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Previews, projections

It's almost time for spring sports. Hear how the coaches think the seasons will go.

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Edinburgh Courier

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Every little thing gonna be alright!"

— Bob Marley

WHAT'S UP?

Good Friday service

The Edinburgh Fellowship of Churches will host its annual Community Good Friday Service at Edinburgh Nazarene Church on April 7 at 6 p.m. The church is at 716 S. Eisenhower Drive.

All are welcome to come and worship together as a community.

Rummage sale

Nineveh Senior Center's annual spring rummage sale is set for March 24, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and March 25, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Food will be for sale on both days: biscuits and gravy, 8-10:30 a.m.; and chili, hot dogs, pop, water, coffee and tea, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Items for sale include clothing, dishes, some furniture, pictures, flowers and much more. The rummage sale is one of the center's biggest fundraising events.

The center is at 3208 Rodeo Drive, Johnson County Park (next to horse park).

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.

Tickets are \$25. Call Kami Ervin, 812-344-6069, to purchase. There is a maximum of eight tickets per person (one table).

Checks payable to Tri Kappa or cash will be accepted.

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

Info: Kami Ervin, 812-344-6069

STORM SEASON

Local officials urge preparedness for tornadoes, storms

By Noah Crenshaw

DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

Last week may have started with snow flurries, but local officials are encouraging residents to pay attention to another type of spring weather: severe storms.

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb proclaimed last week as Severe Weather Preparedness Week. Officials' goal is to better educate people about the hazards of severe thunderstorms and tornadoes and to help everyone be prepared when severe weather occurs.

"We have to pay attention to what's going on day-to-day when it comes to weather in Indiana," said Mike Pruitt, Bargersville Fire deputy chief. "We have snow on the ground ... but it could change at the drop of a hat and next thing you know we're dealing with thunderstorms, flooding and tornadoes."

Pruitt knows first-hand how important it is to prepare for severe weather in advance. A public information officer for Indiana Task Force 1, he has responded to several catastrophic events and disasters including the December, 2021, Mayfield, Kentucky tornado.

"We have to have a plan, we have to have a backup plan," he said. "If we don't take time to prepare for severe weather in the state of Indiana, then we're setting ourselves up for failure."

By not having plans in place ahead of time, people could be risking not only their lives but the lives of their family members and first responders. While first responders are trained to respond to these situations, it's helpful when people take actions to be able to support themselves in case they can't get there quickly, Pruitt said.



DAILY JOURNAL FILE PHOTO

Broken tree limbs fall onto a home at the intersection of North Kyle Street and State Road 252 in Edinburgh on May 21, 2022.

Planning ahead

Having a plan is one of the most critical ways people can prepare for severe weather. Families should have a designated place to go to for shelter in the safest part of their home, said Stephanie Sichtung, director of the Johnson County Emergency Management Agency.

For families, these plans should address what to do if a storm hits, where to meet after a storm and if there is any family that can help out, Pruitt said.

Another way to prepare is by having preparedness kits. Kits should include three days worth of non-perishable food and water, a gallon of water per person per day, extra batteries and a battery-powered radio. They should also have flashlights, medicine and medical items, along with

other personal hygiene items, Sichtung said.

People with pets should also make sure to have supplies for them, Pruitt said.

People should also make sure to have cash on hand, as ATMs may not be available. Whenever Pruitt is deployed to a disaster site, he'll take cash with him to make sure he can get essentials like food or gas.

"It's very important to have some of that around," he said.

Copies of personal documents should also be made in case the worst occurs, and people can do this electronically. People should also consider putting physical documents in safes or a safe-deposit box, Pruitt said.

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OBITUARIES

COLUMBUS

Dana Hagerty-Salgado

Dana Lynn Hagerty-Salgado, 48, of Columbus died March 13, 2023 at Columbus Regional Hospital.

Dana was born Nov. 26, 1974 to the late Dale Hagerty and Janis Snyder Hagerty. She was united in marriage to Abner Salgado on Nov. 20, 2019.

Dana loved shopping, enjoyed cooking with Abner, enjoying every morsel of a tres leches cake and absolutely loved spending time with her granddaughters. Dana was also a 1993 graduate of Columbus East High School.

