

tional use for a municipal county or govbuilding ernmental on Landfill Road between Brookville and Metamora was the lone hearing on the Franklin County Area Plan Commission's agenda for the March 13 meeting. In layman's terms, it was whether to ultimately grant approval for a new county animal shelter.

The application had been vetted by the Advisory Technical Committee (TAC) beforehand, so discussion stemmed from that prior meeting. In short order, the APC voted to send it to the board of zoning ap- cern, the board appeals with a favor- proved Raible to reable recommendation, pending any changes for his second concern, to the septic plan as Kramer moved to alrequired by the health low executive director department. In unfinished business, the board discussed the stormwater ordinance - something that's been floating between the APC and commissioners for months. It will take more time as APC member Rob Seig pointed out that the ordinance adopted for the zoning code by commissioners failed to include about 100 pages of necessary technical information that was referenced in the document. Seig's colleague Todd Raible said approving without the additional data would only continue the back and forth between the two boards. Seig added the specifications were part of Purdue University's Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP) and should be included. The APC had beenadvised to review the

vertise ahead of their next meeting, Daryl Kramer made a motion to table the discussion. This passed. Seig then wished to talk further about TAC, saying there possible were conflicts in the makeup of the committee. In response, Kramer felt he should be removed from the committee due to also serving on BZA. The latter also said the board was overusing the TAC process, bringing up that evening's variance request (see below) as one that didn't require technical review.

For the first conplace Kramer on TAC:

**Cassie Garrett REGIONAL DIRECTOR** Brookville is undergoing an exciting transformation as seven historic building facades

OCRA's \$2 million Preserving Main Street Facade Grant, awarded to preserve bricked-in

surfaces.

Main Street Brookville, 14, as the renovations establishment in the makes the renovations began at 515 Main area for many years. As possible. The renova- Street, now the loca- workers removed the tions will repair and tion of Daily Scoop and boards from the front original Rachel Vanoven Pho- of the building, they brickwork and reopen tography, an important uncovered the old glass windows, piece of Brookville's window ed renovation work. window frames, doors, history was discovered. (See "POPPER" pg. 14)

cornices, and painted The building was formerly Popper Co. cloth-On Thursday, March ing store, a well-known

Kaitlin Sterwerf the discretion to request a TAC meeting. After a few more comments. the motion carried.

The BZA then took up a variance request by Flovd Pence of 21148 Cupps Chapel Road, Metamora, to erect a single-family dwelling of less than 900 square feet of living space (the county's standard minimum for a one-story structure) on a smaller lot next to his primary parcel.

Terry Duffy said his application mentioned a structure amounting to 576 sq. ft., but no description of the building. Pence confirmed that it wouldn't be a mobile home, passing out a picture of the design to the board.

Thomas Wodtke asked Sterwerf if plans were submitted to the county for a building permit. She answered yes, though (See "APC" pg. 9)

# FCHS students place third in JAG State

#### **Cheyenne Lance LEAD STAFF WRITER**

along its Main Street

much-need-

receive

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development (DWD) held the 2024 State Career Development Conference Friday, March 15. The conference is the annual event for Hoosier high school students enrolled in Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) to participate in competitions that highlight the employability skills they have learned through the program.

As a significant gateway between job seekers and industry, DWD's JAG program builds a talent pipeline to Indiana employers by helping high school students achieve success both through and after high school graduation.

"Our state conference showcases skills vital to a student's future success in employment, postsecondary enrollment, and/or military



Pictured is Tanya Wirtz, Piper Twiggs and Isaiah Lee.

enlistment," said DWD Commissioner Richard Paulk. "To build on the proven efficacy of JAG, DWD, under the leadership of Governor Holcomb, is in the process of expanding from 125 to 250 programs. Once the expansion is complete, JAG pro-

an estimated 10,000 students annually, driving an outsized impact on their communities and the state of Indiana."

JAG Indiana's 16th annual State Career Development Conference was the culmination of regional competitions, which focused on disgramming will reach ciplines critical to em-

ployment. More than 145 students from over 50 Indiana high schools advanced to the state conference for an opportunity to earn monetary awards by showcasing skills learned through the program, such as finance, entrepreneurship, and (See "JAG" pg. 9)

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Community Calendar

#### April

April 20th is the day Lew Wallace left his governorship of the New Mexican Territory by train, for a meeting with his Philadelphia Publisher. In his luggage in the baggage car, he had his 'Ben Hur' manuscript! Yes, handwritten in purple ink, and his pen ready to sign a contract. On the above date, April 20, 2024, a Saturday at 3:00 p.m., the latest biography of our Hometown Hero Lew Wallace can hear Author Peter Bronson share his point of view of 'The Man who Saved Cincinnati'. All are welcome at The Old Brick Church, East Tenth Ave. Brookville, until 4:30 p.m. Lew may have visited the Church before the Wallaces moved to Covington, across Indiana on the Wabash River in 1837. SAVE THE DATE!!

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# Ihis is our UNITY

# David Willkie speaks af WCBA Annual Dinner

#### **Chevenne Lance** LEAD STAFF WRITER

The Whitewater Canal Byway Association held their annual dinner last week, to recognize all the hard work the committee has executed, nominate winners, members, and with a surprise special guest speaker, Dave Willkie,

First up to speak was Ron Yurcak, who welcomed everyone and stated how proud he was of the committee. Great work had been done in the past year, and the events have been successful. Ron also states that he, and everyone else, are looking forward to the Eclipse event and believe that it will be a big hit. With his brief conclusion, he welcomed VP of the Association and FCN Bank, Tom Horninger.

Horninger took the podium to thank Mick and Jenny Wilz for their hospitality and hosting them for dinner. He also informed the group that plans

included awarding the Annual Recognition for a member who has gone above and beyond in their work. Tom goes on to kick off the evening with a prayer for guests to start off dinner.

After the group had time to eat, mingle, and get to know any guests who came out, Tom took the stand to introduce the recipient of the Spirit of the Byway. This is always awarded at the annual dinner and goes to someone who has not only contributed to the byway. but to the community overall and has showed excellence and dedication. This is someone who has always lent a helping hand, is always the first one to reach out to contacts, is always the first to offer help, and is one of the main members who goes above and beyond to offer support, time, effort, and care.

Candy Yurcak introduces Terry Siewert.

Terry is notably shocked as she thanks the byway for their support.



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David Willkie speaks at WCBA annual dinner and pledged up to \$5,000 in matching donations to support the organization.

Next up, Tom introduces their special guest, David Willkie.

David W. Willkie is a native Hoosier with a rich heritage who is proud to have grown up on a farm in Rush County, Indiana.

He currently is the founder of Willkie Ventures, a finance company, which does specialty lending and investing. Previously, Wilkie long career in politics and public policy under former Sen. Richard G. Lugar, including as senior professional staff for the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee (SFRC) and working on two U.S. Senate campaigns in Indiana.

had nearly a decade

Wilkie's SFRC portfolio included issues of finance, trade and international taxation (See "WILLKIE" pg. 6)







## FRANKLIN COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER

#### Erickson Irish Dancers & Sheep in the Boat

"Irish eyes were smiling" on the Lew Wallace Auditorium as patrons enjoyed "An Evening of Irish Dance and Music on March 2. The Erickson Irish Dancers amazed the audience with their Irish step dancing, while the band Sheep in the Boat told tales of Celtic culture accompanied by songs that were generated from their stories.



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The Solar Eclipse of 2024 is much anticipated, as our county will be among several in the State of Indiana that will be in the path of totality, leaving us "in the dark" around 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 8.



Our county will be hosting many events leading up to and during the Eclipse, and the Franklin County Arts Council will join in the fun! Stop by the Rileybrook Arts Center at 740 Main Street from April 2 through 7 to participate in some Eclipse art activities for young and old. Hours will be 10-2 on Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday; 4-7 on Thursday and Friday.

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#### UNITED STATES COAST GUARD BAND coming to Franklin County!!

Mark your calendars NOW for June 26 @ 6:30 when the US Coast Guard will stop at the Lew Wallace Auditorium of FCHS for a FREE military band concert. The band is touring the Midwest and we are fortunate to be able to host one of their amazing celebrations of all branches of our Armed Forces. Don't miss this one! 🌌

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The FCAC will be sponsoring a group excursion to Richmond Civic Theatre to enjoy the hilarious musical comedy "Something Rotten" on Saturday, May 11 at 7:30. We plan to stop at The Olde Richmond Inn prior to the show for dinner.



Cost of the dinner & show is \$55, and tickets will be available on April 2 either at the Rileybrook Center or by call g Patti Wilhelm at 765-309-1473. If transportation is a problem for you, we can try to provide it.



The art of flower arranging was featured in an exhibit by Cindy Hall and the staff of Four Seasons Florists during the month of March. They participated in some State and Regional competitions/ demonstrations and displayed their art at the Rileybrook Arts Center. The creativity and beauty embodied in these "works of art" were truly captivating! Art can be found in so many areas, and these displays bear that out.



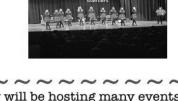
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# FOR THE **RECORD**

# **James D. Sparks**

of Sparks Spring Lakes, North from Visteon, where Carolina, passed away he served as a mainteon March 14, 2024, at nance superintendent. the age of 70, after a Doug was also embrief illness. Doug ployed by the City of was originally from Boiling Spring Lakes, Brookville, but he had lived in Boiling Spring Lakes for twenty years. He was born on October member 6, 1953, in Batesville, Indiana to James O. and Georgia (Greene) Sparks.

able person who had a sociable person who fulfilling life. He grad- enjoyed spending time uated from Brookville with his many friends. High School in 1971, He loved fishing, golfand then attended East- ing, and drinking beer, ern Arizona Univer- which he often did with sity, where he played his buddies.

James D. (Doug) football on a scholar-Boiling ship. Later, he retired Indiana, where he enjoyed his job mowing roadsides for the city.

Doug was a proud of the Brookville American Legion Post 77 and the Boiling Spring Lakes North Carolina VFW Doug was a remark- Post 10400. He was a

Doug is survived by his wife, Lorella Paugh-Sparks, his daughter, Dawn L. Libecap (Brad Hertel) of Brookville, Indiana; his stepchildren, Raina Colleen Lani (Davina Lani) of Indianapolis, Virginia C. Dhondt (Steve Dhondt) of Greenwood, Indiana, and David Sturgeon of Rushville, Indiana; and sister, Linda Knightstep of Wichita Falls, Texas. He also left behind five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Doug will be missed by his nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a granddaughter.

A celebration of Doug's life will be held



at the American Legion in Brookville in the future, where friends and family can gather to remember and honor him. Doug's cremated remains will be scattered at a future date, in accordance with his wishes.

