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**BTC DISCUSSES CURRENT
PROJECTS AND COST REVIEWS**

Cheyenne Lance
LEAD STAFF WRITER

At the latest Brookville Town Council meeting, Amanda Kaiser was the first to request use of the parking lots for her mobile stand, the Frozen Flamingo. She previously used the town pool lot and part of the old Rosenberger's lot. Her dates would be through the summer, and the board agreed so long as times, dates, and locations were given ahead of time to ensure room.

Tom Cooney, a member of the pickleball club, next gave an update to the board regarding an ongoing project for the space on 9th and Mill. Originally, this had been requested for pickleball, but Tom says that he and his team realized this space could be a legacy project for the town. The suggestion to form a Friends of the Recreation District comes with the idea that this area has potential for pickleball, basketball courts, a skate park, storage shelter, enclosed bathrooms, wheelchair accessible points, and more. With funding raised entirely by the pickleball club and volunteers, Tom asks about having an FRD through the Community Foundation as an endowment.

Tom mentions how the Zimmer building, the pool, and golf course were overextended and with the money pit Brookville is sinking in, these other projects that have surpassed over half a million dollars needs paid back.

"We have 2600 residents. Maybe half of them pay taxes. With revenue growth, it's hard to raise money," he says.

This current project wouldn't cost the town money as it is all individually raised. The

money right now is through a grant. The board states that currently, they are looking at just the completion of the pickleball courts and that won't be a lot of money. This would have to be broken into stages, beginning with the courts, pipework for the bathrooms that don't have any, and then as money is raised, the project can build from there. One price is already estimated at \$62K, which is expensive, but it's about ensuring everyone is financially responsible moving forward on the project.

The endowment would be money on the side to use. There are courts available that have been around, but a few are in bad shape. The pickleball club has privately covered some expenses themselves and are willing to do more for the sake of courts being redone and maintained.

The board, while agreeing to a degree, also state the importance of financial responsibility and cover the engineering contracts. There were a few gathered independently, Triad, and Hwc, who came back with a quote of \$78K for the courts and the pipework for the bathrooms.

Overall, there is a \$500,000 quote and the use of HELP (Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program) money that needs used by December. Worst case scenario, the bathrooms on the football field can be opened, but that is a bit of a walk for some people. The board decides to move forward with acceptance of the Triad quote for this project.

Amy Lindsay, Emergency Management (Director), Christine Craig, Terry Mitchum, and Tim Ripperger received a certificate (See "BTC" pg. 5)

**FC SCHOOLS RAISE MONEY
FOR ANIMAL SHELTER**

Cheyenne Lance
LEAD STAFF WRITER

Several schools in Franklin County have been holding, or will be holding, fundraisers to help raise money for the new animal shelter. The current shelter is too small, lacks efficient space, and needs a lot of maintenance.

A new shelter design was approved and is currently underway, with the memorial of Louie Fasbinder, who dedicated his life to the shelter and animals.

BES will be finishing up their fundraiser this week. To raise money, the staff brought in photos of their own pets and placed bins underneath them. Students were then encouraged to bring in coins or cash to vote on which animal was their favorite. All money raised in these votes would be donated to the shelter. There is no total yet to announce, but the kids are having fun and



photo provided

Work on the Franklin County Animal Shelter is underway.

showing their support.

Laurel Elementary also chose a fun route to raise money. Teach-

ers have the opportunity to sign their name up to hold a snake for the students. Then, stu-

dents can bring in their coins and dollars to vote for which teacher (See "SHELTER" pg. 12)

Lifelong FC resident turns 100

Cassie Garrett
REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Life-long Franklin County resident Virginia "Virgie" Hunt recently celebrated her 100th birthday. The birthday party held in her honor was a true testament to a life well lived, as hundreds of people came out to wish Virgie a happy birthday personally.

"She has been such a prime example to me of how you should live your life," her great-niece Sarah said. "Her word is her honor. She has done things for everybody, never expecting anything in return. She's just an example for everybody. She is friendly to everybody and never meets a stranger; she's giving." Virgie sat down to share memories, advice,

and the highlights of her life that make it so special.

Virgie was the baby of eight children, with 19 years spanning between her and her eldest sister. She was raised on a farm in Franklin County, where she was delivered by a doctor who came on horseback. The farm is also where she first learned about hard work.

"We had a hillside farm, and on top of that, here is what we had: a strawberry patch and northern beans," Virgie explained. "We pounded the Great Northerns out with a ball bat, enough for the winter. And then my mom ran them through the oven so the bugs didn't get them. Then she sorted them out and put all the bad ones in a container. We had beans all (See "100" pg. 4)



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Virginia Hunt celebrates her birthday. Pictured left to right, back row: Brooklyn Bennett, Cindy Senefeld, Shelly Heyob. Middle row: Mandi Bennett, Virginia Hunt, Pam Senefeld-Naber. Front row: Hailey Bennett.

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April

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Mt. Carmel will hold a Special Meeting to discuss Cell Tower installment **April 29th at 5 pm** Drewersburg Fire Station 2.

May

THE FRANKLIN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY WILL OPEN THE HISTORICAL SEMINARY/MUSEUM, LOCATED ON 5TH AND MILL SREETS IN BROOKVILLE, FOR TOURS ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS FROM 1-4 PM. THE TOURS WILL CONTINUE FROM MAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER.

2024 Whitewater Valley Arts Association Regional Exhibition Call for Entries.

The 2024 East Central Indiana regional arts exhibition is open to artists from Fayette, Franklin, Henry, Rush, Union, and Wayne counties and all members of WVAA. Artists are invited to submit up to three pieces. This is a judged competition with cash prizes for Best of Show, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd placings....other awards may include merit awards and purchase awards for both Amateur and Advanced categories. **DEADLINE:** Entries may be hand delivered to the WVAA gallery on Friday, May 3, from 11:00am-5:00pm and Saturday, May 4, from 10:00am-2:00pm **Entry Fee:** \$15 per entry (WVAA members \$10). More information on our Facebook page.

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 Olde 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 Olde 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.)

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OPINION

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I Love Metamora 2024 firework celebration

Bev Spurlin CONTRIBUTOR

For over 25 years, Metamora families and visitors from all over the Whitewater Valley have enjoyed one of the largest and most impressive fireworks displays in the area. That display, in the past, has been held in Metamora and sponsored by the Metamora Volunteer Fire Department. However, in 2023 a decision was made to discontinue the display due to a lack of funding to cover the cost of the fireworks.

Around that same time, a grassroots group of individuals including shop owners, local residents, and representatives from community organizations began meeting and with assistance from a consultant, began a process of community-based action planning. As the group began to gain momentum and successfully accomplished tasks such as organizing a marketing committee, creating a new website, and updating the village's visitors guide, just to name a few, the group decided to name themselves, I Love Metamora, as a primary focus of the group became fostering a sense of pride in the community. One of the ideas that was born out of the meetings, and the common goal of building up the community, was the possibility of bringing back the annual July 4th fireworks display in Metamora. Knowing that funding would be the primary need, group member and local business owner David Bowser began


investigating possible funding sources and grant opportunities. Bowser became aware of the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCD) and one of its program partners, the Neighborhood Assistance Program. According to the IHCD's website, the focus of the Neighborhood Assistance Program is to assist Indiana non-profit organization in leveraging more donor contributions to fund neighborhood-based programs that benefit local communities. IHCD offers 1:1 matching grants along with assistance in obtaining the local matching funds through a partnership with the crowd-sourcing platform, Patronicity. Bowser applied for a grant through IHCD and was informed this month that his application was approved.

Bowser explained that this will be a brand-new fireworks display that will be sponsored by Metamora Volunteer Fire Department, headed up by volunteer fire fighter and local businessman John Arcaro, and supported by I Love Metamora and Whitewater Valley Gateway Park. The fireworks are set to be held on Saturday, July 6, 2024 at Gateway Park. According to Bowser, the effort will require not only monetary donations to cover the cost of this year's display, but to also provide seed money for next year's fundraising efforts, which will not include the additional grant dollars. Bowser emphasized that the quality and quantity of the

FIREWORKS!!



Saturday July 6 2024 at dark
Whitewater Valley Gateway Park

Show provided by Metamora Volunteer Fire Department
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Matching donations provided by IHCD.

displays will be determined by the amount of money that is raised, with the average cost of a display being approximately \$15,000. In addition to cash donations, Bowser's group is asking for volunteers to commit to helping with traffic control, collection of donations at the gate the evening of the fireworks, as well as trash pick up at Gateway Park after the event.

"The community is really excited about the fireworks because it is something families can do together. Even though visitors enjoy it, and we welcome them all, this is something we want to provide for the community to enjoy," Bowser said. Bowser anticipates the display continuing in the years to come, so long as the community will support it financially and by volunteering to help. Bowser stated, "This year may be a little heavy getting things going, but once we get some momentum, it

will become easier in future years."

