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**BTC ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT AND MAKES 2025 APPOINTMENTS**

**Cheyenne Lance**  
 LEAD STAFF WRITER

The Brookville Town Council (BTC) held its first meeting of the year on Jan. 1.

In attendance were council members John Estridge, Richard Whitaker, Bridget C. Hayes, Rebecca Beesley, Ethan Orschell, Andrew Baudendistel, Town Attorney and Gina Gillman, Clerk-Treasurer.

Gillman opened the meeting with the pledge and then asking for a nomination of town council president. Whitaker made the motion to nominate John Estridge as president for 2025. Beesley seconded the motion. Estridge, Whitaker, Beesley and Orschell were in favor with former BTC president Hayes opposed. Motion carried.

Estridge took over the meeting, asking for a nomination of

vice president. Beesley made the motion to nominate Whitaker as vice president for 2025. Orschell seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**2025 APPOINTMENTS**

Estridge asked for a recommendation to reappoint Tim Ripperger for Utilities Supervisor, Rocky Sparks for Street and Park Superintendent, Baudendistel as Town Attorney and Gillman for Utility Office Manager. Whitaker made a motion to reappoint as listed. Orschell seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Beesley made the motion to appoint Terry Mitchum as Town Marshal. Orschell seconded the motion. Estridge, Whitaker, Beesley and Orschell were in favor with Hayes opposed. Motion carried. Beesley made the motion to appoint (See "BTC" pg. 3)

**CONNERSVILLE RESIDENT, JUDY SPURLOCK, IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF A KIDNEY DONOR**

**Cassie Garrett**  
 REGIONAL DIRECTOR



photo provided  
 Pictured is Judy Spurlock.

Connerville resident and 1987 graduate of Laurel High School, Judy Spurlock, finds herself in urgent need of a kidney transplant. Just days before Christmas, she experienced a sudden and alarming health crisis, falling unconscious and subsequently slipping into a coma at IU Health Methodist Hospital. At this moment, Judy's body is exceedingly frail as she fights to regain her strength.

"Judy is humble, modest, and kind," said Judy's cousin-in-law Michelle Spurlock. "She is completely devoted to her husband and daughter and always offers you a smile."

In 1983, Judy faced a

life-altering challenge when she lost her kidneys. Fortunately, in 1984, her mother selflessly donated one of her kidneys, providing Judy with a new lease on life. This remarkable gift from her mother endured for nearly four decades. But now, Judy needs another transplant to save her life. Her (See "JUDY" pg. 2)

**Brookville's official snow total after winter storm is 8.8 inches**



photo by Cassie Garrett

A view of Metamora on Jan. 6 after the winter storm ended. According to NWS Wilmington, Brookville's snow total was 8.8", with some areas of Franklin County having a higher total.

**Bikers for Christ bring hope to Brookville resident experiencing liver failure**

**Cassie Garrett**  
 REGIONAL DIRECTOR



photo provided by Kathy Meyer

On Dec. 28, Mary Ellen King, a Brookville resident grappling with the harsh realities of liver failure, along with her husband, Jeremy, received an unexpected and heartwarming outpouring of support. To their astonishment, around 20 unfamiliar faces, alongside family members, gathered on their doorstep.

Mary Ellen's sister-in-law, Kathy Meyer, said she and her husband, Johnny, felt a strong calling to rally people and create a surprise visit for Mary Ellen and Jeremy, aiming to remind them they are not alone

during this difficult time. Kathy's husband reached out to a dedicated group known as Bikers for Christ (Reedemed Chapter). Without hesitation, member Steve Mullins organized a group of bikers who traveled from

central Indiana to lend their presence, offering emotional and financial support.

"The objective was to mobilize a large group of bikers to pray for the family," said Bikers for Christ Reedemed Chapter Elder Scott

Stein. "We felt a strong sense of purpose and responded accordingly. Our visit included quality time with the family, a spiritual message and multiple prayer circles. We were also able to provide a donation of (See "KING" pg. 8)

Approximately 20 "Bikers for Christ" traveled 107 miles to provide emotional and financial assistance to Brookville resident Mary Ellen King.

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# Community Calendar

## 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.

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## Judy ■ Continued from Page 1

loved ones are rallying around her, hoping for a miracle.

If you or anyone you know is interested in donating a kidney to Judy, contact her Clinical Transplant Coordinator, Rebecca Lang, RN, by calling (317) 948-6268 or emailing [rlang@iuhealth.org](mailto:rlang@iuhealth.org)

"Please share this message in the hopes there is someone out there with a big heart and willing to see if they are a match to donate one of their healthy kidneys," Michelle said. "It just takes that one person to see it and have the heart to help."