Paid Obituary.

## **ARREST REPORTS**

Franklin County Sheriff's Office Media Arrest Summary (Only includes L6 Felony charges and higher, misdemeanors not included).

-All persons are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law

Arrest Time/Date: 13:33 3/7/24 Inmate Name: Benoit, Jamie L. Arrest Location: 5th Street, Brookville Birth Date: 10/28/89 Arrested by: J Noah Agency: FCSD Crime Class: L6 Offense: Resisting Law Enforcement, Neglect of De-

pendent/Child Violation

Arrest Time/Date: 21:41 3/7/24 Inmate Name: Byrd, Brian C. Arrest Location: Westview Road, Brookville Birth Date: 6/9/81 Arrested by: L. Richardson Agency: Brookville Police Department Crime Class: L6 Offense: Possession of Methamphetamine

Arrest Time/Date: 18:15 3/6/24 Inmate Name: Parsons, Paul W. Arrest Location: State Road 244 & Mill Street, Andersonville

Birth Date: 4/25/71 Arrested by: C Maxie Agency: FCSD Crime Class: L6 **Offense: Lifetime Habitual Traffic Violator** 

Arrest Time/Date: 19:27 3/11/24 Inmate Name: Walston, Thomas L. Arrest Location: Plainfield Birth Date: 9/27/91 Arrested by: C Kinnett Agency: FCSD Crime Class: L3 **Offense: Court-related** 

Arrest Time/Date: 11:15 3/6/24 Inmate Name: Williams, Destiny L. Arrest Location: Clermont Co. (Ohio) Jail Birth Date: 11/7/94 Arrested by: C Kinnett Agency: FCSD Crime Class: L6 **Offense: Arrest Warrant** 

Arrest Time/Date: 11:15 3/6/24 Inmate Name: Williams, Megan R. Arrest Location: Clermont Co. (Ohio) Jail Birth Date: 12/15/94 Arrested by: C Kinnett Agency: FCSD Crime Class: L6 **Offense: Arrest Warrant** 

# **Ruth J. Ramsey**

March 14. 2024 at Mar- her leisure time she garet Mary Community enjoyed Indiana.

Born May 10, 1945 in family & friends. Sand Gap, Kentucky she was one of sev- husband, Gordon, surenteen children born vivors include two chilto the late Charlie & dren, Natalie R. Ramsey Hallie Gibbs. She was and united in marriage to both of Brookville two Gordon Ramsey, and he grandchildren, Dylan survives.

having worked for sev- Lou Skakie of Missouri eral years at the for- and Vadis Sumpter of mer J. Garment Com- Michigan.

Ruth J. Ramsey, age pany in Brookville, and parents, she was pre-78, of Brookville, In- then later at AVCO in diana died Thursday, Richmond, Indiana. In gardening, Hospital in Batesville, cooking, canning, and spending time with

Besides her loving Scott Ramsey Ramsey and Carlee Ruth was retired, Ramsey; two sisters,

In addition to her ceded in death by fourteen siblings.

Family & friends may visit from 11:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at Phillips & Meyers Funeral Home, 1025 Franklin Avenue, Brookville.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at Phillips & Meyers Funeral Home, with burial following in Maple Grove Cemetery in Brookville.

The staff of Phil-



lips & Meyers Funeral Home are honored to serve the Ramsey family, to sign the online guest book or send personal condolences please visit www.phillipsandmeyers.com. Paid Obituary.



Glen Richard Ogles- in the US Army. by, age 74, passed away February 27, 2024 in a San Bernadino, Clai- (Martus) Jones-Webb, fornia. Born Decem- grandsons Martus "Tyber 7, 1949, he was one lor" (Morgan) Webb, of four children born Tracy "Trey" Stevento Rollie and Mildred son, great-granddaugh-(Biddle) Oglesby. Glen ters Jane and Kennedy was a 1968 graduate Webb, all of Hamilton, Brookville High of School, where he football played and baseball. After graduation, he spent six years

include Survivors daughter, Gwen



parents, he



Ohio. Brothers Chuck (Loretta) Oglesby, and Mark (Becky) Oglesby, both of Brookville. In addition to his

ceded in death by a brother, Randy (Rogue) Oglesby. A celebration of life memorial will be held in Glen's mem-

ory on Sunday, July 21, from 1-3 p.m. at the Brookville Lake Overlook.

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# **ANTHEM PLANS TO STAY IN-NETWORK WITH REID**

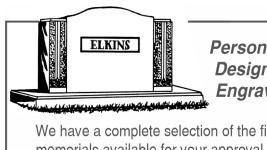
# Jim Wilz biking across U.S. update

Week two has passed on Facebook. for Jim Wilz in his trek across the United States in partnership with Move Beyond Surviving. Below is his week two blog update. These will be published 1,053 miles we are restweekly for everyone to ing in Ft. Davis, Texas. read and follow along, as well as be available day week as we needed

Week Two

## Family,

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#### to go an extra day so capitals. Beginning in our rest day hotel had Hello Friends and food and laundry. Going forward, my blog will post every Monday. And Thank You, as I had over 300 people read my blog last week. This support is what motivates me to keep on pedaling.

Day 8 - Tucson to Benson (66.95 Miles, 3, 855 Ft. Elevation, 5 hrs. 15 min in seat) Today was highlighted by a gorgeous eight-mile winding loop through the Saguaro National Park. The cactus, with the mountains as a backdrop provided pure natural beauty. The highlight of the day was meeting my favorite people on the trip to date. They are the Hula Hoop Ladies of Western North Carolina. In 2023, they finished hula hooping in front of all 50 state

2024, they are starting to hula hoop in every National Park.

Day 8 Extra - Today March 10th, is my late mother's birthday. I was thinking of her throughout the day, as she just loved the beauty provided by Mother Nature. On my birthday, she always made me my favorite cake, Boston Cream Pie. That evening, at a small cafe in Benson Az, the desert special was Boston Cream Pie, so I had to indulge.

Day 9 - Benson Az to Bisbee Az. (49.99 Miles 3,333 Ft. Elevation 4 hrs. 17 min in seat)

A day to remember. as we crossed the Continental Divide after climbing six miles up Mule Mountain. Before (See "BIKE" pg. 9)

Reid Health, An- scheduled plans remain in-net- needed. work with Reid.

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# **Remembering Carson Hughes**

#### **Cassie Garrett REGIONAL DIRECTOR**

On Friday, March 15, Jac Cen Del senior Carson Hughes, a budding photographer and videographer, headed to Versailles State Park to photograph wildlife as he often did.

At 1:30 p.m., Ripley County dispatch received a report of a missing adult male at Versailles Lake within Versailles State Park. Indiana Conservation Officers began investigating and found Carson's vehicle unlocked with the keys still in it near the boat ramp. His kayak was located on the water nearby. A search for Hughes began on land and water near his vehicle's location utilizing thermal and side-scan sonar technologies. The search was suspended for the night due to darkness and unsafe search conditions.

Carson's mother, Mandy Hughes, posted local businesses propublicly to her Facebook Page, "Keep praying! My God is the God of miracles! Let's bring my boy home safe today! If you want to search, you will have to sign in and out, and anyone searching along the creek MUST have a life jacket. They will start the search again most today at 7:30 a.m."

The community was rocked by the news and miss Carson beyond



showed up in full force what words can exto help find Carson. Over 150 volunteers gathered in Versailles State Park to help, and vided food and water for volunteers. After another day of looking for Carson to no avail search efforts were again suspended for the evening. Carson's Again, mom posted an upon Facebook. date "This has been the excruciating, painful 32 hours of our lives. We love and

press. The search efforts has ceased for the day due to darkness and will restart again tomorrow at 7:30 a.m.

The outpouring of love from friends, family, and strangers nationwide has been nothing short of amazing. The community and small businesses that are donating to those helping with the rescue efforts are so generous. We will never be able to thank you each individually, but please know your prayers, search efforts, and any-

thing else you're doing behind the scenes are so much appreciated. We apologize that we don't respond to every text, call, or comment. It's no wonder he loves this park!"

The next morning, Carson's mom had more message one to share. "Let's flood Facebook with Carson's photography and videography! Let's show the world his (See "Carson" pg. 5)



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passion that he loves so much!! He is such a good, kind kid that absolutely loves wildlife and nature photography! You'll see from his reels why we love him so much! Go to his Facebook or Instagram @carsonhughes\_photography." As people discovered

Carson's photography, social media feeds began filling up with pictures and videos of Carson and his photos, along with words of comfort and prayers for a safe return. Through Carson's Facebook page, even strangers couldn't help but recognize what an amazing individual Carson was. A post from his Facebook page celebrating his birthday in February stated, "Goodbye 17 and another 365 days around the sun! First, I want to give all the glory and thanks to the Man above!! Nothing would be possible without him! After looking back through all my photos and reliving all of my experiences, it makes me so incredibly thankful for everything I have seen and done. From sleeping out of the bed of a truck for 4 days to photograph elk with my dad to setting up a booth and selling prints at a local festival and having the best experiences in wildlife photography I've ever had. I wish I could go back and show the 13-year-old Carson, who was always playing video games, and show him my photos, he would be so stinkin proud of me! I am so thankful for every year I get to live on this earth! Here is to many more and

I'm so excited to see what the future holds!" On Sunday evening, the Indiana Department of Natural resources, Law Enforcement Division, released the outcome every one was hoping against.

"Indiana Conservation Officers have recovered the body of Carson Hughes, 18, of Osgood, from Versailles Lake. At 6:50 p.m., conservation officer divers, utilizing sonar, recovered Carson in six feet of water. Carson was pronounced deceased on scene by the Ripley County Coroner."

An autopsy was completed on Carson, and the preliminary cause of death was determined to be probable cold-water drowning. No other evidence of injury was present. The final autopsy report and cause of death are pending results. toxicology **Carson Hughes** 

#### **Obituary**

A famous photographer once said, "Taking pictures is savoring life intensely every hundredth of a second." Carson Hughes's ability to capture his love of life through his actions and artwork was visible every second of his short but amazingly inspirational life. Michael Carson Hughes, age 18, of Osgood, began making this world a brighter place on February 2, 2006. He was born in Batesville, Indiana, to Jason and Mandy (Hoffman) Hughes. From the start, he was simply a joy. He had an infectious smile that would light up a room. He was sweet, kind and considerate. He loved

his family, friends and God. As his high school principal stated, "Carson was a kid that everyone loved and simply enjoyed being around." His sentiments were felt by everyone within the community, as Carson truly was a person that exemplified love and character. In school, Carson took advantage of many opportunities and, not surprisingly, excelled given his attention to detail and willingness to go the extra mile. He was a Jac-Cen-Del Varsity Eagle in soccer, baseball, and basketball. He was a player that coaches desired on their team, as he led by example and dedication. In addition, he was an honor roll student and member of the National Honor Society. Just recently, he was named Academic All-State Honorable Mention for basketball. He planned to attend Purdue University and study Industrial Design. His teachers confidently knew he would achieve his goal because he was smart and extremely driven. He also had a strong faith in God and attended the One Purpose Church in Batesville, where he was in charge of the audio / visutechnology team. al Regardless of his amazing character and various athletic and academic achievements. Carson's real mark on the world was through his photography. From an early age, Carson paid close attention to detail. He could find beauty in anything. However, he was most fascinated by the great

outdoors and all of God's living creatures. He could not wait to rise before the sun and travel to his second home, the Versailles State Park, to catch a glimpse of an otter grappling a small fish for breakfast.

