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### SOLAR MORATORIUM EXTENSION REQUESTED

**Will Fehlinger**  
COPY EDITOR

At the July 10 meeting of the Franklin County Area Plan Commission, the board unanimously approved a favorable recommendation be sent to commissioners to extend a proposed six-month moratorium on solar applications to one year.

The commissioners and APC had both addressed an initial moratorium in separate June meetings, with the latter's July meeting set to start the voting process. APC attorney Geoffrey Wesling started the discussion by saying he highly recommended a 12-month duration due to his prior experiences

with the "extremely technical" nature of solar projects. He added ordinances could be changed before that one-year point, but the extension would take some pressure off the board.

This was a welcome suggestion, as APC member Daryl Kramer presented a Power-Point outlining an aggressive timeline for a select committee of stakeholders and him to come up with a plan for alternative energy system (AES) zoning that would be more in line with Indiana Code 8-1-42 (Default Standards for Commercial Solar Energy Systems).

Other members of the AES work group consist of Connie Rosenberger, Traci (See "SOLAR" pg. 5)

### DUO QUALIFIES FOR STATE FAIR

**Will Fehlinger**  
COPY EDITOR

Just two entries in Friday afternoon's 4-H public speaking contest translated into both brave young speakers earning berths at this year's Indiana State Fair.

After a slight delay, three members of this year's court got the event underway. Maggie Riffle, a 10-year member from the Whitcomb Boosters club and the 2024 Franklin County 4-H Fair Queen, took the microphone first.

Riffle laid out for the small crowd all the reasons why 4-H has been and continues to be beneficial for her growth as a young adult. She urged youth to become members and gain similar confidence that's helped

her along her journey. Riffle is the daughter of Don and Angie Riffle.

The second and final contestant was Samantha Volk, daughter of Steve and Sharon Volk and second runner-up in the queen's court. Volk shared a story of one of her goats recently contracting goat polio, she and her mother tasked with recognizing the symptoms and nursing the animal back to better health.

Following her exit from the stage, judges Adam Hofer and Emily Mullen deliberated briefly before Hofer announced Riffle as grand champion and Volk as reserve grand champion. They were then joined on stage by their fellow court for picture time. The two ladies then (See "DUO" pg. 7)

### Planning underway to repair Duck Creek Aqueduct in Metamora



**Cassie Garrett**  
REGIONAL DIRECTOR

The severe weather that struck Franklin County on July 9 damaged the Duck Creek Aqueduct in Metamora. A large tree fell and was swept down Duck Creek, directly hitting the structure's base. The Director of Communications for the Indiana Museums and

State Historic Sites, Carla Knapp, issued the following update:

"Planning is underway to repair the Duck Creek Aqueduct, which was damaged during the storms that hit our area early last week.

Several days of heavy rain caused flooding along Duck Creek, and a large tree that was washed down the waterway crashed into and punctured the

side of the aqueduct. The hole is currently acting as an open gateway for water to flow out, and as a result, the water level of Whitewater Canal has dropped significantly.

With the help of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, the tree was removed and our team completed an initial assessment of the damage. In the coming days, we will

divert water away from the aqueduct and into Duck Creek, allowing us to temporarily fix the hole and restore water flow through the aqueduct and into Whitewater Canal as soon as possible. During this closure, we will also assess and plan for long-term repairs to be completed next year.

Please look for updates as the plans progress."

### FCHS Goalkeeper Dalton Ward returns from UDA Summer Tour with extended invitation

**Cassie Garrett**  
REGIONAL DIRECTOR

Franklin County High School (FCHS) student and FCHS Varsity Soccer player Dalton Ward was recently scouted by the UDA Soccer Academy and given the opportunity to travel to Europe. There, he trained at Gloucestershire University, a prestigious institution known for its strong soccer program. Dalton left on June 27 and spent 10 days practicing and playing soccer while being evaluated on his goalkeeping skills.

While in Europe, Dalton competed against the professional teams AFC Cheltenham, Fal-

cons FC, and Gloucester City U18. He also experienced the European soccer lifestyle and toured the Premier League Stadium of Wolverhampton Wanderers.

"My experience in England during my UDA Summer Tour was something I'll never forget," Dalton said. "I met a lot of new friends and coaches, but the most challenging thing for me was getting used to playing with different players and adapting to their play style. My performance in the goal was the best performance I've ever had. The coaching was so easy and simple to understand and I felt like I have gotten better as (See "WARD" pg. 11)



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# Community Calendar

## July

Join us for FCAC's IGA Cookout on Friday, July 19th from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Money raised will go to scholarships for 2025 graduating students.

## Franklin County Right-To-Life Baby Photo Contest!

At the Franklin County 4-H Fair. Prizes: 1st - \$100, 2nd - \$75, 3rd - \$50. Entry info: Eligibility – Babies from birth to 18 months by July 31st, twins, triplets, etc. count as one entry.

## Blooming Grove Volunteer Fire Department Festival

July 26 & 27. Beer garden, large gun raffle, basket raffle, grand prize drawing Saturday night, kids games and jump houses. Friday gun raffle 5-8 p.m. Saturday basket raffle 5-8 p.m. Friday pork chop dinner 5-8 p.m. Saturday fried chicken dinner 4-8 p.m. Carry outs available both nights. Live music Saturday 8 p.m. – 12 a.m. featuring Briar Stone Band.

## August

The Jacob and Anna (Schuck) Stenger Reunion will be held Sunday, August 18th at 12:00 at Holy Guardian Angels School Hall, Cedar Grove, IN 47016. Bring a meat and a side dish or dessert, your table service and a drink.

Moster-Vannatta Reunion. Sunday, Aug. 18. New location: Miller Building, Roberts Park, Connersville, IN 47331. Eat at 12 p.m. Bring a covered dish, dinnerware, and drinks. Ice provided, kitchen assessable. \*Bring pictures to share. Contact Karen Moster Clark 765-265-0774.

## September

The FCAC will sponsor the high-energy husband and wife German duo, "Polkawagen" on Sept. 27th from 7 to 10 p.m., playing at Third Place. More details to come.

## November

"The Reindeer Games" will be presented to all students at Mt. Carmel School and St. Michael School on Nov. 20 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. as part of our rotating schedule of school performances. The two shows will be presented by the Children's Theatre on Tour.

## January

The blockbuster Broadway hit, "Les Miserables" will be performed at the Aronoff Center in January and the Arts Council has a block of seats in the Loge to see this extraordinary play. Tickets are \$126 for the Jan. 18th matinee and can be obtained by calling Patti Wilhelm at 765-309-1473. We plan to have lunch at Nicholson's Restaurant prior to the show.

### HAVE A COMMUNITY EVENT TO SHARE?

To submit a community event for publication, send an email to [info@whitewaterpublications.com](mailto:info@whitewaterpublications.com).

# This is our commUNITY

## Fight Hunger, Stock the Trailer returns to Franklin County Fair

Farm Credit Mid-America and Franklin County Fair are excited to announce the return of Fight Hunger, Stock the Trailer. Presented by Farm Credit Mid-America and sponsored by Rural 1st, this friendly competition helps junior fairs raise food donations for local food banks across Indiana. Now in its third year, Fight Hunger, Stock the Trailer is just one of the many ways Farm Credit Mid-America gives back to rural communities

while supporting local agriculture.