## Snow Ice Cream

4 cups Snow  
1 cup Milk  
1/4 cup Sugar  
1 tsp. vanilla

## OPINION

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## Blending a love of Christmas, family, friends and country

### Linda Rosenberger WVRTA

Edith Haas's Christmas tree has well over 200 ornaments on it, and each one brings a smile and memory.

Edith fondly remembers her parents' Christmas tree, their ornaments, and the tradition to leave it up until Jan. 6 when Catholics celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord. She started collecting Christmas tree ornaments when she was given four bell ornaments that were on her parents' first Christmas tree. Every year after that, those bells were lovingly placed for all to see on her own tree. Years later she remembers receiving some special ornaments from an employer and a member of her Home Ec Club, and the collecting bug bit her! Many memorable ornaments were made by her children when they were in grade school. These ornaments appear on her tree each year, as do those given to her by her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other family members and friends. Some ornaments denote a favorite item such as popcorn, cheesecake, a tractor, College Corner School, or a favorite celebration, as one given on Edith & Bill's 50th wedding anniversary.

After a friend gifted her a Barker ornament one year, Edith began buying some of those. "I remember being excited each December when the Barkers would open the first floor of their farmhouse on Brown Road near Oxford to display and sell their new creations. I began buying one for each grandchild each year, and of course a few for my tree, too," explained Edith. A trip to Barkers became an annual visit. As her family grew, she began purchasing a new, unique Barker ornament for every child,

grandchild and great-grandchild. A big part of Edith's Christmas joy was picking just the right ornament for each family member and watching the smiles as each opened their gift. The ornaments she purchased for her tree grew each year and now she proudly displays a small Christmas tree in her kitchen completely decorated with Barker miniature ornaments. She also owns about 80 of the unique Barker candle ornaments that adorn both of her big Christmas trees in her living room. Did I mention two trees? Yes, and this leads us to the White House ornaments.

On a December day in the early 1980s while reading the Cincinnati Enquirer, Edith came across an article about White House Christmas ornaments. The article explained that in 1961 First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy had established the White House Historical Association to educate and inspire Americans to learn about our shared history. Twenty years later, the Association began selling a unique Christmas ornament each year. Every ornament honors an individual president or a significant White House anniversary. A different designer creates the ornaments each year, and the White House ornaments are always manufactured by ChemArt, a veteran-founded business in Rhode Island. The money from the sale of ornaments benefits the Association's goal of education and support of White House art. Edith ordered her first White House ornament in 1983 (having missed buying the first two offered in 1981 and 1982) which was a gold image of the White House. She faithfully ordered one each year, only missing a few years when she was too busy, or money was a bit tight. Each year the



photos provided  
Edith with her White House Christmas Tree and the 1983 White House Ornament.



new edition was proudly added to the family tree—which by now was getting very crowded!

Last year, as her granddaughters were helping Edith put up her tree and other Christmas decorations, they brought in a big box and some small, wrapped items. They announced the family tree was too crowded, so they had bought her another tree just to display ALL her White House ornaments! As Edith opened the small, wrapped gifts, she discovered they had purchased the six ornaments she was missing. They spent the afternoon, setting up the "White House Ornament Tree" with every single ornament hung

just in the right spot and topped the tree with a beautiful red, white and blue bow! This year, as usual, Edith ordered and received the 2024 White House Ornament. It is an anchor which celebrates the Jimmy Carter years of 1977-81. Edith states, "This ornament is a wonderful tribute to a great humanitarian who just passed away on Dec. 29, living to be our oldest president celebrating his 100th birthday this year."

As Edith sits in her living room chair, she can see her three special trees decorated with very distinctive ornaments and EACH ONE shall forever hold a special place in her heart.

## NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: ADVICE FROM LOCAL EXPERTS

### Mary Ellen Rippe CONTRIBUTOR

With the start of a new year, there's no better time to leave bad habits behind and embrace healthier, more positive ones. Many people see this as an opportunity to improve their fitness and overall well-being. To help you transform your mind and body, we turned to the experts for tips on getting fit and eating healthy, setting you up for success in the year ahead.

**Advice from local nutritionist Olivia Fledderman**

Although every day

is a great day to make positive changes within your lifestyle, the start of a new year is a very popular time for people to begin thinking about making positive changes in their life. Nutrition is one of the areas that you may wish to make lifestyle changes for yourself and/or your family, and as a registered dietitian, I am happy to provide you with a few easy tips for better nutrition in 2025.