A celebration of Dana's Life will be held on Sunday, March 26, 2023, between the hours of noon and 2 p.m. at the Edinburgh Parks and Recreation community room, 722 S. Eisenhower Drive.

Survivors include her husband, Abner; her son Nathan (Krista) Hagerty; her grandchildren, Piper Hinds, Paisley Hagerty and Kaylee Childers. She is also survived by her mother, Jan Hagerty; her brother, Brian Hagerty, and a host of extended family and friends.

Dana was preceded in death by her father Dale in 2017; her grandparents; Catherine and David Snyder and Agnes and Francis Hagerty.

Arrangements for Dana have been entrusted by the family to Jewell-Rittman Family Funeral Home.



HAGERTY-SALGADO

union of 48 years was blessed with a daughter, Christina.

Donnie retired from Cummins Engine Company, Plant One after 33 years of service as a machinist. He then went to work for Walmart in Franklin for 10 years. He was a member of the Diesel Workers Union in Columbus. Donnie enjoyed fishing, sports and golf. He was a loving husband, dad, papaw, brother, uncle and friend. Donnie died on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 4 p.m. at his home in Edinburgh.

A LOVING FAMILY

Donnie will be missed by his loving wife of 48 years, Sandra Jo "Jody" Lindsey Smith of Edinburgh; his loving daughter, Christina Jean Shaw and her husband Dennis of Columbus; his loving grandchildren, Neal Shaw and his wife, Macey, Carly Shaw, Rylan Shaw and Leyton Shaw; his sisters, Shirley Jackson of Madison, Jean Stiver and her husband John of Madison; his sisters-in-law, Linda Liter and her husband Wade of Milton, Kentucky, Pam Garrett of Madison, Vickie Lockridge and her husband Donnie of Madison, Diane Smith of Madison, Susan Smith of Madison, Vanessa Smith of Oxen Hill, Maryland; several nieces nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Frederick Smith, died April 8, 1971; his mother, Thelma Louise Singer Smith, died in August 1990; his brothers, Charles Dawson Smith, died April 16, 2011, James Leroy "Sarge" Smith, died June 26, 1999, Robert Lee "Buddy" Smith, died June 23, 2014, Harold Ray Smith, died Aug. 12, 2017; his sister, Martha Elaine Conover, died May 1986; sister, Inez Marie Smith, died June 20, 2012; his sister-in-law, Brenda Bilz; his brother-in-law, Tony Bilz, died July 13, 2020; his nephew, Chad Smith, died March 4, 2006; and his niece, Beverly J. Lindsey, died Oct. 4, 1975.

FUNERAL CEREMONY

Funeral services were conducted at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison. Interment followed in the Fairmount Cemetery in Madison.

MEMORIAL EXPRESSIONS

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Hospice. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials can be left at www.morgan-nay.com

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COMMUNITY CHATTER

Fish fry

Amity Fire Department's first fish fry of 2023 will be held on April 22, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the station on U.S. 31 north of Edinburgh.

Food will be served carry out. Cash, checks and credit/debit cards are accepted.

Women's Expo

The eighth annual Women's Expo presented by Columbus Regional Health will be 3 to 7 p.m. March 23 at The Commons in downtown Columbus.

There will be a \$500 grand prize and an afternoon of shopping and fun.

Exhibitors will set up booths with informative and interactive activities. The event is free and those who attend will have drinks, snacks and the first 500 in the door receive a complimentary tote bag.

Those who vote for their favorite booth on the back of the vendor list will receive an additional chance at the door prize.

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 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.

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.

Spring Market

Crystal Springs Farms, 3620 Hurricane Road, Franklin, will host a Spring Market April 15, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Handmade and homegrown items from local vendors will be available.

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 25: Night Owl Country Band

April 1: Bomar & Ritter (folk and pop)

April 22: Rye Davis and Branden Martin (country)

May 13: Mike Milligan and Steam Shovel (blues, soul, rock)

June 10: Lloyd Wood and Friends (country and comedy)

June 15: Fair Tale Musical Theatre auditions begin and will be held weekly, on Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., on third floor.

