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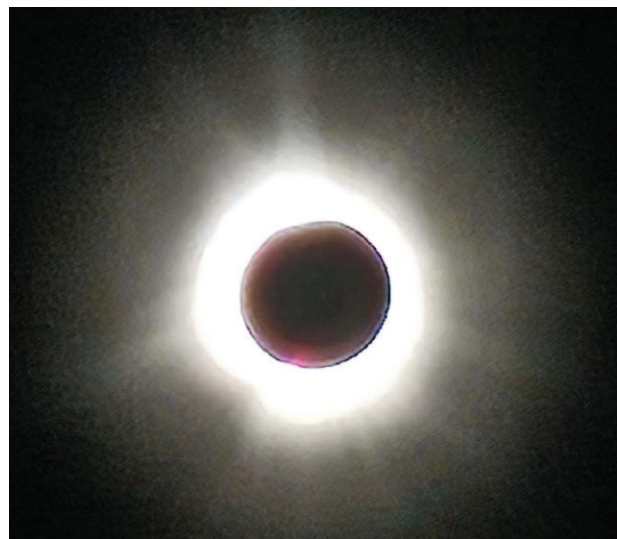
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See you in 2044 old friend



photo by Kim Meyers

Brookville resident Kim Meyers caught this photo of the Total Solar Eclipse on Monday, April 8.

Cassie Garrett
 REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Monday, April 8 was the day Franklin County

and its residents have been highly anticipating for months. With temperatures in the high 70s and not a cloud in the sky, it was a perfect

day for viewing the total solar eclipse.

According to NASA, the next total solar eclipse will occur in August 2026. It will be visible

in Iceland, Greenland, Spain, Russia, and a small part of Portugal. Unfortunately, the contiguous US won't (See "2044" pg. 9)

Brookville Main Street features live plant mural

Cassie Garrett
 REGIONAL DIRECTOR

In celebration of the total solar eclipse on Monday, Brookville's Main Street is featuring a live plant mural of the eclipse. The mural is 8' x 16' and features 1800 plants.

"Brookville was fortunate enough to fall within the 115-mile wide path of totality that sliced through the country, spanning from Texas to Maine," said Main Street Brookville Executive Director Christine Craig. "MSB was eligible to apply for grant funding due to a partnership between Main Street America and The Simons Foundation. The Simons Foundation granted funding to Main Street Brookville for the foundation's 'In The Path of Totality' initiative. The core goal of the grant was to create a science-based event to accompany the total eclipse. Drawing from the community's basis in the science of agriculture, the mural idea was born."

Rae Kunkel, the lead graphic designer at Whitewater Publications, created the design, then transferred that artwork onto a color-coded grid. Franklin County Middle School science teacher Beth Brown and a team of her students and the ColorWorks crew, used the grid to transfer the

mature, blooming flowers one by one into the design. On April 8, the Franklin County Courthouse lawn was transformed into a hub of excitement and learning. "Mooned on Main" was not just about the mural; it's a

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Community Calendar

April
Whitewater Valley Retired Teachers Association Members Meeting on Monday, April 15. Beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the board room at FCCSC Administration Building, 220 East 10th Street, Brookville, IN.

The Franklin County Historical Society will host a dinner/program at the Brookville Library on **Monday, April 15. At 6PM** Box Supper, per reservation to 765-647-7365 by April 12, will be followed at 7PM by HISTORY OF TRADITIONAL RUG HOOKING presented by Indiana Artisan, Tracy Burns. Public is invited

15th - Orange Cemetery Association Spring Clean Up
 Anything you want to keep, needs to be taken by April 15th.
 -Diane Medd

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, of Milford who is just as unique as the general, 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!!**

Franklin County Discover 4-H Project Showcase
Saturday, April 20th, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Brookville Library. Open to all families who are interested in learning more about Franklin county 4-H and 4-H opportunities. Projects will be on display for you to get ideas or your own projects. 4-H members and volunteers will be available to answer questions you may have. This is an open-house event, so feel free to come by anytime between 10-1. Hope to see you there! Questions? Contact the Purdue Extension Office at (765) 647-3511! Purdue University is an equal opportunity/equal access/affirmative action institution.

May
 Join the Franklin County Arts Council on Saturday, **May 11 (Mother's Day Eve!)** as we travel to Richmond for a group excursion to dine at the Old Richmond Inn and then head over to the Richmond Civic Theatre to see the hilarious musical comedy, "Something Rotten!" The Cost for the dinner and show is \$50. Reservations at the Old Richmond Inn are for 5:15, and the plated meal (not buffet) includes - Choice of Roast Pork Loin, Virginia Ham, or Chicken Parmigiana w/ linguine; Vegetable of the day; Duchess Potato; Garden Salad; Breadsticks; Cheesecake w/ Strawberries, or Sherbet. Tax and gratuity are included in the package price. We will be seated in a separate room for our group. Call Patti Wilhelm at 765-309-1473 to reserve a spot! (If you need transportation, let us know.)

HAVE A COMMUNITY EVENT TO SHARE?
 To submit a community event for publication, send an email to info@whitewaterpublications.com.

This is our commUNITY

FC Animal Shelter needs community's help raising funds for new kennels

The Friends of Franklin County Animal Shelter is the 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that runs the FC Animal Shelter. We ensure that all animals in our care are spayed/neutered, vaccinated, and in good physical condition. We work to ensure good homes for our animals, either through adoption or transfers to reputable rescue organizations. All of this would not be possible without our wonderful group of 20-25 volunteers. We have NO paid employees and receive NO funding from the county. Therefore, it is up to our volunteers and community support to raise the funds necessary to care for the neglected animals. In 2023, we took in and cared for 299 animals and incurred

medical bills in the tens of thousands. In 2024, our community animal population is growing, and the need to help unwanted pets is greater than ever.

Given the dilapidated state of the current shelter, our organization has fought for better shelter conditions for years. Generously, the county received a grant to build a much-needed new shelter containing 27 dog kennels; however, the grant will only cover the building structure itself and will not pay for necessary equipment needed to properly contain the dogs. The necessary equipment and structures include indoor/outdoor kennel fencing with appropriate latches and guillotine doors. This set up is advantageous to the health of

the dogs since it allows them to have an indoor eating and resting area and an outdoor area to relieve themselves. This two-part kennel system is possibly by means of a guillotine door separating the two areas. These doors can be lowered by shelter volunteers to help maintain climate control in the kennels and allow for cleaning of each individual side of the kennel.

The estimate for the kennel fencing, gates with reliable latches, and guillotine doors is approximately \$80,000. We need the community's help in raising money for these structures. We are looking for KENNEL SPONSORS. These proud sponsors will have their names, business names, or pet's name

on plaques that will be hung on each of our kennels. This is also a heartfelt way to memorialize a family member or beloved pet.

Noted, the new shelter will be named in memory of Louie Fasbinder, who dedicated his life to the Franklin County Shelter animals.

Please help us get a sponsor for each and every kennel. Your support is crucial to the completion of this project and helping us provide a clean, and safe, haven for neglected animals.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our President, Terri Parker at 513-515-5946, or our Fundraising Coordinator, Jayme Bender-Miller at 513-265-1041.

OPINION

LETTER TO THE EDITOR GUIDELINES

We accept Letters to the Editor limited to no more than 250 words. The opinions expressed are always the writer's own. Libelous, obscene, rude or disrespectful letters will not be considered. Letters may be edited for clarity.

All letters must be submitted by individuals who are area residents, visitors, property or business owners or have some direct connection to our community. Letters must include the writer's full name; anonymous letters and letters written under pseudonyms will not be considered. For verification purposes, they must also include the writer's home address, email address and a daytime telephone number. The letter may not have been submitted to, posted to or published by any other media. No more than one letter each month per individual will be published.

Not all letters will be published due to content or space constraints.

Negangards Celebrate 50 years

Cheyenne Lance
 LEAD STAFF WRITER

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to John and Karen Negangard!

Married on April 6th, 1974, John and Karen first met at Indiana University. Both were studying to be elementary school educators, and both accepted their first teaching jobs in Metamora.

John is originally from Milan, while Karen is from Crown Point.

John and Karen, now retired, have three sons - Shane, Eric, and Kevin - and

five grandsons - Wade, Kyle, Nixon, Knox, and Crew. They plan to spend their retirement comfortably, spend time with their grandkids, and enjoy some new hobbies.

John and Karen both have made lasting impacts on their students during their years of teaching, and built so many relationships with students, staff, parents, and peers.

Their wedding pictures alone really sum it up.

John and Karen have done a good job demonstrating that you can have your cake and eat it, too!