There are a couple of different ways to donate to the fireworks fund. People can give cash or checks to the Metamora Volunteer Fire Department, 19477 Duck Creek Road, Metamora, Indiana 47030 or donations can be made online at https://www.patronicity.com/project/Metamora_indiana_community_fireworks#. May 23, 2024 is the deadline for contributions to be counted towards the IHCD's matching grant, and for donating through the Patronicity link; however donations will still be accepted at any time during the year through the Metamora Volunteer Fire Department.

I Love Metamora's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14 at 6 p.m. at the shelter next to the Metamora Fire Station. This will be a pitch-in dinner that everyone is welcome to attend.

Club & Sorority News

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA – ST. CATHERINE CIRCLE # 103

Regent Julie Bowling called the meeting to order on April 2nd, at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall with 27 members present. Chancellor Denise Handley led the Opening Prayer. Regent Julie Bowling led the Pledge to the Flag.

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

Becky Oglesby, Recording Secretary, read the Roll Call of Officers which included

14 in attendance and six excused. She also read the Feb.6th business meeting minutes. A motion was made by Alma Waywood to accept the minutes with one correction made, seconded by Jacqueline Sizemore. Motion carried.


Communications

Regent Julie read a letter from International. Also, a letter from the State of Indiana on our Sales Tax Exemption. Oglesby, Recording Secy, read Thank Yous from the families of Larry Rosenberger and Mary Ann Deffner

for the funeral lunches. Becky remarked that the families are so appreciative and grateful for this service we provide, and she thanked all the ladies who help and donated their time to this charity.

Report on Standing & Special Committees

- Welfare – Regent Bowling reported the Ben Oglesby Car Show will be held on Aug. 11.
- Visitation of the (See "CLUB" pg. 10)

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William J. Bergin

William Joseph Bergin, age 82, of Brookville, went home to his Heavenly Father on Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

Bill was born at home in the stone house in the Sand Bottom on September 16, 1941 in Brookville. He was the oldest of three children born to the late Carl William 'Bill' and Naomi May 'Gretchen' (Foreman) Bergin. On August 22, 1970 he and the former Karen Beneker were united in marriage at Trinity Lutheran Church, Klemme's Corner.

Mr. Bergin was retired from the Franklin County Community School Corporation. Bill was an educator for more than 35 years serving as a librarian, a football coach and scout, and for most of his tenure a fifth-grade teacher at Brookville Elementary.

He was a man of devout faith. As a mem-

ber of Trinity Lutheran Church, he enjoyed his opportunity to serve as the sponsor of the Christian Gardeners Youth Group and his participation in Lutheran Brotherhood. He was a Board Member Emeritus of the Franklin County WATCH Council and served many years as a coach for Franklin County Special Olympics; he was a Franklin County Right to Life Member; and a brother in Delta Chi Fraternity at Ball State Teacher's College.

Bill loved singing, getting just the right scald on his Kansas City Steak Soup, working any and all word puzzles - especially the Cincinnati Enquirer's Sunday edition, watching Larry Bird's Celtics and his mighty Cincinnati Bengals. He could often be found at the kitchen table or in his wheelchair turning the pages of a mystery

novel or cookbook as he was an avid and lifelong reader. And if you ask Pierce or Caroline, he was the best Monopoly banker a grandkid could ever have.

Survivors include his wife of over 53 years, Karen Bergin of Brookville; two sons, Brendan (Julie) Bergin of Louisville and Michael Bergin of Brookville; two grandchildren, Pierce and Caroline Bergin; a brother Mark (Faye) Bergin of Brookville; and many wonderful nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Carl and Naomi, his sister, Lora Volz; as well as his father and mother-in-law, Ray and Helen Beneker, and his brother-in-law Roger Beneker.

Family and friends visited on Sunday, April 21, 2024 at Phillips & Meyers Funeral Home, 1025 Franklin Avenue, Brookville, IN.

Rev. Ladona Webb



officiated the funeral service at 11:00 a.m., Monday, April 22, 2024 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 4025 Highland Center Road, with burial following in Trinity Lutheran Cemetery, Klemmes Corner.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the WATCH Center Council Inc.

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

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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: 10:40 4/15/24

Inmate Name: Rainwater, Chadric F.

Arrest Location: Urban Co. (Ky.) Jail

Birth Date: 12/11/80

Arrested by: C Kinnett

Agency: FCSD

Crime Class: L5

Offense: Arrest Warrant

Keep the lights on pollinators

Richard Stoll

CONTRIBUTOR

Attention residential home owners! Want some free wildflower seed/plugs to convert part of your yard to a native plant garden for pollinator habitat? Or how about free native shrubs/trees to replace invasive shrubs on your property!

Decatur, Franklin, and Ripley County Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) received a Clean Water Indiana Grant to help local landowners install pollinator habitats, replace invasive shrubs and educate on the importance of native pollinator habitats.

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•Ripley County SWCD 1981 S Industrial Park Rd, Versailles 812-689-6410 x3

Richard Stoll is a Board member with Oak Heritage Conservancy. For more information about Oak Heritage, follow us on Facebook or visit: OakHeritageConservancy.org

John L. Quinlan

John L. Quinlan, of Brookville, was born on April 12, 1947, in Laurel, a son to Russell Ernest and Elizabeth Winger Quinlan. He served his country in the United States Army for many years and fought in Vietnam. John later joined the National Guard and ended his military career in the Army Reserve. He married Barbara Brashear on March 3, 1968, and they celebrated over 55 years of marriage before her death on September 5, 2023. John worked at D&M in Connersville for over 20 years and then as an owner/operator for Fraley Schilling. In his spare time, he enjoyed fishing. He

was a member of the Brookville VFW and the American Legion. On Saturday, April 20, 2024, at the age of 77, he passed away at his residence.

Those surviving who will cherish John's memory include his two sons and daughter-in-law, Russell Quinlan and Joel and Brenda Quinlan, of Brookville; five grandchildren, Trey Quinlan, Taylor Stewart, Blake Quinlan, Rachel Quinlan, and Destiny Quinlan; eight great-grandkids, and one brother, Roger Quinlan. Besides his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Frieda Masters, Michael Quin-



lan, Richard Quinlan, Nancy Baize, Mary Alice Bruns, and Janie Howard.

Friends may visit with the family on Thursday, April 25, 2024, from 11a.m. until 12 noon at Cook Rosenberger Funeral Home, 929 Main Street, Brookville. The funeral service will begin at 12 noon at the funeral home. Burial with full military honors will follow in Big Cedar Cemetery.



Memorial contributions can be directed to a charity of choice. 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 John Quinlan.

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Adrian L. Combs

Adrian L. Combs, 88, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday morning, April 17, 2024, at Compassus Hospice Hospital St. Vincent, Indianapolis.

The only child of the late Elmer L. and Josephine Elizabeth Helton Combs, Adrian was born on July 30, 1935 in Peabworth, Ow-

sley County, Kentucky. In the late 1930s, they made Jackson Township, Fayette County, their home. In the early 40s, they moved to McGuire Ridge Road outside of Metamora, in Franklin County. He graduated from Brookville High School in 1953.

Adrian, a man of diverse talents and unwavering commitment, embarked on a remarkable journey through life. After high school, he joined Roots Blower Company in Connersville, where his drafting skills flourished. However, Adrian's path took an unexpected turn when he left for Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Missouri. During his college years, he planted a church in Champaign, Illinois, sowing seeds of faith.

The day after gradu-

ating college, Adrian married the former Judith Kay Harthcock on May 27, 1960, at High Street Baptist Church in Springfield, Missouri. Mrs. Combs survives.

Following his graduation and wedding, Adrian returned to Connersville and was employed at Philco-Ford for 34 years, retiring as a Quality Control Engineer in 1998. Adrian was also an active participant in community life.

In the mid 1970s, Adrian was instrumental in the establishment of Connersville Baptist Temple where he served as a deacon and Sunday School teacher for many years and remained an active member ever since.

Adrian's love for sports was evident. He was a pitcher for the church softball team and played in both the

industrial and church bowling leagues. As a coach, he helped lead his son David's Little League baseball teams and daughter Annette's youth softball teams. Notably, Adrian also led Fayette Central's boys basketball teams from 1972 to 1976. He also enjoyed attending Cincinnati Reds baseball games with family and playing golf with his wife and many friends. In addition to these activities, he could be found faithfully attending his grandchildren's activities and sporting events.

Beyond the playing field, Adrian reveled in his cars: A 1966 white 2-door Ford Fairlane graced his driveway alongside a 1926 Model T Ford. He spent many days fixing up his children's red Volkswagen Beetles with his father. He enjoyed fond memories of open roads and

adventures during his 20-year membership in the Holiday Rambler RV Club.

Adrian's legacy is one of faith, community, and a zest for life. His impact resonates through the lives he touched, both within the church walls and beyond.

Besides his wife of 63 years, Judy Combs, survivors include three children, Denise (Don) Crum of Connersville, David (Dana) Combs of Carmel and Annette (John) Miller of Fishers; seven grandchildren, Hannah (Ben) Gross of Connersville, Jake (Brittany) Combs of Charleston, South Carolina, Halley (Hunter) Brooks of Merrillville, Karly Combs of Carmel, Indiana, Jack Miller, Joe Miller, and Eli Miller, all of Fishers; and several cousins.