Info: 812-988-6854 or 812-379-9200

Nineveh Senior Center

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

March 22: Craft class, 3-4 p.m.

March 22: Dinner, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

April 4: Computer class, 6-7 p.m. Bring your phone, laptop, iPad or use center's computer.

Regular activities:

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

- Tuesdays: Chair exercise, 9:30 a.m.

- Wednesdays, euchre, 5:30 p.m.

- Thursdays, Chair exercise class, 9:30 a.m.; bid euchre, 6 p.m.

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

EDINBURGH

Donald Smith

Let Us Pause To Honor the Memory of Mr. Donald "Snuffy" Eugene Smith

Mr. Donald "Snuffy" Eugene Smith, 72, of Edinburgh, formerly of Madison entered this life on Jan. 10, 1951 in Madison, Indiana. He was the loving son of the late James Frederick and Thelma Louise Singer Smith. He grew up in Madison and graduated from Madison Consolidated High School in 1969. On Jan. 10, 1975 he was united in marriage to Sandra Jo "Jody" Lindsey in Madison. This happy

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MARRIAGE LICENSE

Kaiden Peavler and Alexis George both of Edinburgh

SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

On tap

Saturday

Varsity softball at Hill Top Invitational, Batavia, Ohio, 10 a.m.

Monday

Varsity baseball at Trinity Lutheran, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Varsity softball at Columbus East, 5 p.m.

Athlete honored

Lancer Gracie Crawhorn was named to the 2022-23 Republic All-Area Girls Basketball team. The senior led the Lancers with 12.0 points, 7.7 rebounds and 2.3 assists and added 2.1 steals. Kenna Streeval received an honorable mention.

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.

To apply go to www.edinburgh.dollarsforscholars.org.

Past yearbooks now online

You can view yearbooks from 1920 and up on ECSC's website. Go to the alumni page at https://www.ecsc.k12.in.us/about_us/alumni

The alumni plan to continue to add more yearbooks as they get them. If you have a yearbook that is not on the site, please send an email to bstrough@ecsc.k12.in.us.

Tickets to games

Single game prices:
All varsity events, \$6
Non-varsity events, \$5

Middle school events, \$5
East Side events, adults, \$4; students, \$1

GED classes

High School Equivalency (GED) classes meet twice a week at Edinburgh Community High School.

Contact Julie Redd, 317-392-2197, to learn more about the program.

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

Board of school trustees

Members of the Edinburgh Community School Board are Daniel Teter, president; Cathy Hamm, vice president; Dave Bauman, secretary; Curtis Rooks and Ryan Blaker.

Board meetings are the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Administrative Office, 202 S. Keeley St., Edinburgh.

Calendar

Through March 24: Spring break
March 27: Students resume classes
April 7: Good Friday (snow makeup day if needed)
May 29: Memorial Day
May 31: Last student day
June 1: Teacher records day
June 3: Graduation

will hunt numbered eggs and win prizes. Event is for 18 and older only. \$10 per person. Registration is required by 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.

June 30: Sparks in the Parks. Family-friendly event includes live music, fireworks, beer/wine, food trucks, inflatables, and more. Gates open at 6 p.m. Band starts playing at 7 p.m. Fireworks will start at approximately 10 p.m. Take a ride with the Indiana Live Steamers 6-8 p.m. for \$4 per person.

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.

SPORTS PREVIEWS

Baseball

Coach: Jason Schoettmer
Last season: 6-16, lost to Indianapolis Lutheran in Class A sectional final

Key returnees: Jarrett Turner, senior; Gabe Bennett, junior; Milas Burkman and Jaden Detling, sophomores

Top newcomer:

Jared Myers, sophomore

Outlook:

The Lancers picked up some momentum at the end of last season with a surprise run to the sectional title game, but graduation cut into that roster and leaves first-year coach Schoettmer with an extremely young group. Bennett, who's coming off of an offseason knee injury, and Turner will provide some veteran leadership, but Edinburgh will be leaning heavily on its six sophomores and six freshmen. Schoettmer — who coached several of these players in youth leagues — isn't expecting much in the way of immediate results but has very high hopes for the future if he can keep this group together.