\$15,879 DONATED TO OA TO SUPPORT HIGH SCHOOL ROBOTICS

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) has awarded Oldenburg Academy \$15,879 to support the launch of High School Robotics Teams in and around Southeastern Indiana. This funding comes from the IDOE's K-12 Robotics Competition Grant, which was created to support schools as they provide opportunities to increase interest and improve skills in STEM through participation in competitive robotics programs that provide hands-on learning experiences, establish community partnerships to increase awareness of local workforce and postsecondary opportunities, highlight career opportunities through adult mentors, and prioritize a connection to manufacturing, machining, and fabrication skills for students in grades 9 through 12.

With the support of the IDOE K-12 Robotics Competition Grant, Oldenburg Academy, in partnership with Genesis: Pathways to Success, has established a countywide VEX VRC High School robotics team. This team is coached by Genesis:

Pathways to Success staff member, Amelia Comer, and is composed of students from Oldenburg Academy and other Ripley County High Schools, specifically Batesville and Milan High Schools.

"This is a huge opportunity to empower students and foster their passion for STEM and robotics in Southeastern Indiana. We are thrilled to partner with Genesis: Pathways to Success, and look forward to the robust competition in the months ahead," stated Annette Hunger, president of Oldenburg Academy.

With robust VEX IQ Robotics programs in numerous elementary and middle schools, local educators identified a need for higher-level robotics programming, and this initiative is an opportunity to ensure that all students in and around Ripley County have the opportunity to participate in a high school robotics team. The IDOE K-12 Robotics Competition Grant will bridge the robotics gap between middle school and high school, while also preparing students with the knowledge and skills sought by local

manufacturers who use robots.

"Participating in VEX Robotics Competitions allows students to work on a variety of skills, including critical thinking and problem-solving, while learning necessary robotics concepts," said Amelia Comer, assistant program coordinator of Genesis: Pathways to Success. "These students were tasked with not only learning the competition but also how to work with significantly different robotics materials compared to VEX IQ, which were all plastic parts. As a token of their successful first year, our goal is to increase the number of participants as we start recruiting for next year's team."

Schools in and around Ripley County

expected to benefit from the K-12 Robotics Competition Grant are the Batesville Community School Corporation, Jac-Cen-Del Community School Corporation, Milan Community School Corporation, Oldenburg Academy, and South Ripley Community School Corporation.

To learn more information about the K-12 Robotics Competition Grant, visit the IDOE's website at www.in.gov/doe/. To acquire additional information about the robotics program being implemented in Southeastern Indiana, please contact Annette Hunger by emailing ahunger@oldenburgacademy.org, calling 812-934-4440, or visiting 1 Twister Circle, Oldenburg, IN, 47036.

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Charles Moore

Charles “Chuck” Moore, of Metamora, was born on July 2, 1929, in Kenton County, Kentucky, a son to Wilford Petty Moore and Jeanette May Cook. After graduating high school, he joined and later retired from the United States Air Force, serving his country for over 20 years. Chuck then acquired his insurance license and started his own agency, which he had for 10 years. He later worked for the postal service. Chuck married Eva Goins on December 28, 1989, and she preceded him in death on June 23, 2011. Chuck was a member of the Harrison, Ohio Masonic Lodge #193

and the Brookville VFW. He loved going out to eat and dressing in all white – he was even known as “Colonel Sanders of Metamora” and was frequently asked to have pictures taken. On Monday, April 1, 2024, at the age of 94, he passed away at his residence, surrounded by his loving family.

Survivors include his two sons, Michael Moore, and John (Jeanne) Moore, and stepdaughter, Wanda Tenhundfeld. Besides his parents and second wife, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Susan Marie Moore and a brother, Wilford Petty Moore, Jr. Friends may visit



with the family on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at Cook Rosenberger Funeral Home, 929 Main Street, Brookville. A Masonic service will start at 12 noon, followed by the funeral service. The Bernard Hurst Post #77 Brookville American Legion will provide military honors graveside in St. Michael Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be directed



to the Brookville VFW or the Alzheimer’s Association. To sign the online guestbook or to leave a personal condolence, please visit www.cookrosenberger.com. The staff of Cook Rosenberger Funeral Home is honored to care for the family of Chuck Moore.

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: 15:35 4/2/24

Inmate Name: Davis, Jessica L.

Arrest Location: US 52 & Derbyshire Road, Laurel

Birth Date: 5/16/95

Arrested by: C. Maxie

Agency: FCSD

Crime Class: L5

Offense: Trafficking with an Inmate

MMH INTRODUCES USER-FRIENDLY BUILDING PLATFORM TO ENHANCE PATIENT EXPERIENCE

Margaret Mary Health has implemented a new patient billing platform designed to enhance the patient experience. This platform provides patients with a user-friendly interface they can easily access to understand their medical expenses. It offers transparency in billing processes and the convenience of multiple payment options. In addition to paper statements, it improves patient communication by utilizing text and email payment reminders.

“We recognize managing and paying MMH bills has been challenging for patients. One of our top priorities is creating a care delivery model focused on improving access, convenience and ease of using our services. Thanks to valuable input and survey feedback from our patients, this is the first of several platforms we’ll be implementing throughout 2024 designed to improve the patient experience before, during and after utilizing our services,” shared Liz Leising, CEO and president of Margaret Mary Health.

As part of the new automated system, patients will receive text messages and/or emails alerting them each time a bill has been generated following services. These messages are sent prior to when a paper statement is received in the mail. Additional text and email payment reminders will be sent from MMH prior to the due date, which is 30 days from statement generation.

Patients will have the ability to customize their communication preferences and opt out of any, including paper statements. Payments can be made through a variety of methods including online, through text message link, via an automated phone line 24/7, scanning a QR code on the billing statement, through the patient portal or by traditional mail.

A major enhancement is the ability for patients to set up their own payment plan online through their patient portal or by visiting mmhealth.org/paymybill. Payments can also be set up as recurring automatic payments with a credit or debit card. MMH offers zero-interest payment plans for up to 36 months, depending on the total balance due. Payment plans may also be arranged via phone by calling our Patient Financial Services team at 812.933.5441.

MMH is committed to delivering the best possible healthcare services and is grateful for the ongoing community support. For easy access to the patient portal, go to the App Store or Google Play, search for MMH Patient Portal and download the mobile app. If you need assistance enrolling, or help with your username and password, call the Portal Helpline at 812.933.5124. For questions regarding the new billing platform contact the Patient Financial Services team at 812.933.5441.

Source: MMH

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Ray Ball

Ray G. Ball, age 74, of Cedar Grove died unexpectedly Wednesday, April 3, 2024 in the Emergency Department at McCullough Hyde Memorial Hospital in Oxford, Ohio.

Born March 4, 1950 in Berea, Kentucky, he was one of six children born to the late Ben F. and Lula M. (Coy) Ball. He worked as a machinist and tool & die maker for Hamilton Tool & Die for many years before his retirement.

In his leisure time he enjoyed softball, bowling, and had bowled on the Thursday

night Men’s League for many years. He also had a deep appreciation for nature, enjoyed eagles, and Appaloosa horses.

Survivors include his life partner of 41 years, Betty Gross; his step-children, Margaret (Alfred) Raines, Flint (Kimberly) Gross and Arnold (Rhoda) Gross; 11 step-grandchildren, 13 step-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mildred Robertson of Greensburg and Shirley Mays of Palm Bay, Florida; two brothers, Johnnie Calvin (Linda) Ball and Chester (Ellen)

Ball, all of Brookville; as well as several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, James T. Ball.

Family and friends visited on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at Phillips & Meyers Funeral Home, 1025 Franklin Avenue, Brookville.

Pastor Paul Frederick of First Baptist Church of Laurel officiated the Funeral service at 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at Phillips & Meyers Funeral Home, with burial following in Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

The staff of Phil-



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

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Gladys Helton

Gladys Marie Helton, age 52, of Bright, passed away on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, in Bright. She was born the daughter of Norman and Rosella (North) Helton on April 8, 1971, in Pineville, Kentucky. After graduating high school, she went to college for computer coding.

She was survived by her children: Leonard Helton, Norman

Johnson, Kimberly Hendrickson, Jessica Hendrickson, Emily (Shawn) Bowling, and David Hendrickson, her long-time companion, David Hendrickson, and nine grandchildren: Jayden, Jaylah, Jayvon, Leyah, Lena, Le’ana, Carter, Nevada, and Reno. She is also survived by her sisters: Donna Locke, Dorothy Bowling, Cindy Saylor, Becky Hel-

ton, Linda Krolczyk, Cindy Saylor, Mary (Kevin) Runion, Darlene (Jimmy) Gross, and Deanna North, and brothers: Norman (Jean) Helton and Eldon (Sarah) North.