Family and friends



visited until the time of service at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at Connersville Baptist Temple. Pastor Joe Ferreira officiated. Burial followed in Valley Grove Cemetery. Miller, Moster, Robbins Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Connersville Baptist Temple and online condolences may be made anytime at millermosterrobbins.com.

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winter. My sister and I had to carry them off the hill with a crate. And that's the reason I say work don't hurt nobody. My dad seen that you worked. If you sat around the table, you had plenty of chores."

One of Virgie's favorite childhood pastimes was fishing, and she was quick to say not only did she fish, but she cleaned and cooked them, too.

"We fished a lot," Virgie said. "We lived close to the river. We'd take my mom even. My mom, my sister, and I would go with an old cane pole and worms and fish, catch little bluegills and clean them. They were delicious."

Virgie also noted she loved dancing on Saturday nights but stated no matter how much dancing she did on a

Saturday night, she "got her butt up and went to church Sunday morning." She has been a St. Thomas Lutheran Church member since she was born and still attends today. She was baptized and married there.

Working hard continued throughout Virgie's life and paid off. Thanks to her work ethic, there wasn't much she couldn't learn.

"I even worked as a chemist," Virgie said. "I never knew anymore about working in a lab than nothing. But I was a worker, and they can tell your account of working. I worked in a lab for 12 years and didn't know nothing about it but I learnt. It was hard work and a very important job."

After Virgie met and married her husband, they continued to work

hard together on their farm and had a successful marriage. She shared, "If you are married and you don't work together and you get a divorce, what do you gain? If you can't say something good about your husband or wife, then don't say anything at all."

Although they never had children, Virgie has been like a grandmother and mother to many. She recalled a little boy she met while she and her husband stayed in Florida that she bonded with.

"There was a boy that I took care of on the pier," Virgie reminisced. "Their dad would come and say this kid is real unruly. Can you watch him? I told him if he didn't mind me once, I would take

care of him anymore. But the little guy needed a mother, and I was like his mother. So he got into my lunch bucket and just made himself at home. He got so he minded me real good."

Virgie also experienced the repercussions of World War II as her brother served in the Navy. She shared he only made \$17 a month and was desperate to come home.

"He was homesick," Virgie said. When my brother was in the Navy, he would write to me every week, and he would say, "Tell mom to plant two rows of spinach because I want it the way she fixes it. I can eat a row by myself." That's how homesick he was. It was terrible. He cried to come home. That's how bad it was. But I wrote

to him every week. One time, they were torpedoed, and they were underwater for they didn't know how long."

Virgie noted that a lot has changed since she grew up. "My cousin and I don't know anything about cell phones. My cousin's box gets full, and he doesn't know what to do. We know nothing. It's good, but there are things that are bad. I don't like television the way they run it. I think it's wrong. If you think something, why run the other party down? I think it's so

bad, and I can't hardly listen to the TV."

Now, Virgie enjoys cooking, gardening, canning, cleaning fish, hymn singing on Sunday, and activities at Fairbrook Manor, where she resides. However, Virgie most treasures the visits and relationships with her friends and family. Virgie says the reason her relationships are so strong is simple: "I treat people right without a doubt. You have to be a friend to have a friend." And a friend she is.

(See "100" pg. 7)

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award alongside several department heads for the hard work put in for the eclipse. There were a lot of people who came together and put on a phenomenal event, and while we didn't have the expected influx of visitors, the event itself turned out amazing and the board wanted to highlight those individuals for going above and beyond to ensure a fun and safe time.

Mark Reese was unavailable for the meeting, but he made a request for a donation of a shelter rental fee on a Saturday, that has yet to be announced. The board agreed to the donation.

In the last agreement sent out for the Johnson Mobile Home Park Agreement for water service, only had one minor change in it. Amber Orozco couldn't attend the meeting, but both she and Tim were fine with the corrections. This is pertaining to the law stating that you cannot make property owners sign utility agreements with their tenants. Mr. Johnson is willing to do this in exchange for the board installing individual lot meters, instead of on each individual unit. Johnson will still be responsible for maintenance

and leaks, and the town would only need to read the meters. Any bills not paid would appear on the bill to the town. It is also stated that there will be a \$200 deposit. The board agreed.

There are five quotes for new playground equipment and option one was recommended for \$88,565 from Mid States, which includes a course in the middle, new swings on the sides, an infant swing, and a seesaw. Rubber mulch was stated to be the best option for this playground as well, which is the lion's share of the total cost. The board agreed to option one and the cost.

Next up were signage quotes, from Signery 2, with the phrase "Welcome to the Town Park, Brookville," two of them would be \$1,440. From Greensign Company, there would be four signs rather than two. However, due to sizes, the cost would come to \$1,880 in total for the signs.

After some clarification on which quote has the sizes, amounts, and their cost, the totals came to Signery 2 with four signs for a total of \$1,880. Greensign Company with four signs had a total of \$15,565. The motion to

approve Signery 2 was agreed by the board.

The board moved on to timekeeping software. Out of several apps, Keystone was denied due to needing a submitted quote to upload time-stamps. The "When I Work" app was a better choice as its basic timekeeping and with the geofencing, there isn't a possibility of clocking in or out too early. The app is also based on per user per each month. The quote presented was for 65 users. This app is a better choice overall as it's also not a 3-5-year contract, or even a one-year contract. It's a monthly subscription.

This comes after the tedious work of reviewing individual paper time sheets and using an app would save time as well as improve efficiency. The board motioned to agree, and it passed.

In the TIF (Tax Increment Finance) management report via Todd Thackery (President of the Redevelopment Commission), it highlights what members have been involved with, expenditures, and revenues. The reports presented to the board are from the 2023 Expense reports. For 2024, the newest requirement is that the report must be submitted to the council. While new, Todd was available to answer any questions. The board made a motion to agree to the 2023 subject report and it passed.

The Historic Preservation Commission appointment saw two people who would like to serve for Paul Moster, whose last meeting will be in August. Until then, the appointment meeting is to cover the applicants before a re-appointment and continuous of a 4-year term starting in January. The two applicants interested are Jess Hansel and Rebecca Hamilton.

Jess states she would like to be a member of the HPC due to a prior position with the HPC of

Brookville. She learned a lot about historic preservation over the years and would like to contribute that knowledge to Brookville.

Rebecca, who currently serves on Redevelopment, stated that as a lifetime resident of Brookville, she has found the history and architecture to be both amazing and beautiful. She wants to see our town honored and recognized responsibly. Furthermore, her family home was an 1860 house, and she took care to be mindful of the historic features and history. She is already knowledgeable in our town's history and would like to learn more through her work on the HPC.

A nomination was made for Hamilton, and one was made for Hansel. Due to one board member abstaining, the vote will be tabled until Curtis Ward is back and there can be a solid vote of three.

Permit number 1007 for Brian and Tanya Wirtz, regarding a shed on his property was discussed at length, including the use of gravel, the size, the distance from the road to the property, and the site plan. The shed would be used for storage. Rita Seig, a surveyor, spoke up to state that Brian wants the storage shed to hold personal effects from family members who have passed away. He just wants a place to store it all. Due to concerns involving the speed limit to that lot and the logistics of the shed itself, the board agreed to table the permit until a later date.

The Harrison, Ohio Police Department has reached out with a quote for two SUV's they are wanting to sell to Brookville as they typically replace their vehicles every 4-5 years. Both sit at \$15,000 apiece and come with all the basic equipment sans the radio, shotgun and AR mount. The computer mount would also stay

with them, so it's asked for approval to buy these two vehicles for \$30,000.

Mileage and maintenance were discussed, all of which come with reports upon purchase. They have been inspected thoroughly and it's stated that there is nothing wrong with these two SUVs; the police department simply wants to replace them. The costs for the decal strip and re-brand, any cosmetic work (new paint) and basic auto maintenance would be roughly \$38,000. The original appropriated budget for police cars is \$65,000.

While a motion was made and passed for the purchase, some discussion was held over the absence of paperwork. They would like to be reviewed prior to purchase. The paperwork is contingent on purchase, which was seconded as a passed motion again regardless.

Other updates discussed included the pool and the Zimmer building. There were plenty of various costs listed for breakdowns of the project and updates, the construction, and how to proceed with HVAC and any other buildings in Brookville that are currently involved in any current projects.

A new ordinance was placed to have utility companies notify the town when work has been done, since in the past, work has been done, roads have been cut and torn up, and nobody was notified prior to these works.

The golf course is behind on possible renewals and the continued rising costs are putting it behind. Not many understand how much the golf course is going to cost overall, so with expected revenue at a standstill, there are financial concerns.

Residential parking discussions were tabled momentarily. John stated that he wanted to have enforced (on their part) 2-hour parking downtown on Main Street. For residential parking, there would be handicap parking. An argument ensued over the voting of the matter and whether it would be done regardless, and overall, a vote was made to put the handicap parking signs out in front of the residential houses (Moore's house at 11th and Franklin). A few

board members feel they shouldn't start getting involved in the residents' and business' parking matters. A lot of people want designated parking in front of their homes, and it will become an issue further down the road. Further discussion on rezoning led to another vote, but the topic was tabled due to lack of approval and motions carried.