From July 15 - 20, local community members are invited to bring non-perishable food items to the Franklin County Fair. Look for Stock the Trailer signage at the fair for locations to donate.

At the end of the fair, the total weight of all donations will be calculated. The top five fairs to raise the most food throughout the summer will receive prize money, with the grand prize being \$10,000.

Each participating county fair will receive \$500. All prize money awarded supports local junior fair activities, including attending statewide junior fair conferences, investing in new technologies, and in some cases, purchasing additional items for donation.

"We are thrilled to partner with Franklin County Fair for Stock the Trailer," said Brent Ditmars, regional vice president for Farm Credit Mid-America. "This initiative not

only helps those in need within our communities but also fosters a sense of teamwork and giving back among our local junior fairs. We look forward to seeing the impact we can make together in 2024."

Fight Hunger, Stock the Trailer is hosted at the state level. To learn more about which counties are participating in 2024, please reach out to Farm Credit Mid-America at 812-663-2454.

Source: Farm Credit, Mid-America

## 11 Indiana communities receive training, funding through Creative Convergence Program

The Indiana Arts Commission announced that 11 Indiana communities have received training and been approved for grant funding through the Creative Convergence program. Creative Convergence is a program of the Indiana Arts Commission, held in partnership with the Indiana Communities Institute at Ball State University's Miller College of Business. The program was launched in 2023 and consists of a two-day training workshop and an Early Action Grant Program. Teams of community members representing local government, arts organizations, educational institutions, and other community-focused roles were in attendance.

The two-day Creative Convergence workshop was held on April 17th and 18 in Lebanon. The training focused on how to embed arts and

creativity in community and economic planning and solutions, how to work collaboratively across sectors, and how to effectively engage with community.

Following the training program, communities had the opportunity to apply for a Creative Convergence Early Action grant. This grant program is designed to allow communities to apply the learnings from the workshop to a project that benefits creatives and the community. Each community will receive \$10,000 in grant funding to support their project.

With the Creative Convergence Early Action Grant, the City of Martinsville is undertaking a new perspective on interactive public art with twelve existing benches that are spread around the city. The city is working to improve its inclusivity and si-

multaneously elevate local artists by creating murals on these public benches. This initiative is a response to community surveys for interactive, free art in already publicly accessible green spaces.

The Town of Rockport will utilize the Creative Convergence Early Action Grant to enhance two green spaces on their Main Street. These green spaces will be used for concerts, art fairs, city events, and also open gathering spaces for games, activities, and photo opportunities. The organizers will gather input on various aspects of the project as a way to involve the community and gather contact infor-

mation to start an arts organization for Rockport, with a plan to bring creatives together to plan and organize future arts projects.

The complete list of participating communities, and their projects, are as follows:

Brookville, "Small Town Pics"  
Gas City, "Historical Main Street Tour"  
LaGrange, "LaGrange, INspired"  
Lebanon, "The Lebanon Story Booth"  
Martinsville, "Martinsville Public Bench Mural Art"  
Rockport, "The Main Attraction"  
Rockville, "Main-Street Mural on Jefferson"  
Shoals, "Re-CREATE- (See "FUNDING" pg. 5)

## OPINION

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR GUIDELINES

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## Barbara Ruth Rogers

Barbara Ruth Rogers, 83, of Laurel passed away Monday, July 8, 2024 at University Hospital, Cincinnati.

One of five children of Charles and Geneve Hackworth Johnson, Barbara was born in Waco, Kentucky on November 6, 1940 and graduated from Laurel High School with the class of 1958.

On September 3, 1960, Barbara married Jon Wayne Rogers in Laurel. Mr. Rogers survives.

For 27 years, Barbara was employed as a teacher's aide for Franklin County Community Schools. She loved her family and

adored her grandchildren. She was an avid gardener and could be found in her flower bed all summer long. Friends and family would come for miles to eat her home cooking. Her work ethic was unmatched, and her talents knew no bounds.

Barbara was a member of the Metamora Church of God.

Besides her husband of 63 years, Jon Wayne Rogers, survivors include three children, Brenda Rogers, Jon William Rogers, and Greg (Joyce) Rogers, all of Laurel; four grandchildren, Shannon (Mike) Park of Everton, Greg-

ory L. Rogers, Mike Rogers, and Jon H. Rogers, all of Laurel; eight great-grandchildren, Kylee Thompson, Nataniel Thompson, Aden, Kaleb, Benjamin, and MacKenzie Rogers, Sutton and Margot Rogers; two great great granddaughters, Corina Thompson and Palmer Robbins; two brothers, Charles (Leta) Johnson, and Mike (Karen) Johnson; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents; and a sister, Joyce Lockwood and a brother, Ernest Johnson.

Funeral services were conducted by Eric Hopkins at 1 p.m.



Friday July 12, 2024 in Miller, Moster, Robins Funeral Home, where friends called until the time of the service. Burial was in Laurel North Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made anytime at millermosterrobins.com.

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## Nevada June Mullins

Nevada June Mullins, 78, went home to be with her Lord on Thursday, July 11, 2024 at her residence in Laurel.

A daughter of Chester Burch and Florence Crawley, Nevada was born June 10, 1946 in Connorsville.

In 1965, Nevada married James E. Mullins. Mr. Mullins passed away on February 10, 2004.

Nevada was a homemaker and a member of Lakeview Pentecostal Church. Nevada was very active in her church and loved to

spread God's word. She was well loved in her community and led many people to Jesus. In Nevada's leisure time, she enjoyed reading in her bible and writing scriptures, watching old classic movies, gardening and working in her yard, and spending time with her family.

Survivors include three children, Daniel Mullins of Laurel, James (Heather) Mullins Jr. of Greensburg, and Sherry (Bob) Blake of Laurel; 15 grandchildren, Kayla, Sarah, Noah, Hannah,

Meghann, Tyler, Jacob, Ashley, Jamie, Britany, Kory, Makayla, Robert, Matthew, and Adam; 17 great-grandchildren; 13 siblings; and many nieces and nephews.

Besides her husband of 38 years, James E. Mullins, Nevada is preceded in death by her parents, Chester Burch and Florence Robinson; her stepmother, Jean Burch; her close sister, Mary Glenn, and four other siblings.

Friends and family visited until the time of service at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at Miller, Mo-



ster, Robbins Funeral Home. Burial followed at Laurel North Cemetery.

Online condolences may be made anytime at millermosterrobins.com.

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## Dale E. Beck

Dale E. Beck, 67, of Franklin County, passed away Thursday morning, July 11, 2024 at Margaret Mary Health in Batesville.

He was born February 8, 1957 in Wayne County, one of five children of Clinton and Joan Railsback Beck. That same year, he moved with his family to a farm in Franklin County and lived there all his life.

A 1975 graduate of Laurel High School, he was a lifelong livestock and grain farmer and truly enjoyed

the farming life. He got a thrill from finding arrowheads during farm operations.

Dale was an exceptionally friendly soul and was liked by everyone he met. Much loved by his family, he will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Survivors include a brother, Loren Beck and wife Carol of Greensburg; a sister, Myrna Allen and husband Dale of Laurel; four nephews; Aaron, Jason and Clint Beck and Charlie Gregger-

son; and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Marlene Gregerson; and a brother, Floyd Beck.

