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Who was Hoosier?

Lawmakers explore the origin of Indiana's mysterious nickname.

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Edinburgh Courier

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Every sunset brings the promise of a new dawn."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

WHAT'S UP?

Recycling in Edinburgh

The recycling dumpsters at Edinburgh schools will no longer be available due to a change in fees.

People who wish to recycle can take items to the Edinburgh Recycling Depot is at the Transfer Station, 701 W. River Road. Hours are Tuesdays and Fridays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturdays, 8-11 a.m. Closed on holidays.

Accepted items are flattened cardboard, clean plastic bottles and jugs, clean food and beverage cans, and mixed paper, newspapers, magazines and paperboard. Wet paper or cardboard or dirty items will not be accepted.

The site does not accept electronics, large quantities of cardboard, glass of any kind, plastic bags or items from businesses. Some of these items can be taken to Johnson County Recycling at 900 Arvin Road, Ste. A, Franklin.

Father-Daughter Dance

The annual Father-Daughter Dance will be held Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. at Who So Ever Will Community Church.

Cost is \$10 per couple, \$5 for each additional daughter.

Registration must be done by Feb. 7 at the Parks and Recreation office Monday through Saturday noon to 8 p.m.

Zumba

Edinburgh Parks and Recreation will offer Zumba classes on Wednesdays, Jan. 18 through March 29. Classes start at 6:10 p.m. Participants are asked to arrive early to pay and sign a waiver. Cost is \$5 per class.

NEWS

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GROWTH POTENTIAL

Vacant U.S. 31 property up for rezoning

By Andy Bell-Baltaci

DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

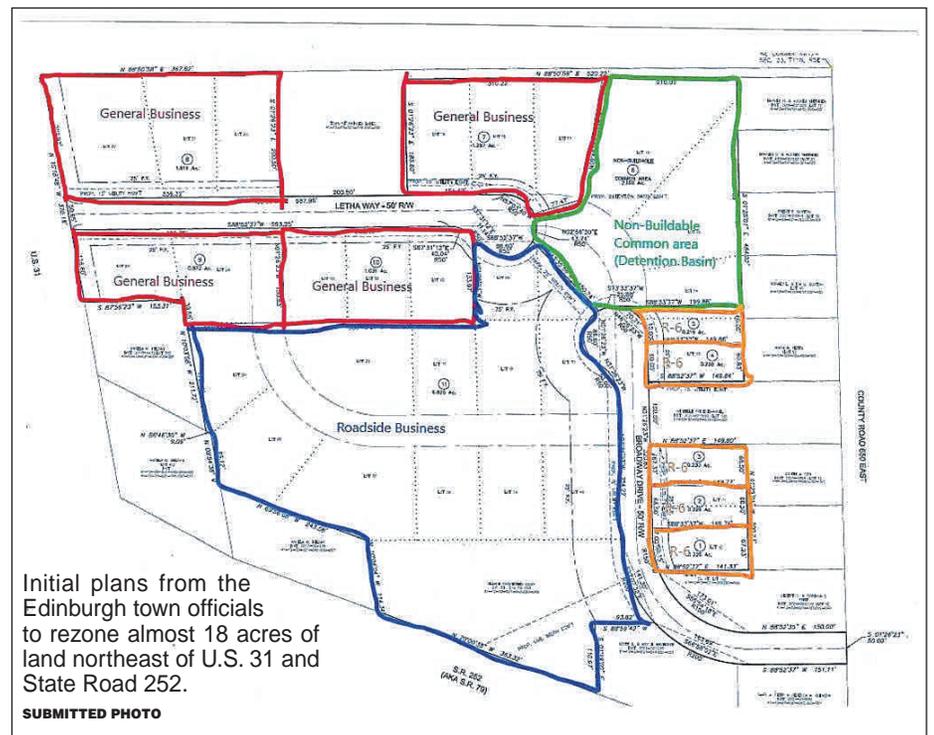
For decades, an almost 18-acre plot of land northeast of State Road 252's intersection with U.S. 31 in Edinburgh sat vacant.

That could soon change with a rezone request from Indianapolis-based MLS partners to turn the land into a mixed-use property. Plans from the developer would split the land into 10 lots for commercial and residential uses. Five large lots would be used for commercial spaces, ranging in size from about one to 6.6 acres. Five smaller lots, each no less than 0.2 acres each, would be reserved for residential properties, according to town documents.

The proposal is now before the Edinburgh Town Council, which is considering the developer's request to rezone six areas on the plot to various zoning classifications. Prior to coming to the council, the proposal received a unanimous favorable recommendation from the planning commission.