Lastly was the Community Collaboration Fund grant, given out by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation, of \$40,000 with a 25% match. The grant is for a program that inspires new collaborations between entrepreneur support organizations to fill gaps and enhance the ecosystem. So far, several business partners include the Small Business Association, The Franklin County Community School Corporation, Main Street Brookville, Whitewater Publications, and the Brookville Redevelopment Commission.

If received, the 25% match would be up to \$10,000. If each business gives a little bit towards the grant match, it shows commitment and support towards the businesses. The workshops for small businesses were fundamental in outlining how each business can support one another and with this grant, the town can further expand on overall community, network, marketing, financial, and personal growth.

The board agreed to partner with the collaboration fund grant with a passing vote. More information will come as this grant is pursued.

A separate issue brought up was Reservoir Road and the amount of traffic that has increased. There is the culvert and drain by the golf course that still needs repaired but now that is impossible, especially with the large trucks that are now using Reservoir for the detour. It's a concern on whether or not others will be held responsible for yards getting torn up due to the traffic and trucks, and how they plan to continue with the drain repair.

It was stated that while the current concrete can withstand the traffic, if anything is damaged, the board wouldn't be held responsible.

With nothing else, the meeting was adjourned.

REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Beginning at 10 a.m.

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Real Estate

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Boys golf on 2-meet win streak

Will Fehlinger
SPORTS EDITOR



photo Will Fehlinger
Carsyn Patterson.

medalist Cameron Williamson's 36, shot 181. Oldenburg had 219.

The Wildcats were led by sophomores Gavin Gillman and Carson Allen, each with 46, and closely followed up by classmates Brady



photo Will Fehlinger
Carson Allen.

The Franklin County boys golf team showed improvement at Hidden Valley Golf Club last Tuesday in comparison to the showing at the same course last year, according to coach Dylan Huber. FC improved by 13 shots over the past season, shooting 188; Batesville won with 165 and host Lawrenceburg, behind

Colin Troyer carded 54 and Carsyn Patterson 58. The team had a strong showing at municipal Brook Hill Golf Club Thursday, defeating the South Dearborn Knights by a score of 167-209. FC was paced by Allen (38) and Foster (39).

Gillman, Rolfes and Patterson came in at 45; Jackson Williams had 49, Michael Wiesemann 50, Nick Vanoven 53 and Cameron Young 53. FC defeated the Union County Patriots at Liberty Country Club Monday, 179-191. Medalist for the match was Rolfes with a score of 41.

Allen finished at 44 while Foster and Gillman each shot 47. Patterson was at 54, Vanoven 57, Troyer 61, Wiesemann 61, Young 63 and Williams 69.

Foster (47) and Hayden Rolfes (49).

FC hosts East Central today.

Lady Cats bounce back with W

Will Fehlinger
SPORTS EDITOR

Lawrenceburg shut out the Lady Wildcats 5-0 in a varsity conference tennis match at the Tiger courts last Tuesday.

In #1 Singles play, Lizzie Caudill topped Nicole Mears 7-5, 6-1 in a battle of seniors. Cadence Fricke won over senior Lola Mann 6-1, 6-0 at 2 singles while at #3 Singles, Emma Kaymeyer defeated senior Moorea Nobbe 6-1, 6-2. Sarah McAndrew/Jenna May won against Kristen Ison/Vivian Silas 6-2, 6-1 in a match featuring all seniors. At #2 Doubles, Maddy Nelson/Kelsey Offutt got by sophomore Serena Silas and senior Lillie Graf 6-4, 6-2.

FC won in JV action, 3-2. Mady Rosenberger/Sayla Sacksteder won

6-3; senior Hannah George won 6-3 and Makayla Randall/Gen Pueyo triumphed 7-5.

Centerville defeated FC 4-1 in Wayne County the next day.

Mears earned a win over Makenna Hartman, 7-6 (7-2), 6-3. Kylar Marshall beat Mann 6-4, 6-4 and Ellie Cox won over Nobbe, 6-0, 6-3. Addie Shipman and Avery Dickerson defeated S. Silas and Ison, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, while Madi Fralick and Mikigh Hartman slipped past Graf and Rosenberger 6-3, 7-6 (7-0).

The Bulldogs won the JV match, 2-1. Mady Wilson and Sacksteder won in doubles, 7-5.

Monday FC defeated host Cambridge City Lincoln 3-2 in varsity and JV action. Mann

earned the key third match, coming back from a 2-5 deficit in the second set to win in a tiebreaker.

Mears fell 6-3, 6-4 to Mia Cupp. Mann's final over Bailey Burgin was 6-3, 7-6 (7-4). Nobbe battled to a 6-4, 7-6 (8-6) loss against Raegan Sturgis. The doubles sweep saw S. Silas and Ison top Rachel Morgan and Luna Garcia 6-0, 6-3 and V. Silas and Graf claim a 6-0, 6-1 win over Jules Losekamp and Deliah Rains.

JV improved to 3-2 by winning 3-2. Wilson won 6-3; in doubles, Rosenberger/Sacksteder won 6-1 and Savannah Nelson/Willa Bruns won 6-0.

FC (2-6) is at Greensburg Thursday.

Cats sit at 4-8

Will Fehlinger
SPORTS EDITOR



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Isaiah Lee.

four earned runs in two frames. Stephenson (2 ER, 4 IP) struck out four.

There were three four-run half-innings Friday at FC; unfortunately for the Cats, visiting Hagerstown had two of those in winning 10-4. Hits were even at seven and FC coughed up eight miscues in the field (HHS 3).

Senior Isaiah Lee smacked a double and sophomore Austin Andre a triple for the home side. Butt and Stephenson had single RBI and Kruthaupt stole two bases. Senior Porter Dorrel took the loss but just one of his five runs allowed was earned. Likewise for Kaden Welch (2 of 4 runs) and Andre (0 of 1).

In a makeup game Saturday, FC fell to EIAC foe Connersville 10-5. The Cats led 5-3 before the Spartans broke out for six runs in the fourth. CHS had 11 hits to FC's 7 and FC committed three errors.

Butt doubled and Stephenson tripled. Andre drove in three and senior Ben Becker two. Brewer, Kruthaupt and Welch were steals men. Kruthaupt was hung with the loss, allowing four earned runs in three frames. Senior Branson Galyen (3 ER) and Andre (0 earned) also threw.

The Cats crushed South Dearborn on the road Monday, 17-1, in five innings. Highlight was a 12-run fourth. FC outthit the Knights 10-3 and had just one error to SD's three.

Kruthaupt (3 RBI, SB), Stephenson (3 RBI, SB) and junior Garrett Kuntz all doubled. Becker had 4 RBI and Lee 2 (SB). Welch (2 SB), Andre (SB) and junior Landon Johnson each drove in runs. Butt pitched all five frames for the win, fanning four and walking just one.

FC (1-6 EIAC) hosts SD Thursday.

Track team competes in Indy

Will Fehlinger
SPORTS EDITOR

FC track and field participated in the Pike Invitational Saturday on the north side of Indianapolis. The girls tied for 7th with Jeffersonville (30 pts.) and the boys were 9th (16). Fort Wayne Carroll won the girls end and Homestead the boys side.

The girls had a pair of third-place finishes as Emma Rosenberger did so in pole vault (10 ft.) and the 4x100 team of Audrey Harper, Ella

Flannery, Taylan Brewer and Mackenzie Brzezinski took bronze (51.66 seconds). Flannery, team MVP for the meet, was 4th in high jump (5-2) and the 200 (26.94pr). Hanna Betzing placed 5th in pole vault (9 ft.). Brzezinski was 7th in 300 hurdles (50.82). The 4x400 (Flannery, Brzezinski, Esther George, Brewer; 4:32.27) and 4x800 (Jacy & Jaelyn Grimmeissen, Shyla Beard, Reagan Minniti;

12:48.95) teams were 8th.

Top scorer for the boys was Lance Fields in shot put (PR of 48-2 for 5th). Clayton Lunsford was 6th in shot (45-10pr) and discus (127-2). Earl Carr was 6th in high jump (5-10). The 4x400 team of Brandon Willis, Owen Harvey, Joey Meyer and James Rowland also took 6th (3:44.84).

FC varsity is at the East Central invite Friday.

Lady Cats: 8 days, 7 games

Will Fehlinger
SPORTS EDITOR

The FC softball team started a busy stretch last Monday with a 9-2 defeat at the hands of East Central. Six of the Lady Trojans' runs were earned. A quiet Lady Wildcat offense scored twice on seven hits. Brooke Stang belted a 2-run homer and senior Kendal Cain (double) and sophomore Madison Perleberg had 2 hits each.

Against another tough conference foe Wednesday, FC defeated South Dearborn 4-2. The Cats scored early. Stang walked, Annie Hoff singled and senior Kensee Ferman was hit by a pitch to load the bases; Bailey Kaiser cleared the sacks with a triple down the left-field line. Lee later brought Kaiser in. Lee dominated in a complete game effort, fanning two and allowing seven hits. Perlberg added a double.