Gladys was preceded in death by her parents, Norman and Rosella Helton, and her sister Rosie Blavender.

A private service will be held at the convenience of the family.

Paid Obituary.



Ardella Redmon

Ardella Redmon, age 99, of Brookville died early Friday April 5, 2024 at McCullough Hyde Memorial Hospital in Oxford, Ohio.

Born February 26, 1925 in Letcher County, Ken-

tucky, she was the daughter of the late Charlie and Lizzie (Davis) Lewis.

Ardella was a homemaker, raising her children and then several other family members as her own. In her leisure time she enjoyed playing cards, Chinese checkers, and going to yard sales; but what she cherished most was her family.

Survivors include four children, Wanda Reese of Brookville, James R. Maggard of Hamilton, Ohio, Dewey Calihan of Brookville and Belinda Calihan of St. Petersburg, Florida; seven grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and 18 great-great-grandchildren; as well as one brother, Darrell (Joan) Lewis of West College Corner.

In addition to her par-

ents, she was preceded in death by three husbands, Clyde Calihan, John Hart and John Redmon; a daughter, Dorena Kay Bristow, a granddaughter, Rebecca (Reese) Retherford, a great-grandson, Josh Bristow, as well as three sisters and one brother.

Family and friends visited on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 10066 Oxford Pike, Brookville.

Randy Edwards and Pastor Kevin Waltz officiated the funeral service at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Brookville. Burial followed in Scipio Union Cemetery in Okeana, Ohio where her great-grandsons, Nicholas Retherford, Zachary Sanders, Dalton Childers, Brady Logan,



Jon Calihan and Keith Taulbee served as pallbearers.

Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Jude Children’s Hospital. The staff of Phillips & Meyers Funeral Home are honored to serve the family of Ardella Redmon, to sign the online guest book or send personal condolences, please visit www.phillipsandmeyers.com.

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Life long Franklin County resident turns 100



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Virginia Hunt celebrated turning 100 last week and is pictured at her party on Saturday. Read more about Virginia in next week's edition of the Brookville Democrat/American.

Jim Wilz biking for Breast Cancersurvivors, weekfour

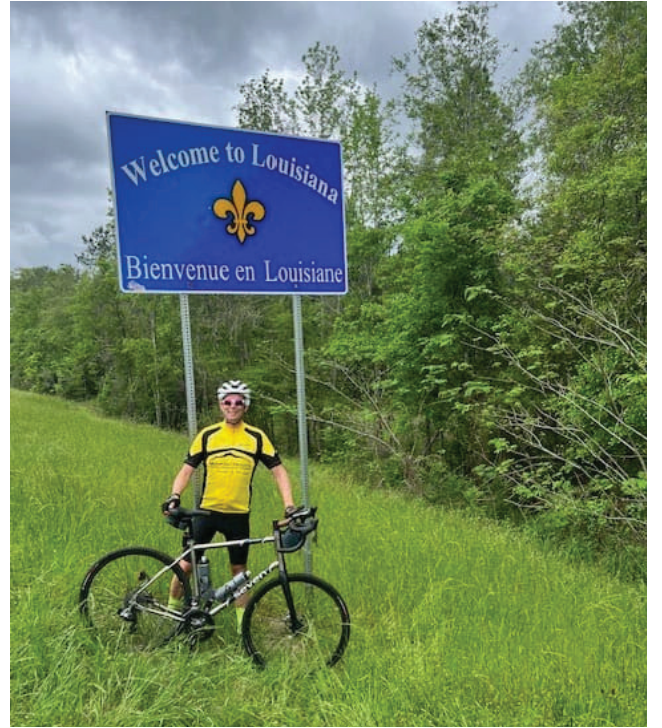
We are back with the Week Four update for Jim Wilz and his bike ride across the United States in support of Breast Cancer survivors, as partnered with Move Beyond Surviving.

Hello Friends and Family,

Happy Easter! And I am thrilled to say that on Easter afternoon, we finally finished our journey through Texas. We traveled approximately 950 miles over 18 days through the Longhorn State, visiting many small towns with welcoming folks and lots of BBQ.

A special Easter Thank You to Pastors Paul, Jason, Angie (I was 20 miles from the Woodlands, TX) and my friends at Monfort Heights Methodist Church who sent me a customized jersey this Easter week. Melissa and I have been members here for nearly 35 years and I have attended programs here since my kindergarten years! Your support and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Day 23 - A special rest day in Fredericksburg, Tx. I had the wonderful opportunity to visit with the newest member of our family, my great niece Kennedy Ann. She is four months young and lives with her parents Hilary and Brian in San Antonio. Brian serves our country at Joint Base San Antonio in the USAF. They have lived away from family for quite a few



years, and I am glad to say they are doing well.

Day 24 - Fredericksburg Tx to Austin Tx. (87 Miles, 5369 Elevation Gain, 6 hours in seat) We biked up and down in Texas Hill Country today. This booming area now has over 100 wineries and many exotic hunting ranches where the animals of Africa can be found in Texas. The beautiful part of the day was the miles and miles of blooming blue bonnet and paintbrush wildflowers that line the roads. This effort was pioneered by Lady Bird Johnson and the highway beautification act of 1965, leaving a lasting legacy throughout central Texas.

After lunch we biked into Austin. The feel of the big city was a welcome change from two weeks of desert scenery. In the evening, I

was so happy to meet up with my niece Rachel. Rachel grew up with my kids on West Fork Road and is a successful graduate of the UC DAAP program in fashion design.

Day 25 - Austin to La Grange Tx (77 Miles 2,133 Elevation Gain 5 hr. 21 min in seat) Exiting Austin, we passed some of the new Giga Factories and the home of the Austin Grand Prix. The rest of the day was just getting miles done in Texas.

Day 26 - La Grange Tx to Navasota Tx (81 Miles 3648 Ft elevation gain 5 hr. 40 min in seat) We had a beautiful day rolling east with miles and miles of blue bonnets. I was able to get a couple butterfly pictures on the flowers. We had lunch at the original site of Baylor University.

A monument of (See "BIKE" pg. 13)

FRANKLIN COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL

Upcoming event



Join the Franklin County Arts Council on Saturday, May 11 (Mothers Day Eve!) as we travel to Richmond for a group excursion to dine at the Old Richmond Inn and then head over to the Richmond Civic Theatre to see the hilarious musical comedy, "Something Rotten!" The cost for the dinner and show is \$50.

Reservations at the Old Richmond Inn are for 5:15, and the plated meal (not buffet) includes - Choice of Roast Pork Loin, Virginia Ham, or Chicken Parmigiana w/linguine; Vegetable of the Day; Duchess Potato; Garden Salad; Breadsticks; Cheesecake w/ Strawberries, or Sherbet. Tax and gratuity are included in the package price. We will be seated in a separate room for our group.

The show offers front row seats for the popular musical spoof set in Renaissance England, which played on Broadway and was nominated for numerous Tony Awards. It features two brothers - Nick Bottom and Nigel Bottom - who are trying to find success writing plays, but are outshined by the rockstar playwright, William Shakespeare.

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Elizabeth Hargis

Elizabeth Louise Hargis, nee Winkelman, (Betty Lou), passed away peacefully on April 5, 2024, after a long battle with breast cancer. She was surrounded by family in her last three days.

She was a graduate of Harrison High School in 1967 and a 30-year employee of Hill-Rom in Batesville.

She worked tirelessly as a single mom to support her two daughters, Heather Ann and Lori Rae. She loved reading and music, and going

out to eat, especially at Frisch's where she worked as a carhop during high school.

She was a stubborn, yet a determined woman who refused help, unless absolutely needed, because she believed she could do anything that she set her mind to.

Those left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Heather Ann Hargis (Larry McAllister) and her grandchildren: Brandon Hargis, Katy, Noah, and Ashlee Willett, and Aidan, Au-

turnn, and Maia Williams. Also surviving are her siblings: Chuck (Brenda) Winkelman and Candy (Jim) Smith.

She was preceded in death by her beloved daughter, Lori Rae Hargis, and Lori's son, Dakota Lee.

At her request, there will be no official funeral, but Betty would love any donations to be sent to the American SIDS Institute, 528 Raven Way, Naples, Florida 34110, to honor her beloved grandson, Dakota.

The family would



like to thank Margaret Mary Hospice outpatient for their support and comfort during her three days of hospice care.

Paid Obituary.

Jerald Vaughan

Jerald Lee Vaughan, 79, passed away Friday, April 5, 2024, in Brookville.