Over fall break, he and his dad traveled Cataloochee Valto ley in North Carolina, where they slept in the back of a truck for four days just so he could be there to witness and capture every motion the elk made within the open field.

Last year, he and his parents hiked the steep, narrow trail of Mount Storm King, located within Olympic National Park in Washington state, to get the "perfect" shot of the sun glimmering on Crescent Lake. To say the least, Carson's passion for nature and photography was immeasurable; so much so, that professionals in the field took notice and encouraged him to go semi-professional. With that, he began Carson Hughes Photography in 2023.

Through his photography business, he was able to travel and take all kinds of amazing photos thanks to sponsorships from national companies. His pictures were highlighted in various trade magazines such as the debut release of 812 The Magazine of Southern Indiana. He also won awards for his work, such as being selected as the 2023 Indiana State Department of Agriculture's **Conservation Category** winner for his photo, "Wild Connections". which is currently on

display in the Lt. Governor's business offices. He additionally received the 2023 Oak Heritage Conservancy award for one his photos. Locally, he won several awards through 4-H and received the "Best in Show" youth division at the 2023 Pumpkin Show. One professional photographer stated, "His skill and composition far surpassed his age and training, he simply was a gifted artist." Yet despite the accolades, he was never one to boast. He just wanted everyone to enjoy his photos and appreciate nature as much as he did.

As he posted, one month ago. "A leucistic bald eagle!! I will never get over this encounter I was blessed to have! This is one of the most beautiful birds I have ever seen not only for its rarity but just the majestic feel this bird brings that no other bird can. I hope you guys like the photo I got of this encounter." magical Carson's life was cut way too short, but his time on earth was most impactful. He made each and every second count, no matter what he was doing. And, he took something he loved and shared it with all of us; whereas, for a moment, while gazing at the wonderment of his photos, we got to experience just breathtakingly how beautiful the world can be. Unfortunately. this is something that many of us lose perspective of as we age. Although this has been such a tragic loss for his family, friends, and commu-

nity at large, perhaps it is God's way of telling us to live a more purposeful life, just as Carson did. Find your passion, pay attention to the small details, try to find the beauty in everyone and everything you encounter, and share your enlightenment with others. Let Carson's life and the magnificent works of art he left behind be your inspiration.

Carson is survived by his parents, Jason and Mandy Hughes, brother Corey, girlfriend Kelsey Borgman (daughter of Josh and Renee Borgman), grandparents Ted and Marlene Hughes and Kim Hoffman, uncles; Greg Wilhoit, Rick Wilhoit, Steve (Tammy) Wilhoit. and Kevin Hoffman, aunt Julie Wilhoit (Jen Mayer), and numerous cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandma, Kim Hoffman, and uncle, Michael Wilhoit. Visitation will be held on Monday, March 25, 2024, from 12 p.m.-5 p.m. at the Jac-Cen-Del High School Gym. Funeral services will be held at 5 p.m. also in the gymnasium. A memorial fund is being established in memory of Carson Hughes. His artwork will be available for purchase throughout the visitation with all profits going to the fund. (details will be provided) Online condolences may be placed at Nealsfuneralhome.net

Our deepest condolences to the family, extended family. and friends of Carson Hughes.

the financial during collapse of 2008 and its aftermath. He was responsible for nine tax and investment treaties which received Senate approval and were enacted into law.

Prior to his work on Capitol Hill, Wilkie lived in New York City where he served as a business industry expert for the television shows 60 Minutes and 60 Minutes II under the late correspondent Bob Simon. He worked on a segment that was nominated for an Emmy in business reporting.

also includes work in development. In 1992, with significant assistance from the Lilly Endowment, Wilkie spearheaded saving the Athenaeum Building in Indianapolis from demolition which helped to spark a revitalization of one of the city's downtown neighborhoods.

Wilkie holds an MBA from Columbia University, a degree in history from Indiana University and is a graduate of the Culver Academies. He currently serves on the Indiana Advisory Committee for the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition and is a board member on the Global Reporting Centre at the University of British Columbia, the Camp Voyageur Foundation, and Rush County Heritage.

Wilkie regularly competes in mara-

other endurance races. He is the founder of the Willkie Days "Five in 50" Covered Bridge Bicycle Ride held annually in September in Rush County, Indiana. The ride promotes healthy lifestyles and tourism in rural America.

Wilkie welcomes evervone who came out, and thanks Tom for the introduction. He also gives Terry a wholesome congratulations on her award and her work, to which earned her another round of applause.

Wilkie grew up in Wilkie's experience Rush County and that this is is home. Something that really sticks with him is the quote,

> "You've never really made it until your hometown says you have made it."

This moves Wilkie to mention his old nursery school, which hadn't been mentioned in his introduction. Mrs. Ball's nursery school and to his surprise, while in New York, he ran into another person who attended her nursery school. So, while having lunch, Wilkie pulls out a postcard and says they're going to write to her, because she always reads paper.

This prompted him to give credit to Whitewater Publishing for their work and keeping up to date with town, county, and regional news.

Going back to his story, he jokes about how thons, triathlons and Mrs. Ball would always

read the paper to see if any of her students ever got arrested. What he really put in there was how he and this former student were "starting a new chapter in New York and it was thanks to her tutelage and guidance that they were taking this step. P.S. Please send money," he says, which everyone could agree with. He goes on to thank the board for having him there, thanks Candy and Ron for their support, thanks the byway association, and thank Cassie (Regional Director of Whitewater Publications, and WCBA Board Member) for her invitation. Wilkie moves on to thank the attendees for indulging him in his little homework assignment he handed out, which were questions he and Cassie thought of to further improve the byway and the community.

One of these popular questions involved the price of gas. Everyone would like the price to be cheaper, but all were in agreement that in five years, it would be more expensive.

"Isn't it interesting that if we put gas in our car, do we know where it comes from? Well, for us in the Midwest, it comes from Canada," Wilkie says.

With the demand for oil going down, while rising in other areas due to high population, there is still the cost overall. Wilkie speaks

about the expectations we have affect any decisions we typically make. We don't think about the age, time, weather, etc. This also goes along with jobs. There are so many jobs out there, high demands for jobs, and people getting over the pandemic, it should be understood at just how many resources there are. The state of Indiana almost went bankrupt building the canals here and it's no easy task to maintain them.

This sparks the question: Why is Indiana the only place with its convoluted pulls on finances?

It makes the cost of buying harder. Wilkie is hoping to avoid the possibilities of bankruptcy and he sees that the maintenance in the canals. Let's of be honest, Brookville and its surrounding area is very beautiful. It's full of good people who work hard, work together, and we have good foundation а that would pull anyone to our town. This is thanks to the canals and those who work with them.

An example Wilkie gave about high costs was an old building set to be torn down to make a parking lot. This cost would be over \$19M and he had to ask: where is that money coming from? As a history buff, Wilkie saw the potential for this building and how it was histori-

cally important so he decided on a publicity stunt. Wilkie goes on to tell us that he lived on the roof for 60 days! This raised awareness and over \$800K!

That building is still safe to this day. It's rare to get to do something like that and while it was crazy, it was a good choice.

One of the things Wilkie wanted to talk about was the bicycle ride in Rush County, and how they have teamed up with the ride we have in Franklin County and the Cincinnati Bike club. He explains how he took care of his mother until she died, and how she had never wanted a plaque or monument. What she wanted was for people to ride on the covered bridges. So, Wilkie organized a bike ride that carried over five covered bridges and five towns, called the five and fifty. This year, we had over 500 riders, all volunteers, so this was a huge feat. There was a degree of excellence that Wilkie hoped to gain for Rushville.

He speaks about how the counties are uniting through our respective rides, therefore building strong relationships, and the \$100k raised over the past five years.

Wilkie then offers to donate \$5000 if the crowd is willing to match the amount. Starting at \$1000, everyone in the crowd was willing to donate an amount all the way down to just \$20. The grand total ready to donate came to \$3800!

Wilkie thanked everyone for their donations and the dedication they were willing to show for the byway association. He also allowed questions from the crowd and mentions how one that hadn't come up yet was job creation. There are already so many jobs out there, but the cost of living was too high. However, when explaining how China expanded their housing market exponentially, their economy and way of living has eased up!

In these countries, political power the comes from the government and provides prosperity. All of that is great until its learned that everybody isn't growing at the same pace, therefore causing the government to clash and cause problems. Wilkie likes our situation as we are slow-paced, progressive, and keep the optimism of our government as it's naturally assumed that one will do worse than the other. This way of thinking creates a drive to improve our country entirely.

Wilkie thanked the crowd once more for having him and by the sound of the resonating applause, his speech was both wholesome and educational.

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# FRANKLIN COUNTY

**MARCH 20, 2024** 

## Will Roleson - CSC Hall of Fame Class of 2024



In retracing his career path, one that has sparked significant growth in his profession's national organization, Will Roleson can recall a prophecy that was delivered to him by College Sports Communicators Hall of Famer Dave Young during his days as an undergraduate student assistant in the Miami (Ohio) University sports information office.

"He told me that someday he thought I'd be president of CoSIDA (now CSC)," recalled Roleson. "Dave took me under his wing and showed the utmost confidence in me. That experience paved the way for me to move forward in the profession."

Roleson was introduced to the communications profession thanks to his father who worked as the Xerox copy machine technician for the MU sports communications office. With his dad's recommendation opening the door, Roleson started doing work for Young and the athletic department during his junior and senior years in high school.

In 1992, following his junior year at Miami, Young invited Roleson to attend the CoSIDA Convention in Lexington, Ky.

"It opened my eyes to the scope of the work and broadened my perspective erations after stints at Wisconsin (1993-94), Host Communications (1994-96), Kent State (1996-2004) and the Horizon League (2004-2011).