Get the 'Deets' on Flavors - Plain, unflavored water should be the goal for your go-to drink. How much water do you drink per day? If you are an adult and are drinking anything less

than 64 ounces of water per day, try increasing your water intake in increments of just 8 ounces per day until you are regularly consuming at least 64 ounces of water per day (unless a doctor has recommended otherwise). Everyone's water needs vary some, but this is a great place for adults to begin. All

other beverages should be limited. Milk is great, but you still only need a limited amount per day; and although 100% juice doesn't have any added sugars in it, it is still high in natural sugars and the calories can quickly add up if you or your children are drinking juice (See "NEW" pg. 5)

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## Patricia Ann Reisert

Patricia Ann Reisert, age 88, of Brookville passed unexpectedly Saturday, December 28, 2024 at her residence in Brookville.

Born December 10, 1936 in London she was the eldest of two daughters born to the late Fritz William and Thelma (Fely) Spivey. She moved with her parents at an early age to Butler County, Ohio; where she became valedictorian of the class of 1955, at the former Reily High School in Reily, Ohio. She went on to graduate from the Middletown School of Nursing in Middletown, Ohio and became a Registered Nurse.

She was united in marriage to LeRoy Jacob Reisert, and he preceded her in death on September 5, 2009. She was a member of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Brookville.

She worked for 27 years at Ft. Hamilton

Hughes Memorial Hospital in Hamilton, Ohio and she subsequently became a public health nurse at the Franklin County Health Department in Brookville, from which she retired after 20 years.

Pat loved all God's creatures great and small, especially her Jack Russell Terriers; Prozac, Marky, Gabby, and Chance; and her Portuguese Podengo, Bitty, she enjoyed nature, being outdoors and feeding her beloved birds in the yard year-round. She also enjoyed reading, listening to music, and taking care of her family.

Survivors include two daughters, Edna Louise (Joseph) Griffin of Hamilton, Ohio and Mary Ann (Jeff) Wehmuller of Fishers; two sons, Frank LeRoy (Holly Griffin) Reisert of Cleves, Ohio and Fritz Edward (Marsha) Reisert of Brookville; her sister, Tari (John) Zim-

merman of Hamilton, Ohio; four grandchildren, Katherine E. Bennett, Samuel A. Wehmuller; Jacob D. (Allie Reckers) Reisert and Asher G. Reisert; four great-grandchildren Charlotte, Wyatt, Owen and Will; two nephews, Gary Lee Holbrook and Sean (Magen) Holbrook both of Hamilton, Ohio. She will also be missed by her dog Chance.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, LeRoy, daughter Lara Kay Reisert who died February 16, 1968, and her beloved son J.J. who left us on December 11, 2024, and her canine companions, Prozac, Marky, Gabby, and Bitty.

Family and friends visited on Friday, January 3, 2025, at Phillips & Meyers Funeral Home, 1025 Franklin Avenue, Brookville.

Rev. Vincent P. Lampert officiated the Mass of Christian Burial on Friday, January 3, 2025 at St. Michael the Arch-



angel Catholic Church, 145 East St. Michael Blvd., Brookville. Burial followed in St. Michael Catholic Cemetery in Brookville, where Frank Reisert, Jacob Reisert, Asher Reisert, Joe Griffin, Sam Wehmuller and Logan Meier served as pallbearers.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Friends of the Franklin County Animal Shelter or WATCH Center of Brookville. The staff of Phillips & Meyers Funeral Home are honored to serve the Reisert family, to sign the online guest book or send personal condolences, please visit [www.phillipsandmeyers.com](http://www.phillipsandmeyers.com).

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## Jerry Ray McCreary

Jerry Ray McCreary, 70 of Greenfield, passed away peacefully December 23, 2024, at Community Hospital East Indianapolis with his family by his side.

Jerry was born on December 13, 1954, in Hazard, Kentucky to Vernon and Jewell Smith McCreary. After graduating Brookville High School in 1973, Jerry went on to work for the Indiana Department of Transportation where he retired as Project Supervisor in 2012. Jerry always enjoyed golfing with friends and cracking jokes over a cold one.

Never the stranger on a boat, Jerry could and would happily spend hours reeling in a big catch that he would happily fry and share with family and friends. Never shy to mow the lawn an extra time, or two, or wash his truck in the rain, Jerry enjoyed maintaining his yard and his Chevy. He was a true, multi-faceted diamond in the rough. A lover of good music and good times, Jerry loved being a father and "papa" the most.

He is survived by his long-time significant other, Anita Anderson

of Greenfield; daughter, Jennifer (Jerrod) Scott of Liberty and son, John Mark McCreary of Davenport, Florida; brother, Mac (Barb) McCreary of Connersville; three grandchildren, Halie, Jocelyn and Emory Scott; Tara McCreary and family.

Jerry is preceded in death by his parents, Vernon and Jewell McCreary, and one brother, Bev McCreary.

A Celebration of Life for friends and family will be held on January 18, 2025, at Simply on Salem, located at 1003 S. Salem Road, Liberty, Indiana, from 1-4 pm.