He was born April 28, 1944, in Milan, the oldest of four children, to Cecil and Anna May Vaughan. Jerry graduated from North Dearborn High School in 1962. An athlete, Jerry was inducted into the East Central Athletic Hall of Fame as a member of the 1961-62 North Dearborn basketball team.

After attending Indiana University for two years, he served as a personnel specialist in Germany during the Vietnam Era and received an Honorable discharge as a SP5 (E5). He earned the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and shot Expert on the rifle.

Jerry started his career in 1967 with Cincinnati Incorporated when it was still named the Cincinnati Shaper Company and retired after 42 years in January 2009. A favorite

memory for Jerry's children was the summer picnic when Cincinnati Incorporated opened the manufacturing floor, set up carnival rides, and had games on the company grounds.

He married Linda Dale (Beckman) on August 3, 1968, and continued their love affair throughout their 55 years of marriage. During the early years of their marriage, Jerry pursued his education at the University of Cincinnati, where he graduated in 1978 with a degree in information processing. Wickedly smart, Jerry sought out new hobbies constantly, from purely intellectual interests such as chess and choosing stocks, to physically demanding endeavors such as building furniture and rehabbing a house.

Jerry will be deeply missed by his devoted wife Linda; nine children: Tamara (Dan) Leeks of Seattle, Christina (Johann) Perera of Sharonville, Ohio,

Heather (Willie) Burroughs of Florence, SC, Jeremy Vaughan of Tijeras, NM, Joshua Vaughan of Fort Myers, Fla., Logan Vaughan of Longview, Wash., Autumn (Reggie) Ward of Rincon, Ga., Jeremiah Vaughan of Florence, SC, and Zachariah (Ashley) Vaughan of Epping, NH; and 17 grandchildren: Nathaniel and Isabella Leeks, Nicholas, Emma, Christopher, and Victoria Perera, Kaleb and Kaylanna Burroughs, Owen, Opal, and Oakley Vaughan, Jude Vaughan, Noah and Ophelia Vaughan, Adelaide and Tiberius Ward, and Orrick Vaughan. He is also survived by his sisters Ruby Drew, Connie (Lloyd) Fledderman, and Donna (Randy) Franklin.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cecil and Anna May Vaughan, his in laws, Loren Dale and Ruby Beckman, a brother-in-law, Ron Whitacre, and a sister-in-law, Melody Jackson.



Private services will be held for the family. Interment with full military graveside honors by the Bernard Hurst Post #77 of the American Legion will take place in Creekside Cemetery in Klemmes Corner.

Memorial contributions can be directed to the Franklin County Humane Society in support of the new animal shelter.

The staff of Phillips & Meyers Funeral Home are honored to serve the Vaughan family, to sign the online guest book or send personal condolences, please visit www.phillipsandmeyers.com

Paid Obituary.

Paul E. Gerrian

Paul E. Gerrian, 90 of Franklin County, passed away April 4, 2024 in Shelbyville. He was born September 14, 1933 in Franklin, County to the late Floyd and Emma (Cleat) Gerrian. Paul married Janice (Davison) Gerrian August 6, 1954 and she preceded him in death on December 24, 2014. He was a dedicated farmer all his life and also worked at Per-

fect Circle, retiring in 1988. Paul enjoyed gardening, playing cards with his family and his casino trips.

Paul is survived by his son, Phillip (Kim) Gerrian of Franklin County and daughter, Paula McDaniel of Franklin County. He will also be missed by his 5 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Paul is preceded

in death by his wife, parents, son, Clifford Gerrian; brothers, Charles Gerrian, Norman Gerrian and Pete Gerrian; his sister, Katherine Grier.

Services will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at 10 AM at Moster Mortuary, with Pastors Chip West and Chuck Gerrian presiding. Friends are welcome to visit the family from 4PM-8PM Tuesday evening in the



mortuary. Burial will be held in Hopewell Cemetery.

Paid Obituary.

Club & Sorority News

The Eta Kappa Chapter of Delta Theta Tau Sorority, Inc convened for its March regular meeting at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, led by President Jan Bauman. With a quorum of 16 members, various agenda items were addressed.

Firstly, adjustments were made to the meeting minutes, notably shifting New Mercies volunteer month to May. The treasurer's report highlighted financial activities from Feb 13 to Mar 10, with discussions on upcoming craft shows and dance reviews. The nominating committee proposed officer candidates for the upcoming fiscal year.

Initiatives included increasing gift card donations to county elementary schools and supporting the Franklin County Community Foundation scholarships. The idea of hosting a craft party was proposed to the social committee. Additionally, efforts to aid the community through

providing meals at New Mercies and supporting the Franklin County Drama Department's spring production were discussed. Membership matters, such as initiation procedures and dues updates, were outlined.

The highlight of the March meeting was the celebration of Judy White's remarkable 50 years of dedicated sisterhood within the Eta Kappa chapter. Judy's unwavering commitment and enduring loyalty to the sorority exemplify the core values and spirit of Delta Theta Tau. Her journey through half a century of sisterhood not only reflects her personal dedication but also serves as an inspiration to all members.

The session concluded with announcements of March birthdays and anniversaries, with gratitude to hostesses Joy Bishop and Vickie Prybyla, and the Delta Closing Ceremony.

By: Lisa Bruns

Publicist & Webmaster

A Public Thank You

The family of John D. Seale would like to thank everyone who attended the visitation, donated to the Clayton John Seale Endowment through the Franklin County Community Foundation or sent flowers, food, and cards. Thank you to Phillips and Meyers Funeral Home for memorializing John's life in a special way. Thanks to Rev. Steve Rundel for

officiating the funeral service and to Jerry Mainous for sharing his memories. Warm regards to Bernard Hurst Post #77 of the American Legion for the touching graveside service. A big thank you to Brookville United Methodist Women in Faith for the delicious lunch. Your thoughts and prayers were a blessing to us.

HOOSIER HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

April 8, 1990

Ryan White died at age 18 in Indianapolis. An AIDS patient, his courageous struggle for acceptance gained national attention. Shortly after his death, Congress passed the Ryan White Care Act, which provides services for people living with HIV/AIDS.

ture for The Sound of Music.

April 10, 1827

Lew Wallace was born in Brookville. The son of Indiana Governor David Wallace, he became an attorney, Civil War General, Governor of the New Mexico Territory, and best-selling author (Ben Hur.)

Summer STEM program coming to St. Michael

Camp Invention, a nationally recognized, nonprofit summer enrichment program, is coming to St. Michael School the week of June 3 - 7, 2024. Regional program sponsors include Flosource, General Motors and H.B. Fuller Company Foundation.

A program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame® in partnership with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Camp Invention challenges children in grades K-6 to tap into their natural curiosity and use their creativity to solve problems. Through hands-on activities, Camp Invention promotes STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) learning; builds confidence, leadership, perseverance and resourcefulness; and encourages entrepreneur-

ship - all in a fun and engaging environment.

Each year, the program features a new curriculum inspired by some of our nation's most world-changing inventors - the National Inventors Hall of Fame Inductees. This year's Illuminate program encourages children to be confident in their ideas and explore their innovativeness through hands-on activities including:

Let's Glow: Creativity radiates as campers uncover the science of light through illuminating inventions and glowing animals

Prototyping Studio: Children star as contestants on a game show where they mold, shape and transform their ideas into amazing inventions

In the Game: As campers create their

own light-up game board, they team up to tackle athletics, design, business and invention

Operation: Hydro Drop - Children embark on a global operation to help solve water challenges around the world
"Camp Invention opened up a whole new creative world for my daughter," said the parent of a 2023 Camp Invention camper. "Now she looks around for things she can use to build new things, and she uses a creative thought process to figure out how to build it! She's already looking forward to Camp Invention in 2024."

All local Camp Invention programs are facilitated and taught by qualified educators who reside and teach in the community. Camp Invention serves 122,000 students every

year and partners with more than 2,500 schools and districts across the nation. For more information or to register, visit invent.org/camp.

About Camp Invention

Camp Invention is the only nationally recognized summer program focused on creativity, innovation, real-world problem solving and the spirit of invention. Through hands-on programming, Camp Invention encourages children entering kindergarten through sixth grade to explore science, technology, engineering and mathematics curricula inspired by some of the world's greatest inventors. Since 1990, our education programs have served more than 2.6 million children, and 309,000 teachers and Leadership Interns.



April 8, 2024

Enjoy the Eclipse Indiana!

Did you know there is a Moon Tree on the lawn of the Indiana Statehouse?

April 9, 1962

Robert Wise won Academy Awards for best director and best picture for West Side Story. Born in Winchester, he attended Franklin College. In Hollywood, he became an acclaimed film editor, producer, and director. He also won Oscars in 1965 for best director and best pic-



April 11, 1831

Citizens of Indianapolis celebrated the arrival of the first steamboat to come from Cincinnati via the Ohio, Wabash, and White rivers. It was hoped that the Robert Hanna would establish the new city as a river port. However, the boat ran aground on its return trip and White River proved to be unfit for commercial navigation.