Funeral services will be conducted by Pastor Mike Hedrick at 2 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, 2024 in Miller, Moster, Robbins Funeral Home, where friends may call from 11 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will follow in Elkhorn Cemetery in Wayne County.

Memorial contributions may be made to



the James Runyon Memorial Fund and online condolences may be made anytime at millermosterrobins.com.

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## Frank Thompson

Frank William Thompson, age 84, sadly passed away on Friday,

July 12, 2024. Born December 20, 1939, in New Carlisle, Ohio, he was the

son of William and Mary (Eidemiller) Thompson. Frank married Jean Leising on September 2, 1995, at St. Louis Catholic Church in Batesville. He graduated from Troy High School in 1957 and attended The Ohio State University where he was active in the Marching Band and later the Alumni Marching Band.

Frank was employed at Horseshoe Indianapolis in Shelbyville as a Grand Ambassador and often shared it was his favorite job ever. Frank served on the board of Shelbyville Chamber of Commerce, was a member of both the Colum-

bia Club and Hillcrest Country Club and was involved in numerous Republican clubs. He had the gift of gab and never met a stranger. Frank loved his family, his job, and politics and was known to never forget a birthday, a special moment, or a fun political fact.

He is survived by his wife, Jean Leising and children: Sharon (Rich) Pontius, Susan (Marty) Moore, Jill (Jeff) Koch, Jennifer (Travis) Whaley, Jeffrey (Liz) Leising; and sister Joanne Smart; and grandchildren: Brian (Megan) Moore; Katie (Ben) Ad-

## 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: 23:20 7/3/24  
Inmate Name: Chaney, Willard C.  
Arrest Location: Crestview Drive and Reservoir Road, Brookville

Birth Date: 11/27/62  
Arrested by: J Uhler  
Agency: Indiana State Police  
Crime Class: L6  
Offense: Possession of Methamphetamine

Arrest Time/Date: 9:46 7/9/24  
Inmate Name: Gray, Jacob D.  
Arrest Location: Cass Street, Laurel  
Birth Date: 2/20/93  
Arrested by: G Mehlbauer  
Agency: FCSO  
Crime Class: L5  
Offense: Possession of Methamphetamine

Arrest Time/Date: 21:16 7/6/24  
Inmate Name: Wright, Shelly L.  
Arrest Location: Arlington Drive, Batesville  
Birth Date: 2/13/68  
Arrested by: E Back  
Agency: Batesville Police Department  
Crime Class: L6  
Offense: Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated with Prior Conviction, Possession of Methamphetamine

## LEISING ANNOUNCES FUNERAL SERVICE FOR FRANK THOMPSON

State Sen. Jean Leising (R-Oldenburg) is sharing the following funeral service information for her late husband, Frank Thompson.

WHAT: There will be a visitation on Thursday for Frank Thompson, late husband of State Sen. Jean Leising (R-Oldenburg), with a Mass the following day.

WHEN: Public visitation - Thursday, July 18, 4 - 7 p.m.

Mass - Friday, July 19, 10 a.m.

WHO: Open to the public

WHERE: The visitation will be held at Weigel's Funeral Home in Batesville and the Mass will be held at St. Louis Catholic Church in Batesville.

## REP. PATTERSON RECEIVES SUMMER STUDY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

State Rep. Lindsay Patterson (R-Brookville) recently received appointments to serve on key summer study committees.

Interim committees meet throughout the summer and fall to explore and review policy issues and work together to identify solutions. Patterson will serve as a member of the Interim Study Committee on Roads and Transportation and the Interim Study Committee on

Environmental Affairs.

"I look forward to serving on these committees and working with my colleagues on a number of issues, and I remain focused on finding ways we can continue to improve roads, especially in rural communities like ours," Patterson said. "Taking time in the summer and fall to study these topics helps us decide if new legislation should be presented during (See "STUDY" pg. 5)



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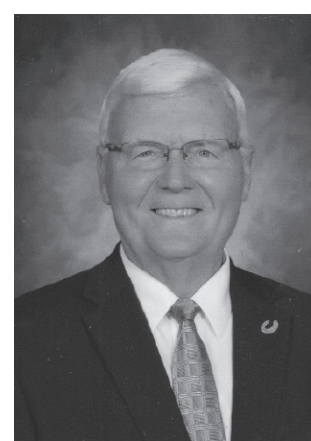
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# SHORT AGENDA FOR BRC

# Facade restoration progress update

**Will Fehlinger**  
COPY EDITOR

Brookville Redevelopment Commission met briefly Monday evening with vice-president Rita Seig conducting the quorum in the absence of president Todd Thackery.

Victoria Bechert of Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission presented information about the town updating its comprehensive plan, also giving a general timeline for its completion.

Funding would come from Indiana's Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) in the form of a \$50,000 grant with a local match of \$5,556. The next reasonable grant cycle will be for the Nov. 15 application deadline.

Estimated dates include Aug. 7 (required engineering procurement language published in the newspaper), first week of September (survey released to residents using Survey Monkey; town to approve final questions), Sept. 9 (engineering proposals due to town administration, followed by a scoring committee evaluation), third week in September (interviewing and choosing an engineering firm), Sept. 30-Oct. 4 (public

input sessions, both morning and evening), Oct. 23 (public hearing advertised) and Nov. 4 (public hearing at the Brookville Town Council meeting).

The town would know by Dec. 19 whether a grant is awarded. Funds would be released in January for the purpose of signing contracts. Over the next year and possibly into 2026, the plan would see its adoption and a second public hearing held.

Seig asked whether a full report could be made available of all public comments and input. Bechert said yes, this is called a summary page that is included in the application. Town council president Bridget Hayes asked if the engineers typically engaged the community as well. The answer was again yes, with prioritization based on categories given by OCRA. Hayes also queried if bids sometimes exceeded \$50,000. Bechert said firms realize that municipalities below 10,000 people are eligible for the 50k maximum. She added that there's an existing list of firms, though the town can suggest others.

Hayes gave an update on the future sportsplex/pickleball complex at 9th and Mill

streets. Nearly 90% of funding (about \$605,000 needed) has been secured through community partners for the first phase, involving pickleball courts. Expected to launch soon is a crowdfunding program through the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority called Creating Places; this would be another fundraising method. Over \$225,000 more is needed to begin the second phase of a public restroom facility.

In other items, John Estridge moved to pay the annual membership fee of \$125 for Redevelopment Association of Indiana. Rebecca Hamilton seconded; it passed 3-0.

A presentation is expected in August for the ongoing marketing of the Franklin County school system.

Barnes and Thornburg LLP, Indianapolis, released its legislative update with laws that could impact redevelopment. A couple of these are adopting formal rules for behavior of meeting attendees, and newspaper publication rules where a paper is published infrequently.

In financials, the TIF (Tax Increment Finance) fund stood at \$386,265.48 and operating fund unchanged at \$76,231.21.

**Cheyenne Lance**  
LEAD STAFF WRITER

As the restoration of several buildings along Main Street continues, the progress is moving forward easily and several are nearly complete. As these are mainly face restorations, most of the work so far can be seen at Hilltop, Knights of Columbus, Burkhart Building, and KOI.