The request asks for two areas to change from medium-low density residential, or R-3, to high-density residence, or R-6. A third area would go from R-3 to general business, a fourth from roadside business to general business, the fifth area would go from roadside business and R-3 to general business, and the final would go from R-3 to roadside business, according to town documents.

Initial illustrations for the property show the largest area of land directly east of U.S. 31 and north of State Road 252 reserved for commercial use to fit as many as four general businesses and one roadside business.



Initial plans from the Edinburgh town officials to rezone almost 18 acres of land northeast of U.S. 31 and State Road 252.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Five lots on the southeast corner of the property near State Road 252 and County Road 650 East would be rezoned R-6 for high-density residential properties. Those properties could either be single-family, two-family or multi-family residences, but must fit the setback requirements of the 0.2 acre lots, said Wade Watson, town planning director and interim town manager.

A 2.2-acre area on the property's northeast corner is labeled "non-buildable common area" on the preliminary plans and would be a detention basin to mitigate any potential flood risk.

The specific businesses, as well as the type of residences to be built on the land won't be determined until after the town

council approves the rezone and developers can submit proposals, nor will any construction be done on the land in the form of speculative buildings, Watson said. Any construction projects must be approved by the plan commission, he said.

The plot of land is nearby eight adjacent existing properties lining County Road 650 East. All are single-family homes and one building houses four families, he said.

These 17.7 acres were originally platted into unincorporated Johnson County as the Heckman Village Subdivision in 1952 before being incorporated into Edinburgh in 1978. For decades, however, the land

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OBITUARIES

COLUMBUS

William Burton

William T. Burton, 72, of Columbus, passed away Jan. 11, 2023, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

William was born Sept. 12, 1950 in Columbus, the son of Hass and Goldie Heitz Burton. He married Christine E. Garner on March 13, 1971.

William enjoyed many activities, especially those that let him be out in nature. They ranged from gardening, bird-watching, hunting, fishing and attending auctions. He also loved to cook. Most of all, William loved spending time with and taking care of his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

William is survived by his wife Christine; his children William T. Burton II of Columbus and Donna E. (Jason) Whitis of Edinburgh; grandchildren Megan (Nathan) Barnett, Nicholas Franklin, Devon Burton, Marissa Whitis, Dylan Burton, Makayla (Dakota) Burton, and Brayden Whitis; 9 great-grandchildren; as well as sisters Shasta (Larry) Smiley of Flat Rock, Kathy (Kevin) Stubblefield of Edinburgh, Tammy (Gary) Evans of Speedwell, Tennessee, and Jane Haddock of Franklin, Tennessee.

He was preceded in death by his parents; as well as two brothers Jim and Tom Burton.

The funeral was at the Jewell-Rittman Family Funeral Home with Pastor Ricky Burton officiating. Burial was at Rest Haven Cemetery in Edinburgh.

You are invited to leave a message for the family at www.jewellrittman.com.

MEADVIEW, ARIZONA

Ewing Crabtree

Ewing Shelby Crabtree, Jr. 85, of Meadview, Arizona died at 2:39 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022, at the University Medical Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was born on June 17, 1937, in Middletown, Indiana the son of Ewing Shelby, Sr. and Lela (Stamps) Crabtree.

Most of his life was spent residing in Westport until he retired to Arizona. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and hiking. He was a veteran having



BURTON

served with the U.S. Navy. He married Lucille Marie Leach on April 18, 1959, in Indianapolis. She preceded him in death April 17, 1997.

He is survived by his daughter, Kathy M. (Robert) Anderson of Edinburgh; his sons, Michael A. (Janey) Crabtree of Gray, Tennessee and Jay D. (Michelle) Crabtree of Columbus; his eight grandchildren, Brenda, Robbie, Clay, Amanda, Lyndsay, Dustin, Christin and Collin; his 13 great-grandchildren, Skylar, Serinity, Harmony, Wyatt, Brody, Cooper, Cason, Kynnedi, Brayden, Sophia, Lucy, Raegan and Haiden; his sisters, Joyce, Judy, Sheila, Ruth and Debbie.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lucille Crabtree; his parents, Lela and Ewing S. Crabtree Sr.; his brothers, Chuck and Jimmy; and his sister, Opal.

Funeral services were conducted at Bass & Gasper Funeral Home with Pastor Jay Vanderbur officiating. Burial was at the Westport Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association through the funeral home. Online condolences can be made the family at www.bassgasper.com

GREENWOOD

Margaret McPeek

Margaret Elizabeth "Mindi" McPeek, 59, of Greenwood, formerly of Scipio, passed away at 10:49 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 13, 2023, at her residence.

