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FEBRUARY 22, 2023



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## Laughs for a cause

Famous Hoosier comedian to headline Pixy fundraiser Friday night.

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# Edinburgh Courier

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Find what pays the bills, and then figure out a way to be happy doing it.”

— Mike Rowe

## WHAT'S UP?

### Vera Bradley bingo

The Edinburgh Delta Sigma Chapter of Tri Kappa is hosting its annual Vera Bradley Bingo on April 11 at 6 p.m. in the Edinburgh Community High School cafeteria.

They have changed the ticket sales process to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to join in the fun.

Tickets are \$25 and will be sold during a one-day, in-person sale at the John Drybread Community Center on March 5 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

They will not be taking any reservations through Tri Kappa members or messenger until March 6.

There will be a maximum of eight tickets per person (one table).

Checks payable to Tri Kappa or cash will be accepted. No online payments are permitted per the gaming license.

Additional games, intermission games, raffle basket tickets and refreshments can be purchased at the event.

Info: Kami Ervin, 812-344-6069

### Ag day breakfast

The Johnson County Agriculture Day Breakfast is set for March 15, 7:30 a.m. at the Johnson County Fairgrounds, Scott Hall.

All are invited to celebrate agriculture's importance to our county and world. RSVP by March 7 via johnsonCES@purdue.edu or 317-736-3724. The cost is \$1 per person.

The speaker will be Dawn Slack, a Nashville-based botanist and biologist who works to share biological science research and build collaboration for healthy lands, water and wildlife and people.

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## Edinburgh natives open youth-centered venue

By Andy Bell-Baltaci  
DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

**A** new youth-centered event space with a Japanese theme is open in downtown Edinburgh in the former site of a Chinese restaurant.

There are many event spaces Johnson County and several others in town, but Edinburgh parents Cody and Heather Martin had a new vision: they wanted to open a space that is equipped to entertain people of all ages.

“We’ve talked on and off about creating a youth-centered business. There’s not much to do if you’re middle school age (in Edinburgh), you have to go to Franklin or Columbus,” Cody Martin said. “We finally put pen to paper when this building became available.”

The spot was previously occupied by Peking Chinese Restaurant, which closed last February. The building at 126 E. Main Cross St. went up for sale in May and the couple bought it in August. After extensive preparation that included removing a kitchen, buffet tables and carpeting, they opened in November, he said.

“We have three kids, and when the first one turned two or three, we realized we would be in Edinburgh and wanted a positive experience for them as they got older with their friends and the youth generation,” Martin said. “On New Year’s Eve we had seven consoles set up with Nintendo 64 to Game Cube, the perfect ’90s era. Long term, we’d like to see more of that going on here.”

Cody Martin graduated from Edinburgh Community High School in 2005, and his wife graduated in 2010. The pair met years later in Franklin before moving back to the town they grew up in, Martin said.

For now, the business is primarily for people to rent for events. So far, it’s hosted baby showers and children’s birthday parties. People have already started to book events several months from now, he said.



PHOTO BY ANDY BELL-BALTACI

Sakura Event Center co-owner Cody Martin opened the Edinburgh business with his wife, Heather Martin, in November.

“The month of June is almost completely booked out,” Martin said. “We have more than a handful of graduations planned through June, we have a quinceañera. We can have up to 50 people for events; we don’t want anyone to feel crowded. If they want to dance, we have a wood floor. It’s important for us to have an open space rather than a backroom somewhere.”

Board games include classics such as Monopoly, Sorry, Uno and Catan and the center offers video games including Mario, Pac-Man, Asteroids and Call of Duty. The Martins chose a Japanese theme for the event center because of their affinity for anime and manga.

“There are a few places for rentals around town, but you’re renting a blank room with tables and chairs. We wanted to take it a step further,” Martin said. “If a rental is having a birthday party, you can

guarantee it will have kids there. Kids get bored first, so we’re trying to make it easier for parents, as kids can play games or play on the crane machine while the grownups are chitting and chatting.”

The event center is a valuable addition to the downtown, said SaraBeth Drybread, Edinburgh’s community development director.

“(Peking’s owners) ultimately decided to put their building up for sale and it’s great to hear a local couple was interested,” she said. “Edinburgh doesn’t have a lot for birthday parties and bridal showers. It’s a great opportunity for them to house those types of events in the community. They’re also bringing in game nights and things not readily available for youth. It’s an opportunity for them to get out and experience downtown.”