Right now, there has been new siding, windows, shutters, trim work, and a new main



entrance door for Hilltop. Burkhart Building have received new caulk and power washing, main door trimming, and windows.

There are seven build-

ings along Main Street currently undergoing restorations as part of the Preserving Main Street Facade Grant. They are (See "GRANT" pg. 11)

# IGA Cookouts: FC Arts Council, Remember Chris Smith, Inc.

**Elijah Dean**  
INTERN

A summer day isn't complete without a cookout! Brookville IGA hosts two, which support the Franklin County Arts Council on Friday July 19 and the Remember Chris Smith Inc on Saturday, July 20. Like all IGA cookouts, both run from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Franklin County Arts Council sponsors a variety of programs featuring music, art, dance, literature, and much more. However, this cookout sponsors their scholarship for the class of 2025. Each recipient is asked to "pay it forward" by helping out at the cookout for the next year's recipient. This year, 2024 recipient Amelia Crawford will be assisting. Their cookout is

Friday, July 19. Remember Chris Smith Inc is a non-profit with the goal to extend a helping hand to the community through the Chris Smith Memorial Scholarship and their donations to other non-profits or those in the community who have found themselves in hard times. To support the memory of Chris Smith, go to their cookout on Saturday, July 20.

# Brookville resident discovers White Truffle?

**Elijah Dean**  
INTERN

Brookville resident Gian Carlo DeStefano has found what he believes to be a white truffle, here in southeastern Indiana. With his background on foraging and wilderness survival, as well as countless hours of research, this backs up his claim. He has stated that the colorization of the top of the truffle is what makes it identifiable. This is his largest find yet, with the truffle weighing in at 1 pound, 10 ounces.

This truffle was found on the property of his friend, attached to the roots of a hundred year old oak tree, still living and thriving. It's not the first time he's found one



of these rare truffles. DeStefano previously found a matching truffle last year, with three different harvests of them so far.

What really makes this find so interesting is how hard it is to find, then grow the truffles. The most common way to find them is with either a "truffle hog" or a "truffle dog," which are trained to sniff and find the elusive edible

fungus. Growing them proves to be even more difficult than finding them, as to replant requires a series of difficult and luck-based sequences.

DeStefano is currently having a mycologist (expert in fungi) confirm the genus of the truffle. If it comes back as the specific white truffle, it could be worth up to \$250 per ounce!

# A preview of Chicken Festival and Fry Off

**Jonah Short**  
INTERN

The annual Brookville Chicken Festival & Fry Off is making its short debut in mid-September of this year. This event will take place outside the courthouse, with delicious food, fun activities, and great music. This year the event will welcome a Rolling Stones tribute band, Tumbling Dice. If you're a resident of Franklin County, reside near the town of Brookville or simply



a fan of fried chicken, don't hesitate to check this annual event out on Sep. 14th, 2024.

More information will be posted leading up to this event...

**2024 Calendar of Events**

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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## Herbert Rosenberger

Herbert Francis Rosenberger, age 81, of Brookville, passed away Thursday, July 11th, 2024. Born February 7, 1943, in Franklin County, he was the Son of Otto A. and Clara J. Sauerland Rosenberger. He married Roberta Race on May 30, 1964, at St. Michael's in Brookville, she preceded in death on July 16, 2006.

Herbert was a life-long carpenter and most of his life worked with Lambert Home Building, Monroe Masonry and was also well known to help others with home repairs.

Herbert loved watching others coming in and out of 52 pik-up, NAPA and Tom's Sales and Service. He also enjoyed watching sports and motorcar racing on TV. He was also known to patrol the roads in

his red GMC truck on a regular basis to ensure everyone was driving within the speed limit in town.

Those surviving who will honor Herbert's memory include sisters Joyce and (Neil) Lambert of Bloomington Grove, Donna and (Louie) Gesell of St. Peters, Karen and (Jeff) Weir of Eaton, Ohio and many nieces and nephews. Besides his parents and wife, Roberta, he was preceded in death by brother Don Rosenberger, sisters Janet Miller, Alberta "Bertie" Smith, Shirley Helms and Phyllis Riedman.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday July, 16, 2024 at 11 a.m. at St. Michael's in Brookville. Burial followed in St. Michael's Cemetery. Friends visited at Cook



Rosenberger Funeral Home 929 Main St. Brookville, IN 47012.

Memorial contributions can be directed to National Fraternal Order of Police 701 Marriott Drive Nashville, TN 37214 or Franklin County Humane Society PO Box 272 Brookville, Indiana 47012.

To sign the online guestbook or to leave a personal condolence, please visit [www.cookrosenberger.com](http://www.cookrosenberger.com). The staff of Cook Rosenberger Funeral Home is honored to care for the family of Herbert Rosenberger.

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## DONALD TRUMP ANNOUNCES SENATOR J.D. VANCE OF OHIO AS RUNNING MATE

**Cassie Garrett**  
REGIONAL DIRECTOR

On July 14, former President Donald Trump announced U.S. Senator J.D. Vance of Ohio would be his running mate as he seeks to make his return to the White House.

"After lengthy deliberation and thought, and considering the tremendous talents of many others, I have decided that the person best suited to assume



the position of Vice President of the United States is Senator J.D. Vance of the Great State of Ohio," Trump said on his Facebook Page. "J.D. honorably

served our Country in the Marine Corps, graduated from Ohio State University in two years, Summa Cum Laude, and is a Yale Law School Graduate, where he was Editor of The Yale Law Journal and President of the Yale Law Veterans Association. J.D.'s book, "Hillbilly Elegy," became a Major Best Seller and Movie as it championed the hardworking men and women of our Country. J.D. has had a very (See "VANCE" pg. 11)

## Solar ■ Continued from Page 1

Robinson, David Manix, former commissioner Eric Roberts, Terry Duffy from the Board of Zoning Appeals and Purdue Extension educator Veronica Bullock. Multiple members are landowners in the Bath/Springfield area where solar fields are desired on 1,500 acres of prime agricultural land. Kramer asked for additional volunteers to step forward during the process if they wished.

Kramer began with the problem at hand, that there's no current strategy in FC's Comprehensive Plan for future uses of A1 and A2 (Agricultural 1 & 2), of which there's approximately 35,000 acres in the county; this would make future rezoning decisions more difficult.

One slide outlined the importance of local government's decisions in farmland preservation, noting Indiana is a "home rule" state. Another showed Indiana Farm Bureau's support of proactive research into, and development of, renewable energy sources.

The action plan is to incorporate state standards, have APC review and amend, if necessary, after receiving public feedback and send final recommendations to commissioners upon APC's approval.

Discussion on the committee ensued. Rob Seig confirmed that a quorum would be needed whenever the group met. Todd Raible asked whether the meetings would be public. Wesling advised this, saying the board could prevent uninvolved members of the public from interrupting the meeting with questions or comments. In his experience, Wesling said "solar, wind and chickens" get the most attention from concerned residents. President Robert Braun asked if someone from the solar perspective - or in favor of such - should be invited to the committee. Kramer said he's open to different viewpoints. Braun then moved to sanction the committee, adding his motion wouldn't automatically approve any findings. Kramer seconded and it passed unanimously.

Kramer added a motion to forward the letter requesting a one-year moratorium, along with a sample ordinance, to commissioners. Christine Rains seconded and motion carried.