Born April 3, 1963, in Columbus, she was the daughter of the late Jerry McPeek and Rita Hedges.

Mindi was a 1981 graduate of Jennings County High School and worked as an analyst for Indiana Blood Center (Versiti) in Indianapolis for 24 years. She had previously driven a bus for Jennings County Schools for several years. Mindi enjoyed riding motorcycles, Halloween and playing video and board games.

Survivors include her daughters, Brandi Foist of Scipio and Heather (Amos) Fox of Round Rock, Texas; her son, Tanner Foist of Greenwood; sisters, Becky (Tommy) Johnson, Susie (Chris) Laney and Joy (Omer) Lollar, all of Edinburgh; brother, Charlie (Kathy) McPeek of Commiskey; grandchildren, Emily Lee of Columbus, Dalton Lee, Lucas Wilkerson and Lauryn Wilkerson, all of Scipio, Elizabeth Fox, Caroline Fox, and Phoenix Fox, all of Texas, Kali Thompson of Franklin and Brady Bannister of Hayden; and great-



McPEEK

grandchild, Kayden Harris Jr. of Columbus.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Cory Foist; daughter, Kristen Niccole Bannister; and grandson, Abrams Fox.

Dove-Sharp & Rudicel Funeral Home and Cremation Service in North Vernon handled arrangements.

Memorials for Mindi may be made through the funeral home to the American Cancer Society for Breast Cancer Research.

EDINBURGH

Marlene Wheeler

Loving wife and mother, Marlene E. Wheeler, 72, passed away peacefully at her home on Jan. 11, 2023

surround by her family and friends. She was born on April 2, 1950 in Columbus. She was the daughter of Allen and Omia (Bryant) Burton. She married the love of her life, Jimmy R. Wheeler on July 6, 1968 and he survives.

She was the mother of Cheryl Michele (Shane) Ross of Columbus, Ricky (Rodgina) Wheeler of Edinburgh, Jennifer (Tim) Foster of Columbus, and Jessica Lynn Nicole Gentry. She was the grandmother of Christopher Wheeler, Brigette Wheeler, Macey Palmer, Thorne Ross, Adisyn Ross, Raegyn Foster, and Chris Sharpe. She was the great-grandmother of Hunter Strahl, Kennedy Wheeler, Kandyce Wheeler, Grayson Ross, Kael Wheeler, Brynlee Sharpe, and Colton Sharpe. She was the sister of Ivan (Elaine) Burton, Delcie Burton, Martha McGaha and Vicki Whited, all of Edinburgh.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Jessica Lynn Nicole Gentry; brothers, Bobby Burton, Woodrow Burton, Hubert Burton and Darhal Burton; and sisters, Shirley Jones, Pam Burton, Imogene Hartley and Mary Burton.

Marlene was a member of the Edinburgh Separate Baptist Church. She retired from BCSC as a cafeteria manager.

She enjoyed time with family, church activities, singing gospel music and cooking.

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

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



WHEELER

GOOD OLD DAYS

75 years ago: Carroll Brownfield's 14 points lead Coach Bell's Edinburg Maroons to a 35-31 victory over Clark in the first game in the Johnson County Tourney.

70 years ago: Bernard Learman of 305 S. Kyle St. performs with the Indiana University Marching Hundred in the presidential inaugural parade in Washington D.C.

65 years ago: Edinburg Lions Club president Kenneth Fisher announces that members have voted for making a donation to the Muskatatuck State School at Butlerville.

60 years ago: Edinburg School Superintendent Lewis Jacob announces that due to heavy snow, blowing winds and temperature drop, Edinburg will dismiss all classes at noon.

55 years ago: Steve Bower's 20 points and 11 rebounds was not enough to overcome Edinburg's disastrous 22 turnovers as the Lancers lose to Greenwood, 72-53.

50 years ago: The Edinburg Lancers, Johnson County's winningest basketball team, defeats Morton Memorial 66-38 behind Eddie King's 14 points and an aggressive defense.

AT THE PARK

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May 13: Pours in the Park, noon to 4 p.m. craft beer event

June 30: Sparks in the Parks, fireworks and music, 7 p.m.

July 29: RecFest, noon to 9 p.m. at Amphitheater. Celebrate Parks and Recreation Month with 5k fun run/walk, Jeep cruise-in, live music, inflatables, food and beer/wine.