To learn more about Sakura Event Center, visit sakuraeventcenter.com.

## OBITUARY

EDINBURGH

## Margaret Watkins

Margaret Joan Watkins, 85, of Edinburgh passed away Feb. 17, 2023 at her residence. She was born Jan. 6, 1938 in Bargersville. She was the daughter of Joseph Costa Minnemeyer and Lydia Margaret (Glassburn) Nicholas. She married Monroe A. Watkins and he preceded her in death.

She is survived by her daughter, Marnie Jo Watkins of Edinburgh; son, Joseph Allen (Desiree) Watkins of Edinburgh;



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grandchildren, Joseph M. Watkins, Kiersten Watkins, Pamela (Kurt) Ditchley and Melanie Hauch; nine great-grandchildren; and sister, Karen Minnemeyer of Franklin.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and a great-granddaughter.

Margaret graduated from Center Grove High School and was a member of the First Christian Church in Bargersville. She enjoyed crafts, especially needlepoint, and being outdoors.

A funeral service will be conducted by Pastor Ken Rickett at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2023 at Eskew-Eaton Funeral Home in Edinburgh. Calling will be from 11 a.m. until time of service. Burial will be at Nineveh Cemetery in Nineveh.

## SCHOOL NOTEBOOK



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To apply go to [www.edinburgh.dollars-forscholars.org](http://www.edinburgh.dollars-forscholars.org).

## College Goal Sunday

On Feb. 26, at 37 sites across Indiana, financial aid experts will once again help Hoosier families file FAFSA, the most important form for free money for college.

Nearby locations include IUPUC, 4601 Central Ave, Columbus, and Ivy Tech Community College, 2205 McClain Dr, Franklin. Experts will be present 2-4 p.m. to help families file the forms. Filers are also entered to win a \$1,000 educational prize.

Families must file the FAFSA to be eligible for state and federal financial aid. April 15 is the priority deadline to guarantee state aid for those that qualify.

For information, visit [CollegeGoalSunday.org](http://CollegeGoalSunday.org)

## Students of the month

The February students of the month were honored at a recent school board meeting:

Cambria Smith, East Side Elementary; Shayla Sanchez, middle school; and DJ Johnson, high school

## Adult education

Jenna Norton and Adrian Perkins earned their HSE (GED) diplomas.

Classes meet twice a week at Edinburgh Community High School. Potential students should contact Julie Redd at 317-392-2197.

## Dollars for Scholars

Edinburgh Dollars for Scholars website is open through April 15 for students to apply for a college scholarship for the 2023-2024 school year. Students must be a graduate of Edinburgh Community High School or an Edinburgh Community High School senior graduating in 2023.

## COMMUNITY CHATTER

## Zumba

Edinburgh Parks and Recreation offers Zumba classes on Wednesdays 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.

## Yoga

Yoga classes are held twice a week in Edinburgh. Classes are \$5 and instructor is Sonia Aponte of Yahara Studio.

Beginner Yoga for ages 12 and older are Wednesdays at 7:10 p.m. at Edinburgh Parks & Rec, 722 S. Eisenhower Drive.

Chair Yoga for 55 and older are Thursdays at 11 a.m. at John Drybread Community Center, 100 E. Main Cross St.

## Free fishing days

Indiana's four Free Fishing Days for 2023 are May 7, June 3-4 and Sept. 23.

On Free Fishing Days, Indiana residents do not need a fishing license or a trout/salmon stamp to fish the state's public waters. All other rules such as seasons, bag and size limits apply.

Visit <https://www.in.gov/dnr/fish-and-wildlife/fishing/where-to-fish-interactive-map/> to find public waters sites.

## Free spay/neuter

The Humane Society of Johnson County is offering free spay/neuter for Edinburgh dogs and cats after receiving a grant.

There are no income requirements for the service, which will be continued as

long as the grant lasts. Pet owners must have an Edinburgh address.

A low-cost spay/neuter clinic in Brownsburg will perform the procedures. Residents can call the clinic at 317-675-0072 to make an appointment. On the day of the appointment, pets can be taken to HSJC at 3827 Graham Road in Franklin and Humane Society volunteers will transport them to the clinic and return them to Franklin the same day. The transportation is also free.

## Animal wellness clinic

The Humane Society of Johnson County will conduct an animal wellness clinic March 4, 9 a.m. to noon, in the old transportation garage.