Softball

Coach: Ben Taylor

Last season: 11-12, lost to Indianapolis Lutheran in first round of Class A sectional

Key returnees: Gracie Crawhorn, senior; MacKenzie Bieker and Alix Streeval, juniors; Jasmine Hester, sophomore

Top newcomers: Gracie Barrett, Eloise Cox, Lillie Goff and Kenna Streeval, freshmen

Outlook: The Lancers only suited up nine players last spring and lost starting catcher Kyah Streeval to an ACL tear over the winter, but they got some major reinforcements in the form of nine freshmen, many of whom will make an immediate impact. Crawhorn is one of the county's top hitters, and Bieker is back in the pitching circle for a third season with what Taylor expects to be a pretty solid defense. Barrett figures to slot in behind the plate. Edinburgh is young, but also talented enough that it should be able to contend for the Mid-Hoosier Conference title yet again.

Girls track

After having only one girls competitor last season, the Lancers have five to begin this year.

Junior thrower Alanna Hobbs is the lone returner. She will be joined by sophomore Shyleigh Goble and freshmen Kenna Streeval Addi Crawhorn and Jaycee Burton.

"We had one girl last year, so it will be exciting to have more girls participating this year and able to have more girls in events," Edinburgh coach Amy Schilling said.

"They work hard and are learning different events so we will look to improve as the season progresses."

Boys track

The Lancers had their first sectional event champion in years last season when freshman Jackson Hartwell won the long jump, but Hartwell is not planning to compete this year.

Edinburgh does return several other athletes, including sophomore distance runner Irving Luis-Orozco, senior hurdler Enrique Callejas, senior sprinter Braylon Bryant and senior high jumper Blaze Jensen. Other top returners are juniors Austin Brockman, Ethan Campbell and Anduan Chavez and sophomores Brian Callejas and Rylan Londeree.

Sophomores Caleb Murphy, Eli Bryant and Tyler Branigin are the top newcomers.

"Will continue to look to get more students, but will be sharing some athletes with other sports," Edinburgh coach Amy Schilling said.

"We have a solid core for our boys team and look to continue to improve from last year. We hope to do well in conference and make a good showing in the sectional."



RUMMAGE SALE
Nineveh Christian Church
- Life House -
1231 E. 775 S.
near Camp Atterbury.
March 24th, Fri 9am-4pm
& March 25th, Sat 9am-Noon
March 25th fill a bag for \$1.

Tornadoes, floods common throughout Johnson County's history

By Noah Crenshaw
DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

For the last 200 years, Johnson County residents have experienced all sorts of weather.

This Severe Weather Preparedness Week, and in honor of the county's bicentennial, the Daily Journal is taking a look back at some notable severe weather events — tornadoes, floods and wind damage — in the county's history and how they affected residents. Winter weather events, like blizzards and cold snaps weren't included.

October 1954 F3 Tornado

An F3 tornado with winds from 158 to 206 mph killed two and injured four as it traveled across portions of central Johnson County and the city of Franklin on Oct. 11, 1954.

The twister touched down around 2:15 p.m. near South County Road 100 West, and from there traveled parallel to State Road 44 before entering Franklin. Once in Franklin, it traveled across what was mostly undeveloped farmland on the city's westside. The F3 traveled from near Johnson Memorial Hospital into what is now several housing additions before crossing U.S. 31. The twister continued on a northeasterly path through the city before dissipating near what is now Commerce Parkway, according to the National Weather Service.

First Mount Pleasant Baptist Church along State Road 44 sustained heavy damage from the twister, later being declared a total loss and being fully rebuilt. In Franklin, heavy damage was reported on Highland Avenue, Lynhurst Drive and Circle Drive, according to reports in The Franklin Evening Star.

March 1986 F3 tornado

In early March 1986, an F3 tornado injured three people in Johnson County and caused more than \$2.5 million in property damage.

The tornado touched down around 1:45 p.m. on March 10, 1986 southeast of Paragon in Morgan County and moved northeast into Johnson County and through Bargersville, according to the NWS. From there, the tornado hit New Whiteland and Whiteland and continued into northern Shelby County before dissipating. A total of 22 people were injured by the tornado during its 35-mile track through three counties.