"I'm fortunate to have known Will for almost two decades, when I first joined the NCAA national office and he joined the Horizon League," said CSC Executive Director Erik Christianson. "I've watched him grow as a professional and leader, and his impact on the organization is positive and inspiring. He is a trusted and valued colleague, and he is helping us each day to advance and live out our brand."

Roleson can also take credit for launching the organization's Membership Appreciation Week, the Convention Attendance Grant which has opened the door for scores of members to attend the national convention, and the National **Champion Communicators** program which recognizes college sports communicators who handle responsibilities for national championship teams.

In his current role at CSC, Roleson's primary responsibilities include producing the organization's annual convention and serving as chief financial officer. He also handles human resources and is involved in corporate partner sales opportunities.

"There are few people in our organization's history who have made a more positive, direct impact on the success of the College Communicators Sports than Will Roleson," said long-time CSC secretary Jeff Hodges of North Alabama. "From his time as an at-large representative on the board of directors beginning in 2006, to becoming a full-time staff member in 2011, to his current position, Will has helped shape the direction and growth of CSC as the organizations chief financial officer and convention manager." "As a tireless advocate for our members, Will is an absolute hall of famer," Hodges added. Roleson played a meaningful role in the development of a stats software program that helped revolutionize how sports communicators chart statistics in football and basketball competition. The Miami University stats crew served as beta testers for the development of the Stat Crew Software program developed by Mike Ranieri. Roleson, a member of that stats crew, played a pivotal role in the testing as he provided critical feedback to help Ranieri improve the software program which was founded in 1988. It's noteworthy that Roleson's path to the national organization staff was launched when he received the organization's postgraduate scholarship award in '93 and accepted a sports information internship at the University of Wisconsin where he was tutored by longtime SID Steve Malchow. "We sort of 'recruited' Will at the CoSIDA Convention one year and it was obvious from our first meeting that his enthusiasm for the profession was

unmatched," Malchow, now retired, explained. "When I did some background checks on his skills, we knew that Will needed to be on our team at Wisconsin. He loved the whole concept of promoting his players, teams and coaches while

**Doug Vance** 

**RETIRED CSC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/** 

FORMER CSC/COSIDA PRESIDENT

lades." "Will's induction into the CSC Hall of Fame is a perfect testament to the passion, professionalism and dedication that Will has for our profession," Malchow added.

accepting none of the acco-

Roleson stepped away from the campus communications office in '94 to serve as assistant editor at Host in Lexington, Ky. After two years at Host, Roleson crossed the sports information threshold once again when he accepted a position as assistant SID at Kent State University. Three years later he was promoted to head the communications office staff and handled men's basketball responsibilities when the team advanced to the NCAA Elite Eight in 2002.

From Kent, Roleson moved to the Horizon League where he was eventually promoted to associate commissioner for communications and multimedia.

Roleson started the first conference-wide videostreaming platform while overseeing the Horizon League communications team. In addition, he was the local media coordinator for the NCAA Women's Final Four in 2005 and the Men's Final Four in 2006 and 2010.

Roleson remains active in gameday activities in the Indianapolis area serving as the official scorer for Butler men's and women's basketball games. He fills in when summoned for help at the University of Indianapolis, Ball State University, IUPUI and Indiana University. He also makes himself available to handle talent stats, timeout coordinator and spotter duties for television and radio while serving as official scorer for the Indianapolis Indians. Starting this semester, Roleson accepted an adjunct professor position at the University of Indianapolis where he teaches a course in sports public relations. The job is often a family affair in the Roleson household. His wife, Cristy, has contributed as a volunteer on stats crews throughout his career and is a familiar face and volunteer at college sports events. He graduated cum laude from Miami University in 1993 and received his MBA from the University of Southern Indiana in 2023. Roleson was a member of the last graduating class from Brookville High School in 1989. "Working in college sports communications, whether it be on campus, in a conference office or working for the profession's national organization, has been a big part of my life," Roleson said. "To be selected for the CSC Hall of Fame means more to me than anyone can imagine.'

## **State indoor** meet approaches

vey secured 5th (3:37.56)

and the 4x200 team of

the same lineup was

9th (1:37.17). The high

jump event netted a pair

of nice results - senior

Earl Carr finishing 3rd

(6-foot-2) and Hunter

Weartz 11th (5-8). Junior

Cole Freese took 3rd in

pole vault (12 feet even).

There were two senior

Wildcats in the top 15

of the shot put: Clayton

ANDERSON - Franklin County track and field competed in the last qualifying meet Saturday at Anderson University before the indoor Hoosier State Relays this weekend in Indy.

Sophomore Carter Dozier placed 9th in the 60-meter hurdles (9:23). The boys 4x400 relay team of James Rowland, Keegan Clark, Brandon Willis and Owen Har- Lunsford was 12th (42-



Will Fehlinger **SPORTS EDITOR** 

11.5) and Lance Fields in 14th (42-5.5).

In girls action, junior Hanna Betzing won pole vault with a spring of 9-9 and fellow junior Emma Rosenberger was right behind her in runner-up at 9-6. Junior Mackenzie Brzezinski took 14th in the 60 dash (8.45) but improved all the way to 7th when hurdles were put in her way (10.02); classmate Esther George was 11th in the latter (10.34). The 4x200 (Audrey Harper, Ella Flannery, Brzezinski, Taylan Brewer) and 4x400 (George replacing Harper) were both 4th at 1:52.44 and 4:24.52, respectively. In high jump, Flannery earned a bronze (5-2) while Lacy Isaacs was 13th (4-6).

Expected to compete Saturday are Freese, Dozier, Fields, Lunsford, Carr, Weartz, boys/girls 4x2 & amp; 4x4, Rosenberger, Betzing, Brzezinski and Flannery.

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of the industry," Roleson noted.

While Young's forecast didn't exactly come true, it could easily be argued it came close enough. In his three-plus decades serving the profession, Roleson's resume' includes 22 years working in sports communications, including his undergraduate days at Miami; a three-year stint on the CSC (then CoSIDA) Board of Directors; and now, 12plus years representing the profession as a staff member for CSC.

Promoted in 2017 to Associate Executive Director of CSC, he's been part of the national office leadership team and helped the organization navigate through some of its most significant changes and growth.

His career contributions will be recognized June 10 at the CSC national convention as he's honored with five of his colleagues comprising the 2024 Hall of Fame class during the CSC All-Star Night of Honors, presented by ESPN.

"It's an unbelievable and unexpected honor," Roleson said. "I never thought that I'd be considered when I left working in a conference communications office. It means so much because it serves as proof for me that people appreciate what I've done."

Roleson joined the national office staff in 2011 as director of internal op-

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# **OA seniors finalists** in business competion



is proud to announce down to ten teams withthat two teams of se- in each of the six difniors from Mr. Jason ferent regions. Both of Walke's economics class have been chosen winning teams had the as finalists in the Indiana statewide business pitch competition hosted by The STARTedUP bler, Sarah Lamping, Foundation.

This cultivates the entrepre- Forever Flowers, which neurial spirit and innovation of young students across the state.

From the initial submissions, which attracted over 3,000 high

Oldenburg Academy pool was narrowed cured a place in the Oldenburg Academy's mission of sustainability at their core.

Seniors Lilly Scheand Kate Weber created competition the business venture specializes in creating paper flower bouquets with a focus on using recycled materials.

Rachel Lamping, Thaddeus Eaglin, and school students, the Sadie Wachsmann senext round with their business Second Serve Threads, which designs custom pickleball racquet covers made from recycled apparel.

Lilly Schebler shared her excitement, saying, "I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to represent OA at the Innovate Within Regional. It has been such a satisfying experience to create a business that limits the impact on our environment."

Thaddeus Eaglin (See "OA" pg. 9)



Library Board: The Franklin County Public Library District board will meet on March 21 at Laurel Library at 6 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

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Meet the Animal Ambassadors: Join our friends from the DNR for a meet and greet with the Animal Ambassadors! What kind of animals are they? What do they like to eat? Have they ever done anything funny? March 21 at Laurel Library at 5 p.m.

Mario Gaming: Join us for a night of fun with Mario. Attendees will win points depending on where they are placed. In the end, the one with the most points will be crowned the champion! In addition, the nights will consist of various Mario games such as a Mario Kart Grand Prix, Mario Maker level challenge, and a Super Mario Party Showdown. March 25 at Laurel Library at 4:30 p.m.

Eclipse Myths and Legends Puppet Show: Help us put on a puppet show all about the solar eclipse! We're looking for help making props and puppeteers with a practice session on March 23. The performance will be on March 25 at Brookville Library at 1 p.m. If you would like to help, call or email Amanda at amanda.fclibraries@gmail.com.

Rocketman Movie and Snacks: Join us for some snacks and a movie about a computer geek who helps NASA complete a mission to Mars. March 27 at Brookville Library at 1 p.m.

Space STEM Day: Explore space ideas and concepts through interactive learning. Take a trip around our solar system through touch screen technology, program KIBO robots to drive across the Moon, explore what makes craters with a drop experiment, see what a lunar landing is like through virtual reality, make your own constellations with glow-in-the-dark beads, and much more! March 28 at Laurel Library from 12-6 p.m. and March 29 at Brookville Library from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Lunar Art Show: In celebration of the 2024 total eclipse, the Franklin County Public Library District is hosting a Lunar Art Show. Participants are asked to create a space-themed piece of art that centers around the Sun, Moon, and/or stars. Art pieces can be made of any medium, and all ages are welcome. Art pieces must be submitted to the libraries between March 22-30. Pieces will then be put on display where everyone can vote for their favorites. Any questions can be directed to Amanda Herbert at amanda.fclibaries@gmail.com.

Glow-In-The-Dark Wind Chimes: Create your own set of glow-in-the-dark wind chimes using odds and ends and glow-in-the-dark beads and paint! April 1 at Brookville Library at 4:30 p.m. and April 2 at Laurel Library at 4:30 p.m. Space is limited, so please RSVP by calling the libraries.

Eclipse Bingo: What are Bailey's Beads and the Diamond Ring? What exactly does Totality mean? What is the difference between an Annular Eclipse and a Total Solar Eclipse? Play Bingo and learn important eclipse and space-related terms! April 4 at Laurel Library at 5 p.m.

Game Night: Join us for a fun night of board games. All ages are welcome! April 9 at Laurel Library at 4 p.m.

Solar Eclipse Painting: Get creative and make your own solar eclipse painting using acrylic paint! April 15 at Brookville Library at 4:30 p.m. and April 16 at Laurel Library at 4:30 p.m. RSVP by calling the libraries.

**LEGO Expo:** Show off your building skills by participating in our LEGO Expo! Builds can be boxed or custom builds and all will be displayed, but only custom builds can be entered into our Creative Build Competition. LEGO builds should be dropped off at Brookville Library on April 12 from 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and picked up on April 13 at 2 p.m. or April 15 from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. The Expo will be held at Brookville Library on April 13 where all builds will be displayed, and you can vote for your favorite in the Creative Build Competition.