Hosting Milan Thursday, FC scored eight times in the first en route to an 11-0 blowout. Jillian Harris twirled a 2-hit shutout, adding seven punchouts to her season total. Stang went yard again as part of a 3-hit, 3 RBI night. Tiffany Billman doubled and drove in three. Emily



photo Red Caboose Photography
Kensee Ferman.

Fellure, Perleberg and Hoff (double, RBI) had 2 hits each and Ferman, Cain and Olivia Bennett an RBI apiece.

In a weekend tourney at Kokomo, FC started with an 8-5 loss to Bellmont Friday. Stang (SB) left the park again, driving in three. Kaiser added an RBI. Lee took the loss with 5 earned runs in 5 frames. Saturday FC defeated South Bend Riley 8-7. Hoff tripled while Stang (twice), Lee and Kaiser doubled. Stang had 3 RBI, Lee 2 and Billman, Ferman

and Hoff 1 each. Harris and Lee both pitched. Westfield downed FC 11-2.

Monday the girls lost to Connersville 3-0 with a lack of clutch hitting. The Cats outthit the Spartans 8-7; however, Connersville got hits with runners in scoring position at critical points. Lee pitched a great game giving up 3 runs on 7 hits. Perleberg was 3-of-3 and Stang 2-of-2 (double); Fellure also doubled.

FC (8-4, 1-2) hosts Rushville Thursday.

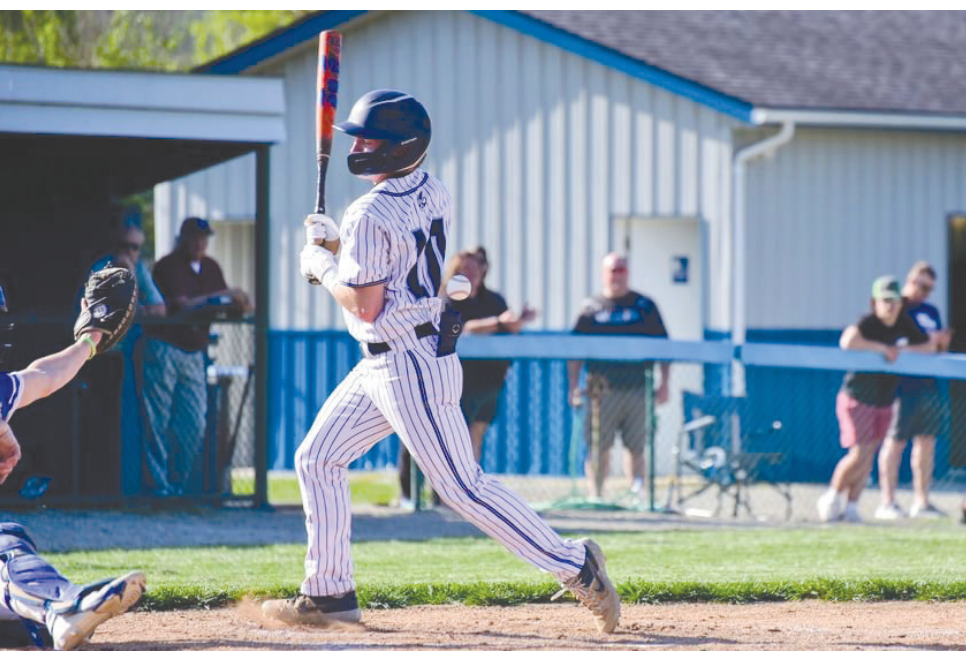
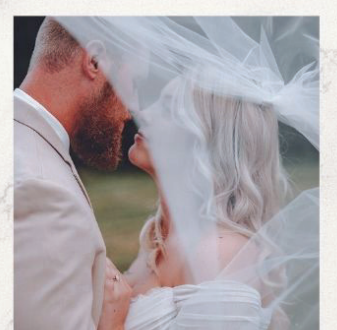
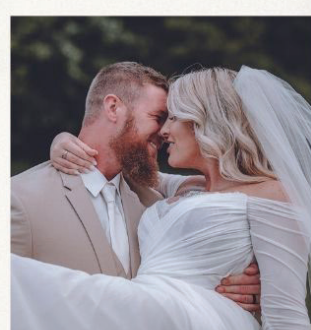
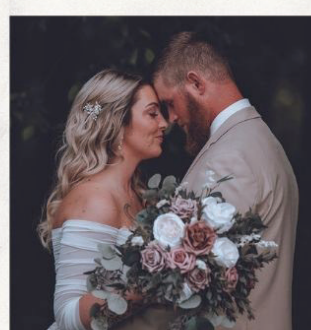


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FCHS students compete at 2024 national JAG competition



Congratulations to Milan High School. There were 34 teams from around the country that they competed against. They had the opportunity to tour St. Louis, visit the aquarium, attend a Cardinals baseball game, attend workshops and a career expo, dress up for a dance, and network with other JAG students from all across the country. They attended the Conference from April 18-20, 2024. They created lasting friendships and memories.

Source: Tanya Wirtz

LIBRARY CORNER

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.

Solar Eclipse Glasses Collection: Brookville and Laurel Libraries will be drop-off points for your gently used solar eclipse glasses. These glasses will then be sent to South America by Brookville Main Street for the eclipse in October. All glasses need to be collected by Saturday, April 27.

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.

Wish Movie and Snacks: In a perfect kingdom long ago, a magical king grants the wishes of his people. But a young girl makes a wish that is answered by a star instead, causing the king to turn to dark magic in an attempt to increase his power. Join us for a movie and snacks at Laurel Library on May 2 at 4:30 p.m.

A Journey to the Pacific Islands: Travel around the Pacific and learn about Asian and Pacific Islanders through stories, crafts, and music. May 3 at Brookville Library at 10 a.m.

Comic Book Coasters: Celebrate free comic book week with us by creating your own set of comic book coasters with the help of Mod Podge. At the end, you will have finished coasters to keep for yourself or give as a gift. Please RSVP by calling the libraries. May 6 at Brookville Library at 4:30 p.m. May 7 at Laurel Library at 4:30 p.m.

Squash Photo Book: Learn how to make a paper squash book to fill with photos and notes. This would make a great memory book or a special gift for someone you love. Bring five to six of your photos to put in your book right away! May 9 at Laurel Library at 4:30 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.

Second Monday Book Club: Join us for Second Monday Book Club on May 13 at 6 p.m. at Brookville Library. The May selection is "Nineteen Steps" by Millie Bobby Brown.

Young Hoosier Book Award Preview Party: Introduce yourselves to the 2024-2025 Young Hoosier Book Award nominees during our preview party. Hear a little about the books, enjoy a snack, make a bookmark, and help us fill out our YHBA time capsule! May 14 at Brookville Library at 5 p.m. and May 16 at Laurel Library at 4:30 p.m.

DIY Frame Wreath: Give something old life again by learning how to make obsolete picture frames into beautiful wreaths! May 14 at Laurel Library at 4:30 p.m. This program is limited to 12, so please RSVP by calling the libraries.

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"I told her I'm so thankful for her because every time I visit, I didn't get to meet my grandparents but I feel like I know them through her," Sarah said. "She has taught us so much about our family, how to cook, how to save, how to love. When you come here, you are fed and taken care of even if you aren't hungry."

Writer's Note: Virgie, it was a pleasure to meet you! Thank you for taking the time to sit down with me and share your beautiful stories. I have made a new friend I look forward to visiting again. Happy Birthday, Virgie!

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Whitewater School History



Whitewater High School, photo from 1971 WHS *Echo* yearbook.

2024 marks the 100th anniversary of the first graduating class of Whitewater High School. A few alumni are organizing a celebration to be held in May 2024, and are submitting recollections for the *Forgotten Franklin County* column to draw attention to the event. This is the first submission and comes from a Brookville High School grad, Susan Wendel Knight, who attended Whitewater and Springfield schools for grades 1-8. This article intends to set the stage by exploring the origins and early years of Whitewater Township School. WHS grads and teachers will submit succeeding articles for the next few weeks highlighting their WHS experiences. **JAS**



Possum Hollow School as it looked c. 1931. Courtesy of Inez Liming's family.