For additional information or to send memories and condolences to the family, please visit [www.ShowalterBlackwellLong.com](http://www.ShowalterBlackwellLong.com)

Paid obituary.

## Susan J. Surprise

Susan Jean Surprise, age 76, of Laurel passed away Friday evening December 27, 2024 at Reid Health in Richmond following a lengthy illness.

Born April 24, 1948 in Milwaukee she was one of six children born to the late Sylvester and Leona (Radler) Surprise.

She enjoyed baking, and decorated cakes for many years; coloring, and spending time with family and friends, especially her grandchild-

dren who were the light of her life. Susan had the sweetest soul and loved with all she had, and she will forever be loved and missed.

Survivors include a son and daughter-in-law, Clinton and Lorrie Pardick, their children, Cody wife, Erin; Cory; Dawn; great-grandson Jayce and her significant other, Matt Earls; Chyanne and her significant other, Damien Sailor; Lily, Cayden, Axel; a daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer

and Davin Tovrea, their daughter Kashayna, as well as her children. Two brothers, Jerry Surprise and Jeff (Wendy) Surprise; sisters, Margret 'Peggy' Wenger; Joice Matthews, and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Marion, granddaughter, Shaylynn, and a grandson Jaxson.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family.



The staff of Phillips & Meyers Funeral Home are honored to serve the family of Susan Surprise, to sign the online guest book or send personal condolences, please visit [www.phillipsandmeyers.com](http://www.phillipsandmeyers.com).

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motion to appoint Brian Harpring to the Local Alcoholic Beverage Board. Orschell seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Orschell made the motion to appoint Beesley to the Franklin County Economic Development Commission starting February 1st. Whitaker seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Orschell made the motion to appoint Estridge as the Town's representative to the Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission. Beesley seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Orschell made the motion to reappoint Don Vonder Meulen to the Franklin County Convention, Recreation and Visitors Commission for another two-year term. Beesley seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Beesley made the motion to appoint Victoria Meyer and Rebecca Hamilton to the Historic Preservation Commission for three-year terms. Orschell seconded the motion. Councilmembers Estridge, Whitaker, Beesley and Orschell were in favor with Hayes opposed. Motion carried.

Beesley made the motion to reappoint Patty Marmouze to the Historic Preservation Commission for a three-year term. Orschell seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Hayes made the motion to appoint Cathy Hunt to the Brookville Redevelopment Commission. Motion failed for lack of second. Beesley made the motion to reappoint Estridge and John Rudisell for one-year terms to the Brookville Redevelopment Commission. Whitaker seconded the motion. Councilmembers Estridge, Whitaker, Beesley and Orschell were in favor with Councilmember Hayes opposed. Motion carried.

Finally, Estridge as the municipal executive appointed Todd Thacker, Hamilton, Rita Seig and non-voting school board member Kevin Kaiser to one-year terms.

### MAIN STREET

### BROOKVILLE – SUPPORT LETTER:

Gina presented a letter of support for Main Street Brookville in filing their annual report to Indiana Main Street setting forth all the ways the Town of Brookville has contributed to Main Street Brookville's mission in 2024. Whitaker made the motion to table signing the letter and ask Christine Craig, executive director of Main Street Brookville to attend the next council meeting to report on use of Town funds. Beesley seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON WATER/SEWER CAPACITY FEES

Estridge asked Baudendistel what can be done if the Jan. 6th meeting attendance is impacted due to inclement weather and the public isn't present to speak their views. Baudendistel suggested allowing comments via Zoom and/or continuing the public hearing to the next regular meeting allowing comments.

### SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Estridge requested Baudendistel prepare a policy relating to councilmembers posting on social media under the guise of the town council instead of their own personal page. Estridge states that the public wouldn't know the difference between council postings and individual postings; however, there was no discussion or vote following the inquiry.

### 2024 BOND APPROVALS

Orschell made the motion to approve bonds for Gillman, Amy Hill, Patricia Nierste and Brookville Redevelopment Commission as presented. Whitaker seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the board, Councilmember Orschell made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Vice President Whitaker seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

## Janet M. Deutsch

Janet M Deutsch, of Brookville, was born on April 3, 1941, a daughter to Charles and Alma Hildebrand Knecht. She married Donald Deutsch on November 26, 1966, and he preceded her in death on December 28, 2014, after 48 years of marriage. Janet was a caregiver her entire life, starting her career as a NICU nurse and then babysitting hundreds of children in her home over many years.

After retirement she helped as a teacher's aide at St. Michael School and was a Eucharistic minister at St. Michael Catholic Church, often visiting the homebound with communion. Janet always put others first, whether it be leading a boy scout troop, volunteering with the PTA, or being active in all her kids' and grand-kids' activities. She enjoyed reading, doing crafts at the library and spending

time with her family. On January 3, 2025, at the age of 83, she passed away at Hospice of Cincinnati.