Solar Eclipse Painting: Get creative and make your own solar eclipse painting using acrylic paint! Limit 12

Solar Eclipse Glasses: The library will hand out free solar eclipse glasses while supplies last. As a reminder, students attending Franklin County Community School Corporation Schools, as well as St. Michael, will receive glasses at school.

Learn ASL on Mango Languages: Mango Languages now offers American Sign Language (ASL) courses through its platform. Patrons will be able to model native ASL signers, learn at their own speed, use a magic mirror feature that allows for visual comparison to check for accuracy, and many other features. These practical lessons will enable patrons to carry on basic ASL conversations. These courses can be accessed via the Mango Languages app or our website fclibraries. org.

# PET OF THE WEEK• FRANKLIN CO. ANIMAL SHELT eet Nige

Everyone meet Nigel! He is 6 years old, neutered and up to date on all his shots. Nigel is the sweetest boy and loves ALL humans. He does need to be the only pet in the household, but he will make it worth it by giving you all his love! Nigel has been at the shelter for two years and is ready to find his forever home. Come meet sweet Nigel at The Franklin County Animal Shelter 9076 Landfill Road Metamora Indiana on Mondays and Thursdays from 4:30-6:30 and Saturdays from 9-12. Please contact The Friends of Franklin County on Facebook for more information about Nigel.





**Tax Forms:** As a courtesy during tax season, visit the libraries to print off tax forms at half-price (\$0.05 per page).

Dungeons and Dragons: Our weekly Dungeons and Dragons club meets on Thursdays at Brookville Library from 5:30 – 8 p.m.

Jr. Crafters: Create with us! In this weekly program, we'll explore art through various mediums. It is recommended for ages 9 and up. Fridays at 4:30 p.m. at Laurel Library.

Caregiver Memory Kits: Caregiver Memory Kits are resource kits designed for individuals living with dementia and their caregivers and care partners. These kits aim to help caregivers and care partners connect with helpful resources and increase interaction between the caregiver and their loved one. These kits consist of helpful books and resources for the caregiver and activities for the caregiver and their loved one to enjoy together, such as puzzles and bingo. These kits are available for checkout at both library branches.

StoryWalks®: The StoryWalk® continues at Brookville's Town Park, the Mounds State Rec Area's Wildlife Wander Trail, and the Yellow Bank Trailhead. Each trail features a picture book, encourages literacy, physical activity, and spending time outdoors, and is perfect for families of all ages! The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, VT, and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. StoryWalk® is a registered service mark owned by Ms. Ferguson.

Brookville's Totspot Storytime: Mrs. Herbert conducts story times at 10 a.m. on Mondays. Check our Facebook page for updates.

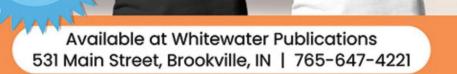
24/7 Wi-Fi: Please feel free to utilize the Wi-Fi provided 24/7 in our parking lots in Brookville and Laurel.

Wowbrary: Subscribe to Wowbrary, the library's weekly newsletter. Stay up to date on new materials and library programs. To subscribe, visit our website at fclibraries.org and enter your email address under the rotating banners.

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## Mr. Schuh and Mr. Osgood, Lost in the Flood of 1898



A photo taken by Rollin Rockafellar a day after the flooding began. Franklin County Historical Society photo.

County story. The following is in Carol's voice. JAS As I am writing this, the warm weather of February 2024 has jumpstarted me to tackle some

It was 126 years ago

this month that two

Brookville men tragi-

cally lost their lives dur-

ing a flooding event, and

Brookville Library staff

member Carol Morton

has a close connection to

one of them. A big thank

you goes out to Carol for

contributing this week's

Franklin

Forgotten

yard work. First was cleaning leaves from the culvert, then came removing brush along my river bank. The water has been running high, wide and fast as water flows out of Brookville Lake. I watch the water levels rise around the lowest maple tree, but dismiss concern. This has not always been the case in our river valley before flood control.

I am reminded of the fate that rising waters had on the gentleman who lived where I now reside at the east end of 5th Street. The spot where I am doing my yard work, along the East Fork of the Whitewater River, is probably where this unfortunate man lost his life. I refer to Philip Schuh, who perished on March 22, 1898 in a monstrous flood. This flood involved both forks of the river and was higher than ever known in the memory of the oldest inhabitants.



The south end of Brookville as it looked during the 1898 Flood. From the Walter & Joyce Jordan digital collection, FCPLD.

During the time I have lived here, I collect historical articles about my home and property. Naturally, I came across Mr. Schun's name when doing research. I discovered that not only did Mr. Schuh die, but another man, Bert Osgood, also lost his life that night. Since I found no details, especially about Mr. Osgood, I had to know more. How old was Bert and where did he live? Did he work with Philip as a hired hand? What were the circumstances that led to both men drowning? Occasionally, Julie Schlesselman, the library's Local History & Genealogy Department Manager, asks what I have found out about Mr. Schuh. Then she suggested I should write an article about him. Well, now is the time to jump into the rabbit hole.

Franklin, Indiana with the occupation of sawyer. A sawyer processes lumber with a saw.

Contrary to what I assumed before my research, neither Mr. Schuh nor Mr. Osgood died together at the same location along the East Fork of the Whitewater River. The inquest notices listed in the Brookville Democrat on March 31, 1898 were printed together and describe the different circumstances and locations of each man's drowning.

The headline and article concerning both men read as follows. BOTH WERE DROWNED ..... THE BODIES OF PHILIP SCHUH AND ALBERT OSGOOD..... Victims of Tuesday Night's Flood, Recovered, the Former on Thursday, the Latter on Sunday.

After the flood of last Wednesday morning, it was reported that Philip Schuh and Bert Osgood had drowned. Thursday morning Joe Quick and Harry Bruns discovered Schuh's body hanging on a tree below the White bridge.

The testimony at the inquest showed that Mr. Schuh had gone to his barn [at 2 o'clock in the morning], on the river bank, and released his horses. The ground between the barn and river had been cut away and the indications are that on leaving the barn he stepped off into the swift current and was swept away. The body was suspended by the pocket of a canvas hunting coat which he had thrown over his night clothes.

Osgood had gone to the Brookville furniture factory for his lantern at midnight. On returning home he informed neighbors, whom he passed, that he thought of removing his goods into the White bridge. His wife went out through the bottom and remained to look after his household goods. The water at this time was rising a foot in eight minutes. Shortly after, it poured into the sand bottom four feet in ten minutes. While thus swelling a light was seen to leave Osgood's house and go to the bridge, where it was seen at various times until shortly after three a.m., when the water was at the highest. At this time the bridge was being severely tried by drift and considerable siding was torn from the structure. The light was seen to signal wildly from the west end of the bridge, after which it advanced across the water and vanished. Different efforts were made to rescue the unfortunate man, but the madly racing current eight to ten feet deep rendered such attempts fruitless.

Sunday, Isaac Osgood, a brother of the unfortunate man, found his body buried in the oozy mud of the canal bed back of the Brookville canning works. Owing to the coating of mud impervious to air, the body was remarkably well preserved.

Coincidentally, on the day before all this research was complied, I was filing copies of Sanborn fire insurance maps for Julie. I was able to compare maps from 1892 and 1899. The 1892 map showed all structures on the Schuh property present. These structures included a frame building resembling the barn, which was parallel to the river bank. On the 1899 map, however, that structure was no longer present. I feared the worse for Mr. Schuh's horses, in spite of his efforts to rescue them from rising waters. But after reading the newspaper



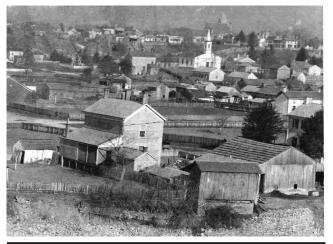
accounts of the inquest testimony, I then realized that Mr. Schuh had made it to his barn and released his horses. The saddening fact is he lost his life doing a life-saving deed for his beloved horses, which were probably a major part of his teaming business.

Even more sadly after researching information

I found newspaper articles from the Brookville Democrat of March 24, 1898 and March 31, 1898 regarding the terrible event, which was just one of many floods in Brookville's 200+ years.

After finding the newspaper accounts of Mr. Schuh and Mr. Osgood's deaths, I wanted to learn about their lives.

Philip Schuh, sometimes listed as Schue, was born April 8, 1823 at Offenbach, Hessen, Darmstadt, Germany. This is near Frankfurt. He married Christina Barbara Schuh (nee Metzger), his brother Conrad's widow. Conrad died in 1853 by the burning of his brewery. Philip and Christina married in 1858 in Louisville, Kentucky and had a son and a daughter. These children preceded Philip in death. At the time of Philip's death, he left his widow, three stepdaughters, and one brother who was living in Germany. According to the 1880 census, Philip's occupation was teaming. Teaming is driving a horse or mule



The Schuh property at the end of E. 5th Street in Brookville as it looked in the early 1890s. Cropped from By the 1880 census, Bert a larger image. From the Don Dunaway collection, FC- was living in Springfield, PLD.

team to haul or carry materials such as logs, goods or the like.

Finding out about Bert (or Burt) was not as straight forward. Then Julie checked the Maple Grove Cemetery burials and found his true name, Willard Albert (Bert) Osgood. He was born in 1847 and lived in Oxford, Ohio. In 1860 he married Isabel Carpenter in Oxford and was listed in the census as a chair maker.

The relief carving on Philip Schuh's tombstone is quickly disappearing. It's different from typical Civil serve with this regiment War stones in that it also includes a birth and death the entire time it existed, date inscribed at the bottom.

about Mr. Schuh, I discovered that he served in the Civil War. From available records it appears that he was just over 40 years old when he entered the service. His regiment was the 35th Regiment, Indiana Infantry, Company B. He was a Union soldier with the rank of Private upon entering and leaving service.

Though Schuh did not it appears he was with them from at least Sep-

tember 22, 1864 in Atlanta, Huntsville, Knoxville, and Nashville, before being mustered out on June 17, 1865.

During its run, the 35th Regiment, Indiana Infantry lost five officers who were killed or mortally wounded; 82 enlisted men who were killed or mortally wounded; and 164 enlisted men died of disease or accident. After his Civil War service, Philip Schuh returned home to Indiana.

After Philip's unexpected death, his funeral took place a few days later on Friday afternoon of that same week, in what is today my house. Schuh was a member of the local Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), the entire membership of which attended, providing a military funeral for him at the Old Brookville Cemetery.