Northwest of Bargersville, the tornado clipped Mt. Auburn Church. About 150 children were at the church's preschool when



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Above: Camp Atterbury's chapel was damaged by a brief EF-0 tornado that touched down on May 21, 2022. Winds reached a maximum speed of 84 mph. Below left: A Nineveh home was severely damaged by an F3 tornado on July 30, 1992. The F3 was one of two tornadoes to hit Johnson County that day. Below right: First Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, located southwest of Franklin, was heavily damaged during an Oct. 11, 1954 tornado. The church had to be rebuilt.



the storm hit, and all escaped serious injury when the storm ripped off the church's roof. One girl did reportedly suffer from a broken finger, according to reports in the Daily Journal at the time.

Overall, an estimated \$5 million in damage was caused in Johnson County by the storm, including the tornado. Eleven power transmission towers were knocked down in Clark and Needham townships by the storm, reports show.

July 1992 F0 and F3 tornadoes

On July 30, 1992, Johnson County was hit by two tornadoes on the same day.

The first tornado, an F0 with winds from 40 to 72 mph, injured one person. The tornado touched down at 7 p.m. east of Trafalgar, and traveled northeast and across S. County Road 225 West before dissipating, according to the NWS.

Only 10 minutes later, a second tornado



touched down in the county. This tornado, an F3 with winds from 158 to 206 mph, injured 25 people and caused \$25 million in property damage, the NWS says. The F3 touched down northwest of Nineveh before making its way through the town. The F3 continued southeast before dissipating near Edinburgh.

Hundreds of trees were broken and uprooted, power lines were snapped and at least one rural home was destroyed by the twisters. About \$250,000 in damage was reported at Camp Atterbury, and damage reports in Edinburgh included roofs of homes being torn off and the tops of trees being pulled away, according to reports in the Daily Journal.

In Nineveh, where a rural home was destroyed, residents reported half of a barn being torn down and all sides of their home being damaged. The storm had come so suddenly, many had little time to seek shelter, reports show.

September 2002 F3 tornado

An F3 tornado with winds from 158 to 206 mph caused about \$25 million in property damage when it hit northern Johnson County in September 2002.

The tornado touched down around 1:35 p.m. on Sept. 20, 2002, and is one of the longest-track tornadoes in Central Indiana history. It traveled from Ellettsville in Monroe County through Morgan, Johnson, Marion, Hancock, Hamilton, Madison and Delaware counties before dissipating in central Blackford County. No one was injured by the twister in Johnson County, but 127 injuries were reported during its 112-mile trek through nine counties, according to the NWS.

In White River Township, a fire station was destroyed. Along State Road 135, metal was ripped off brand-new businesses and dropped in nearby parking lots. Other places had homes leveled, according to reports in the Daily Journal.

The bulk of the damage in Johnson County took place in residential areas, with many residents reporting roof damage, air conditioners pulled out and broken windows. Some homes in the Brentwood subdivision reported more severe damage to their homes, reports say.

June 2008 flood

In early June 2008, a 100-year flood caused millions of dollars of damage and forever changed Johnson County.

Residents woke up on June 7, 2008, to water rising in the streets, and within hours, it was inside their homes. Cars were washed away, homes destroyed, police cars were swept away and government records and offices were left in ruin. Residents left their homes and some were never able to return.

The devastation hit the entire county, from Edinburgh — where residents were recovering from an EF2 tornado that hit only days earlier — to Franklin — where downtown was impassable — to Bluff Acres in the Center Grove area where floodwaters filled basements to the brim, reports show.

In the aftermath, millions of dollars were spent on recovery and improvements. Residents moved, buildings were demolished. A heavily-damaged Franklin neighborhood was turned into an urban forest. A former county government building is now part of Youngs Creek Park, which was designed with lots of green space to sop up flood waters in the event of another major flood.

Youngs Creek ultimately crested at 15.67 feet near Amity on June 7, 2008 — the highest crest ever recorded at the river gauge there, according to the NWS.