Source: Hoosier History Highlights



Lady Wildcats win inaugural Raver Relays

Will Fehlinger
SPORTS EDITOR



photo Will Fehlinger

BATESVILLE – The Franklin County girls track and field team came out ahead in the first-ever Raver Relays hosted by Batesville Saturday in honor of the late coach Ron Raver.

The Lady Wildcats scored 107 points to the host Lady Bulldogs' 95. Rushville was 4th. On the boys side, Batesville edged out Jennings County with FC coming in third (75). Rushville tied for 5th with Milan.

Ella Flannery was the high jump champ, clearing five feet even. Lacy Isaacs placed 7th. Mackenzie Brzezinski won the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.9 seconds; Esther George was runner-up (17 flat). The 4x100 relay team won in a time of 51.31 while FC also won the 4x200 (1:49.86). The Lady Cats were runner-up in the 4x400 (4:21.2) and third in the 4x800 (Jaelyn & Jacy Grimmeisen, Jorja Graf, Reagan Minniti; 11:57.35).

Emma Rosenberger won the pole vault competition, clearing nine feet even on her first attempt and Hanna Betzing was 2nd at the same height af-

ter a scratch. Rosenberger and George were one, two in the long jump pit; the former leapt 15-3.25 while the latter in her first attempt at the event went 14-7.75. Maggie Rifle was sixth in discus at 81-1. Brzezinski and Flannery were chosen team



photo provided



photo Will Fehlinger

MVPs for the weekend. The boys 4x100 team placed 2nd (45.01pr), as did the 4x200 squad (1:36.41pr) and the 4x400 unit (James Rowland, Joey Meyer, Owen Harvey, Brandon Willis; 3:32.75!). Earl Carr placed second in high jump, going over at 5-10; Hunter Weartz was 5th at 5-8. Cole Freese was runner-up in pole vault (12 ft.) while Keegan Clark took



photo Will Fehlinger

4th (10 ft.). Ethan Brewer and Kyle Bolser placed three, four in long jump (19 ft. & 17-9pr); it was Bolser's first varsity meet. Lance Fields and Clayton Lunsford were four, five in shot put (44-6 & 42-9) while Lunsford took bronze in discus with a PR of 120 ft.

FC will be at the Greg Zuleger Invitational at Harrison, Ohio Friday.

Cats just shy in St. Leon

Will Fehlinger
SPORTS EDITOR



ST. LEON – Franklin County baseball's comeback attempt at rival East Central Thursday fell just short in a 5-4 loss to the Trojans.

FC spotted the hosts four runs in the bottom of the third for the game's first offense. The Wildcats halved the deficit in their next at-bat be-

fore EC tacked on one more in the last of the fourth. FC got single runs in both the fifth and seventh frames but not quite enough. The visitors outhit EC 10-8 and errors were even at two apiece.

Brayden Rouse belted his second homer in as many games against FC, driving in three of the Trojan runs. Ben Becker and Garrett Kuntz each had doubles and a pair of hits, with Becker adding two RBI. Blake Stephenson, Braylon Kruthaupt and Kaden Welch added two hits

apiece; Welch had a triple and RBI. Austin Andre drove in the other Wildcat run.

Kruthaupt took the loss on the mound, surrendering five earned runs on seven hits and two walks with three punchouts. Stephenson finished up, fanning two while walking three and allowing a base hit.

FC (2-2, 0-2 Eastern Indiana Athletic Conference) plays Connersville twice this week and is at Union County for a Saturday doubleheader starting at 11 a.m.

Twisters triumph over Eagles on walkoff grounder

Will Fehlinger
SPORTS EDITOR

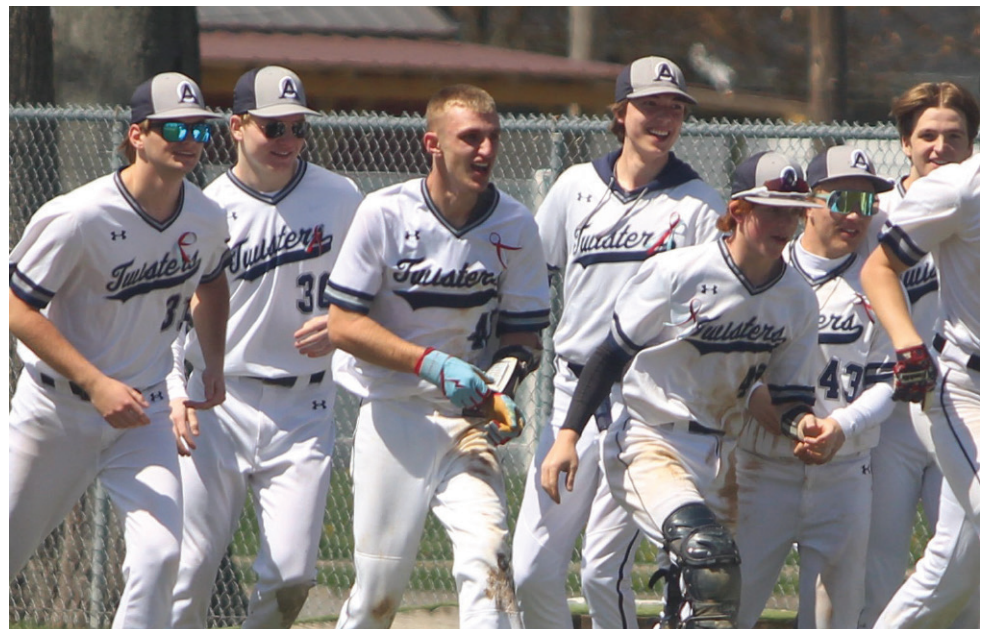


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It was a cold night down in Rising Sun on Thursday but the Oldenburg Academy Twisters came out on the winning side of a 4-3 game.

The Twisters only had two hits on the night, but had a total of eight walks. The Twisters were led by the Jacobs; Cornelius went 1 for 3 with a walk and Stenger went 1 for 2.

Zach Hoff started for the Twisters and went four innings giving up 2 hits, an earned run, walking just one and fanning six Shiners. Clay Eckstein came in to pitch the final three frames, only allowing a hit and striking out two.

"Our first two wins have been excellent team wins. We've done the little things right, patient at the plate, and have had timely scoring plays. Just would like to see us put the ball in play more," Coach Patrick Kolks said after the game.

It was an up-and-down game Saturday but the cyclones were all smiles as senior Angus Loneragan crossed home plate as

the winning run of a 9-8 win over the Jac-Cen-Del Eagles.

"This win speaks volumes for this team. Being down two in your final at-bat is a tough hole to climb out of. Some teams may not have the fight, but this team fights all the way until the last out is recorded," Kolks said.

The Twisters jumped out to a 4-1 lead in the first when Juston Dietz scored on a passed ball. They added another run in the 2nd to extend it to 5-1. But the Eagles weren't going down without a fight either. They added one in the 4th and exploded for four in the 5th to take the lead 6-5. The Twisters would tie it up at 6 in the bottom of the 5th thanks to some heads-up baserunning by Tyler Gill and a single by Jared Schuman. However, the Eagles added two in the top of the 6th to take an 8-6 lead. Then, the drama unfolded in the bottom of the 7th.

Dietz walked to lead off. After a Sully Hill strikeout, Schuman laced a single to left field that advanced

Dietz to third. Loneragan came up and on the 5th pitch smashed a double over the right fielder's head that scored Dietz and advanced Schuman to third. Ryan Hautman came in as a pinch hitter and was down 0-2 when he hit a groundball in-between the pitcher and first baseman. This allowed the tying run to score and advanced Loneragan to third. Adam Weber drew a walk, which brought Clay Eckstein to the plate. Eckstein hit a ground ball to second, which he beat out and Loneragan scored. The players mobbed Eckstein down the first-base line.

Stenger started and went three innings for the Twisters. He gave up 1 run (0 earned) on 2 hits, striking out 3. Connor Holder pitched 1 2/3 giving up 5 runs (0 earned) on 3 hits, walking 4 and striking out 1. Eckstein pitched 2 1/3 giving up 2 runs (both earned) on 3 hits while striking out 3 and walking 1.

OA (3-0) plays in a tourney at South Dearborn Saturday.

Four schools crowned in hoops

Will Fehlinger
SPORTS EDITOR

INDIANAPOLIS – Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indy was the site of four newly crowned champions in IH-SAA boys basketball Saturday, March 30. All four – Brownstown Central in Class 2A, Fort Wayne Canterbury in Class A, Scottsburg in Class 3A and Fishers in Class 4A – brought home the first title in the respective schools' history.