Slightly over a month after Philip Schuh died, his wife, Christina, was offering at auction in April 1898, their house and personal property, including farming implements, wagons, and sadly, the two horses Philip saved from the flood.

Christina Schuh died in April 1899, just over a year after her husband perished in the flood.

As March 22 approaches, the time of year when Mr. Schuh and Mr. Osgood perished in those ravaging flood waters of 1898, I, Carol Morton, thought their stories should be told to remember both gentlemen, especially since Mr. Schuh's fate was met on my property.



# American Legion Post 77 announces winners of 4th grade flag education

American Post 77 wanted to announce the winners of the American Legion of Indiana ordered over 4th Grade Flag Education program in Franklin County. Although the Indiana American Legion has been administering this program since 1996, this is Brookville Post 77's third year participating and we hope to continue the program for years to come.

The Flag Education Test program was play and treatment. The started in the American Legion Department tions and a short essay.

Legion of Indiana in 1996. By 2004 over 300 elementary schools in the state 18,000 tests and comic books. The Division of Student Activities of the Indiana Secondary School Administrators approves the American Legion Flag Education Test. The purpose of the program is to teach our youth about the history and importance of the American Flag to include the proper distest consists of 20 ques-

Post winners move on to compete at the district level and district winners compete at the state level. Two state winners receive a \$1,000 college scholarship.

The following students had the best scores in their schools; they each won \$50. Cole and Lydia from Mt. Carmel had the best scores out of all the schools in Franklin County and they took home \$75 and a new flag as the post winners. A big thank you to all the 4th Grade teachers who made this

program happen! (Ms. Stenger. Ms. Higgenbotham. Ms. Stang. Mr. Fuller, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Renforth, and Ms. Crain). We are so proud of everyone and can't wait to do it again next year!

Mt. Carmel Elementary

Cole Bolser (Post Winner) and Lvdia Taylor(Post Winner) Brookville Elemen-

tary Kevin Pressman and **Braelynne Branstetter** 

Laurel Elementary

Elijah Tanner and



photo provided

St. Michael. Axton Geiling, Reghan Ratz, Bridget Hayes (Flag program chairperson), Ms. Rae Crain, and Axton Geiling, Reghan Ratz and Jeff Tebbe (Finance Officer).



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Laurel Elementary. Bridget Hayes (Flag program chairperson), Elijah Tanner and Mikayla Davidson, and Jeff Tebbe (Finance Officer).

#### JAG • Continued from Page 1

project management. "By staying in JAG the first year, I was able to achieve so much than I never thought I was able to," said Greenfield-Central High School senior, JC Matlock, who was named the 2024 JAG Indiana Outstanding Senior. "I have been able to make myself known to my community, other JAG students and advisors in Indiana."

14 categories, including tion. Students learn up

the Outstanding Senior Award. A full list of first, second and third place finishers, along with photos of these students, can be found online.

JAG is a state-based, national non-profit organization dedicated to helping high school students of promise who have experienced challenging or traumatic life experiences achieve academic suc-Students competed in cess through gradua-



photo provided

Brookville Elementary. Kevin Pressman and Braelynne Branstetter, Jeff Tebbe (Finance Officer), Mr. Fuller, (Ms. Higginbotham or Ms. Taylor? not sure, sorry), Bridget Hayes (Flag program chairperson).



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Mt. Carmel Elementary. Bridget Hayes (Flag program chairperson), Ms. Stenger, Cole Bolser (Post Winner) and Lydia Taylor (Post Winner), Jeff Tebbe (Finance Officer).

to 88 competencies such as critical thinking, team leadership and effective communications skills to increase employability. This year's confer-

ence took place at the Ivy Tech Community College Culinary and Conference Center in Indianapolis.

Two students from FCHS, Senior Isaiah Lee and Midterm Graduate Piper Twiggs, both competed at State in the Entrepreneurship Plan

category.

Their idea highlighted on different sauces for popcorn, to not only add flavor, but to limit the amount of butter and salt used. For State, Isaiah and Piper had five minutes to present their idea, business plan, and hand out samples to their group. The flavors would be cheese, ranch, chocolate, and caramel, all of which were homemade by Piper.

at State for their plan, in-depth thought and planning, their creativity, and their entrepreneurial drive.

"State is the hardest competition. We're competing against all regions, and these are people who have already won in their region alone," Isaiah states.

Both students did an excellent job at State and their hard work paid off. Isaiah and The pair placed third Piper both competed in

State last year too, but separately. Isaiah competed in Creative Solutions and placed 2nd, whereas Piper competed in Career Presentation and placed 3rd.

When asked what his plans are after graduations, Isaiah states that while he is still undecided on a specific university, he plans to go for Business. Piper, who originally presented last year with the goal of pursuing Dental, has (See "JAG" pg. 14)

for me.

915 ft Elevation, 3 hr. 46 doned building that we min in seat) passed along the way says it all.

the Mountain, I visited Tombstone AZ saw the Earp brothers take down their nemesis. I ran into several Cincinnati families in Tombstone taking a break from Reds baseball in Goodyear. Our ride finished with a lunch In Bisbee, AZ . Bisbee is my favorite town so far. A former copper mining town has become combination of mountains, eclectic stores, friendly laid-back people and a somewhat Eu-

ropean vibe resulting in a neat city to visit.

Day 10 - Bisbee Az to Portal AZ by way of New Mexico. (84.33 Miles 2011 Ft. Elevation 5 hrs. 5m in Seat.) Today we crossed mostly barren Arizona Desert on our way to New Mexico (two states down, six to go) We did pass a monument to Geronimo's Last Stand and we stayed on the Arizona, New Mexico border at a small lodge that mainly caters to

bird watchers during migratory season.

Day 11- Portal Az to Columbus NM (100 Miles. 1,926 ft. Elevation 5hrs 32 min in seat) For a bicyclist, today's ride was the equivalent to a no hitter for a pitcher in baseball. For nearly the entire 100 miles, we had a 15-mph tailwind at our back and we sailed into Columbus NM. I averaged a speed of 18 mph for the entire day and that is a personal best

Day 12 - Columbus NM to El Paso Tx -(72 Miles. 823 ft. Elevation 4hr 47 min in seat) A windy day bicycling across the boot heel of New Mexico into Texas (3 states down and 5 to go) Our group has a new mascot, Floridian the Lost Alligator who wants to get back to Florida. She biked with me across the Rio Grande into Texas.

Day 13 -El Paso Tx to Fabens Tx (39 Miles,

A roll and recovery day turned into a tough day as we had 25 mph headwinds. The highlight of the day was biking down Cincinnati Avenue in El Paso. A little thought of home keeps the spirits up.

Day 14 -Fabens Tx to Van Horn Tx (100 Miles, 2047 ft. Elevation, 8 hours in seat.) A long day of bicycling through West Texas scrub land. The aban-

Day 15 - Van Horn, Tx to Ft. Davis Tx (79 miles, 2211 ft Elevation 6 hours in seat) A gorgeous ride through the mountains near Mt. Livermore today. The road up the mountain has been one of our most scenic rides so far.

More to come next week as we continue to follow Jim's journey across the United Sates!

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added, "I am more than thrilled that our team advanced in the contest. The opportunity to flex our business

sustainability has been rewarding." Mr. Walke celebrated

the students' achieve-

skills and incorporate ment, stating, "It is an accomplishamazing ment to advance to Regionals against so many other students.

The work ethic, creativity, and problem-solving skills are shining through with these six students and I couldn't

be more proud of them!"

The Oldenburg Academy community extends its congratulations as they prepare to compete in the Region 6 Regionals, which will take place in Jeffersonville on April 25th.

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Pence was waiting for a variance approval prior to deciding the exact dimensions.

President Paula Keller said that could open the board to approving something that ends up being a "shipping container." Vicepresident Robert Braun said he personally was inclined to allow it but agreed with Keller that the board needed something more "firm" than a photo.

Speaking from the audience on behalf of Pence, Raible said he's been in favor of allowing smaller structures. He added Pence would still need a permit that passes the county building code.

Keller said the board

could approve with contingencies like Pence getting a building permit that stated he would meet state construction requirements. Kramer added the only question at hand for BZA was the variance, not building, setback and septic issues. He read from an ordinance that laid out conditions for granting a variance.

Duffy asked Sterwerf if she felt the application adhered to the building code. The director responded that if the variance was approved, she would ensure the building dimensions were up to code and include them in findings of fact that are submitted to the

state.

Smallwood Shawn addressed the board, saying he owned adjoining property and he and his wife had no concerns with what Pence wanted to do. Braun moved to grant the variance for а dwelling of between 572-900 sq. ft. It passed unanimously.

The animal shelter hearing was next. Keller asked why an ADA-compliant parking spot was shown on the site plan as being the furthest away from the building. She told commissioner Gerald Wendel it made sense for the spot to be closest to the shelter; he agreed with making the change.

Before moving to approve the conditional use with the parking spot contingency, Duffy praised TAC for making a "big difference in our ability to deal with these applications." It passed unanimously.

The findings of fact for a proposed cell tower in Mt. Carmel (passed in February) were then discussed. Keller said Sterwerf has had trouble reaching the Mt. Carmel town clerk, since the tower must first gain local approval. The president gave her additional contact information to help expedite things. Meanwhile, Duffy moved to table the signing of findings of fact until approval

is secured. It passed 4-0 with Kramer abstaining.

Updating violations/ complaints, Sterwerf said Paul Helmers (Hill Road, Brookville), the resident at 8143 Silver Creek Road, Metamora, and Lecher's Sawmill (4130 Moorman Road, Batesville) had not contacted the office and the cases are being handled by APC attorney Geoffrey Wesling. The Sturwolds (2139 East Road, Brookville) have been sent several emails urging them to clear items from their property; Sterwerf has also contacted the Indiana Department of Environmental Management about the issue. This was also handed

off to Wesling, as were Michael and Manya Ridenour (23130 Stipps Hill Road, Laurel) and Patricia Grimes (18280 McGuire Ridge Road, Laurel).

Brandon Hollon (14007 Charlame Drive, Brookville), Gary and Sonja Hundley (17023 McGuire Ridge Road, Laurel), Scott Sizemore (12047-55 US 52 West) and Kelly King (17020 McGuire Ridge Road, Laurel) are all close to being removed from the list and Merrell Grain (2015 Seeley Road, West Harrison) saw no movement either way.

Philip Wendel has replaced Patrick Bedel on APC as the Purdue Extension appointee.

week is quite exciting

# **CELEBRATING NATIONAL AG WEEK** New programs supporting agriculture

#### **Cassie Garrett REGIONAL DIRECTOR**

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National Ag Week is an annual event that celebrates the contributions of American agriculture to society. This week-long observance is an opportunity to recognize the hard work and dedication of farmers. ranchers, and other agricultural workers who provide us with an abundant and healthy food supply. It also serves as a reminder of the importance of agriculture to our economy and the need to support and invest in this vital industry.