Earlier, there were a pair of additional public hearings that were relatable to solar installations. The first was a longtime issue involving chapters of technical standards being added to the county's stormwater ordinance; the second concerned natural screening surrounding potential solar fields.

Seig had just attended a two-day stormwater conference at Purdue, learning more about the importance of erosion and sediment control and water runoff. He said locally, there'd been a constructive meeting with the APC's Technical Advisory Committee that also had commissioner Gerald Wendel, Wesling and the commissioners' attorney present. Purdue has stormwater standards that may be adopted by all 92 Indiana counties, though geared toward those with at least 50,000 residents.

Seig added that this would also affect how applications are handled. They would go directly to APC executive director Kaitlin Sterwerf rather than through FC's Drainage Board. By attorney recommendation, the opportunity for including a waiver clause would also be stricken; this would create a level playing field for all applicants.

Reservoir Road resident Carla Hacker spoke again of wanting thorough review of the proposed sewer extension project north of Brookville, protecting all residents and not just those in proposed subdivisions. She then asked if the drainage board would be dismantled; Seig said no. The board would still regulate drains in Springfield and Bath townships that affect crop fields, with him serving as liaison in those matters.

Hacker expressed concern that if commissioners have the final vote, the waiver clause could be reinstated. Seig thought

it possible but unlikely. Kramer moved to send a favorable recommendation of the updated ordinance to commissioners; Raible seconded, motion carried.

Landscaping standards related to solar screening were next. Kramer wanted to see language that set visual Level 3 natural screening year-round to improve aesthetics of a potential solar field. It would be at least 10 feet in height on a strip of landscaped grounds at least 10 feet wide and encompass the entire solar installation. Braun said 10 feet may not be enough on a hillside. Robinson spoke from the audience, saying only flat land is being considered for solar at this time.

Kramer moved to send a favorable recommendation to commissioners on this language change; Seig seconded, motion carried.

The backend of the meeting was extended by a verbal request for a garage addition to a home owned by M. Steven Amrhein and Catherine Amrhein at 22081 Water Street, Oldenburg. The couple presented to the board directly rather than applying for a variance. At issue was the fact that a 25-foot setback was originally established in that Oldenburg subdivision, but the county now requires it to be 35 feet.

The board argued whether a platted subdivision's rules should supersede the county's zoning code. Wesling cautioned against this being the accepted rule. He said the couple had three options; one was talking directly to the director for her opinion on whether a variance was required, another was applying for a variance with the APC and a third was getting on the next BZA agenda for a hearing.

Briefly discussed were use of shipping containers on private property, as well as an update on violations. Kramer moved to allow Sterwerf and Wesling to pursue litigation against three landowners who hadn't rectified their situations. Seig seconded, motion passed.

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Arts Commission. If your community is interested in learning more about participating in the future, please contact Lydia Campbell-Maher, IAC Communities Services Manager, at [Lcampbellmaher@iac.in.gov](mailto:Lcampbellmaher@iac.in.gov). Source: FCCF

## Study ■ Continued from Page 3

session." Legislators will hear testimony from the public, various experts and stakeholders as they work on bill recommendations ahead of the budget session in January.

The 2024 legislative interim study committee assignments and other legislative appointments for House members can be found here. Visit [iga.in.gov](http://iga.in.gov) for the list of study commit-

tee topics. Committee hearings, which typically occur at the Statehouse in Indianapolis, can be viewed live online on the General Assembly's website located at [iga.in.gov](http://iga.in.gov).

# FRANKLIN COUNTY SPORTS



JULY 17, 2024

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## Runners continue battling summer heat

Will Fehlinger  
SPORTS EDITOR

Area runners and walkers had a couple 5K choices on a hot Saturday, July 13. The Can You Get Away 5K was run in Rushville while St. Leon hosted the Trojan Trot.

Tate Martz, 41 of Rushville, won the Rush County event in a time of 23:34.8. Coming in second was Hudson Schutz, 15 of Rushville, crossing in 24:22.7. Drew Smith, 28 of Indianapolis, took third in 25:05.8. No local runners were entered according to results.

The Trojan Trot was the second leg of Stuart Road Racing's Southeast Indiana Racing Circuit. Winning was Benjamin Riehle, 18 of Sunman (17:11). Lawrenceburg's Bryan Wagner, 40, was runner-up (17:46) and Chayce Helms, 22 of Harrison, Ohio, was third (18:13).

Isaac Trossman, 17

of Oldenburg, was 10th (19:56). Abrah Hiltz, 15 of West Harrison, ran 11th (20:19). Callie Bentley, 16 of Brookville, was first among the 15-16 girls (20:34). Other area finishers were Mason Graham, 44 of Oldenburg (21:18), Chad Ryan, 44 of W. Harrison (21:35), A. Black, 9 of Oldenburg (22:51), Jacob Scudder, 16 of W. Harrison (23:01), Carlee Black, 46 of Oldenburg (23:08), Elizabeth Beetz, 15 of W. Harrison (27:34), Carrie Bentley, 45 of Brookville (27:53), B. Black, 7 of Oldenburg (28:35), Sean Wiwi, 33 of W. Harrison (29:04) and Alicia Beetz, 36 of W. Harrison (58:09).

The annual 4-mile Liberty Freedom Run was held July 6 over the holiday weekend. The overall winner was Adam Arndt, 21 of Connersville, whose chip time was 23:38.9.

In second was Liberty's Tanner Paddock, 15, with a time of 25:19.2. John Wesler, 37 of Liberty, took the bronze in 25:49.4.

Rose Roberts, 38 of Brookville, finished in 37:37.4 which was good for first among females 35-39. Hannah Hackney, 34 of Bath, finished in 41:14.8. Jodie Lamping, 33 of W. Harrison, ran it in 41:48.4. Ruth Rowlett, 57 of Brookville, walked in 1:08.05; she was joined by Nicole Collins, 46 of Brookville, in 1:08.06, Renee Ertel, 53 of Cedar Grove, in 1:09.14 and Nichole Grant, 48 of Laurel, in 1:09.15.

Earlier this summer, Hiltz was 7th (20:27) at the Rushville Lions Pride 5K on June 29 (20:1).

The next SIRC race is Saturday in Aurora to support South Dearborn cross country.

## Boys of Summer?



photo Will Fehlinger

Franklin County's Brady Brunemann (44), Bodey Kruthaupt (34), Max Foster (23) and Brady Taylor (33) wrap up the ball carrier.



photo Will Fehlinger

Quinn Gillman hands to Mason Wewe at Thursday's scrimmage vs. Milan.