Storms

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Additionally, cell phones should be charged up as storms approach. People should also be aware that texting is the best way to communicate after a disaster, Pruitt said.

Hearing warnings

People also need to make sure they have multiple ways to get weather alerts. People shouldn't rely on outdoor sirens for warnings, as that's not their intended purpose, Sichtung said.

"People are always griping they can't hear them," she said. "They're not meant to be heard inside. They are an outdoor warning siren."

To stay weather aware, people should watch the weather on the news, use an app to track the storms and make sure to have an app capable of sending weather alerts. Even with these options, people should also consider having a weather radio or an AM/FM radio, as TV could be knocked out and cell phone towers could be down, officials say.

"One of the fallback go-to's that always seems to be up and running is local radio," Pruitt said. "We can gather a lot of disaster information, whether it's an early warning for severe weather or where to get help."



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The scoreboard at Edinburgh Community High School was knocked down during the severe weather event on May 21, 2022.

Before severe weather arrives, people should also understand the difference between watches and warnings, Pruitt said. A watch means severe weather is likely to develop, while a warning means severe weather is happening now.

Whenever severe weather is approaching, Pruitt says he looks to counties west of Johnson County to see what possible warnings could come this way. Once he sees warnings to the west, there's a good chance Johnson County will have one too.

"Knowing the difference between a watch and a warning is very important," he said. "You need to be ready to pull the trigger on whatever you need to do (to be safe)."

During the storm/aftermath

One thing people should absolutely not do if a tornado is approaching is stand outside taking video as it approaches. As people are taking video, they often wait last

minute to go to shelter and this could be deadly, Pruitt said.

"It's something we see every time that a tornado approaches the area," he said.

If driving on the interstate as a tornado approaches, people should not stop under an overpass for shelter. Sometimes people will park their cars and take shelter in the upper areas of an overpass, but this is not a good idea as it's very dangerous and can be deadly, he said.

"The best thing you can do is get into a low-lying ditch, maybe along the interstate, and lower your profile," Pruitt said. "It's a much safer option than going up and trying to get into ... what you think are safe areas around these overpasses."

Even on a country road, low-lying ditches are still a better option for safety than vehicles, Pruitt said.

If it is possible to drive away from the storm, that's also a good option. Most residents are not professional storm chasers, and shouldn't try to be, he said.

A lot of the injuries and deaths occur after a storm as people try to pick up debris around downed power lines. People should be careful not to touch downed powerlines, as it can be deadly, officials say.

More than just tornadoes

It's not just the wind that could cause damage, flooding can too. On average, flooding is the deadliest thunderstorm-related hazard but it is often overlooked, according to the National Weather Service.

The majority of flood deaths are preventable and occur as a result of people driving into flood waters, meteorologists say. If someone lives in a flood-prone area, they should evacuate as soon as possible. If they wait, first responders may not be able to save them, Pruitt said.

When motorists encounter flooded roadways, they should remember "turn around, don't drown." Many people try to push their way through a flooded roadway, but don't realize a portion of the roadway is washed out. This can cost people their lives, Pruitt said. "Find another route or don't use the routes at all until that water level has lowered," he said.



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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 or make critical violations more likely to occur.

Starbucks

11900 N. U.S. 31, Edinburgh

Feb. 24

Critical violations: None

Noncritical violations: 3

Hardee's

1200 N. Hartman Drive, Edinburgh

Feb. 22

Critical violations: None

Noncritical violations: 6

T&P Petroleum LLC

13340 N. U.S. 31, Edinburgh

Feb. 23

Critical violations: 1

Poisonous or toxic materials shall be stored so they cannot contaminate food, equipment, utensils, linens, and single-service and single-use articles. Toilet paper was stored on shelf for sale below and next to bleach containers.

Noncritical violations: 2

JAIL BOOKINGS

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

Andrew L. Perry, 54, Edinburgh; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; held without bond.

Marcos Rodriguez, 46, Edinburgh; arrested on a charge of operating a vehicle without ever obtaining a license; \$1,000 bond.

Cameron M. Ayers, 33, Edinburgh; arrested on an out of county warrant; held without bond.