The clinics, which are offered four times a year throughout Johnson County, include free rabies and yearly vaccinations, micro-chipping and take-home flea medication.

Call HSJC at 317-535-6626 to make an appointment.

## Spring Clean Out &amp; 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

## 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)

## Family game night

Family Game Night is set for March 28 at 6 p.m. in the Community Room. Board games like Monopoly, Yahtzee and Scrabble along with several jigsaw puzzles, will be available. No sign-ups are required for this event.

## 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

The library is operating on 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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# Seventh-graders win two; seasons end for little Lancers

Edinburgh's seventh grade girls basketball team remained on a hot streak this past week as they went 2-1 in the period and both of their victories were against Mid-Hoosier Conference foes.

Feb. 13 had the seventh graders playing against North Decatur at home. The visiting Chargers took the young Lancers as far as they could but the Lancers came out on top, 23-21. Chloe Hancock led her team with 11 points, Faith Smith followed with eight, Ruby Smith two and Elliot Smith two.

The evening's second game didn't go as well for the eighth-grade girls as they lost to North Decatur, 46-14. Faith Smith led this game with five points, Chloe Hancock had four, Mya Denton three, and Evelyn Martinez two. At the end of the evening, the seventh grade stood at 3-6 and the eighth grade was at 1-7.

The girls were back on the home court on Wednesday evening for a make-up that had been postponed from earlier in January against Hauser. The seventh grade led off the evening, falling to the Jets, 29-21, to slip to 3-7 on the season. Chloe Hancock was the Lancers top scorer with 13 points on this evening while Shyla Watt scored four, Abby Spencer two, Faith Smith one, and Kaydra Peters put in one.

The eighth graders didn't have any better luck against the Jets, falling 26-7 to drop to 1-8. Chloe Hancock led the way with three points and both Kaydra Peters and Mya Denton scored two.

The girls put a wrap on their week at home on Thursday facing Morristown. Game one on the night saw the seventh



Brian Ingels

## Lancer Notebook

grade girls cruise to a 27-13 victory over the Yellow Jackets to improve their record to 4-7. Faith Smith claimed top scoring honors in this contest with 14 points, Kaydra Peters put in six, Chloe Hancock three, Elliot Smith two, and Gracelyn Adcock two.

It proved to be another rough evening for the eighth-grade team as they lost to Morristown, 48-6, with Mya Denton scoring four and Chloe Hancock putting in the other two points. This loss dropped them to 1-9.

The fifth and sixth grade boys finished their season with two exciting games against Morristown. Unfortunately, both ended as losses for the young Lancers.

The fifth grade ended the year at 9-4 with this 39-34 loss. Kendall Bennett was the Lancers' high scorer with 14 points, Caiden Coy scored nine, Elijah Roberts four, Mason Turner two, Spencer McGaha two, Amir Petronilo two and Carson Gentry one.

Ending their season at 5-9, the sixth-grade Lancers fell to the Yellow Jackets, 33-29. Kendall Talbott scored 14 points to pace his team, Charlie Roberts was close behind with 12 points, Landon Garris had two and Mason Burton one.

The varsity and reserve boys played host to Greenwood Christian on Friday evening. The JV kept things tight throughout but

ended up falling, 45-39. Bailey Totten was the scoring leader for Edinburgh with 12 points, Rylan Londeree added 10, Lucas Seegers seven, Caleb Murphy five, Eli Smith three and Milas Burkman two.

The varsity game went back and forth and had the Lancers leading late in the game's final stanza. Greenwood Christian tied the game with under a half minute remaining to send it to overtime and they defeated Edinburgh, 57-52.

Connor Ramey led the varsity with 17 points, Jarrett Turner had 14 and Caleb Dewey eight.

On Saturday evening, the Lancer teams traveled to North Davies High School to face their regional opponent from a year ago.

The reserves were defeated 58-21 and the varsity also fell to the hosts, 78-34. No further statistics were made available.

p.m. The semi-finals will be on Friday, March 3, with Oldenburg Academy facing the South Decatur-Edinburgh winner at 6 p.m. and Wednesday's two winners will face each other at 7:30 p.m.

The sectional's championship game will be at 7 p.m. on Saturday March 4.

## On tap

Wednesday

Girls 7&8 basketball, at home vs. Southwestern, 6 p.m.

Thursday

Girls 7&8 basketball at Hauser, 6 p.m.

Boys varsity & JV basketball, at home vs. Brown County, 6 p.m.