## FC 4-H Moto Cross



photo Elijah Dean



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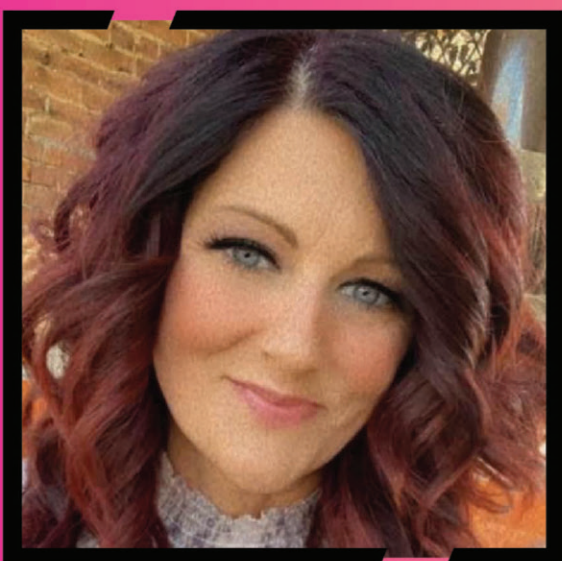


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photo by Will Fehlinger  
Maggie Riffle, center earns grand champion in public speaking. From left are Miss Congeniality Kell Glardon, reserve grand champion Samantha Volk, Riffle, 3rd-runner-up Julie Jacob and 1st-runner-up Rose Schwab.

conferred with the judges, who provided constructive critique and well wishes for the state competition.  
The state fair in Indianapolis runs from Aug. 2-18.

**LIBRARY CORNER**

**Flower Crowns:** Make your own flower crown with artificial flowers. July 17 at Brookville Library at 10 a.m. July 18 at Laurel Library at 5 p.m.

**Minecraft Challenge:** Test your Minecraft skills in a 1-hour creative mode challenge. Details will be given at the start of the challenge. Feel free to bring your own devices and/or login information! July 19 at Laurel Library at 10 a.m.

**Onward Movie and Diamond Art:** Teenage brothers go on a quest to spend one more day with their late father. Their journey is full of puzzles and magic! Create your own diamond art sticker after the movie! July 19 at Laurel Library at 12 p.m.

**Fire Starter:** Fire made easy! Join us in making easy fire starters for camping or outdoor fun. July 22 at Brookville Library at 4:30 p.m. and July 23 at Laurel Library at 4:30 p.m.

**Stories in the Dark:** Join us for several spooky stories in the dark! July 23 at Brookville Library at 10 a.m. for spooky picture books, and at 2 p.m. for chapter books. July 25 at Laurel Library at 5 p.m. for spooky picture and chapter books.

**Library Board:** The FCPLD library board will meet at Brookville Library on July 23 at 6 p.m.. The public is welcome to attend.

**Monsters Inc. Movie and Door Decoration:** One of the top scarers in the company and his scare assistant run into big problems when a tiny human follows them through an open door into the world of monsters. Paint your own door decoration after the movie! July 26 at Laurel Library at 12 p.m.

**Potion Making:** Join us in our advanced potion-making course where you can choose to make sand, scent, or a random potion of your own. July 29 at Brookville Library at 4:30 p.m.

**Harry Potter Book and Movie Trivia:** Test your Harry Potter knowledge in our trivia game. The winner takes home the prize! July 30 at 1 p.m. at Brookville Library.

**Wand Making:** Make your wand unique to you! Join us in creating one-of-a-kind wands that double as pencils! July 30 at Laurel Library at 4:30 p.m.

**Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone Movie and Cake:** Watch the first movie and enjoy a piece of cake to celebrate Harry Potter's birthday! July 31 at 1 p.m. at Brookville Library.

**Learn ASL on Mango Languages:** Mango Languages now offers American Sign Language (ASL) courses through its platform. Patrons can model native ASL signers, learn at their 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](http://fclibraries.org).

**Dungeons and Dragons:** Take role-play gaming to the next level with Calloway and Tiffany as your Dungeon Masters. Calloway hosts an 18+ D&D on the first and third Mondays of the month. Tiffany hosts teen D&D on Thursdays. All D&D events take place at Brookville Library at 5:30 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.

**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.

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From the *Indiana Sentinel* of March 16, 1848.

Edwin May was an architect. Primarily based out of Indianapolis, May was one of the most prominent first-generation architects working in the Hoosier state. Why is he important to Franklin County? Because, his career as an architect is believed to have started here with his original design of

the 1852 Franklin County courthouse.

According to the *Encyclopedia of Indianapolis* (published 1994) May served as the contractor of the former Johnson County Courthouse in Franklin, Indiana designed by John Elder in 1849, but it wasn't until he designed the Franklin County Courthouse in Brookville that his career as an architect began.

The same year May had the Franklin County Courthouse contract, he also designed two other Indiana courthouses, those in Sullivan and Shelby counties. Over the course of his career, he is known for a variety of buildings including several county courthouses, schools, asylums (the most famous of which being the Central State Hospital for the Insane), and the Indiana Statehouse which he did not live to see completed.

At the time of his death in 1880, May was noted as "one of Indianapolis' best professional men in this line..." May was only in his 50s when he passed away.

For a relatively well-known Indiana architect, there is very little readily available information about May. In over a hundred years-worth of *The Indiana Magazine of History*, May is only mentioned in one article, and simply in passing, in the December 1954 issue. It was written by Eva Draeger as part of her Ph.D. dissertation at Indiana University.

Draeger claimed...Edwin May designed the Bates Block on North Pennsylvania Street in Indianapolis in 1875 using lots of iron for its façade and construction. She said "May designed this building in 'the French style of architecture'; it was thought to be the introduction of the style into the United States."

As a student of architecture, I find that claim extremely interesting. If May really did have the foresight to introduce the French style to our country, I think that's a significant Hoosier contribution to United States history.

In the booklet, *Early Architects and Builders of Indiana* (published 1935), May was credited as a versatile and active architect and builder - especially during the 1850s. This reference also claimed, "In connection with his work on county buildings May became patentee of an iron jail, in the arrangement of which, as he described it in an advertisement, there was always an iron grating between the prisoners and the keeper." May's obituary claimed he was also a patent holder on the iron lathe used in the Marion County Courthouse.

By the 1870s May was more than just a well-known designer of Indiana courthouses. According to [indyencyclopedia.org](http://indyencyclopedia.org), in 1877, the Hamilton County courthouse in Noblesville was "his last project of this kind. This building which has been called 'one of the most lucid expressions of the classical French Renaissance mode to have seen constructed in the Midwest,' played an important role in his development of the design of the State House."

In 1878, May's design for a new Indiana State House was chosen from 27 entries. Construction began in August of that year. Around the same time, May became ill and traveled south to Florida to recuperate. While in Florida he died in 1880, leaving the State House project to be completed by Adolph Scherrer, another architect in his office.

May was from Boston, Massachusetts. He was born there in 1823 and eventually moved to Indiana with his father, who was a carpenter. Edwin learned the trade and worked as a carpenter for about eight years and studied architecture, albeit informally, as gleaned from the lack of materials regarding his formal education. May did numerous contracting jobs for many years, but apparently it wasn't until 1852 that his new career as an architect took hold.

If May designed the Franklin County courthouse in 1852 - did he design anything



One of the oldest known photos of any Franklin County building is of the Edwin May designed courthouse. It was photographed by T.W. Cowey. Though it has a handwritten date of 1864, the year it was taken was probably more like 1869. May's 1852 Franklin County courthouse design has been categorized as both Norman and Italian styles of architecture. Franklin County Historical Society collection.



Southeast view of the 1877 courthouse roof collapse. John Newman collection (scan only), FCPLD.



Northeast view of the 1877 courthouse roof collapse. Franklin County Historical Society collection.

could prove that true, but where that proof is documented in writing, I still cannot locate at this time.