Aug. 19: Car show, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sept. 9: Touch-A-Truck, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Get up close and personal with trucks, vehicles and equipment.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Zack Jones and Alondra Martinez both of Edinburg

Edgar Flores and Ariel Beckner both of Edinburg

Little Lancers, middle-schoolers and JV all notch b-ball wins

The fifth grade Lancer boys were victorious twice last week and the JV boys, seventh grade boys and girls all notched one win.

Edinburgh's seventh and eighth grade boys were on the home hardwood on Jan. 9, facing Southwestern. The evening's opening game saw the Lancer seventh grade handle the Spartans with relative ease, winning 32-17 to move to 5-6 on the season. Carson Siegelin led his team by scoring 16 points, Max Dodson added six, Noah Parkhurst four, Colton Luttrell four, and Brody Cox two.

The night's second game proved to be a nail-biter as the Lancers took Southwestern to overtime but fell by three, 35-32. Ayden Swallows led the way with seven, Matt Burton and Carson Siegelin each scored six, Jaylan Burton five, Braden Cox four, Mason Myers two and Max Dodson two. The loss dropped them to 1-10.

Playing at Hope Elementary on that same Monday evening, the fifth-grade boys narrowly lost to the young Jets, 36-32, to see their record even at 2-2. Kendall Bennett had the hot hand, scoring 18, Caiden Coy, Mason Turner, and Carson Gentry each put in four and Spencer McGaha had two.

Dropping to 1-3 on the year, the sixth graders lost to Hope, 39-24. Kaiden Talbott led the Lancers with eight points, Charlie Roberts was close behind with seven, Mason Burton five, Bentley Roseberry two and Landon Garris two.

The opening round of this year's Johnson County Tourney kicked off on



Brian Ingels

Lancer Notebook

Jan. 10 at Greenwood for the Lancers. The first game of the evening saw the Lancer JV defeat Greenwood's freshman squad, 39-34. Rylan Londeree led all scorers with 21 points, Bailey Totten had 12, Eli Smith four, Milas Burkman one and Tyler Branigin one.

The varsity contest proved to be an exciting one as the two teams stayed close the entire way.

Greenwood held a five-point margin at the half but the Lancers pulled to within two early in the third period. The Woodmen widened the margin during that quarter but the Lancers out-scored them 13-6 in the fourth quarter and were just off on a three pointer at the buzzer that would have tied it, losing 43-40.

Caleb Dewey paced Edinburgh with 22 points including 10 in the fourth quarter. Connor Ramey had 10, Jackson Hartwell four, Braylon Bryant two, and Austin Brockman two. The loss dropped their record to 7-5.

The middle school boys were back at home on Wednesday, facing MHC foe North Decatur. The seventh graders fell on this night by a score of 43-23. Brinnyn Moss and Carson Siegelin each scored seven, Brody Cox five, Noah Parkhurst two and Max Dodson two. The eighth graders also lost to the Chargers, 47-21 With Ayden Swallows leading the Lancers with 11,

Braden Cox scored four, Noah Parkhurst three, Matt Burton two and Jaylan Burton one.

Thursday evening had the fifth and sixth grade Lancers on the road to Waldron. The fifth grade was victorious versus the Mohawks, 48-23. Kendall Bennett led his squad with 15 points, Carson Gentry had 12, Mason Turner 10, Caiden Coy seven, Amir Petronillo two and Spencer McGaha two.

The sixth graders followed that up with a hard fought contest but lost to Waldron, 39-37. Mason Burton was Edinburgh's top scorer with 15 points, Landon Garris added seven, Kayden Talbott six, Bentley Roseberry five and Charlie Roberts two.

At home again on Thursday, the middle school boys played host to Indian Creek. In the first contest of the evening the seventh grade lost to the Braves, 40-18. Carson Siegelin led the Lancers with seven, Colton Luttrell had four, Xander Pruitt three, Noah Parkhurst two and Max Dodson two.

The second game of the night ended with the eighth graders falling to the visitors, 47-13. Ayden Swallows once again led his team by scoring six, Brinnyn Moss had three, Jaylan Burton two and Matt Burton two.

Thursday evening also saw the girls var-

sity play at Perry Meridian High School. The Lancers fell to the Falcons on this evening, 50-9, with Gracie Crawhorn scoring six, Shyleigh Gobel two and Kenna Streeval one.

The girls were back on the road on Saturday, playing at Morristown. Here they were downed by the Yellow Jackets, 37-16, in a Mid-Hoosier Conference contest. Kenna Streeval's five points led Edinburgh, Gracie Crawhorn scored four, Cloee Britton three, Shyleigh Gobel two and Bella Turner two.