Those surviving who will cherish Janet's memory include her children; Scott Deutsch, Lisa Strine, Eric (Tracy) Deutsch, and Amy (Quentin) Kersey; grandchildren, Patrick Strine, Erin (Dante) Zumbo, Alex Deutsch, Samantha Deutsch, Drew Kersey and Austin Kersey; a brother, John "Butch"

Knecht, and one sister, Joyce (Ray) Lovins, as well as many other family and friends. Besides her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two nephews.

Janet's wishes were to be cremated. Following cremation, friends and family may visit on Thursday, January 9, 2025, from 5 until 7p.m. with Rosary recited at 4:30, at Cook Rosenberger Funeral Home, 929 Main Street, Brookville. Father

Vincent Lampert will officiate a Mass of Christian Burial on Friday at St. Michael Catholic Church at 10:30 a.m. Burial will follow in St. Michael Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be directed to St. Jude Children's Hospital or to St. Michael School. To sign the online guest-book or to leave a personal condolence, please visit [www.cookrosenberger.com](http://www.cookrosenberger.com). The staff of Cook Rosenberger Funeral



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# FRANKLIN COUNTY SPORTS

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## Westerman wins inaugural sectional

Will Fehlinger  
SPORTS EDITOR



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Franklin County's Lila Westerman won her weight class of 170 pounds in the opening round of the first-ever IHSAA girls wrestling tourney held Friday at Eastern Hancock. Westerman defeated Cauley of Centerville by pin in the second period to capture the title.

Izzy McEwen-Merritt earned second in the 105-lb. class to also advance to regional. She was pinned by Lawrence North's Dembry in the finals.

Sage Leising was fifth at 135 and Alexis Schwab likewise at 235. Ava Doerflein competed in the 190

bracket.

Westerman and McEwen-Merritt earned trips to the next round to be hosted Friday by Alexandria-Monroe High School in Madison County. Girls wrestling became an officially sanctioned sport by the IHSAA this school year.

## Wrestlers top 10 in Classic

Will Fehlinger  
SPORTS EDITOR



CONNERSVILLE – Franklin County wrestling finished 8th among 38 schools at the massive annual Spartan Classic hosted by Connersville Dec. 27-28.

Six grapplers ended the tourney on the podium, including two – Cole Freese at 120 pounds and Kyle Bolser at 132 – finishing in 4th place. Colin Troyer was 5th at 138 while Landon Myers placed 6th at 126 and Trevor Bruns the same at 150. Lane Westerman took 8th at 215.

Freese improved to 17-2, starting with a pair of pins over Triton Central's Chance Uhls and Hagerstown's Jayden Parker. In the quarterfinals, the Wildcat senior fell 4-1 to Purdue Poly Englewood's Tobias Bowling. Freese had three consecutive wins – major decision, pin, decision – in the wrestlebacks, then was defeated in a Bowling rematch (7-1).

Bolser moved to 16-3

after a first-round bye, a quick pin of Greenfield-Central's Hunter Jones and 16-1 technical fall over PPE's John Vaughn. Bolser then pinned East Central's Brogan Rullman in just over a minute to reach the semifinal round. He ran into Chayce Yant of Fishers who earned a 15-0 tech fall. Bolser got a pin in the consolation bracket before losing by fall to Carroll's Lathen Janes in the 3rd-place match.

Troyer (17-2) began with a tech fall over Shelbyville's Noah Jones and pinned Colton Boone of Southern Wells. In a battle in the quarters, he fell 3-1 to Cowan's Ashton Goney. Troyer then had a tech fall and decision in the lower bracket before a decision loss put him in the 5th-place match; there he majored Western Boone's Trey Fuston 8-0.

Myers is now 14-4 following a bye and a

pin after one minute of action against Decatur Central's Nicholas Castro. He was majored by Switzerland County's Ethan Rose (16-3) in the quarters before getting a pair of pins in consolation. Myers' final two matches ended in losses by fall.

Brun's (13-5) run began with a pin of Jasper's Jude Peter and 5-0 decision over EC's Tyler Stenger. Bruns made the semifinals by defeating TC's Braxton Zimmerman. In the final four, Alex Smith of Heritage Hills pinned Bruns in the first period. Bruns then took pin losses in his last two bouts.

Westerman (14-4) had a fall over Jasper's Noah Smith and 6-5 decision over Will Cunningham of Greensburg. Tristen Lanum of GC pinned Westerman in the quarterfinal and the Cats' senior ended the tourney with a decision win and two losses by fall.