Patrick Jay Eoff, 33, Edinburgh; arrested on war-

rants for failure to appear in court; held without bond.

Nathan O. Garrett, 49, Edinburgh; arrested on warrants for failure to appear in court; released on \$540 bond.

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

Juan V. Zendejas, 37, Edinburgh, arrested on a charge of driving while suspended with a prior conviction; released on \$5,000 bond.

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

- 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.

- April's Crafting at Home kit will be

DIY 3D Mugs with polymer clay. This is an all-ages craft, however, there is a step where the mugs will need to be placed in the oven, so adult supervision will be required. Each kit will include a white ceramic mug, ceramic glue and wee polymer clay books to attach to your mug.

Sign-ups will be taken March 29 at 9 a.m. until April 13 at 6 p.m. To register, call or visit the circulation desk. Kits will be available for pickup on April 17.

Town manager, planner roles remain vacant

By Andy Bell-Baltaci

DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

Edinburgh's interim town manager initially planned to retire in 2021. Instead, Wade Watson took over leadership of the town in July 2022, replacing Dan Cartwright, who took a job as Bargersville's town manager. Watson already held the role of planning director in charge of developing Edinburgh's short and long-term goals, and now has the additional task of leading the town of 5,000 people. With Watson serving as interim town manager, town officials sought to hire a permanent replacement.

Eight months later, Watson still leads the town and shoulders planning responsibilities, pulling double duty. While town leaders have received applications for both the planning director and town manager positions, candidates who have the experience necessary for those roles are few and far between, he said.

In order to be considered for the planning director position, candidates had to have a bachelor's degree in urban planning, land-use planning, public administration, architecture or a related field, with a master's degree preferred. A candidate with certification as a public manager was also preferred, according to a job posting.

With a lack of qualified candidates applying for the position, town officials abandoned the search for a planning director earlier this year, instead shifting their focus to a newly-created zoning officer position, Watson said.

"We advertised through employment agencies and advertised pretty extensively through public agencies. We had a lot of applicants, but no one who was qualified," Watson said. "The town council made the decision to not seek a planning director but instead meet the needs of a zoning official, who will assist the planning department by enforcement of zoning regulations."

With fewer responsibilities than a plan-

ning director, the zoning officer will be in charge of determining compliance of properties with zoning codes, mediating correction of zoning violations, providing the public with zoning provisions and procedures, and reviewing plans for residential, commercial and industrial construction projects, among other responsibilities. The zoning director will be paid between \$18 and \$24 an hour, depending on experience.

The town council has also reviewed resumes from previous town manager applicants but rejected them. Town officials are currently conducting interviews for the zoning position, and they've partnered with Indianapolis-based consulting firm The Veridus Group to screen candidates, Watson said.

The town manager must plan, organize, direct and coordinate with town council members regarding town operations. They are also in charge of developing administrative policies, ensuring public services are provided to residents and building relationships with community members and business leaders, according to the town website. The position will pay between \$50,000 and \$92,650 a year, according to a job listing on simplyhired.com.

It is too early to tell if whoever gets hired as the town manager will have to take on duties connected to the original planning director position town officials posted. Until the zoning position gets filled, however, town employees will have to continue to shoulder additional responsibilities, he said.

"Our office consists of just a handful of people and has all the same needs a (city) the size of Greenwood or Franklin needs to function off of," Watson said. "It's a tremendous load all of us have to carry and we have to add staff to meet the needs of the citizens we serve."

If all goes according to plan, the town council will approve the contract of a new town manager sometime in April, with a zoning director coming aboard around the same time. Once a new town manager is hired, Watson will stick around to help them adjust to their new roles, and then he will finally retire, he said.



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Old West shootists to gather in Nashville this weekend

By Brian Blair

THE REPUBLIC STAFF WRITER

Dart Liebrandt shoots straight about the National Congress of Old West Shootists National Convention, firing off facts, figures and other data like a trigger-happy cowpoke.

The gathering that could draw nearly 100 people from Texas, Iowa, South Carolina and elsewhere Friday through Sunday at The Seasons Lodge and

If you go

What: National Congress of Old West Shootists National Convention.