Wrapping up the week, the middle school girls took the long bus ride to Crothersville on Saturday. The seventh grade flexed their muscles and defeated the Tigers, 52-17. Chloe Hancock was on fire, scoring 23 points, Faith Smith put in 11, Lilly Davis six, Kaydra Peters four, Elliot Smith four, Shyla Watt two and Gracelyn Adcock two.

On tap

Wednesday

Boys 5&6 basketball at Indian Creek, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday

Girls MS basketball, at home vs. Hauser, 6 p.m.

Friday

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

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Bill seeks to put 'Hoosier' name origin debate to rest

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Refer to someone from Indiana as an “Indianan” and your ignorance might invoke an eye roll or a glare, but — if you’re really lucky — you’ll get a comedic interruption of an 1800s-era Indiana settler who’s just heard a knock at the door.

This is the land of Hoosiers, after all.

But there’s little consensus on the meaning of the beloved demonym.

To clear the record, Rep. J.D. Prescott, R-Union City, has filed House Bill 1143 to establish “The Hoosier State” as Indiana’s official nickname.

That part is pretty simple, but the bill also would put into state law the origin of the Hoosier terminology — and it’s a story that many Hoosiers today may have never heard before.

Who is Harry Hoosier?

Prescott’s bill declares that Harry Hoosier is the namesake of the state. He was born into slavery before becoming a Methodist minister in the 1770s, the bill says.

Harry Hoosier was also known by the names Harry Hosier, Harry Hoshier, and Harry Hossier and the consensus of modern historians is that each variant of his last name was pronounced “Hoosier.”

Harry Hoosier preached to black and white congregations and was a highly respected preacher and orator despite being illiterate.

The bill contends that “new Methodist believers who identified with the ministry of Harry Hoosier became known as Hoosiers” and that “many of Harry Hoosier’s faithful followers brought their Methodist beliefs and Hoosier nickname to Indiana in the decades before and after Indiana was granted statehood in 1816.”

Prescott told the Indiana Capital Chronicle he first learned about Harry Hoosier in elementary school. The legislator said he’s since become intrigued by the story, and claims his own personal research “really just points to Harry Hoosier as how we’ve come to be identified as Hoosiers in Indiana.”

“He traveled the country, teaching the gospel. Most of his teachings were in what is known today as Indiana and parts of Ohio,” he said. “During that time period, he was known not just as one of the best beat preachers and one of the best public speakers of his time. I just think it’s

important that we honor Harry Hoosier and officially designate Indiana as the Hoosier State.”

A January 2022 Christian Heritage Fellowship article claims Harry Hoosier’s story is the “most plausible explanation for the origin of Indiana’s nickname.”

Other Hoosier theories

The problem is, the origin of Hoosier has long been debated. The Indiana Historical Bureau has a post on the theories and findings.

“As soon as our nickname came into general use, speculation began as to its origin,” the bureau says. Distinguished Hoosier writer Meredith Nicholson and many others have inquired into the origin of Hoosier.

She observed: “The origin of the term ‘Hoosier’ is not known with certainty. But certain it is that ... Hoosiers bear their nickname proudly. Many generations of Hoosier achievement have endowed the term with connotations that are strong and friendly.”

Ray Boomhower, senior editor of the Indiana Historical Society Press, points to late Indiana historian Jacob Piatt Dunn Jr.’s lengthy research into the history of the word.

Dunn found out that Hoosier was used frequently in the South in the 19th Century to refer to woodsmen or rough hill people, Boomhower writes. The word was then traced back to “hoozer,” a term from the Cumberland dialect of England that meant anything unusually large, like a hill. Dunn noted that descendants of English immigrants brought the name with them when they settled in the hill country of southern Indiana.

Arguably one of the most common folktales today attributes the Hoosier name to Indiana’s settler period. As the story goes, when a visitor knocked on a cabin door in Indiana, the settler inside would respond, “Who’s yere?” The greeting supposedly



and I think it’s important to know, for young Hoosiers, how we got that nickname,” he said. “I hope our educators or schools can actually teach our youth the real reason why we’ve been designated that Hoosier nickname.”

A state sandwich, too?

Lawmakers back to pass a two-year state budget and address critical state needs are also tackling important topics like the state sandwich. So far, the tenderloin might have unanimous support.

Sen. Andy Zay, R-Huntington, has filed Senate Bill 322 to make the breaded pork tenderloin the official state sandwich. Grilled tenderloins don’t count.

It is the latest in a string of bills in recent years to establish more state emblems beyond the bird (cardinal), tree (tulip) and river (Wabash). Recent additions include the insect (Say’s Firefly), fossil (mastodon), and snack (popcorn).