Whitewater School was constructed to replace the township's nine existing one-room schools. These buildings were honored in a framed photo collage prominently hung at Whitewater School and later moved to Mt. Carmel School where it was once again displayed. The collage featured a large photo of WHS surrounded by nine smaller photos of the one-room schools. Each of these schools was known by a familiar name but also carried an assigned

number:

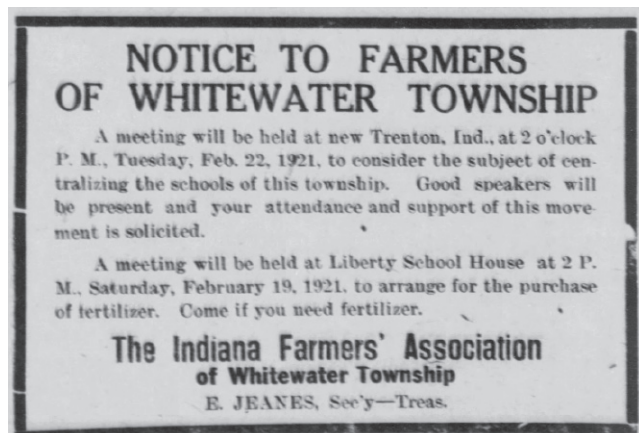
- LaRue, No. 1, located at the NE intersection of Drewersburg and Sparks Roads, stands. On May 7, 1924, sold at auction to W.E. Dickson.
- Liberty, No. 2, located at the east side of the intersection of Johnson's Fork and Kerr Roads, stands. On May 7, 1924, sold at auction to Vinton Wehr.
- Possum Hollow or Valley of Hope, No. 3, located along Possum Hollow Road when the east and west branches were connected, partially standing. On May 7, 1924, sold at auction to V. Hicks.
- Jackman, No. 4, located on the east side of the easternmost set of 90-degree turns on English Hill Road, stands. On May 7, 1924, sold at auction to Balsler Metzler.
- Drewersburg, No. 5, located at the SW corner of Drewersburg and Mortashed Roads, was razed. On May 6, 1924, sold at auction to Clem Cleaver.
- Rockdale, No. 6, located on the east side of Johnson's Fork Road in Rockdale, stands. On May 6, 1924, sold at auction to Amos Lowe.
- Snow Hill, No. 7, located on the north side of Snow Hill Road, is gone. On May 6, 1924, sold at auction to Jake Reiner.
- New Trenton, No. 8, located at the intersection of Walnut and West in New Trenton, stands. Sold at auction on May 18, 1925.
- Blackburn, No. 9, located along St. Peter's Road west of New Trenton, is gone. Sold at auction on May 18, 1925. This building was stone; the others were brick.

The reasons for No. 8 and No. 9 selling one year later than the others are unknown. Marked on Section 15 on the west side of Wesley Chapel Road on Hutchinson property in the 1867 and 1882 Franklin County Atlases, No. 10 is a bit of a mystery. It is assumed it closed before 1923. A 1977 article in the *American* mentions 11 one-room schools were built, but no details have been found (*Brookville American*, 17 Nov. 1977).

Why abandon the one-room schools? Whitewater Township wasn't the first to do so. Other Franklin County townships had already abandoned theirs and others followed. Of note, neighboring Springfield Township abandoned its one-room schools just one year earlier.

School consolidation is a hot-button topic now. During this time, the term used was "centralization." The 1977 article referenced above attributed financial benefits as a primary reason for replacing the one-room schools with one building. The same article noted the New Trenton community tended to oppose the new school because they already offered two years of high school instruction and the proposed location at the top of Elkhorn Hill was too treacherous in inclement weather. Newspapers at the time made little mention of opposition to the plan. Instead, articles documented meetings of the "White Water Farmers" who felt a high school and centralized building with an auditorium "that could be used to hold the commencements, township institutes, and as a place for farmers to meet" would benefit farmers. In addition, students would have easier access to a high school education and costs incurred by transporting students to other high schools would be eliminated. A committee, comprised of J.R. Willey, Albert Williams, and Henry Strohmier, was "appointed to investigate and find out what steps had to be taken in order to get a new centralized school house." (*Democrat*, 23 Oct 1919)

In May of 1922, the wheels were in motion. *The Democrat* carried legal notices



The Brookville Democrat, 17 Feb. 1921.

for the "Location of Township School," the "Sale of Bonds for School House Construction" and a "School House Notice to Contractors." The chosen location was "upon the lands now owned by Michael Fohl approximately two miles from Ashby Station, and at the top of the Elkhorn Hill." Construction would be for "a joint high school and elementary building and for the installation of a heating and ventilating system, and for the installation of a plumbing and sewerage system and for the installation of electric wiring Said building is to be a two story and basement brick building." Plans were available from Architect H.M. Griffin of Connersville. To finance construction, Township Trustee Albert R. Williams offered bonds totaling \$41,000 (*Brookville Democrat*, 18 May 1922). In June of 1922, it was announced that the Jones Construction Company of Connersville was awarded the contract with work to "begin at once" (*Democrat* 22 June 1922). In July of 1923, *The Democrat* carried notice that the White Water Centralized School was almost complete and Township Trustee Louis Linkle advertised bids for seven bus routes.

The 1923 school year opened with Ernest S. Clark, H.R. Brauchla, and Miss Edna Davis as high school teachers. Mr. Clark also served as principal. Lower grade staff included Mrs. C.B. Ware at first grade, Ruth Lake at second, Miss Florence Bates at third, Dorothy Ross at fourth, Hazel Hutchinson at fifth, and Helen Case at sixth. As Lena Strohmier reminisced in the 1950 *Echo*, "On September 10, 1923 a bewildered group of teachers and pupils met for the first time in the Whitewater consolidated School. To get to the various classrooms, we had to pass stacks of books and desks piled in the halls. These were gathered from the one room schools of the Township. No one knew where to go! After much confusion, each and every one of us found our places and school got under way."

The dedication of the White Water Township Centralized School Building took place on Nov. 1, 1923. The event began with a chicken supper at 4:30 followed by musical selections by the Willeys Orchestra, Mr. E.F. Calvert, and Mrs. Reas Bradley. The invocation was by C.B. Ware while Prof. E.D. Clark and Prof. E.L. Austin of Purdue University delivered addresses (*Democrat*, 25 Oct 1923). Lena Strohmier noted, "This supper was such a success socially and financially that one has been served nearly every year since then."

By the spring of 1924, Miss Davis had students competing in Indiana's first Latin contest sponsored by Indiana University, and WHS prepared commencement exercises for its inaugural graduating class comprised of three young women: Lena Strohmier, Dorothy Wiwi Orschell, and Amy Willey Jones.



Left: Inagural WHS Class of 1924. Lena Strohmier, Amy Willey Jones, and Dorothy Wiwi Orschell. Courtesy of Ella Mae Volk. Right: WHS Class of 1925. Center front: Mary Liming Hiler. Classmates: Dulcie Kelly, Adrian Lytle, Jerome Wiwi, Frances Wiwi. Courtesy of Ella Mae Volk.

Although the succeeding class of 1925 counted only five graduates, WHS established a sporting legacy by fielding both a boys and a girls basketball team. *The Brookville Democrat* of Feb. 26, 1925, carried news of dual wins against Bright High School at Whitewater on Feb. 6th. The girls won 7 to 5, while the boys' win was 28 to 3. The same night, Whitewater Bus Drivers played Springfield Bus Drivers with Whitewater again victorious scoring 8 points to Springfield's 3. The following week, Whitewater's boys beat Middletown 15 to 14 (*Democrat*, 26 Feb. 1925).

These athletic endeavors took place in the gym located on the lower/basement level of the building. That facility served the student body and community until the 1941-42 school year. In November of 1939, Clarence Lake, township trustee, advertised a notice for bids for materials for a new gym. Plans were to be obtained from Henkey & Hanson, Architects and Engineers, of Connersville. The building was to be 124' X 81' and situated at the east end of the 1923 structure. It would include an 85' X 62' gym, "the only regulation gym in this section of the country," as well as a stage, showers, restrooms, and a home economics room. The cost was estimated to be \$63,787 with federal aid assisting with the financing. The cornerstone was laid during a ceremony on June 23, 1940. The building was expected to be ready for occupancy by Jan. 1, 1941 (*Democrat*, 30 Nov. 1939 and 20 June 1940).

The construction deadline was a bit optimistic. The new building was dedicated on Wednesday, Nov. 5, 1941. The ceremony was combined with a basketball game between WHS and Brookville High School. Both "A" and "B" squads played and BHS brought their band to provide "added entertainment including a floor drill." Despite their best efforts in their "exceptionally fine gym and auditorium" the Elkhorns fell to the Hounds in a hard-fought overtime loss with the Hounds' Charles Zuch making the game-winning goal and handing the Elkhorns a 38 to 36 loss. The B-team fared worse, suffering a 42-29 loss to the Pups (*Democrat*, 30 Oct 1941 and 6 Nov. 1941).

The *Echos* document a shift in school dynamics when neighboring rival Springfield High School began sending its high school students to Whitewater in 1966-67. The lower grade configuration fluctuated a bit, but simplistically grades 1-3 were offered at each school while upper elementary was offered at Springfield.

The games, the studies, and the community events began to dwindle following the 1973-74 school year as consolidation with Brookville High School began. The class of 1974, graduating exactly 50 years after the inaugural class of 1924, was WHS's last. The 1974 *Echo* features these seniors: Patricia Chitwood, Michael Davis, Darrell Gilbert, Margaret Goodin Clark, Wayne Gillespie, Rodney Grubbs, Ellen Hicks, Edwin Hofer, David Kaiser, Larry Kerr, Debra Laake [sic], Jackie Lane, Jennie Lane, Deborah Lunsford Walker, Karen Mergenthal, Connie Offill, Karen Rader, Shirley Sauerland, Tony Sauerland, Terry Smith, Mike Stirn, Kenneth Stone, Mary Volk, Eddie Walker, Loren Watson, Joyce Wilhelm, and Rosemary Wiwi.