#### **Current programs** available

\$15 million available for small meat processors in low interest loans via Department of Agriculture

Gov. Suzanne Lt. Crouch, Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development, alongside the Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) announced that small and very small meat processors in need of funding can apply for a loan via ISDA.

"This loan program is a first of its kind for our Indiana State Department of Agriculture and I am processing opportunity for Hoosier agribusinesses," said Lt. Gov. Crouch. "We know that more and more Hoosiers are shopping local for meat products and our small meat processors are struggling to keep up with demand. Additionally, some traditional business loans can be hard to secure for this industry, so this low interest loan program will go a long way in ensuring big step forward in alour local meat processors can expand and Hoosier customers get the products they are seeking." The Indiana Meat and Poultry Intermediary Lending Program (MPILP) is a \$15 million revolving loan program that

assists Indiana meat ket-ready and poultry packers and processors with access to affordable capital for meat expansion projects. This intermediary lending program addresses critical meat expansion needs, which developed and have continued since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

support local livestock producers by allowing their market ready livestock to be challenging, espebe processed within cially for meat procestheir

without delays."

Meat expansion projects will add local job opportunities and tax revenues for local communities and the State of Indiana.

"We are thrilled to announce this firstever loan program through the Indiana State Department of Agriculture," said The program will Don Lamb, ISDA director. "Traditional bank funding for agribusinesses can communities sors, so we are excited

livestock preserving local bank in rural areas. relationships.

> **Eligible expenses** may include, but are not limited to: Purchase/upgrade of equipment, infrastructure and technology - including instal-

> lation; Purchase or construction of a new facility;

Start-up costs, working capital, fees or expenses related to meeting federal or state standards; Increasing packaging and labeling capabilities; and Pollution billion. "As a farmer-

•Farm Credit Mid- because patronage-America will return eligible customers get \$66 million in net earnings to eligible customer-owners in Indiana during National Agriculture beginning Week,

March 18. The farmer-owned and led cooperative will return a total of many benefits Farm \$255 million to eligible customers this month, bringing the amount returned over the last eight years through its Patronage Program to \$1.25



opment Corporation (IEDC), who will serve as the intermediary lender. ISDA is also partnering with the Indiana Small Busi-Development ness Centers (ISBDC) who will assist in development of meat expansion projects and loan packages with local meat packers and processors. "This program is a ects; and lowing farmers to process their livestock locally," USDA Rural Development Indiana State Director Dr. Terry Goodin, said. "It shows the importance of investing locally and allows rural Hoosier livestock producers to send their mar-

and help to reduce to work hand in hand control and abatement owned delays, with our partners to including wastewater our customers have excited to support ISDA will be working ensure this needed and transportation. the opportunity to them in this unique closely with the Indi- funding is available The Indiana Meat and share in our success. ana Economic Devel- to our Hoosier busi- Poultry Intermedi- This means our cus- eligible business with nesses."

cooperative, ary Lending Program tomers-owners may patronage, receive which is the capital a about Farm Credit Midcooperative returns America's Patronage to its customers," said Program, including eli-Steve Witges, senior vice president of agricultural lending for Indiana. "Patronage com/about/patronage.

to enjoy the financial benefits of being owners of our cooperative. Our team members equally enjoy the week because it's another way we deliver value with a smile." Patronage is one of Credit Mid-America's customer-owners receive for belonging to the cooperative. They can vote for or seek election to the Board of Directors and Nominating Committee each year. They may also serve on the Advocate Council, a diverse group of customer-owners who represent rural communities and provide Farm Credit Mid-America with greater visibility into farmers' challenges and operational needs.

"A key to offering our customers patronage today and into the future is a financially healthy cooperative," says Witges. "We do this by working together and delivering quality loan products and services that meet our customers' needs while also earning their trust and confidence."

The Board of Directors vote to approve patronage annually. The amount of patronage that eligible customer-owners receive is proportionate to their level of transaction of the cooperative during 2023. To learn more gibility requirements customer-owner and testimonials, visit fcma.

Eligible entities include small meat processors looking to expand or entrepreneurs who would like to open a new facility.

Loan Terms:

3% interest rates for scalable loans from \$100,000 up to \$5 million;

2% interest rates for wastewater proj-

Up to 15-year loan terms.

ISDA is working closely with the Indiana Bankers Association (IBA) to encourage local bank participation in the meat expansion revolving loans that will result in blended interest rates while nomic opportunities

will open for applications on April 1, 2024. For information regarding the Indiana Meat and Poultry Intermediary Lending Program, please contact David Coates at dcoates@isda.in.gov. This funding was from the USDA Rural Development Meat and Poultry Processing Expansion Program with the goal increasing meat of and poultry processing capacity, which in turn increases competition, supports producer income, and strengthens the food supply chain to lower costs for families and create jobs and eco-



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# **Breaking Down Barriers: Nurse-Family Partnership**

#### **Cassie Garrett REGIONAL DIRECTOR**

Being born healthy and reaching critical developmental milestones are vivid predictors of future success. The Goodwill Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) in Indiana helps to achieve babies being born healthy and reaching essential milestones of development by bringing together first-time pregnant women from Franklin, Union, Rush, and Ripley Counties with registered nurses for ongoing visits. These visits are designed to support parents and thousands of parents families in giving their have learned how to

sible start in life dur- ensure their safety, uning the most critical derstand the benefits developmental years. As part of a nationally recognized community health program. NFP offers increased access to healthcare and improved health outcomes, creating a supportive community for expecting mothers and their families.

PEOPLE

Since its inception in November 2011, Goodwill's NFP has grown from a single team of eight nurses serving Indianapolis, residents to a robust program that has supported over 4.000 babies born across the service area by the end of 2022. This means children the best pos- bond with their babies.

of breastfeeding, and access trusted resources for housing, education. employment, and childcare. Regular physical assessments have also helped many achieve a healthy pregnancy and birth. To date, the program has served more than 6,500 families.

The free program supports the Indiana Department of Health and Governor Holcomb's goal to be "Best in the Midwest" in reducing infant death. providing prenatal care, and teaching parents about and encouraging smoking cessabreastfeeding, tion, and safe sleep.

HOW TO QUALIFY



will Partnership, an individual must::

Be less than 28 weeks (7 months) pregnant

Have no previous live births

Be at 200% of the

To qualify for Good-poverty level or be-Nurse-Family low (equivalent to the Medicaid eligibility requirement)

Live in one of the 61 Indiana counties where we currently offer services FIRST-TIME PAR-

ENT:

#### SELF-REFERRAL

To Self-refer, call 317-524-3999 or fill out the online form at nfp@goodwillindy.org.

For questions, contact Goodwill NFP by emailing nfp@goodwillindy.org or calling 317-524-3999.

# Daughters of Isabella, St. Catherine's Circle #103 meeting recap

**Daughters of** Isabella St. Catherine **Circle # 103** 

Knights of Columbus Flag. Hall with 25 members present. Chancellor Regent Julie Bowl- Denise Handley led ing called the meeting the Opening Prayer. to order on March 5th, Regent Julie Bowling

Denise Handley, Chancellor gave the Spiritual Activity on "Love and Fidelity".

Becky Oglesby, Recording Secretary, read the Roll Call of

motion was made by Alma Waywood to acone correction made from the families of seconded by Jacque- Larry line Sizemore. Mo- and Mary Ann Deffner tion carried.

2024 @ 7:00 pm at the led the Pledge to the ruary 6th business from the State of Indi-vice we provide, and meeting minutes. A ana on our Sales Tax she thanked all the Exemption. Oglesby, Recording cept the minutes with Secy read Thank You's this charity. Rosenberger for the funeral lunch-

COME TO EAT | COME TO DRINK | COME TO PLAY

Becky ladies who help and donated their time to

> Report on Standing & Special Committees: Welfare - Regent Julie Bowling report-

Membership prayer





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-----The Town of Laurel will be accepting applications for Deputy Marshal and Reserve Deputy Marshal applications. Applications may be picked up from the Laurel Clerk's office during the hours of 430pm to 630pm Monday through Friday. The deadline for the application is April 22nd 2024. Applicants who are qualified will be contacted for background check and interview process. (12-2tp)

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The family of Verna Miller would like to express our heart-felt thanks to the West College Corner Fire Department, Reid EMTs, Union County Sheriff, Jeff Adams and Union County Coroner, Rob Leavitt for their compassion and professionalism during a most difficult time for our family. (12-1tc)



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#### MECHANICS LIEN

There will be a mechanics lien sale on a 2016 Chevy Trax, VIN number 3GNCJPSB4GL155334, for unpaid charges of \$720. The sale will take place on April 1, 2024 at 10:00 AM. located at 10211 Yellow Bank Rd, Metamora, IN 47030

There will be a mechanics lien sale on a 2012 GMC Terrain, VIN number 2GKALMEK1C6196916 , for unpaid charges of \$650. The sale will take place on April 1, 2024 at 10:00 AM. located at 10211 Yellow Bank Rd, Metamora, IN 47030

There will be a mechanics lien sale on a 2019 Ford Ecosport, VIN number MAJ6S3GL4KC253688, for unpaid charges of \$685. The sale will take place on April 1, 2024 at 10:00 AM. located at 10211 Yellow Bank Rd, Metamora, IN 47030 11-2tcD

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STATE OF INDIANA IN THE FRANKLIN CIRCUIT COURT COUNTY OF FRANKLIN CAUSE NO. 24C01-2403-EU-000147 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF JOSHUA A SCHWEGMAN, DE-CEASED

#### NOTICE OF UNSUPER-VISED ADMINISTRATION

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of March, 2024, Phyllis J. Schwegman was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Joshua A. Schwegman, deceased, who died on February 19, 2024.

All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court. within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice of administration, or within (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Brookville, Indiana, March 7, 2024

Neysa R. Raible Clerk of the Franklin Circuit

Court of Franklin County ATTORNEY FOR ESTATE:

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#### Official Notice

The 2024 Annual Membership Meeting of Whitewater Valley Rural Electric Membership Corporation has been called by the Chairman of Board of Directors of the Corporation. The meeting will be held in the Civic Hall Performing Arts Center, 380 Hub Etchison Pkwy, Richmond, Indiana, on Monday, April 1, 2024. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Registration begins at 6:00 p.m. The business meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Members attending will be entered for a chance to win cash prizes and bill credits.

