drybread Community Center

The Pixy's Christmas Show with Night Owl Country Band: 7 p.m.

Downtown shops will be open late for holiday shopping.

Free dental care

Cedar Lane Family Dentistry, 850 Cedar Lane, Franklin, will offer its 23rd annual Free Dental Day to people who cannot afford dental care, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 3. Any procedure that can be done in one day, such as a cleaning, filling or extraction, will be free.

Arrive early to register. Doors may close earlier than 2 if there is a larger than expected turnout.

The office is located just off U.S. 31, south of Walmart in a log cabin.

Information: 317-736-7476

Cerabration of Lights

Cera Sports and Campground in Columbus will hold its Cerabration of Lights show Thursdays through Sundays, 6-10 p.m. Nov. 25-Dec. 11 and daily Dec.

12-30 (except Christmas day.) Cost is \$30 per vehicle.

The park is at 3989 S. 525 East.

Info: 812-377-5849, ceraland.org

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 Edinburgh.

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.

Dec. 7: Craft class, Christmas decorations, 3-4 p.m.

Dec. 7: A special dinner and Christmas music provided by Church of the Lakes, 4-5 p.m.

Dec. 9: Monthly pitch-in luncheon and business meeting, noon-1:30 p.m. Annual Christmas luncheon and gift exchange. If you want to participate, bring a \$10 gift for a man if you are a man and a gift for a female if you are a female.

Dec. 16: 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.

Dec. 19: Bingo with prizes, 1-3 p.m. Free coffee provided, pop and water for sale.

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

Dec. 31: New Year's Eve party, 7 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

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

Wednesdays: Happy Place Comedy Open Mic Comedy Night, 6 p.m. Win prizes or earn paid spots, meet new comics.

Dec. 10: Night Owl Country Band Christmas Show; Santa in lobby at 6 p.m.

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