From 1974-75 through 1976-77, Whitewater School served select elementary grades through Grade 9. Grades 10 through 12 were bused to Brookville High School. At the end of the 1976-77 school year, Whitewater School closed. Grades 1-8 from Whitewater and Springfield were sent to the new Mt. Carmel School located at the intersection of Johnson's Fork and Dickson Roads on the Springfield/Whitewater Township Line. All high school students were bused to BHS.

Whitewater's legacy continues at the Brookville Public Library with what we believe to be a complete set of Whitewater *Echo* yearbooks-1949 to 1974. (A few years are photocopies of originals.) We may also have a complete set of Springfield yearbooks: 1928, 1951, and 1952. If you know of any others, we'd love to make copies. In addition, on cold, winter days, Judy Leary has been known to don Tom's WHS letter sweater.

Anyone with an interest in WHS is invited to attend a 100th Anniversary celebration on May 18th at Third Place. Please contact Diana Schuck Bruns for more info: email: dmbruns@live.com -Phone: 765-220-6012.

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Jim Wilz completes six week bike ride across U.S.

Cheyenne Lance
LEAD STAFF WRITER

you. Melissa and I are honored to support such a great cause.

With the completion of his bike ride, Jim Wilz has finally reached his destination and successfully raised awareness and support for breast cancer survivors. A quick recap - Jim partnered with an organization called Move Beyond Surviving, who focus on helping breast cancer survivors regain some normalcy in their post-treatment lives, building strength and communication, gaining new friendships, and learning how to continue living a healthy and full life. This came after Jim saw how much his wife, Melissa, struggled to adapt to her post-treatment life as a survivor herself.

Here is his final update:

Hello Friends and Family,

It is hard to believe but after 44 days we all arrived safely by bicycle at the Atlantic Ocean around noon today. The trip is over! And in the books. Great friendships were made along the way and completion would not have been possible without support, encouragement, and prayers from all of

Day 38 -Gulf Shores Ala to Ft Walton Beach Fla. (75 miles, 683 Ft Gain, 5h 15m in seat) After about eight miles today, we crossed the Florida border, but no sunshine as it was blustery day! Just one state to go. At the state line, I passed Florabama, a very popular panhandle beach bar. I had at least 10 people tell me to make a stop here. Next time!

Day 39 -Ft. Walton Beach to Chipley Fla. (87 Miles, 2018 ft elevation gain 5hr 25m in seat.) We left at sunrise today to try and out cycle a massive storm. The good news is we made it by 30 minutes. After our arrival, it rained for over 12 hours. No pictures today just radar as our route was in rural north Florida.

Day 40 - Chipley Fla. to Midway Fla. (79 Miles, 2207 Elevation Gain 4h 34m in seat.) We had a nice ride in North Florida today with weather and wind fully cooperating. The day had a bit of a country music theme as within one mile of each other we crossed the Chattahoochee River (Way down yonder with Alan



Jackson) then we briefly crossed the Georgia border (Florida-Georgia Line "This is how we roll").

Day 41 Midway Fla. to Madison Fla. (76 Miles, 1960 Elevation Gain, 5h 3m in seat) The ride highlight of the day was along the historic Old St. Augustine Canopy Road. In the early 1800s this was one of the main roads in Florida and went from Tallahassee to St. Augustine. Later in the morning, the storm of two days ago caught up with us in the form of flooded roads. We had an afternoon break in Ray Charles Park.

Day 42 - Madison Fla. to Alachua Fla. (84 Miles, 1445 Elevation Gain 4h 54m in seat) Only three days to go

until we finish, so we started the day with our first Waffle House breakfast of the trip! I do have to say it was the best breakfast. Our ride took us along US 90 during Flea across Florida. This is just miles and miles of yard sales.

Day 43 Alachua Fla. to Palatka-Lake Fla. (65 Miles 1300 ft elevation Gain 4h 2m in seat.) On our second to last day, we finished the ride on the Palatka - Lake Butler State Trail. Since Louisiana, our fellow rider from Wales has been looking for an alligator. We finally spotted one today. My son, Graham, joined me for a 20-mile ride today.

Day 44 Palatka Fla. to St Augustine Beach Fla. (35 miles , 217 feet elevation gain, 2h 10m

in seat) After a beautiful sunrise in Palatka, we biked as a group into St Augustine. Today's ride was somewhat of a microcosm of our whole trip. We had headwinds, tailwinds, flat tire, construction traffic, and bridge crossings, all within three hours. Our ending at St John's Pier in St. Augustine Beach was a special moment. We were greeted with cheers, cowbells, participation trophies, and many friends and family members. Our front wheel dip in the Atlantic Ocean was a memorable end to a wonderful journey.

An interesting historical tidbit, we started our ride near the Spanish Mission San Luis Rey in San Diego and Fountain of Youth

is at the Spanish Mission Nombre de Das in St. Augustine. In some ways we were on the trail of the early Spanish Franciscans during our ride.

In the 1890s Teddy started the first bicycle police force in NYC. A funny tidbit, he was pulled over for speeding by the bicycle police he started. Here are two of my favorite quotes from Teddy:

"Believe you can and you're halfway there."

□ Theodore Roosevelt

"People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care"

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I just biked 2900 miles across the USA.

(See "BIKE" pg. 10)

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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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sick - State Regent Priscella Kramer is having surgery, Joan May in hospital, Jane Selm, Sister Andre Burkhart hopes to be getting her cast off soon, Mr. & Mrs. Sizemore need prayers requested by Jacqueline.

Membership prayer recited by all. Regent Julie read the March Birthdays.

Report of the scribe - Janet Meyer, Scribe reported she has sheets to sign up for the K of C desserts and she also reported on the HGA Breakfast on March 17th, 2024, they are in need of breakfast foods. A sheet was provided for ladies to sign.

Social Activities - Vickie Prybyla stated the Corporate Communion Party will be held on Wednesday April 24, Doors will open at 6:00 dinner at 6:30 pm. Committee will provide the meal. The party will be themed around the Eucharist.

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 recited by all.

Funeral Lunches: Oglesby - served the family of Mary Ann Deffner on Feb. 10th and served 125.

In New Business

-Regent Bowling reported the upcoming Spring Fling will be held on April 27th and 28th 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. Oglesby brought up the Intense Youth Conference at St. Leon on June 7-9. A motion was made by Oglesby we donate to them seconded by Handley - motion carried. Carrie DeFossett asked if anyone is interested getting involved with "Stayin Alive," contact her. Their goal is working in a Healthier Franklin 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 Pelsor.

Hostesses for April 2nd meeting were Janet Meyer and Eileen Orschell.

Source: Janet Meyer

Bike ■ Continued from Page 9

It is time for a cheeseburger in paradise that my sister-in-law Melinda promised me if I finished. Also, some Skyline chili! If you are from Cincinnati, make sure you watch the end of this video as it was filmed in Cincy, and you can see Jimmy on a bicycle!

Thank you all for following my blog. I have averaged over 300 readers a week and that is

something I did not expect. Peace, Jim.

Congratulations to Jim for completing this ride. It was something he always wanted to accomplish. His friends, family, and many supporters are proud of him, and his fellow bikers and we wish Jim and his family the best as they continue to ride, support survivors, and enjoy their loves moving forwards!

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Tri-State wrestling returns to Hamilton

Tri-State Wrestling makes its return to the Fitton Center for Creative Arts in Hamilton, Ohio on Saturday, April 27 at 7 p.m.

This season's first show in Hamilton is scheduled to be headlined by a triple threat match for the TSW Heavyweight Championship. Current champion Tre' Lamar

will defend his title against the two men who held the championship previously - VsK and Myron Reed.

VsK, the company's inaugural champion, narrowly missed winning the title from Lamar at the Squared Circle Expo's "Parade of Champions" show on March 30. Meanwhile, Reed's rivalry

with Lamar heated up even more at this year's season debut in February in Batesville, when Lamar and JDX attacked Reed and his protégé Matt Diesel. The "Young GOAT" is out not just for the championship but revenge as well.

In addition to the main event, TSW stars scheduled for action

include Sam Beale, Damian Chambers, Isaiah Broner, Justin Xavier, GPA and more.

Tickets for the show start at just \$15 and are on sale now at TSWTickets.com.

In partnership with Raising Cane's, the first 200 fans in attendance at the April 27 show will receive a Raising Cane's "Buy

One, Get One Free" gift card! A special thanks to our friends at Raising Cane's, who proudly serve Hamilton from their location at 1479 Main Street.

ONLINE EXCLUSIVE: Fans can save by purchasing a Family 4-Pack of tickets for just \$50! This offer saves \$10 off regular

ticket pricing and is only available to purchase online in advance of the show.

Additional appearances and matches will be announced leading up to the show. Follow @TSWProWrestling on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram for all the latest updates.

For more information, visit TriStateWrestlingOnline.com.