Nick’s Kitchen, founded by Nick Freienstein, is home to the first Hoosier breaded pork tenderloin. It’s located in downtown Huntington and has been serving the famous creations up since 1908.

“Having the home of the breaded pork tenderloin located in Senate District 17, it was an obvious decision to author a bill to make it the official state sandwich,” Zay said.

Former owner Jean Anne Bailey said she was pleased that Nick’s Kitchen was the motivation behind the bill.

“It’s quite an honor,” Bailey said in a news release. “Indiana has enjoyed the breaded pork tenderloin for more than 100 years because of Nick’s hard work. He used to push around a cart and serve the residents of Huntington before officially opening an establishment. I am pleased to have the representation from Sen. Zay on this bill and hope to see it pass the General Assembly.”

Gov. Eric Holcomb is even on board.

“We’re going to settle the question once and for all about what is the official state sandwich of Indiana,” Holcomb said last week during a news conference about his 2023 legislative priorities. “I will not let that get away from us.”

evolved into “Hoosier.”

Boomhower additionally notes that James Whitcomb Riley, “The Hoosier Poet,” said Indiana’s early settlers were often such violent fighters that they would bite off noses and ears to win a scuffle. The morning after a fight, a barkeeper — seeing a stray ear on the floor — might have asked, “Whose ear?”

It wasn’t until later, in 1995, that Fisk University professor William Pierson theorized in an article for the Indiana Magazine of History that the term Hoosier actually came from Harry Hoosier.

“It is likely that, as memories of (Harry Hoosier) slipped away, and as the white people of the frontier adopted the nickname Hoosier for themselves, the term lost its original racial connotation ... and came to mean simply an illiterate, ignorant, and uncouth yahoo,” Pierson wrote.

Historians concede that numerous theories exist about the origin of Hoosier — but whether one is true is still up for debate.

Prescott said he’s open to hearing those other theories if the bill is heard in committee, but maintained that Hoosier Harry “just seems to be the most historically accurate.”

“Our state is founded as a state of faith,

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COUNTY TOURNAMENT

Right: Edinburgh's Connor Ramey (22) drives to the basket against Greenwood's Jabar Elemikan during last week's Johnson County tournament game. **Below:** Caleb Dewey, right, tries to block the shot of Greenwood's Jabar Elemikan. The Lancers lost the game, 43-40.

PHOTOS BY ROB BAKER
DAILY JOURNAL



SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Athlete of the week

Junior Lily Turner was named the Horizon Bank Student Athlete of the Week. Lily is a varsity cheerleader and was selected to participate in the Varsity Spirit Spectacular in Walt Disney World along with being named an All-American Cheerleader. She is ranked second academically in her class.



TURNER

Students of the month

At recent ECSC board meetings, the board and Superintendent Ron Ross honored the students of the month.

December: Alisson Beltran-Portillo (East Side), Colten Burton (ECMS), Gracie Aldridge (ECHS)

January: Mason Baker (East Side), Landon Garris (ECMS), Faith Barrett (ECHS)

College notes

David A. Garrison of Edinburgh was named to the dean's list with highest honors at University of Tennessee-Martin.

Scholarships

• Johnson County high school seniors who intend to pursue a music career may be eligible for scholarship from a local music advocacy group. Franklin Matinee Musicale is offering a \$600 scholarship. Students must be planning to attend an accredited college or university.

Application forms and guidelines are available from your music instructor or guidance counselor. Deadline for submission is Feb. 22. Applicants will need to perform at a recital on March 5 at 2 p.m. at Franklin College Custer Theater.

Information: Beverly Bonsett at 317-738-3875.

• Students in high school or college who are planning to teach or work in school administration have until Jan. 31 to apply for three scholarships:

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NEWS ROUNDUP

DAILY JOURNAL AND REPUBLIC STAFF REPORTS

Large trash correction

Last week's notice about Edinburgh large trash collection service contained errors. The correct information is below.

Edinburgh has released its 2023 schedule for large trash pickup.

Jan. 16-20
Feb. 13-17
March 13-17
April 17-21
May 15-19
June 12-16
July 17-21
Aug. 14-18
Sept. 18-22
Oct. 16-20
Nov. 13-17
Dec. 11-15

Trash service is provided by Rumpke and includes the collection of up to four large items per month on the residents' scheduled service days during the above weeks.

Large items include furniture, appliances, mattresses and box springs. Upholstered items need to be wrapped or sealed in plastic.

For questions about your service day, contact Rumpke at 1-800-828-8171.