Brownstown, led by future Purdue Boilermaker and strong favorite for Mr. Basketball Jack Benter, led for nearly the entirety of the clash with Wapahani to win 55-36.

An early 10-0 run powered by back-to-back 3s by Chace Coomer got BC going. It was 18-7 after one and 31-14 at the break. Benter had 16 points by halftime including a buzzer-beating three from the top of the key.

Wapahani, cold for the first 16 minutes, opened the second half on a 14-3 run. BC was still up 10 with a quarter left, after which came a 17-6 spurt. Benter finished with 25 points, six boards and four dimes and

Parker Hehman had eight assists. Wapahani hotshot Isaac Andrews had 21 and won the mental attitude award.

Fishers faced defending champ Ben Davis, who rallied to take a 48-47 lead late in the third. The Tigers then scored the first six of the fourth quarter and won 65-56.

Two Fishers standouts recorded double-doubles – JonAnthony Hall 23 and 10 and Keenan Gardner 19 and 10. Each had a dunk to start the fourth-quarter swing. The Tigers were up 36-28 at half and extended the lead to 41-32. Mark Zachery led BD with 14 points. Parker Perdue of Fishers was the mental attitude honoree.

Interestingly, an old Fishers High School club – a new school reopened in 2007 – had appeared in the state finals over a century ago in 1922.

The Canterbury Cavaliers' eight seniors – half of them transfers gaining eligibility midseason – achieved a 48-41 victory over Bethesda Christian while winning their last

nine games.

A back-and-forth game before a 10-4 Cavalier run in the fourth, Bethesda was held scoreless for much of the final frame to snap their 18-game streak. Canterbury senior John Parent – one of two transfers from Homestead – scored a game-high 22 points with 10 rebounds and BC senior Luke Douglas had a team-high 13 points while earning the mental attitude award.

Behind senior Jack Miller's 32 points and Kody Clancy's 20, Scottsburg showed why they were the team to beat in 3A. Final was 67-57 over South Bend St. Joseph.

The St. Joe's Huskies took a one-point lead ahead of halftime and at the end of three but ultimately gave up 23 points off turnovers, though winning the put-back and rebounding battles. The Warriors scored 40 points in the paint.

Chase Konieczny had a team-high 15 points with 11 rebounds for SBSJ. Senior Jerry Barca added 12 points and took home the mental attitude award.

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Mr. Gutzwiller's Good Citizenship Award for February



Emily was nominated by a faculty member for the monthly Good Citizenship Award! Emily received a free pizza from Third Place!



LIBRARY CORNER

LEGO Expo: Come see LEGO builds, play in the LEGO play space, watch LEGO movies, test your LEGO knowledge with trivia, and enter to win a door prize! Those wanting their builds included in the expo can drop them off at Brookville Library on April 12 from 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. The LEGO Expo will be on April 13 at Brookville Library from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Book Sale: Our Spring Friends of the Library Book Sale is coming up soon. We're currently accepting donations. Both libraries will be accepting book and DVD donations. We do not accept dictionaries, textbooks, magazines, or damaged items. The sale dates are May 6-8 at Laurel Library and May 8-11 at Brookville Library. The sale runs during the library's normal hours of operation, and until noon on May 11.

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.

Library Board: The Franklin County Public Library District board will meet on April 16 at Brookville Library at 6 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

Earth Day Seed Bombs: Celebrate Earth Day by making Earth-shaped seed bombs to take home and plant wildflowers. April 18 at Laurel Library at 5 p.m.

Earth Day Storytime: Join us for a storytime about recycling! April 19 at Brookville Library at 10 a.m.

Memory Café: Join us at the Franklin County Senior Center for a light lunch and fun oversized games! RSVP is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome! This program is open to family, friends, caregivers, and their loved ones with memory loss. Contact Missy Ratz at 765-647-3509 or by email at fcpt47012@gmail.com. Sponsored by: Lifestream Services, Franklin Co. Senior Center, and the Franklin Co. Public Library District. April 22 from 12-2 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. April 22 at Laurel Library at 4:30 p.m.

Candy Sushi Competition: Use our selection of candy to recreate popular sushi rolls. The best sushi remake will win a bag full of candy! April 25 at Laurel Library at 5 p.m.

Cake Jewelry Box: Enjoy making a one-of-a-kind faux cake jewelry box! This internet sensation uses lightweight spackle and piping tips to create something so cool you need to see it to believe it. Space is limited so please RSVP. April 29 at Brookville Library at 4:30 p.m. and April 30 at Laurel Library at 4:30 p.m.

Non-resident Library Card Rate: Per the Indiana State Library, due to the increase in the cost of patron materials, the 2024 rate for non-resident library cards is \$82 effective April 1.

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.

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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LES HONOR ROLL

Sixth Grade Honor Roll
Willow Austin
Landon Garland
Kaliyah Holland
Lilly Ison
Emma Lewis
Charly McCoy
Carson North
A/B Honor Roll

Dane Brougher
Tristen Collett
Summer Cox
Candice Hundley
Jason Ketchem
Sophia Laird
Jaxson Summey
Kaliyah Young
Fifth Grade Honor Roll

Carolina Ball
Layne Conley
Lauren Glardon
Kayleigh Newton
Gunnar Powers
Emma Richardson
Joseph Strong
A/B Honor Roll
Seth Kemp
(See "HONOR" pg. 14)

PET OF THE WEEK
FRANKLIN CO. ANIMAL SHELTER
Meet the pack!

Everyone meet the pack! These dogs have been at the Franklin County Animal Shelter the longest and are still waiting to meet their forever family. The shelter is currently full, so these dogs are in dire need of adoption. If interested in any of these amazing pups, come meet them 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 any of these dogs.



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The Riedman Brothers..... Part 1



Joe, Harry, and Albert Riedman. Image courtesy of Paul Moster and family.

I've mentioned the Riedman Brothers numerous times in the past and said they deserve a *Forgotten Franklin County* page all to themselves. This two-part small narrative is not enough to emphasize their importance to Brookville's 20th century history, but it's a start to get you familiar with who they were. The brothers of whom I speak are Joe, Harry, and Albert.

Old timers who remembered the brothers said they were the movers and shakers of their

time. They were prolific in all types of business ventures ranging from construction to cars. If you're like me and captivated by the little concrete block cottages in Brookville, then you should enjoy this article. It's because of the Riedmans that we have these unique houses as well as a few concrete block outbuildings. Once you are aware of what you are looking at, if you continue to look hard, you will also find supporting walls made of these concrete blocks, and many house foundations, and even porch elements.

When Brookville's Main Street rehabilitation began a few years ago, a handful of history buffs in town realized the importance of a small piece of concrete sidewalk stamped with the "Riedmann Bros." mark. As worn out sidewalks and curbs were being replaced, these concerned citizens asked that this little piece of Brookville history be saved. It was, and is now enveloped by a new sidewalk. I was told there were many more of these Riedman stamps in town but over the years they gradually disappeared, the one between the Valley House and George's Pharmacy being the only one that survived.



The last Riedmann Bros. stamped mark as it appeared in its original location in a sidewalk along Brookville's Main Street in 2016. It is unclear at what time the second "n" was dropped from the surname.

Sometime between 1889 and 1891, John H. Riedmann and his family moved to Brookville. John was the brothers' father and was the one who started the Riedman contracting business. Apparently the home the family moved to is why and how he got into the business. It's said that the home John bought needed considerable repairs and John did most of the work himself.

Starting around 1905 the Riedmans became engaged in the cement business and did a large amount of contracting work throughout Franklin County. They were excellent craftsmen and the quality of their work was such that they could do it all. They made cement bridges, sewers, walkways, foundations, buildings, roads, and were even able to do minor or major repairs to anything a client needed. The brothers were self-taught. If they didn't know how to do something, they learned it, and learned it well.

When Joe Riedman was a teenager he recalled going to Grand Rapids, Michigan with his father, John, to purchase a machine for making concrete blocks. Joe and his two brothers, Harry and Albert, each received 5 cents for every block made. This was basically the beginning of the Riedman Brothers Construction Company which grew rapidly and which expanded greatly during the next 19 years or so.

In fact the February 8, 1906 *Brookville Democrat* even mentioned that "Messrs. Riedmann & Kocher of Brookville have bought a Miles' Concrete Block machine for making building blocks and concrete fence posts. Prices reasonable call on John Riedmann."

According to family stories, the Riedmans made their own cement blocks from stone they gathered, crushed, and processed themselves.