Others competing included Logan Maxie at 285 (1 pin); Cody Bolser at 190; Karter Smith (12-5) at 175 (1 pin); Tyler Teuschler (16-3) at 165 (pin, tech fall, decision); Logan Troyer at 157 (2 pins, major); Ty Bruns (12-3) at 144 (tech fall). FC had no entries at 106 or 113.

The Wayne County Invitational is this weekend at Centerville.

## Wildcat hoops roundup

Will Fehlinger  
SPORTS EDITOR

FC went 2-1 at Mitchell's Cement City Classic Dec. 27-28, defeating White River Valley 69-50 and Pike Central 56-44 but falling to the host Bluejackets 78-62.

In the opener with WRV of Greene County, the Cats shook off some early cobwebs to pull even at four on Carson Allen free throws and a reverse layup by Isaiah Kemp. Brady Foster's vintage 3-point play preceded the newer version by Allen and the Wolverines asked for time in a 6-point game. Allen hit two more charities as FC finished the first quarter on a tear; Kemp found Nick Vanoven for two and Landon Johnson drained a triple before assisting Vanoven's 3 that made it 20-7.

Kemp found a groove in the second frame, burying consecutive 3s. Vanoven tipped in an errant shot to make it 28-12 and sophomore Ezra Kolb scored his first varsity points on a 3-point shot for a 31-18 lead. Kolb hit another 3-pointer and Allen got back to the line for a pair; Kemp put in two from the lane with time running out in the half for a 38-25 FC lead.

Quinn Gillman made it a 15-point game out of the locker room. The spread plateaued there as Allen hit two more FTs and Kemp finished



photo Will Fehlinger

Landon Johnson.

the lead over 20. Foster was able to clear his bench in the remaining minutes.

Ten Cats got in the scorebook, led by Allen's 19 and Kemp's 16; Vanoven scored 9, Kolb 8 and Foster 5.

Game two was the second of Mitchell's four wins at the tourney. Three Wildcats reached double figures, paced by Johnson's 17 (four 3s), Allen's 13 (three 3s) and Vanoven's 10 (one 3). Kolb scored nine on a trio of threes and Kemp matched the

it 18-7 after one. The Petersburg squad stormed back to tie the game at 18 but FC responded with a 7-0 run as Foster and Johnson scored around a 3 by Kemp.

The Chargers cut it to one, then Vanoven finished a drive after pulling down an offensive board. A banked 3 by Pike at the halftime buzzer tied the game at 27.

Kemp opened half two with a personal 10-point run that put his team up 37-33. Allen used the glass for two and Foster and Kemp baskets aided FC in leading 45-39 after three.

Kemp and Kolb FGs helped the Cats maintain a 5-point edge. A feed to Kemp later made it 53-44 and FC closed the door with 3 of 4 foul shooting. Foster scored 8, Vanoven 6 and Johnson 5 to support Kemp's big effort.

Though the Wildcats held Bethel University commit Carter Kent below his scoring average Friday, the shooting guard and his Jennings County mates held on for a 61-53 win in North Vernon.

The game was all Jennings for the first five minutes, the Panthers building a 9-0 lead and forcing an FC timeout at 3:32 of the first. A dish to Kemp put the Cats on the board and Gillman hit two FTs. At 12-4, Kemp drilled a long 3-pointer. The quarter ended with Cash Millsbaugh and Allen trading traditional 3-point plays, the latter sparking an 8-0 run to tie things at 15. Vanoven scored and Gillman followed with the tying goal.

The Panthers went up 20-15 before Vanoven and Allen hit to bring FC within one. Johnson (See "HOOPS" pg. 9)



photo Will Fehlinger

Quinn Gillman.

a baseline move to stay up 46-31. Later, Gillman picked up a steal and forwarded it to Foster for a deuce. A shot by Vanoven counted when the Wolverines got a hand in the net for interference.

Ahead 50-35, FC got two Allen buckets, and the junior scored again for a 56-37 advantage. Kolb netted a field goal and two FTs each by Allen and Kemp pushed

nine, connecting once from downtown.

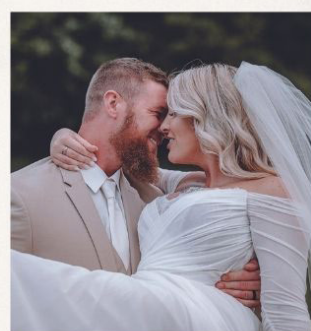
Kemp had a field day in the Saturday contest, scoring 28 in the win over the Chargers. This included FC's first seven to go up 7-2. Foster found Allen in transition for two and added a putback to force a Pike timeout at 11-2.