Two die in crash near Amity

The Johnson County Coroner's Office has released the names of two people who were killed following a two-vehicle accident south of Amity the night of Jan. 9.

The victims were identified by the coroner's office Tuesday morning as Olivia Irene Humes, 30, of Columbus, and Charles Dell Cobb, 42, of Indianapolis. They were the drivers of their respective vehicles.

Deputies were called to U.S. 31 north-

bound about one mile north of State Road 252 near Amity around 9:20 p.m. Monday on a report of a serious vehicle accident. When deputies arrived they found two vehicles involved, according to a Johnson County Sheriff's Office news release.

Witnesses told police they observed a blue Jeep driving south in the northbound lanes of U.S. 31 at approximately 60 miles per hour. This vehicle is believed to have been driven by Humes, according to a JCSO accident report.

The blue jeep then hit a Krispy Kreme truck driven by Cobb head-on, and both vehicles caught on fire. It is unknown why the Jeep was driving the wrong way, the report says.

The drivers of both vehicles were pronounced dead at the scene. Autopsies are scheduled for both victims, officials said.

The Amity Fire Department, Bargersville Fire Department EMS, Edinburgh Fire Department and the Edinburgh Police Department also responded.

Local man to serve on board

John Cunningham was named to the Bartholomew County Community Corrections Advisory Board. The Edinburgh native who overcame his own addiction and founded the recovery group, Recover Out loud. Cunningham was featured in the documentary "The Addict's Wake."

Officers increasing traffic enforcement for January

The Johnson County Law Enforcement Coalition is increasing traffic enforcement this month.

For the month of January, local law enforcement will be participating in a statewide safety enforcement campaign.

The campaign will use federal funding to put additional officers on the roads to enforce Indiana's impaired driving, seat belt, stoplight and stop signs laws, according to a Johnson County Sheriff's Office news release.

The goal of the high-visibility enforcement effort is to deter impaired and dangerous driving behaviors that compromise safety on Indiana's roadways during this heavily traveled season, the news release says.

Officers will deploy special patrols designed to detect impaired drivers and will also be on the lookout for motorists and passengers, including children, who are not buckled up. Anyone caught driving without a seat belt or transporting children who are not properly restrained will be cited, the news release says.

Additionally, anyone caught driving under the influence with an illegal blood alcohol concentration, or BAC, of 0.08 or higher will be arrested. Anyone disregarding stop lights and stop signs will also be cited, the news release says.

Johnson County drought condition downgraded

Johnson County's drought condition has been downgraded after being under moderate drought conditions for more than two months.

In the U.S. Drought Monitor's Weekly Update on Thursday, the county was lowered from the "D1 — Moderate Drought" category to the "D0 — Abnormally Dry" category. The county had been under a moderate drought since mid-November.

When an area is abnormally dry, dryland crops and rangeland are stressed. Lawns can turn brown and gardens are watered more frequently, according to Drought.gov.

The Drought Monitor is a five-category system, with D0 — Abnormally Dry being the lowest category and D4 — Exceptional Drought being the highest category. Each weekly update uses data from the previous seven days to make the assessments.

Most of Indiana is now under the Abnormally Dry category, with a section of far eastern Indiana remaining under the Moderate Drought category. The southern edge of Indiana, along with a most of northeastern Indiana and a small area of far western Indiana has no drought conditions at all, federal officials say.

The county has not been, and continues to not be, under a drought declared by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Girl Scout cookie season is upon us

Girl Scouts of Central Indiana begin their cookie selling orders in central Indiana this week.

Members of the Girl Scouts will take orders in person or may receive cookie orders via Digital Cookie for online orders that will be delivered to local customers. Those who wish to buy in person may use the Cookie Finder at www.girlscouts.org/en/cookies/how-to-buy-cookies.html to locate a booth near them and purchase cookies in person at booths at various locations beginning Feb. 3.

Beginning Feb. 27, consumers may order their favorite cookies for shipment directly to their home.

Text COOKIES to 59618 to receive updates about Girl Scout cookie sales.

To learn more or to volunteer, visit girlscoutsindiana.org/join.

For more information on these stories, go to www.dailyjournal.net or www.therepublic.com.

JAIL BOOKINGS

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

Joshua Wayne Thomas, 29, Edinburgh; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; \$200 bond.
Addison Reis Preston Schaffer, 36, Edinburgh; arrested on a charge of domestic battery; \$1,000 bond.
Melquisedec Petronilo Aguilar, 37, Edinburgh; arrested on a charge of contempt; released on \$3,000 bond.
Anthony Lee Allen, 55, Edinburgh; arrested on a charge of public intoxication by alcohol/drugs; \$1,000 bond.
Kristin Nicole Weber, 42, Edinburgh; arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia and possession of controlled substance-schedule V; \$6,400 bond.