In 1910 the three bachelor brothers built a fine cement-block bungalow in Brookville on 6th Street. This was not only for a place to live, but served as a working example of their professional abilities, and so they would have a



The Riedman brothers built the house on 6th Street for about \$800. In this photo is believed to be Albert Riedman, and Frank & Sissy McClellan. The others are unidentified. Sissy was a Riedman and Frank was the manager of the Brookville Furniture Factory. Family lore said that Frank was some relation to General George B. McClellan. Image courtesy of Paul Moster and family.

convenient concrete block manufacturing facility at hand.

According to the family, to get the sand and gravel needed to make their

concrete blocks the Riedmans would just go several blocks down to the end of the street to the East Fork of the Whitewater River. They would dig a trench big enough to drive a truck into then they would "screen" the sand and gravel. They would then drive the truck into the trench, then shovel the screened material onto the truck. It would then be taken back to the shop where it was used to manufacture the concrete blocks. This entire process was done by hand for many years.

Being only three years old, the Riedman house at 412 E. 6th survived the 1913 Flood and had ravaging flood waters just inches from the top of the 9 foot ceilings. According to the family, river mud was still in the wall cavities decades after the flood and "mud bricks" that formed between the wall studs were discovered in the 1960s during a little updating.

Not only that, but the flood was very costly to the Riedman's budding construction company. Their lumber and many of their building supplies were either swept away or ruined by the high waters.

I've found a few sporadic accounts of Riedman construction projects of a century ago in the local newspapers, but never with exacting details, like an address, which would be quite helpful. The Dec. 19, 1907 *Brookville Democrat*, mentioned, "John H. Riedman has just completed the building of a new seven room house of cement blocks. Everything is made up-to-date of the latest style. It is for sale. Call on John H. Riedman."

Since no particulars such as exact location are ever given, whenever I help someone with a house history, if they live in one of the concrete block houses, or have a significant portion of their home made with these blocks, I say it was built by the Riedmans because of their contracting background. It's always possible there are other scenarios like another contractor purchased Riedman blocks with which to build - but my gut instinct is that the Riedmans were pretty darn proud of their blocks and entrepreneurial capabilities and did most of the construction work themselves from about 1906 (thru 1924-ish), with assistance from labors they chose and hired for their firm.

The Riedmans built their concrete block houses over a period of time as evident from newspaper entries that appeared over the years. The Oct. 19, 1916 *Brookville Democrat* mentioned, "Riedman Brothers are erecting two very neat and attractive houses in the north part of town. They are being built of concrete blocks and when completed will be up to date as a comfortable residence. They will install furnace heat, electric lights, water and bath."

In addition to houses, foundations, outbuildings, and retaining walls, the Riedmans also made fences out of their concrete blocks. Some of you may still remember the massive fence that surrounded St. Michael Cemetery.

The Nov. 13, 1919 *Brookville Democrat* reported on the status of the project: "Father Schaaf is erecting a fine fence of concrete blocks around St. Michael Cemetery. The south and west walls are finished except the top caps."

The blocks were manufactured on the grounds of the cemetery under the supervision of the brothers, Joe, Harry, and Albert. This concrete fence stood for about 50 years.

According to family, the three brothers were given numerous burial plots at St. Michael Cemetery for all that they had done to help the church. In addition to contracting and construction, they did a lot of work in the school building. They never charged the church any labor costs.

Unlike the concrete block cottages, which are primarily in the Brookville area, the Riedmans poured concrete silos that dotted the Franklin County



The Riedman Brothers concrete block wall surrounding St. Michael's Cemetery in Brookville. Courtesy Greg Pflum, FCPLD digital collection.

and surrounding country sides. Some were as high as 90 feet and oftentimes had a crenelated top making them look very grand and castle-esque.

Don't miss next week's history page. There will be more about the Riedman Brothers.

Julie Schlesselman

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Left: A Riedman concrete crenelated silo on SR 252 just outside of Brookville. Right: An advertisement for the Riedman Bros. silos from the July 29, 1915 *Brookville Democrat*. At the bottom of the ad it was stated that two were in the process of being built on the Clark Tague farm one mile north of Laurel.

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2024 Eclipse, a game of hide and seek with the sun

Cheyenne Lance
LEAD STAFF WRITER

The event of the year has come and gone, and that was the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse. There have been months of planning and preparation put in to throw the biggest celebration our town has had. The Solar Eclipse took place on April 8th and Brookville was in the path of complete totality.

There were three huge points of celebration towards the Eclipse. These were Mooned on Main, which took place on Main street and the courthouse lawn, Black Out on Mill, which took place on Mill Street at Shear Designs, and Dark Side of the Moon,

which took place out in Metamora.

Mooned on Main was a huge hit! Vendors lined Main Street in front of businesses, the courthouse, and along the courtyard. There were several food trucks, including Cupcakes by Heidi, Third Place, The Daily Scoop, The Pink Flamingo, and even The Roaming Mug. Other vendors lined the courtyard for everyone to stop by and check out their work. There were Eclipse clothing, a bounce house for the kids, a stand for permanent jewelry, and even cornhole. Also set up was the Eclipse mural made entirely out of 1800 pansies. This was a popular place for photos, along with all of the window paintings, designed

and created by Whitewater Publications Graphic Designer, Maddie Klein.

A huge thanks to Modest Charisma for providing the music and entertaining everybody who came out for the event.

Down on Mill Street, another party was held and while it wasn't as crowded as Main Street, the atmosphere was fun, eccentric, and just as enjoyable. Held by Jeanette Hoffbauer and Eulah Vest of Shear Designs, the vendors down here included Janet with her homemade cakes, cookies, and brownies. Grace McCann provided adorable permanent jewelry. Glow in the Dark tattoos were available for free for anybody who wanted to glow in the Eclipse, and lastly, Swine Dining set up for some of the most savory and delicious BBQ around.

Jeanette had several Eclipse props for everyone to use in their photos, and a playlist that had everyone on Mill laughing, singing, and dancing.

As the Eclipse began, everyone was out and ready, watching with their glasses as slowly but surely, the sun disappeared. It couldn't have happened on a better day with the sunny weather, light breeze, and summer vibes.

It was thrilling to watch the sky darken, signs to kick on, and the air to cool, but nothing will top the screams and shouts as the Eclipse hit totality. In one of the most surreal moments in history for Brookville, the peak of the Eclipse really connected residents and other cities alike. The amount of visitors Franklin County had come out, the cities in other states who threw their own parties, all of the culminated in a cinematic show of excellence



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Shear Designs located on Mill Street in Brookville threw a party in honor of the total solar eclipse called "Black Out on Mill Street."



photo by Daniel Ward.
Franklin County resident Daniel Ward submitted the above photo of the total solar eclipse.

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full-fledged event that promised fun and engagement for all. From music and food vendors to a bounce house and interactive science centers for

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kids, there was something for everyone. The Main Street shops were open, so folks could explore and enjoy the event to the fullest.

be able to see another total solar eclipse until August 2044. The 2044 total solar eclipse will be brief and mainly visible in Canada. It will be visible from three states in

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Pot belly pig purchased at White's Flea Market inspires book

Cassie Garrett
REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Cincinnati resident Tina Neely has recently launched her first children's book, "Bacon Loves Everyone." The story's star is a potbelly pig named "Bacon," originally from Franklin County. The plot is based on the day Tina and her husband purchased Bacon after visiting White's Farm Flea Market in Brookville.

When the Neelys brought Bacon home, they expected him to stay small. However, that wasn't the case. Tina, who affectionately refers to herself as Bacon's mom, shared, "Bacon surprised everyone by growing and growing some more, from an ex-



arrive with a bucket of leftover goodies," Tina said. "His favorites? Anything with strawberries, pizza, or cake with icing. The excitement in his oinks is sheer delight as he eagerly awaits his treats, his way of saying, "Thank you, friends!"

"Bacon Loves Everyone" is a hardback picture book described as "A delightful Christian children's book about Bacon-Bits, a flea market piglet, and his quest for a forever family. This author and illustrator brings a tale

Tin Foil Hat Competition kicks off festival



Pictured above are the 2024 "Tin Foil Hat Competition" participants. Below are Shirley Lamb and Tom Horninger.

A tin foil hat is made from one or more sheets of tin foil, aluminum foil, or conventional headgear lined with foil. It is often worn in the belief or hope that it shields the brain from threats such as electromagnetic fields, mind control, and mind reading.

With the total solar eclipse, the "Darkside of the Moon Festival" organizers thought a tinfoil hat competition would be a fun and appropriate way to kick off the three-day festival at Gateway Park in Metamora.