When: Friday through Sunday.

Where: The Seasons Lodge and Conference Center, 960 E. State Road 46, Nashville.

Information: ncows.com or scarletmask.com

Conference Center, 960 E. State Road 46, in Nashville, will feature everything from seminars on old medicine shows to a cowboy sing-along, pardner.

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What of those who will miss the event?

"They'll miss a lot of the history of the Old West," Liebrandt said, referring to a period from 1865 to 1899.

Plus, they'll miss the nearly campfire camaraderie that actually begins today during a friendly shooting competition at a range in Mahalasville in Morgan County. That's where Liebrandt, the marshal of the local posse — literally the official terms used — known as the Scarlet Mask Vigilance Society, will aim

his 1857 Navy percussion pistol at a few targets along with a few friends.

With wife Donna standing nearby, he declined to brag about his marksmanship that he first learned during his career in the Indiana National Guard. And for good reason.

"I've outshot him a few times," his spouse said.

Ahem.

For those considering attending the conference, Liebrandt offered a reminder that, though generally every attendee is packing, there is a strict no-ammo policy, and chambers will be checked.

The 67-year-old Liebrandt's overall enthusiasm is firepower enough, covering topics such as his favorite Westerns, such as "Tombstone," starring Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer and Sam Elliott, and "El Dorado," with John Wayne and James Caan.

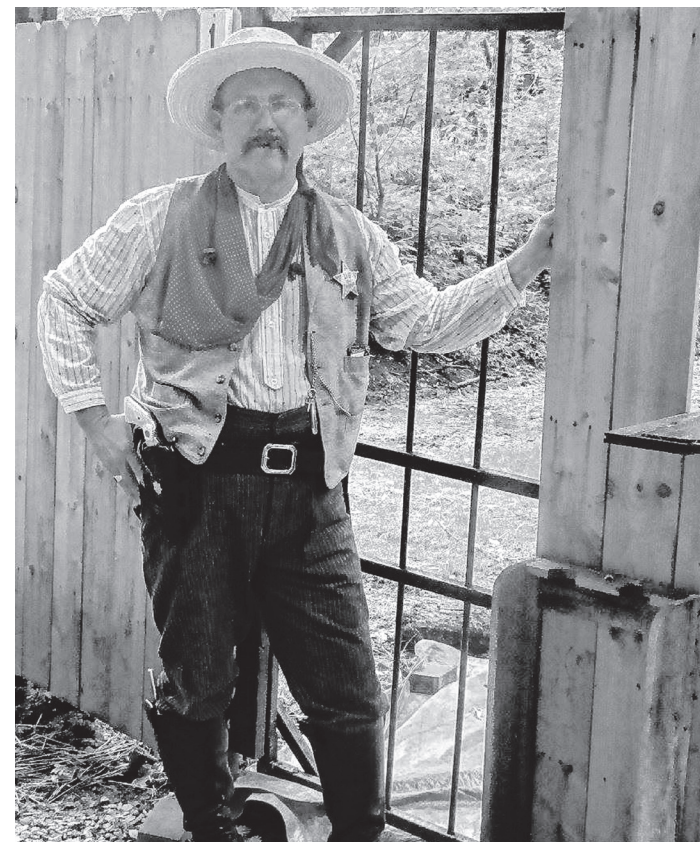
"I've watched both of those so many times that I'm no longer allowed to watch them with my wife," he said.

A pause.

"That's because I say all the dialogue before the characters do."

When Liebrandt once spoke of megastar Wayne, the patron saint of Westerns, from the lips of a nearby young boy came a shocking sacrilege: "Who's he?"

So forgive the Taylorsville-area resident if he shakes his head over the younger generation, worried perhaps that the Duke and other giants of the genre will fade with sundown. But he believes that maybe just a visitor's single glance at all the convention vendor tables will be sufficient to convince anyone that the Old West is still being made new amid the plains of even current events.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Taylorsville-area resident Dart Liebrandt is marshal of the local posse known as the Scarlet Mask Vigilance Society. Vigilantes called the Scarlet Mask Society killed the Reno Gang, based in Seymour.

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