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

Devon P. Evans, 32, Edinburgh, arrested on probation violation; held with no bond.
Shara M. Turnbloom, 31, Edinburgh, arrested on two Bartholomew County warrants; \$10,000 bond.

Lancer

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Girls varsity basketball at Southwestern, 6 p.m.

Saturday

Boys JV & varsity basketball, at home vs. Cambridge City, 6 p.m.

Monday

Boys MS basketball, MHC at South Decatur, 5:30 p.m.

Girls MS basketball at White Creek Lutheran (seventh grade only), 6 p.m.

Tuesday

Boys MS basketball at Southwestern, 5:30 p.m.
Girls varsity basketball at Waldron, 7:30 p.m.

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Growth

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remained largely undeveloped because of concerns of it being on a floodplain. But an elevation survey showed asphalt fillings installed sometime in the 1990s raised the base elevation of the land above floodplain level, according to an Edinburgh staff report.

Town officials see the empty space as an opportunity for both residential and commercial growth on the north side of town. Right now most of the commercial areas outside of downtown are near the Indiana Premium Outlets or further south on U.S. 31.

The land represents an opportunity to attract new businesses to Edinburgh,

said Wade Watson, planning director and interim town manager.

"What we envision is general businesses, could be fast-food or (something else). Zoning standards allow banking, professional offices, roadside business which could be self-storage units or something of that nature," he said. "It puts commercial property on the north side of the community we don't have at this point."

The Edinburgh Town Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed rezone during its next meeting Jan. 23. Council members can then approve the rezone as early as that meeting. But they will likely wait until the next meeting in February for the final approval, Watson said.

COMMUNITY CHATTER

Take-home craft

The Edinburgh Wright-Hageman Public Library's craft for January is making a starburst mirror with recycled magazines. It is for all ages but parents might need to help small children since a mirror is used. Signups will be taken at the circulation desk or by phone until Jan. 19 at 6 p.m. The free kits includes all supplies and will be available for pickup Jan. 23.

Spring Clean Out & Crafts sale

Edinburgh Parks and Recreation's Spring Clean Out & Crafts Sale is set for April 1, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at East Side Elementary School. Handmade and home-made craft vendors and people wanting to sell clothing and household items in an indoor space can reserve a 10-by-10 foot booth at Parks and Rec, 722 S. Eisenhower Drive. Cost is \$20, plus \$5 if you want a table provided.

Information: 812-526-3535

Craft fair

Hoosier Handmade Craft Fair and Spring Market will be April 1, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Johnson County fairgrounds. Fair features work from more than 120 local artisans selling items such as leatherwork, pottery, jewelry, wood carvings, candles, goat milk products and home

decor. Event also includes Easter Bunny from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., scavenger hunts for kids, music and local food trucks.

Free admission and parking.

Lancer cards

The Edinburgh Athletic Department is selling Lancer Discount Cards to raise money for athletics at Edinburgh Community Schools. The cost is \$10 and includes discounts for restaurants, services and retail items, along with one high school varsity regular season game (value \$6). The Lancer Cards can be purchased at the John R. Drybread Community Center, the Edinburgh Utility Office, the Edinburgh Community School District Office and the high school office.

Free program to offer mental health support

The National Alliance on Mental Illness and NAMI South Central Indiana have announced a free, eight-session educational program for family, friends and significant others of adults with mental health conditions.

The NAMI Family-to-Family program provides information about anxiety, depressive disorders, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and other mental health conditions, according to the alliance. Other topics covered include communication,

problem solving, treatment and recovery.

The program will take place at The Commons in Columbus from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on eight Mondays beginning Feb. 6 and continuing through March 27.

The course is designed to increase understanding and advocacy skills while helping participants maintain their own well-being. The program is taught by trained family members who have a loved one with a mental health condition.

NAMI Family-to-Family is an evidence-based program. For information on the research base for the program, visit nami.org/research.

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.

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.

March 18: Allie Jean's album release show (sing and play for kids, all day) 2, p.m. Free, donations accepted

March 25: Night Owl Country Band

April 22: Martin Branden and Rye Davis (country)

Nineveh Senior Center

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

Jan. 20: 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.

Feb. 10: Blood pressure checks, 11:30 a.m. to noon.

Feb. 10: Monthly pitch-in luncheon and business meeting, noon-1:30 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 \$25 per year. Call Janet Wolfe, 812-376-3671, to join.

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

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