Contestants of all ages from various states paraded across the stage, each wearing a unique tinfoil master-

piece. Judges graded the contestants on creativity and humor. It was a tough competition, but ultimately, two winners were selected to receive the trophy shaped like an alien.

Tom, a camper from Virginia, won the Funniest trophy for his hat, which was a crowd-pleaser due to its display of random items on top, such as Snoopy and antennae. Caroline, a little girl from Centerville, was awarded the Most Creative trophy for her large queen crown with intricate designs etched in the foil. Shirley Lamb of Brookville received an honorable mention for her "Jiffy Popcorn" tin foil hat.



photo provided

Bacon is pictured with his "mom" Tina while she reads him the book.

pected 30 pounds to a whopping 350 pounds."

Bacon is now almost seven. Although he started out as a house pig, the Neelys quickly discovered he preferred the outdoors. Now, Bacon lives in a corn crib with the chickens. Despite his size, Bacon is a gentle giant who loves spending time with his family and friends.

"He is more than just a pig—he's a lovable member of the family," Tina said. "But don't let his size fool you; in his heart, he's still a cuddly lap pig. His favorite pastime is hanging out with the chickens and blending with his feathered friends. Especially a chicken named Eggs."

Bacon's charming personality has won over not only his family and feathered friends but also his neighbors, whom he eagerly anticipates visiting.

"Bacon's eyes light up when the neighbor boys, Caleb and Champ,

that's a heartwarming blend of faith, love, and belonging. Perfect for young readers and the whole family, it's more than a story – it's a journey that teaches kindness and compassion. Embrace this beautiful tale and let Bacon-Bits' adventure inspire your home."

"Like the real Bacon, Bacon in the story is quite the chatterbox, conveying his desires," Tina said. "With his heartwarming expression, when he serenades you with a chorus of "Oink Diddy, Oink Diddy, Oink, Oink, Oink!" That's Bacon's way of saying, "I love you!"

"Bacon Loves Everyone" can be purchased at White's Farm Flea Market Gift Shop or at <https://www.amazon.com/Bacon-Loves-Everyone.../dp/B0CR5NV-LRT>.

White's Farm Flea Market is located at 6032 Holland Road, three miles south of

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Franklin County Farm receives Hoosier Homestead Award

Area legislators are recognizing the latest local recipients of the Hoosier Homestead Award, which recognizes farms owned and maintained by the same family for 100 years or more. The Werner farm in Franklin County received a Centennial Award.

Represented by State Sen. Jean Leising (R-Oldenburg), State Rep. Cory Criswell (R-Middletown), State Rep. Lindsay Patterson (R-Brookville) and State Rep. Alex Zimmerman (R-North Vernon), three locally owned farms were honored at the Statehouse.

The Hoosier Homestead Award Program honors families who have made significant contributions to Indiana agriculture. Instituted in 1976, the program has recognized more than 6,000 family farms that have impacted Indiana's economic, cultural and social advancement.

"Indiana is the seventh-largest agricul-



tural exporter in the nation, exporting \$7.4 billion in 2022," Leising said. "This fact alone shows just how much our farmers contribute to our state's and communities' development, which is why, as chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, I am pleased to see these local farms recognized for their years of hard work and dedication to agriculture."

"I'm thankful for the opportunity to honor these committed and longstanding family farms in our area," Criswell said. "Operating for more than 100 years is a huge accom-

plishment, and I applaud them for reaching this amazing milestone."

"Thanks to the persistence and dedication of these families, Indiana's agriculture industry has flourished, not only feeding the state but also the world," Patterson said. "These Hoosiers have made tremendous sacrifices and overcome countless challenges to remain in operation, and it's important to recognize their efforts."

"Not only have these families helped propel our agricultural industry forward, but they've also preserved an important part of Indiana's history," Zimmerman said. "These longstanding family farms are a testament to what you can achieve through hard work, determination and perseverance."

To be named a Hoosier Homestead, farms must be owned by the same family for at least 100 consecutive years and consist of more than 20 acres or produce more than \$1,000 of agricultural products per year. The award distinctions are centennial, sesquicentennial and bicentennial - for 100, 150 and 200 years, respectively.

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MAY 10-11	Girls Weekend	Brookville's Local Restaurants & Businesses Purchase Tickets @ 701 Main St. the week of event
JUN 28	Classic Car Cruise In Brookville Blazin' Inferno Challenge	UMC Parking Lot @ 8th & Main St, 6:00 p.m. Municipal Parking Lot @ 650 Main St., 6:30 p.m.
SEPT 14	Chicken Festival and Fryoff	Courthouse Lawn @ 4th & Main St. Saturday, 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
OCT 19	Haunted Wine Walk and Cellar Tour	Starting at Third Place @ 734 Main Street
NOV 23	November Noel	Courthouse Lawn @ 4th & Main St. & Local Businesses Visit Santa @ Courthouse Gazebo, 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m.
DEC 7	Cookie Crumb Trail	Brookville's Local Restaurants & Businesses
DEC 14	Holiday Tour of Historic Homes	Tour Historic Homes in Brookville

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Property Damage Accidents	37
Personal Injury Accidents	7
Burglary/Theft	8
Residential/Business Alarms	11
Domestic Battery/Battery	17
911 Hang Up/Accidental Dial	39
Suspicious Persons/Vehicles	26
Traffic Stops	173

A total of 16 arrests were made by sheriff's deputies on the following charges:

Battery/Domestic Battery	1
Possession of Marijuana	1
Possession of a Controlled Substance	4
Pointing a Firearm	1
False Reporting	1
Criminal Mischief	1
Theft	1
Resisting Law Enforcement	1
Warrants	5

There was an average of 40 prisoners housed in the Security Center throughout the month of May. The maximum capacity of the Security Center is 75 inmates. Deputies drove a total of 22,221 miles. The Transport Officers drove an additional 2,398 miles, for a total of 24,619 miles. The Transport Officers conducted 14 prisoner transports, transporting a total of 14 prisoners to and from the Department of Correction facilities throughout the States of Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky. Additionally, deputies conducted one prisoner transport to a medical facility for conditions that could not be treated by jail doctors. There were 74 civil process papers served.

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The U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is launching a national high-visibility enforcement effort this April to deter distracted driving.

"Distractions behind

the wheel can have devastating consequences," said Devon McDonald, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute Executive Director. "We urge all motorists to focus on the road and avoid any activity that takes their attention away from

driving safely."

Law enforcement officers nationwide will work together to enforce texting and distracted-driving laws and remind people to put away distractions while on the road. This (See "AWAY" pg. 13)

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BPD welcomes three new officers

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Please join us in welcoming our department's newest full-time officers.

Brookville Police Department has welcomed three new members to their team. These three have displayed dedication, worth ethic, hard work, loyalty, and good will. As they continue with their learning portion of their journey, there is no doubt that Franklin County and Brookville will see great futures for them.

Brandon Neuenschwander (New-in-shwonder)- Brandon

is a 2023 Indiana Law Enforcement Academy graduate and a former public safety officer with IMPD (Indianapolis Metro). Prior to joining the BPD Brandon was employed for sixmonths with Lawrence PD as a full-time patrolman.

Savannah Sturgill - Savannah holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Mount St. Joseph University and has completed her Law Enforcement 40 hour pre-basic. Savannah's employment history includes three months working as an SRO at Lawrenceburg High School for Lawrenceburg PD and two years as a corrections officer at

Craggy Correction Center.

Lucas Schmidt - Lucas holds an associate's degree in law enforcement from Vincennes University and is a 2019 graduate of the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy. Lucas' employment history includes one year as a merit deputy with Hancock County and seven years as a jail officer. Lucas also holds a certification as a law enforcement primary instructor.

"I have confidence in these three. If I didn't, I wouldn't have hired them. They have goals and ambitions, and all have already shown their hard work," states Chief Mitchum.



photo provided
Pictured left to right are Brandon Neuenschwander, Savannah Sturgill, Lucas Schmidt and Chief Terry Mitchum.

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Reese Peters
Emma Richardson
Brayson Steele
Aiden Thomas

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a tailwind made for good day of bicycling. A friend of our guide hosted us for lunch at a private airstrip. He owned a Gyrocopter, which I had never seen before.

Day 29 - Lumberton Tx to De Ridder La (82 miles, 1027 ft elevation gain, 4h 47m in seat) We are done bicycling in Texas! We crossed the Sabine River into Louisiana today and

celebrated with an Easter dinner prepared by a fellow rider's mother. Wendy prepared Venison Chicken Jambalaya with cooked carrots and green beans. We all needed a home cooked meal and now a day of rest.

Jim has just two weeks left in his ride so continue to follow and support him as he completes such a heartfelt and wholesome journey.

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