Summertime Canal History in Connersville

Ron Yurcak
CONTRIBUTOR

A great place to learn some history of the Canal resides in Connersville. The Canal House was built in 1843 for the Whitewater Valley Canal Company. This was used as the main office for the Whitewater Valley Canal Company as their headquarters. Recently the Historic Connersville did a complete renovation on the interior of the property returning it to its finest period. The structure was once used as a bank, then later a veteri-

nary hospital and the private residence of one of Connersville's mayors. The property was later acquired by Historic Connersville Inc. to be preserved as a museum. As constructed in 1843, The Canal House has four wooden fluted Greek Doric columns in the front making it a grand entrance into the building. On the inside it has been restored into the residential beauty of yesteryear. As you enter the building, the first thing you notice is the grand hallway leading to the staircase at the rear of the hallway. If you turn to the left

into the parlor, there's a beautiful setting and fireplace where you could gather to listen to the resident piano player, play music on the Grand piano. There are two hidden vaults in the house, one in the parlor and one in the dining room. The kitchen has a wood burning stove to cook on along with all the amenities needed for a traditional home cooked meal. Heading upstairs you will only find two bedrooms along with a small room for caring for the children attached to the master bedroom. A very historic crib that once be-

longed to the Wright Brothers of airplane fame resides in the children's room. In 1848 the property was acquired by the company's president Samuel W. Parker. In 1855 it was purchased by the Savings Bank of Indiana and used as a commercial bank.

In 1936 Finly and Alice Gray bought the property and did a major renovation on the interior and exterior of the property. Finly and his wife resided in the home from 1936 to 1947. Then in 1971 Historic Connersville acquired the property to secure and restore the structure for the use of a museum. At the current time, tours can be arranged by appointment by calling 765-825-0946. Historic Connersville hopes to start regular tours in the near fu-



ture one day a week. This historic building is a must-see for anyone who enjoys history. Donna Schroder of Historic Connersville worked a great deal of hours getting this house back to its grand style. The Canal society of Indi-

ana was privileged to get a sneak peek into this beautiful home recently. The detail is amazing was said by one of the CSI members. Visit <http://historicconnersville.org> for more information or call 765-825-0946.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE TO BIDDERS FRANKLIN COUNTY CCMG 2024-1 ROAD RESURFACING

The Board of Commissioners announces the following Public Work Projects to be bid per the following:

Scope of work: Hot Mix Asphalt resurfacing of Pocket Rd, Frontage Rd and Autumn Oaks in Franklin County containing approximately 16,705 tons. Award will be within 15 days of bid opening. The project must be completed by the fall of 2024. Contractors shall comply with all requirements of IC-5-16-13.

Date/Time: Bids will be opened at the County Commissioners meeting at 10:00 AM on Wednesday May 15th, 2024. Bids should be received in the Auditor's office prior to 10:00 AM on Wednesday May 15th, 2024.

Bid Location: Commissioners/Council Chambers

Franklin County Government Center 1010 Franklin Ave. Brookville, IN 47012

Form 96: Total for all projects shall be listed on form 96. Actual

award may be less than this total. Form 96 can be obtained at the office of the County Superintendent. Completed Itemized Proposal Form to be attached to Form 96.

Bid Bond; Performance Bond; Payment Bond: See Special Provisions

Insurance: Workman's Compensation and minimum \$1,000,000 liability each occurrence, \$2,000,000 aggregate coverage must be certified to Franklin County.

Liquidated Damages: Liquidated Damages as listed in section 108.09 shall apply per calendar day if the project is not completed within the specified period of time.

Suspension and Debarment Certification: To completed as part of the Bid

Questions: A complete list of roads to be bid along with Bid Specifications and General Information can be obtained from the County Highway Superintendent. For any questions or further information, please contact: County Highway Superintendent 1360 Fairfield Avenue Brookville, IN 47012 Telephone: 765-647-4271

Franklin County in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation and Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 200, Title VI Program and Related Statutes, issued pursuant to such Acts, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of religion, race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability/handicap and low income in consideration for an award.

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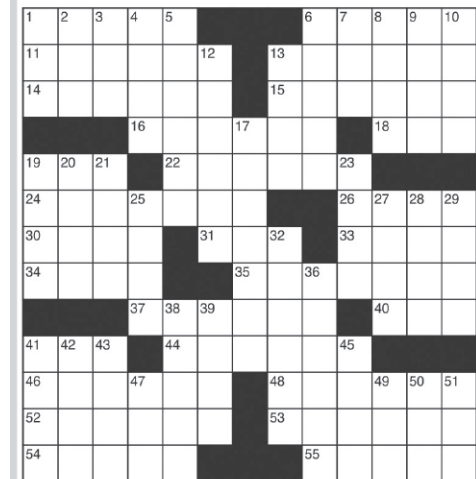
PUBLIC NOTICE

Mt. Carmel will hold a Special Meeting to discuss Cell Tower installation April 29th at 5 pm Drewersburg Fire Station 2.

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CROSSWORD



- 53. Sweater material
- 54. Frozen rain
- 55. Took a position
- 27. Necessity
- 28. Mexican dish
- 29. Selects
- 32. Afternoon snooze
- 36. Decorates
- 38. Cary or Hugh
- 39. Used a bell
- 41. Venomous vipers
- 42. Double
- 43. Single time
- 45. "The Gift of the ___"
- 47. Bind
- 49. Food fish
- 50. Before, before
- 51. Family member

- DOWN**
- 1. Mock
 - 2. Blend
 - 3. Army or carpenter
 - 4. Brood
 - 5. "Moonlight"
 - 6. Macho types
 - 7. Yelp
 - 8. Modify copy
 - 9. Famous fiddler
 - 10. Afresh
 - 12. Kite cord
 - 13. Sandwich shop
 - 17. Make wider
 - 19. Soaks up
 - 20. Duo plus one
 - 21. Bigfoot's kin
 - 23. Shorebird
 - 25. Grand party



- ACROSS**
- 1. Stockpile
 - 6. Laughing
 - 11. Spotted ponies
 - 13. Make numb
 - 14. Boundary
 - 15. "The ___ Strikes Back"
 - 16. Sing
 - 18. Pull behind
 - 19. Porky's digs
 - 22. Exhausting
 - 24. Pizza spice
 - 26. "Render therefore ___"
 - Caesar . . . "
 - 30. Pocket bread
 - 31. Car fuel
 - 33. Dancer's jump
 - 34. Earth
 - 35. Language variety
 - 37. Consented
 - 40. Two, in Madrid
 - 41. Confusion
 - 44. Redeem
 - 46. Hosiery color
 - 48. Copied
 - 52. Walking

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9	1	5	7	4	8	6	3	2
6	7	2	1	3	5	9	4	8

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Beer Is Spilled When Trailer Truck Upsets

Thirteen cases of beer were lost and an estimated \$6,000 damage resulted when a large tractor-trailer loaded with the amber fluid overturned near Pete Bath's farm, south of Brookville, on U. S. 52 on Tuesday of this week.

Jess Stevens, of Indianapolis, driver of the vehicle, told State Police Trooper Robert Cline and Franklin County Sheriff James F. Hixon, he lost control of his outfit when an unidentified driver crowded him off the highway.

The truck is owned by the Capitol City Supply Company of Indianapolis.

A son was born to Walter Stidhem, March 18, at the home of Mrs. William Stidhem.

A daughter was born to Virgil Prifogle, Hospital, in Hamilton, on March 18. Mr. and Mrs. J. Cedar Grove, are a daughter, born March 18.

A daughter was born to Margaret Mary Hixson, on March 18. Mrs. Nicholas Laurel.

A 7-lb. 4-oz. baby, was born to Roger Huffman, at the Coleman Hospital, on March 18.

photo provided

75 years ago, there was a massive beer spill when a trailer truck overturned. The estimated cost in this year was only \$6,000!.

Shelter - Continued from Page 1

they want to hold the snake. Their fundraiser will begin May 3rd and run through May 9th, so no total is available to announce yet. The students are excited though and can't wait.

Mt. Carmel has already finished their fundraiser. Students were encouraged to see which class could raise the most money. At the end of each day, the class with the most money would receive extra recess time, and some play time with the school's therapy puppy, whom the kids love to see. At the end of the week, the class who raised the most earned a pizza party! As they have finished, Mt. Carmel students raised \$2317! All proceeds will be donated to the shelter.

BMS has chosen to raise money through several methods. Teachers can pay \$30 to wear jeans for the

rest of the years. Students can pay \$1 to wear a hat every Friday. The teachers are also selling snacks in their rooms - English teachers sell suckers, Math teachers sell airheads, Social Studies teachers sell chips, etc - they also have a donation box set up. Students can put \$5 in the box to earn tickets for a Kings Island trip after school is out. BMS has gotten incredibly creative with their fundraising, and the teachers will even play a round of Family Feud to raise money. As of right now, they are about halfway through their \$1000 goal.

St. Michael's has not yet stated how their students will be raising money. An update on the school will be provided at a later date along with their total if their fundraiser is completed beforehand.

ROAD WORK CONTINUES ON ST. RD. 1



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A view of the bridge work being done on St. Rd. 1.

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