Kemp's baseline drive put the Cats up by 11. Gillman got to the stripe for an and-one and Johnson's 3 made

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# STUDENTS ENCOURAGED TO PAGE DURING 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION AT STATEHOUSE

Applications are live for the Indiana House Page Program during the 2025 legislative session at the Statehouse in Indianapolis, according to State Rep. Lindsay Patterson (R-Brookville). Patterson said Hoosier students ages 13 to 18 are invited to spend the day assisting lawmakers and staff, touring the Indiana Statehouse and listening in on the legislative session.

"The House Page Program is a great way for students to learn more about state government and interact with the lawmakers who represent them," Patterson said.

"I encourage eligible students to participate and experience Indiana's legislative process."

Applications are live and can be found at [IndianaHouseRepublicans.com/PageProgram](http://IndianaHouseRepublicans.com/PageProgram) along with available days during the 2025 legislative session, which starts Jan. 8 and must end by April 29.

Interested students will have the opportunity to page on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays during the legislative session and will receive an excused absence from school. Large groups can participate

on Wednesdays only. To schedule a group, contact the page program director at 317-232-9410 or [pageprogram@iga.in.gov](mailto:pageprogram@iga.in.gov).

Students are responsible for their own lunch and transportation to and from the Statehouse in Indianapolis.

State Rep. Lindsay Patterson (R-Brookville) represents House District 55, which includes all of Fayette, Franklin and Union counties, and portions of Decatur, Ripley and Rush counties.

**Source: Amanda Schreiber**

# LIBRARY CORNER

**Book Buddies Book Club:** Join us for the reading of a brand new picture book and a fun activity! Jan. 9 at Brookville Library at 5 p.m.

**Chapter Chasers Book Club:** Pick up a copy of "Dinosaurs Before Dark" by Mary Pope Osborne starting Jan. 2, read the book, join us at book club for discussion, and make a diamond art dinosaur sticker! Jan. 13 at Brookville Library at 5 p.m.

**Second Monday Book Club:** Second Monday Book Club will meet on Jan. 13 at 6 p.m. at Brookville Library. The January selection is "In Five Years" by Rebecca Serle.

**Basic Cooking:** We will explore basic recipes and work as a team to create something delicious for everyone to try. Must be 13 or older to participate. To RSVP, call Laurel Library. Jan. 14 at Laurel Library at 4:30 p.m.

**ABC Bootcamp:** Let's practice those ABCs! Join us for a time of play while we learn about the letters in our names. Playdough, songs, yoga, magnets, and more will help us practice our letters and their sounds! Jan. 17 at Brookville Library at 10 a.m. Jan. 21 at Laurel Library at 10 a.m.

**Meet the Sandhill Crane:** Join our friends from the DNR and learn about the Sandhill Crane. What do they eat? Where do they live? Why do they stop at Brookville Lake? Get answers to these and many more questions! Jan. 20 at Brookville Library at 5 p.m. Jan. 21 at Laurel Library at 5 p.m.

**Butterfly in Meadow Painting:** In this class, we'll explore the beauty of butterflies while experimenting with various brushstrokes and blending methods to create a stunning painting. Jan. 20 at Brookville Library at 4:30 p.m. Jan. 21 at Laurel Library at 4:30 p.m. Space is limited. Please RSVP by calling the libraries.

**Shelfie Squad Book Club:** Pick up a copy of "Megalops" by Randy Wayne White, read the book, and join us at book club for discussion and a fishbowl blue raspberry lemonade! Jan. 23 at Brookville Library at 5 p.m.

**Preschool Parachute:** Calling all preschoolers! Help us shake out the parachute with some songs and games just for our young learners. Jan. 24 at Brookville Library at 10 a.m.

**Memory Café:** Join us for Brookville's Memory Café in partnership with the Franklin County Public Library District and LifeStream Services! Memory Cafés are a welcoming, safe place for people living with dementia and their caregivers to enjoy social engagement and a break from their normal routine. Join us for activities and conversation. Jan. 27 at 4:30 p.m. at Brookville Library.

**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! Jan. 29 at Laurel Library at 5 p.m.

**Life is What You Bake It:** A non-perishable item will be featured in our take-and-make cooking series every month. Different recipes will be provided to help get your creativity flowing. Don't consider yourself a cook? Feel free to follow the recipe without deviating. Have an idea on how to be it healthier, yummier, or just something completely different? Go off recipe and show us what you can do! All cooking must be done at home but feel free to join us at the end of the month to trade recipes and ideas. Jan. 29 at Laurel Library at 4:30 p.m.

**Fantasy Book Club:** Fantasy Book Club is a flexible, online book club where everyone can participate when it is most convenient. Book discussions will happen online via the book club's Facebook page, which you can find on the library's website. We will vote on a new book each month.

**Family Crafters:** Come create with us! In this program, we'll explore art through various mediums. This is a bi-weekly program at Brookville Library that will be on Thursdays at 6 p.m.