I did find a Mt. Carmel history compiled by Mrs. John A. Craig in 1924, and she claimed, "In 1867 the old building [Mt. Carmel Presbyterian church] was torn down and a new church built. She said that the architect and builder was Mr. Simonson." Nothing about anyone named Edwin May was mentioned.



Edwin May's 1856 design of the main building at the county asylum, aka the Franklin County Poor Farm. Don Dunaway collection, FCPLD.

until 1840 when the Presbyterians purchased the brick church in the [old Brookville] cemetery that they had a permanent church home. This was used until the present structure on Sixth Street was dedicated June 21, 1852." Construction of this church was started in May of 1848, which would have been four years before May designed our courthouse.

While both Franklin County Presbyterian churches are similar in style and probably a style May would have embraced, and are within the realm of May's working time frame, I still have not found anything in writing substantiating that May did have a hand in building or designing either or both churches. So the old courthouse and the poor farm's main building are the only confirmed Edwin May Franklin County structures to date, unless you can help me prove otherwise.



Edwin May's original 1852 design was altered in the late 1870s and looked like this until 1910.

The 1882 *Atlas* discusses May's position as architect of the courthouse and obviously the narrator didn't like May's style as he said, "...the court house was of the Italian flat-roofed order, not pleasing to the eye, and gave some trouble from leakage."

So, to bring you up to speed - why did Franklin County need a new courthouse in 1852? A new courthouse was necessitated as a result of a fire that started across the street from it and spread, doing irreparable damage to the earliest brick courthouse.

In June of 1852, the county commissioners hired May "to entertain propositions for the erection of a suitable courthouse corresponding with the wealth and status of this county." Construction on the foundation began in September 1852. By June of 1853 the foundation was complete and in October 1855 the courthouse was officially dedicated. It took over three years after the destructive fire and eventual hiring of May to get the new Franklin County courthouse in place.

The building stood for about 22 years with relatively no problems except for the flat roof leaking. It was then in 1877 when disaster struck. The county commissioners were tired of dealing with the leaky roof so they hired contractors to fix the problem. However, it seems the contractors caused a much more serious issue. Long story short, massive amounts of repair materials and the materials they were removing to fix the leaks were piled on top of the already compromised flat roof. The excessive weight caused the courthouse roof to collapse.

You know that I love photographs more than any written word, and a few years ago, John Newman made some intriguing comments to me about photos of this catastrophic event. I'm not sure what his source was but he said he discovered a statement from the time claiming, "Mr. Ed B. Mason, our wide awake photographer; no sooner than the dust had settled has made two sets of photographs of the courthouse. These include stereopticon size and three 8" x 10" showing views under the ruins, from the top of the ruins, and the damage to the whole building."

Believe it or not, examples of these rare 1877 images have surfaced over the years. Both the Franklin County Historical Society and John Newman had at least one original in their collections. Fortunately, John let the library scan his, for since his passing, this exceptional almost 150-year-old photo has disappeared.

(See "HISTORY" pg. 11)

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## Franklin County 4H fair underway




MCS 4th Grader Jaycie Weiss Hettersimer with her show pigs, Timon and Pumbaa.

photo by Elijah Dean

The Family of Brandon Conn would like to thank everyone for their kindness during this difficult time. We are grateful for all the support and love we have received.

With Love,  
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We'd walk the path to heaven and bring you home again.  
We hold you close within our hearts; and you will remain,  
To walk with us throughout our lives until we meet again.  
Our family chain is broken now, and nothing seems the same,  
But as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.

Love and miss you always by,  
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The restorations are progressing well and are on track. All work so far is being completed by the Poole group, who are based out of Hillsboro.

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successful business career in Technology and Finance, and now, during the Campaign, will be strongly focused on the people he fought so brilliantly for: the American Workers and Farmers in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Minnesota, and far beyond. As Vice President, J.D. will continue to fight for our Constitution, stand with our Troops, and will do everything he can to help MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN. Congratulations to Sena-

tor J.D. Vance, his wife, Usha, who also graduated from Yale Law School, and their three beautiful children. MAGA2024!" Vance is a prominent figure in Ohio politics and is known for his work as a venture capitalist, author, and former Marine. He gained widespread attention for his memoir "Hillbilly Elegy," which explores his upbringing in a struggling Rust Belt town and has been acclaimed for its insights into the social and economic challenges

faced by working-class Americans. In addition to his professional endeavors, Vance has been vocal about issues such as economic opportunity, addiction, and the impact of globalization on American communities. Indiana Republican Party Chairman Randy Head issued the following statement on President Trump's selection of J.D. Vance as his Vice Presidential running mate: "We at the Indiana Republican Party are thrilled with the selec-

tion of J.D. Vance from our neighboring state of Ohio as President Trump's running mate. Vance's experiences as a Marine and U.S. Senator make him an excellent candidate for the office of Vice President. J.D. Vance was brought up with small-town values and will represent true Americans well. The Trump/Vance ticket has the entire Republican Party energized and ready to elect Republicans up and down the ballot come November!"

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a player and a person while being over there." Dalton was assessed by several coaches and has been offered an extended invitation. He has returned to the United States with a full schedule for European-style play. Upon completing this schedule and maintaining close contact with his European coaches, Dalton will be re-evaluated in six months for the next phase of his journey. "I am confident in my ability to grow and

improve my skills these next six months," Dalton shared. "I've been practicing and working on footwork and other weaknesses that the coaches pointed out to me. I want to ensure my future in soccer, so I'll do whatever I need to improve my game. I am confident I'll be ready for my six-month evaluation." Dalton was accompanied by his mother, Tasha Ridinger, who watched Dalton give it all on the field and was

bursting with pride by the time they returned home from the trip. "Seeing him step onto the pitch in England was just enough for me," Ridinger said. "Watching him go out there and absolutely play his heart out was one of the things that I'll remember forever. He grew so much and was taught so much in the time he was over there. He had some really amazing saves. He worked so hard every day towards what he wanted. He was the first

one down and ready every morning, waiting in the lobby. He made two really amazing friends that he has kept in touch with and may even have a visit to Indiana in the works. He grew so much and just made me so proud to call him my son." Despite Dalton's hard work while in Europe, the first day he was home, instead of resting, he went straight to improve his skills based on what he learned about European football.

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John also mentioned that one interior shot appeared in G. Henri Bogart's historical sketch of the courthouse in a 1907 local newspaper. It was captioned "courtroom after collapse of roof." By the late 1870s May did not have many more years of designing capabilities ahead. He was noted as being stricken with paralysis. In fact, he not being able to finish the State House project with his

untimely death, was a result of this malady. Shortly after he was awarded the State House contract in 1878, he had taken ill. One morning he was in a hurry to get to work. As a result of his hastiness, he accidentally grabbed the wrong bottle of what he thought was medicine - but which contained another liquid - and he quickly drank it down. Stories say he was never well again. Some newspaper accounts claim that what he drank was ammonia. His body was returned to Indianapolis for burial.



1911 was the last time anyone saw the Edwin May version of the Franklin County Courthouse. From 1910-12 extensive remodeling was done to create the structure we see today. Photo taken by John Baker, September 14, 1911. FCPLD image.