Tuesday

Boys varsity basketball, Edinburgh vs. South Decatur - Edinburgh Sectional Game 1, 7 p.m.

## Sectionals

The IHSAA held their sectional draw this past Sunday so now the field is set for Sectional 60 hosted by the Lancers.

The seven-team tourney will kick off on Tuesday at 7 p.m. with the Lancers facing South Decatur in the evening's only game.

On Tuesday evening, March 1, Jac-Cen-Del will play Southwestern at 6 p.m. and Waldron and Morristown will meet at 7:30

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# Friday Night Hoops

Greenwood Christian Academy visited Edinburgh Community High School gym Friday night. The Lancers tied the game with under a half minute remaining to send it to overtime but the home team ultimately lost, 57-52.

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Edinburgh's Caleb Dewey, right, reacts after forcing a Greenwood Christian turnover.



Edinburgh's Connor Ramey, right, grabs a rebound during Friday's game against Greenwood Christian.



Greenwood Christian's Max Booher, left, puts up a shot over the outstretched arm of Edinburgh's Jarrett Turner.



Left: Greenwood Christian's Noah Reed comes up with a loose ball. Above: Greenwood Christian's Ian Reed, right, knocks the ball away from Edinburgh's Jarrett Turner.

## AT THE PIXY

## Comic to return to the Pixy

By Brian Blair

THE REPUBLIC STAFF WRITER

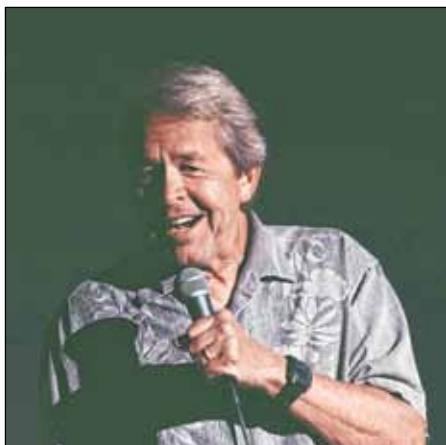
Longtime comic Dave Dugan is a stand-up guy for performance punctuality. But recently, he found himself locked in a hotel bathroom with a dysfunctional lock that remained engaged no matter what he tried.

And he was due in a matter of minutes to perform before the Iowa Statewide Concrete Association Conference at the venue. So he pounded on the bathroom door and loudly shouted until someone in the hallway got into his room and rescued him.

"Thankfully I made it to the conference room on time — although a little sweaty — where 300-plus concrete pavers awaited and before I relegated myself to more vicious banging and yelling "Help me, Help me, I'm losing my mind!" he said.

Carmel's Dugan, long a favorite in this area not only for his local stage storytelling but for his frequent appearances on the nationally syndicated "Bob and Tom Show" in Indianapolis, promises a bang-up time when he returns to The Pixy Theatre, 111 S. Walnut St. in Edinburgh at 7 p.m. Feb. 24.

The show with \$10 tickets at the door, is Happy Place Comedy's benefit for the K9s for Warriors program that "rescues dogs to rescue veterans," as their marketing literature states about training dogs from high-kill shelters to help calm struggling veterans.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Dugan will headline a show at Edinburgh's Pixy Theatre on Feb. 24.

Dugan has been among the most visible Hoosier comics through the years performing for a wide range of benefits, including numerous cancer fundraisers.

But he also is well known for a dry wit even during media interviews, promising "not to give the answers" as he has in previous pre-show chats here.

And when things go awry as they did in his hotel bathroom account, he manages to bounce back with a laugh. After he posted a video to Facebook showing the malfunctioning door lock, he promised other tips for travelers soon.

"Stay tuned for more tutorials," he said, "including ones on how to properly wear a hotel shower cap and how to successfully swipe hotel hangers."

## AT THE PARKS

## Edinburgh Parks &amp; Recreation

722 Eisenhower Drive

Hours: Monday through Saturday, noon-8 p.m.

Info/to register: 812-526-3535, ext. 3, or parks.recreation@edinburgh.in.us

- Signups are being taken for youth baseball, softball and T-ball until March 4 at Parks and Rec.

Practices will begin the week of April 3, and games will begin the week of April 24; tournament week is June 19-26.

All players will be drafted to teams by the coaches.

Cost is \$35 for T-ball and midgets; \$45 for 8-12U baseball and softball; and \$75 for Babe Ruth and middle school.