Election results of three directors and three nominating committee members will be announced the meeting and scholar ships will be awarded to ten local students in the amount of \$750 each. In addition to the election and scholarship awards, any other business pursuant to the bylaws of the Corporation may come before the membership. Members with multiple meters/ accounts in the same name will receive one special attendance gift. You must be present to win prizes and scholarships.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

"As required by Construction Stormwater General Permit (CSGP), the Indiana Department of Transportation hereby gives notice of future construction activity falling under the NPDES stormwater general permit rule covering construction. This project includes a slide correction along State Route (SR) 252, just west of Smith Road, near Brookville in Franklin County, Indiana. Estimated construction time is from January 2025 to November 2025.

Receiving Waters: Unnamed Tributaries to Whitewater River Des. Number: 2000087

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless is reviewing an existing 285 ft (overall height 299 ft) self-support telecommunications tower for the purpose of updating National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance documentation to support a proposed project for AT&T to install antennas at a centerline height of 267 ft with associated ground equipment inside the existing compound. The existing tower is located in the vicinity of McGuire Ridge Road (0.81 miles NNE of Hwy 52 and McGuire Ridge Rd), Laurel, Franklin Co, IN 47024. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30-days from the date of this publication to: Sahiro Tsukioka, GSS, Inc, stsukioka@gssmidwest.com, 1054 Texan Tr, Ste 300, Grapevine, TX 76051, 682.651.0034 (D24153-17-IN) 12-1tcD

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STATE OF INDIANA IN THE FRANKLIN CIRCUIT COURT

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

CAUSE NO. 24C01-2403-ES-000140 IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRA-TION OF THE ESTATE OF HER-MAN WAYNE LEWIS, DECEASED

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRA-TION TO DEVISEES, KNOWN AND UNKNOWN CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that on March 5, 2024, Terri Bishop was appointed Personal Representative of the Unsupervised Estate of Herman Wayne Lewis, who died November 24, 2023.

All persons having claims against said estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court located at 459 Main Street. Brookville, Indiana 47012, within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice of administration, or within (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Brookville, Indiana on

March 6, 2024 Neysa R. Raible

Clerk of the Franklin Circuit

#### ING FRANKLIN COUNTY STORMWATER MANAGE-MENT

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, it is determined that, Franklin County, IN, is in need updated drainage standards;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT NOW ORDAINED by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners (the "Commissioners"), that:

1. The attached Franklin County Stormwater Management Ordinance is adopted in its entirety along with the accompanying Stormwater Technical Standards Manual.

2. The standards for a particular project must be met in order to obtain a building permit, subdivision approval, or an improvement location permit, as applicable.

3. Such standards may be implemented by reference in the Franklin County CIC (Zoning) Code or other areas as may be appropriate.

4. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and any penalties shall be effective following appropriate publication.

5. If any provision of this ordinance is found to conflict with Indiana state law or with federal law, all other portions shall remain in full force and effect.

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#### DECATUR COUNTY AREA PLAN COMMISSION Notice of Hearing

Notice is given that the Decatur County Area Plan Commission will hear APC Petition 2024-6 filed by Don Volk, requesting to subdivide approx. 7.00 acres out of 89.83 acres and rezone approx. 2.99 acres from an A-1 zoning classification to an A-2 zoning classification for construction of a single family detached dwelling. This request falls under Decatur County Ordinance Section Number 915 & 920(7). This proposal will affect the following described real estate located in Salt Creek Township, Decatur County, Indiana:

Parcel #16-09-16-140-002.000-011

Part of the Northeast Quarter of Section (16) Sixteen, Township (10) Ten North, Range (11) Eleven East, containing approx. 89.83 acres more or less.

Said real estate is currently owned by the petitioner and is located at 9905 E County Rd 150 S, Batesville, Indiana 47006. The hearing will be at 7:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 3, 2024 in the first-floor meeting room, Suite 106 of the Decatur County Courthouse, located at 150 Courthouse Square, Greensburg, Indiana 47240. А copy of this proposal is on file at the office of the Decatur County Area Plan Commission at the Decatur County Courthouse, Greensburg, Indiana, for examination prior to the scheduled hearing. Written objection to this proposal will be considered if delivered to the office of the Decatur County Area Plan Commission office before 12:00 noon on the day of the hearing. Spoken comments concerning the proposal will be heard during the hearing. The hearing on this petition may be continued from time to time to a different date without fur-

#### 121 E Pearl St, PO 232 Laurel, IN 47024 TO ALL INTERESTED AGEN-

CIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS: On or about April 6, 2024, the

Town of Laurel will request the release federal funds from the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) for Community Development Block Grant Funds from the State of Indiana under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for the following project:

Laurel Community Center Project

The project will consist of the interior rehabilitation of the community center, including the new HVAC units, new electrical service, improved lighting, ADA accessibility improvements to accommodate medical service providers and a food pantry.

Finding of No Significant Impact It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above-named Town of Laurel has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reasons for such decision not to prepare such statement are as follows: All preliminary environmental

reviews by state and county agencies indicated that the proposed project would not endanger the environment under any capacity.

An Environmental Review Record regarding the proposed project has been made by the above-named Town of Laurel which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request from the Laurel Town Hall between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. Should town offices be closed, the ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request by U.S. mail to 121 E Pearl St, PO 232, Laurel, IN 47024 or by email to jodi.comer@sirpc.

org. No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of funds.

Public Comments of Findings

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Town of Laurel to the Laurel Town Hall, 131 E Pearl St., Indiana 47024 or by email to clerk@ townoflaurel.in.gov Such written comments should be received by April 5, 2024. All such comments so received will be considered and the Town of Laurel will not request the release of federal funds or take any administrative action on the proposed project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentences.

Release of Funds The Town of Laurel will undertake the project described above with Community Development Block Grant funds from the State of Indiana under Title I of the House

been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval the Town of Laurel may use the Block Grant funds and the State will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Objections to State Release of Funds

The State will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following basis: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer or other officer of applicant approved by the State; or (b) that the applicant's environmental review record for the project indicated omission of a required review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be submitted to Grant Services & OCRA through the ER Report in GMS.

Objections to the release of funds on the basis other than those stated above will not be considered by the State. No objections received after April 20, 2024, will be considered by the State.

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#### **Combined Notice**

Notice to Public of No Significant Impact on the Environment and

- Notice to Public of Request for Release of Funds Town of Brookville
- 1020 Franklin Ave Brookville, IN 47012

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Brookville Park- Parking lot Project

The project will consist of paving the existing gravel parking lot to provide 97 spaces and allowing ADA accessibility to the rest of the park

Finding of No Significant Impact It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above-named Town of Brookville has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190). The reasons for such decision not to prepare such statement are as follows: All preliminary environmental reviews by state and county agencies indicated that the proposed project would not endanger the environment under any capacity.

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Release of Funds

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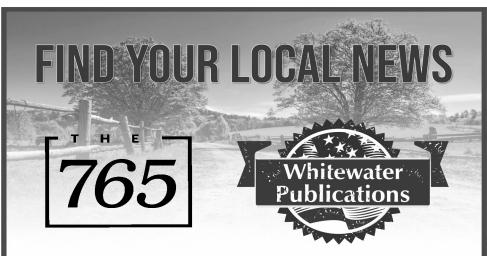
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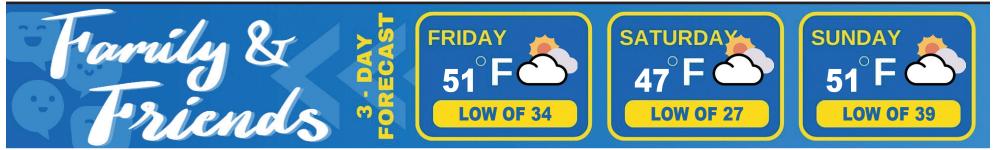
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Brian and Amy Noah, along with Jenny Mick and Wilz, purchased 515 Main Street, the old

painted on 2019 as part of the sale of Whitewater Publications. "We believed it

to the building's his- was a good spot for either Ice Cream or Donuts, which prompted the start of The Daily Scoop," said Brian Noah. "Being closely as-

transoms with "Pop- Popper building, in sociated with Main out for Rachel Vano- investment of the on Hilltop and the Brookville Street and trying to do our part to invest and grow Brookville, our group knew immediately that getting multi-uses out of the building would be a must. Following the Daily Scoop into 515 was a build-

ven Photography to complete the lower level. The upstairs has the potential to be multi-unit rental increase a local housing shortage and add more revenue to our downtown. The preserving Grant

facade will help us focus our money on completing the inside projects."

apartments to help Main Street facade 100% of the siding renovations will be at 300, 301, 320, 333, 664, and 721 Main Street. Work is also currently being done

KofC. At Hilltop, the siding was removed to reveal the original siding. Poole Group The other seven has deemed that will need replacing.

The General Contractor doing renovations is Poole Group.

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switched to Paralegal studies. She graduated midterm and is now wasn't even presenting completing her certi-

studies. "The hardest part or coming up with this fication for Paralegal plan. It was learning

how to make caramel," Piper added, joking about some pans were ruined in the process of perfecting this popu-

lar topping.

Congratulations to Isaiah and Piper for their incredible work and all of their exten-

sive efforts to make it to State! Congratulations to Tanya Wirtz for her students placing, her classes and knowledge

in helping students learn about careers and post-high school life, and her dedication to JAG

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Social Activities -Vickie Prybyla stated Regent Julie Bowling the Corporate Communion Party will by held on Wednesday April 24, 2024, Doors will open at 6:00 dinner at 6:30 pm. Committe will provide the meal. The party will be themed around the Eucharist. Please R.S.V.P. for the party to - Vickie by April 14th, 2024.

Respect Life - Regent Julie asked for ideas for nursing home at Easter. It was discussed but nothing decided. She will contact them and get ideas.

Prayer for youth was ried. recited by all.

Funeral Becky Oglesby-served involved with "Stayin the family of Mary Alive" contact her.

In New Business reported the upcoming Spring Fling will be held on April 27 and 28 at Montgomery, Indiana. Reservation slips are available from her. She also reported that St. Elizabeth Coleman needs baby items. It has been printed in the bulletin. Becky Oglesby brought up the Intense Youth Conference at St. Leon on June 7-9. A motion was made by Becky Oglesby we donate to them seconded by Denise Handley – motion car-Carrie DeFossett asked if anyone Lunches: is interested getting Ann Deffner on Febru- Their goal is working

lin County.

Good of the Order was given by Vice Regent Katie Cox.

Amy Schuck, treasurer gave the reading of the bills. A motion to pay the bills was made by Janell Oglesby seconded by Becky

Pelsor. Motion carried.

The obligation was recited, and adjournment was made by Regent Julie. Closing Prayer was led by Chancellor Denise. Door Prize won by Becky Pelsor.



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