Local History & Genealogy Department Manager, FCPLD

CROSSWORD puzzle grid with clues. ACROSS: 1. Thick slice, 5. Frozen treats, 9. Blond shade, 12. Car part, 13. Melt, 14. Pigeon's sound, 15. In the distance, 16. Conserve, 17. Bar bottle, 18. Renegade, 20. Vigor, 21. Miner's yield, 22. Ceramic unit, 24. Account, 26. Rearward, nautically, 29. Auctioneer's cry, 31. Broad valley, 34. Magician's word, 36. Pearl source, 38. Shade, 39. Budge, 41. Raleigh's title, 42. Moisture, 44. Particular region, 46. Point-scoring serve, 48. Opera division, 50. Intertwined, 54. Paving substance, 55. Croaker, 57. Lay concrete on, 58. First number, 59. Set of three, 60. Fairly matched, 61. For every, 62. Wired, 63. Take ten, 26. Suitable, 27. Bushy do, 28. Less callous, 30. Symbol of peace, 32. Garland, 33. Blunder, 35. View, 37. Cheer, 40. Acquire, 43. Power units, 45. Narrow, 46. On the crest, 47. Candy, 49. Heart, 51. Underground chamber, 52. December 24 and 31, 53. Depression, 56. Period, 1. Sky twinkler, 2. Biography, 3. Type of horse, 4. Cap, 5. For what worth, 6. Place of worship, 7. Chalet feature, 8. Broomed, 9. Circus performers, 10. Sweet-and-11. House, 19. Index, 23. Tower, 25. TV commercials

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# Summer Series part 6: Can you budget the grand vacation?

**Cheyenne Lance**  
LEAD STAFF WRITER

It's nearing the end of summer vacation, and this is usually prime time for everyone to bust out those large vacation trips. That one last "hoorah" before the hustle and bustle of school picks back up for most families. However, if you are unsure where to go and how to budget for something so extravagant, then look no further! Fun doesn't have to cost a fortune and memories should never come with a breaking fee so here are several options of large-scale vacations and how to budget for them.

One of the biggest options most choose are indoor parks such as the Great Wolf Lodge out in Mason, Ohio. This is just next door to Kings Island and it's no secret that this is a costly place. GWF is a massive hotel that comes with several perks. These include an enormous indoor water park with several sections for kids, adults, and families. There are multiple events held each day, hundreds of suites in all sizes, simple to gourmet dining options, and of course, right there in Mason where you can drive around and go shopping, find some trails, or just have a day out.

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Another option

many take involve traveling. Many families choose to travel out of state for a couple of weeks before the school year starts, but trying to budget for a trip of that size can be daunting. There are gas prices to consider, where to stay each night, food, entertainment for the kids, and emergency funds to keep on hand.

Don't stress! Yes, prices have raised significantly, but to counter these, you have hundreds of affordable options to balance you out. Campgrounds are cheap and full of the amenities needed for an easy night's stay. There are also parks at every turn, some simple and some large, full of entertainment for the kids. If you are budgeting the gas prices and want to check out certain places or attractions, most of these can be budgeted throughout the year by also saving, at minimum, of \$25 per month. This allows you and your family to travel around for a bit, enjoy some new attractions and places, make new memories, and not break your bank!

But wait! What if you are traveling out of the country to end

the summer?!

**DON'T STRESS!**

International travels are expensive. These are trips that need to be planned a year or in advance. There is no easy, free way to travel out of the country, but there are plenty of affordable options to get the best experience. If you want to travel to Ireland, China, Japan, Mexico, or even to South Africa, your first plan is to know exactly what your itinerary will be. Know where you are going, what is in the surrounding area, and what can be available during your stay.

Next, get a list of prices for your trip. Internationally, you will be dealing with an exchange rate and separate currencies so once you have gathered the location, amenities, attractions, transportation, and potential shopping areas, you will want to see what the exchange rate is. Typically, this will either cost you more or less than the price in US Dollars. While it may seem confusing and overwhelming, it's really not. You can easily budget these costs using the exchange rate to figure out what your trip will cost.

Plus, while in other countries, most banks will exchange your US Dollars for their currency at no fee.

Now, you have a plan to financially cover your trip with the additional resources available, so the next part is saving that money and reserving all accommodations. This part is tricky for most people as inflation has really impacted our cost of living. So, your best starting point is where you will be staying on your trip. Get your dates planned out, check out their availability, and see how much their cost per night is. Once you have your stay figured out, you can see how much you need to start saving per month to make your reservations. Flights can be worked with as many are at their cheapest rates six months and up prior to your trip. This is for any airline too and you won't have to sacrifice comfort for cost.

Save per month, figure out your flights, and when you have half of the stay cost, make your reservation since most prefer a deposit and have you pay at the end of your stay. That's great because you have half of it al-

ready and the other half of your budget can now be separated into transportation and spending money.

Remember, don't stress! Budgeting can be difficult when saving for a trip like this, but you have deals, package rates, and offers available at every turn! You don't have to break your bank, you don't have to open a credit card, and you don't have to cut your trip short to keep within your budget. International trips are pretty affordable if you use all of the resources available and if you aren't sure where to start, check out your local travel agency and research your trip destination. The budgeting each month starts as little as \$35 per month, and for the best budgeting options to keep you financially secure while

traveling, try to save around \$50 per month. This doesn't have to be a lump sum. You can save this by putting away small amounts throughout the month.

Large vacations will not ruin you financially. Yes, they are expensive and yes, they are delicate when it comes to budgeting. However, whether it's one person or a whole family, you can enjoy an international trip as long as you utilize all of the resources available.

If you aren't sure about your budget, or you have financial struggles to consider, then one of the best ways to plan your international trip is start early. Upwards of a year and a half to two years. This allows you to budget, make reservations, and still afford your monthly expenses and stress less.

## PAGES FROM THE PAST

CONTENT FROM WHITEWATER PUBLICATIONS ARCHIVES

**FIVE YEARS AGO**

The Franklin County 4-H Fair Committee has announced that the annual 4-H Fair will be held August 22 through 24.

The Clerk-Treasurer reported the receipt of \$8,331.71 June tax distribution at the regular meeting of the Town Council.

Total receipts of the War Loan Drive for Franklin County are expected to exceed \$800,000.00 which sends the county over the top in their quota.

The clipping above is from 1944 announcing the 4-H fair dates.

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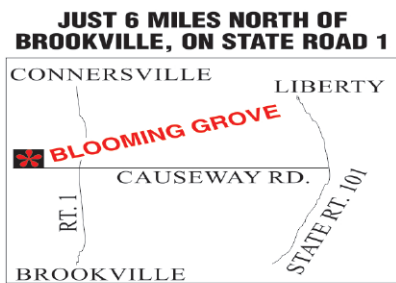
**July 26 & 27** **FRIDAY, JULY 26, 5-8 PM**  
**PORK CHOP DINNER**

**BEER GARDEN** **SATURDAY, JULY 27, 4-8 PM**  
**FRIED CHICKEN DINNER**  
**CARRY OUTS AVAILABLE BOTH NIGHTS**

**LARGE GUN RAFFLE**  
**BASKET RAFFLE**  
**GRAND PRIZE DRAWING**  
**SATURDAY NIGHT**  
**KIDS GAMES &**  
**JUMP HOUSES**

**Friday Gun Raffle 5-8PM**  
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