- Text EPARKS to 36000 to receive texts about scheduled events, programs, rain-outs and cancellations.

## Johnson County Park

2949 E. North St., Nineveh

Hours: Monday through Friday: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturdays (April-October), 8 a.m. to noon

Info/register for programs: 812-526-6809 or jocopark@co.johnson.in.us

April 15: Scrambled Eggs adult Easter egg hunt, 10 a.m., at the Scout Building, 6600 S. Nature Trail Drive. Participants will hunt numbered eggs and win prizes. Event is for 18 and older only. \$10 per person. Registration is required between March 6 and April 7. Stop by office or call to register.

May 13: Pours in the Park, noon to 4 p.m. craft beer event. Register after Feb. 10 at poursinthepark.com. Ticket prices vary.

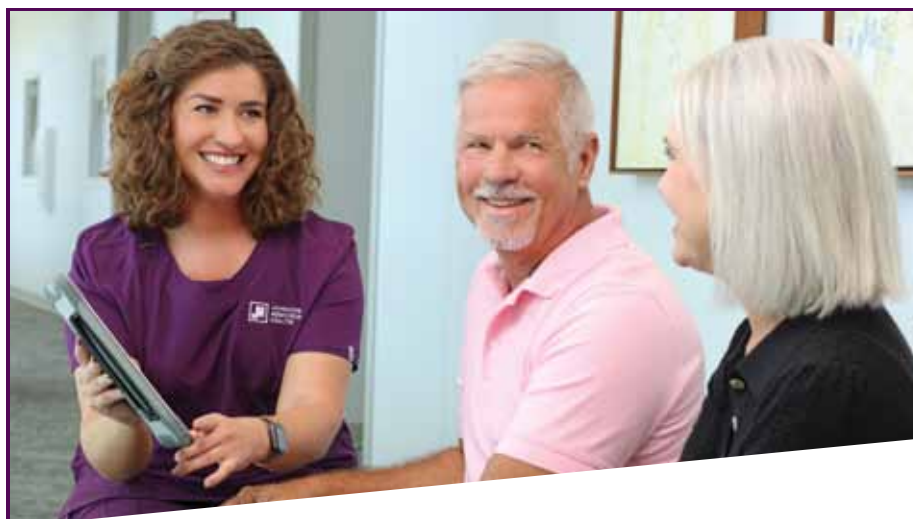
Aug. 19: Car show, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE



More than 350 people attended the Father-Daughter Dance sponsored by Edinburgh Parks & Recreation on Feb. 10. The event was held at the Who So Ever Will Church. Caleb and CaleyAunna Ramirez were crowned king and princess.

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# Fewer Johnson County vote centers to be used in May primary

By Noah Crenshaw  
DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

Voters going to the polls in May will have fewer sites to cast their votes under the county's amended vote center plan.

Four vote centers used for last year's general election will not be included as options for this year's primaries: Amity Volunteer Fire Department, Mt. Pleasant Christian Church, Rocklane Christian Church and the White River Township Trustee's Office, according to the vote center plan adopted by the three-member Johnson County Election Board Thursday. The number of vote centers was reduced because it is not a county-wide election, said Trena McLaughlin, county clerk.

The rest of the sites used last year — a total of 15 — will continue to be used this year. The same four early voting sites — the Johnson County

Courthouse and the White River, Greenwood and Trafalgar libraries — will also continue to be used, along with the three retirement community vote centers: Greenwood Village South, Otterbein SeniorLife and Compass Park.

Early voting for this year's municipal primaries will begin on April 17 at the Johnson County Courthouse. Satellite early voting locations will open the following weekend on April 22, and will be open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 22 and April 29.

Satellite vote centers will also be open from April 26 to April 28, however, hours will be shorter than in years past. They will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. instead of until 7 p.m.

The change results from concerns about lack of turnout. For the 2022 primary, the most voters the early voting locations ever had for the 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. hour was 14, McLaughlin said.

"We don't have a lot of turnout from that last hour from 6 to 7 p.m.," she said.

The deadline to register to vote in this year's primary election is by 4 p.m. April 3.

## WHERE TO VOTE EARLY

Here is a look at when and where you can cast your ballot early in southern Johnson County. Early voting runs from April 17 to May 1:

Johnson County Courthouse, 5 E. Jefferson St., Franklin

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 17-21 and April 24-28

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 22 and 29 (Saturdays)

8:30 a.m. to noon May 1

Trafalgar Public Library, 424 S. Tower St., Trafalgar

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 22 and 29 (Saturdays)

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 26-28

John R. Drybread Community Center, 100 E. Main Cross St., Edinburgh

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 22 and 29 (Saturdays)

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April 26-28

## WHERE TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY

Here is a look at approved Johnson County Election Day vote centers in southern Johnson County. Election Day is May 2, and voters can vote from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.:

Trafalgar Public Library, 424 S. Tower St., Trafalgar

Princes Lakes Town Hall, 14 E. Lakeview Drive, Nineveh

John R. Drybread Community Center, 100 E. Main Cross St., Edinburgh

Scott Hall, Johnson County Fairgrounds, 250 Fairground St., Franklin

Source: Johnson County Voter Registration

## NEWS ROUNDUP

### DAILY JOURNAL AND REPUBLIC STAFF REPORTS

#### Local Ivy Tech campuses hosting enrollment events

Ivy Tech Community College will host a open enrollment events for new students this month at its Columbus and Franklin campuses.

The new student enrollment event at Ivy Tech Columbus will be from Feb. 23, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at its new main campus building, Moravec Hall, 4475 Central Ave., and Ivy Tech Franklin will be Feb. 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ivy Tech Franklin building located at 2205 McClain Drive.

Both events provide prospective students the opportunity to apply and begin the enrollment process to start taking classes on March 20.

No appointments are needed at either campus and walk-ins are welcome.

To contact Ivy Tech Columbus, send an email to [askColumbus@ivytech.edu](mailto:askColumbus@ivytech.edu). To contact Ivy Tech Franklin, call 317-916-6315.

#### Stormwater education offered for contractors

Johnson County Partnership for Water Quality will conduct a free symposium for Johnson and Shelby contractors on Feb. 24, from noon to 2:30 p.m., at the Johnson County Museum in Franklin.

A Construction Stormwater General Permit requires operators of construction sites to implement stormwater controls and develop a Stormwater Pollution

Prevention Plan to minimize the amount of sediment and other pollutants associated with construction sites from being discharged in stormwater runoff. New guidelines are in place.

Learn what's new, ask questions from IDEM and local MS4's regarding the top 10 things you want to remember for your site. Johnson County's BAMWX will also present a program on weather changes that can impact a site plan. Lunch is included. Sign up at [JCPWQFEB2023.eventbrite.com](http://JCPWQFEB2023.eventbrite.com)

For more information, contact Jessie Biggerman, Executive Director Johnson County Recycling District 317-738-2546 ext1 or [jessiebiggerman@jcrd.org](mailto:jessiebiggerman@jcrd.org).

#### Residents needed for library board positions

The Johnson County Council is seeking individuals to serve on two local library boards.

Johnson County Public Library Board: interested individuals must have resided in the library district for at least two years immediately preceding the appointee's appointment and must continue to reside in the library district during the term of the appointment.

Edinburgh Wright-Hageman Public Library Board: interested individuals must have resided in the library district for at least two years immediately preceding the appointee's appointment and must continue to reside in the library district during the term of the appointment.

Visit the county website at [co.johnson.in.us](http://co.johnson.in.us) and click on "How do I..." and then click on "Be on a Board" to find the appli-

cation form. Complete the form and email it to [council@co.johnson.in.us](mailto:council@co.johnson.in.us) by March 1 to apply.

#### Taylorsville school to get new roof section

Contractors are expected to replace a portion of Taylorsville Elementary's roof later this year.

The Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp. school board has approved a contract with Southern Roofing, Inc. for the project, said Director of Operations Brett Boezeman. The contract amount is \$251,300; this includes a base bid of \$248,700 and a \$2,600 alternate for replacing metal capping around the building's exterior.

The project is estimated to take roughly eight to nine weeks, said Boezeman. Workers will start to mobilize around late spring or early summer. While they plan to do most of the work over the summer, it is likely to continue into the fall but is not expected to affect school operations.

According to Boezeman, BCSC replaced most of Taylorsville's roof four years ago as a warranty replacement. This latest project focuses on an eastern portion of the roof that is mostly over the kindergarten wing.

"We believe that's a 1996 roof," he said. "So it's held up really well, but it's considered end of life and needs to be replaced. So it's just a portion, maybe a fourth of the entire roof structure, would be replaced under this contract."

BCSC has budgeted the roofing work through its capital projects fund. They had budgeted it for 2022 and planned to bid it

that same year, but the estimates were higher than expected, so school officials decided to hold off.

#### New jobs coming to area

More than 40 manufacturing jobs will be created if the Bartholomew County Council approves two statements of benefits for tax abatement.

Sentry BioPharma Services is an Indianapolis-based company that serves 150 global pharmaceutical companies. Through its sister entity, SV Columbus, LLC, Sentry BioPharma has purchased a speculative shell building built by Force Holdings, LLC, said Greater Columbus Economic Development Corp. President Jason Hester.

The company tentatively plans to add 10 jobs by December 2024 with an expected average hourly wage of \$32.80.

Georg Utz Inc., a plastic container manufacturer located along County Road 250W, north of the Edinburgh Premium Outlets, asked the council tonight to approve a similar statement of benefits.

The company, which employs 181 workers, wants to invest \$22.3 million in new equipment, as well as another \$950,000 to finish out some office space, Hester said.

In exchange for the tax abatements, Georg Utz, Inc. is pledging to add 34 new jobs, as well as retain workers currently on their payroll. Those salaries will be above the county's average of \$28.30 an hour.

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# Town council approves mixed-use rezone

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Plans to develop 18 acres northeast of State Road 252 and U.S. 31 in Edinburgh are moving forward.

Edinburgh Town Council members unanimously approved rezoning and plating the land for a mixed-use development as requested by Indianapolis-based MLS Partners LLC. Five large lots will be used for commercial spaces, ranging in size from about one to 6.6 acres, while five smaller lots, each no less than 0.2 acres, will be reserved for residential properties, according to town documents.

Next, developers will be able to submit proposals for the land. More details about residential and commercial properties won't materialize until those proposals come in and town officials review them. Speculative buildings won't be constructed on the land, interim town manager Wade Watson said in January.

There was no public comment on the rezone proposal during the January or February town council meetings when council members discussed it.

Town officials see the empty space as an opportunity for both residential and com-

mercial 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.

With the rezone, two areas on the property will change from medium-low density residential, or R-3, to high-density residential, or R-6. A third area will go from R-3 to general business, a fourth from roadside business to general business, the fifth area will go from roadside business and R-3 to general business, and the final are will go from R-3 to roadside business, according to town documents.

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.

Five lots on the southeast corner of the property near State Road 252 and County Road 650 East will be rezoned R-6 for high-density residential properties. Those properties can either be single-family, two-family or multi-family residences, but must fit the setback requirements of the 0.2 acre lots, Watson said in January.

The approval was dependent on MLS Partners meeting several conditions set forth by the Edinburgh Plan Commission. Those included providing a 20-foot utility

easement around the perimeter of the subdivision and eliminating cul-de-sacs, to be replaced by connecting streets to accommodate emergency vehicle traffic, according to town documents.

Other conditions included limiting corner lots' access from public streets to one driveway and requiring building developers to comply with building codes and clear rank vegetation. Any developers must also submit their construction plans to the Edinburgh Planning Department for review before the Edinburgh Building and Zoning Department issues a permit, according to the documents.

The land was 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 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.

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.

## JAIL BOOKINGS

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

Reba K. Garrette, 28, Edinburgh; arrested on a charge of probation violation; held without bond.

Janice Lynn McKoon, 39, Edinburgh; arrested on charges of weapon/instrument of violence-altered gun identification and driving while intoxicated; \$4,300 bond.

Terry Lee England Jr., 47, Edinburgh; arrested on charges of domestic battery knowing in the presence of a child and domestic battery; held without bond.

Alex J. Harper, 33, Edinburgh; arrested on charges of resisting law enforcement, disorderly conduct and battery with body waste; bond information unavailable.

David Anthony Michael Stitzel, 31, Edinburgh; arrested on charges of public intoxication by alcohol/drugs, driving while intoxicated and false informing/reporting; \$4,000 bond.

Ryan Lee Chandler, 45, Edinburgh; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; \$1,000 bond.

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

Jeracie T. Lee, 21, Edinburgh, arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia and dealing/improper sale of a legend drug; released on \$68,500 bond.

Steven R. Smith, 47, Edinburgh, arrested on a charge of invasion of privacy; released on \$5,000 bond.

Jeffrey S. Vincent, 45, Edinburgh, arrested on a Bartholomew County warrant, 5:04 p.m., by the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Department, \$10,000 bond.

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