**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. All D&D events take place at Brookville Library at 6 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.

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

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

## New ■ Continued from Page 2

as your main drink throughout the day. Choose Lean Protein - Protein is extremely important for helping you to stay full and build/maintain muscle. It also plays many other important roles in the body. Try to have a protein source with every meal, and incorporating protein options into snacks can help you and your family to better meet your daily protein needs. Choose lean protein options such as skinless chicken/poultry, fish, lean cuts of beef and pork (round or loin cuts, or lean ground beef), eggs, beans, nuts and nut butters, or plain Greek yogurt. To add some extra protein to your family's snacks try creating yogurt parfaits with Greek yogurt and fresh or frozen fruit; try serving fresh veggies or fruit with protein options such as cottage cheese or peanut butter; or create a fun trail mix with your favorite nuts, seeds, dried fruits, etc. Focus on Fiber - Fi-

ber plays many important roles in your body; it helps your body feel full longer, it helps to control blood glucose or blood sugar levels, and it helps to promote regular bowel movements. The daily recommendation for women is 25 grams of fiber per day and men should consume 38 grams of fiber per day. Do you think you are consuming the recommended amount of fiber per day? Most of us typically consume less than half of the fiber we should per day. Children's needs are lower, but still most children are not getting enough fiber in their diet either. Whole grains, beans/legumes, and fruits and vegetables all provide fiber. The next time you make spaghetti, try mixing some whole grain pasta in with the enriched pasta or add some extra veggies into the pasta sauce. If that doesn't sound good, maybe on your next Taco Tuesday, try adding some black beans or pinto beans in with the

taco meat or serve them on the side for family members to try if they choose. This time of year, chilis and soups can also be a super easy way to add some extra fiber-packed foods to your diet. For instance, canned beans, diced peppers and onions and canned tomatoes are easy and delicious options to add to chili. Even if you are serving soup from a can rather than homemade, you could always add some extra veggies in as you warm it up.

Slash Added Sugars and High Amounts of Sodium - So many of the foods which we regularly consume are full of added sugars and/or excess amounts of sodium. Start looking at the nutrition facts label on the products you are purchasing. The American Heart Association recommends that men should have no more than 36 grams of added sugars per day, and women and children should have no more than 25 grams of added (See "NEW" pg. 7)

## PET OF THE WEEK

FRANKLIN CO. HUMANE SOCIETY

Meet Joshua!

Everyone meet Joshua! Joshua is a great boy! He has come so far with the volunteers; working so hard! He does well with other dogs and connects great with people. He loves to play and chase balls. We are so proud of him! Joshua is around 2-years-old and has been neutered and is up to date on all shots. You can meet this smiling sweetheart at The Franklin County Animal Shelter 9076 Landfill Road, Metamora Indiana on Mondays and Thursdays from 4:30-6:30 or Saturdays from 9:00-12:00. Please contact The Friends of Franklin County Animal Shelter via Facebook for more information about sweet Joshua.



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## *This time, it's photos by Bock*



A once common occurrence in the historic Franklin County countryside, rarely seen today. According to Bock, "Corn shocks in a rather pictorial fashion, in the Pipe Creek Valley, just east of Oldenburg." Taken in the late 1930s. Dunaway collection, FCPLD.

I've mentioned a variety of photographers in the past, including Brookville's Ben Winans and Indiana's Frank Hohenburger, as well as a smattering of those who had photography studios throughout Franklin County during different eras, but I've never really had Gene Bock as a subject. Some of you may already know that it is because of Gene Bock and Don Dunaway that we have as many historic photos of Franklin County as we do. Gene, and then Don, were the rescuer and the curator of the Winans negatives.

As I look back through collections that Don Dunaway gave the library's Local History & Genealogy Department over the years, Gene's photos are truly significant and Don realized that fact. Fortunately, Dunaway organized into binders many photos that Gene had taken over the years as well as Gene's notes and comments. The Bock collection is not large. What we have are a few examples representing the years from the 1930s to the 1970s. They are just small black & white images, but are important because they show a rare glimpse of mid-20th century Franklin County rarely seen before.

In case you don't recall anything about Bock that I may have mentioned in the past, a short biography about Gene was written for the book *Franklin County A Glimpse of the Past* by his friend, Don Dunaway.

Don recalled that he first met Gene around the time of Gene's retirement from an Anderson newspaper in 1970. Gene had "set up shop" on a small card table in the front yard at Charni's Antique Shop on West Seventh Street in Brookville. He was selling photographs that he had made from glass negatives produced by Ben Winans in the early 1900s. It was at that time Don learned that Gene had obtained the large collection of glass plate negatives from Ben Winans' estate several years before.

According to Don, Gene discovered through inquiry that the glass negatives were stored in Winans' old print shop, which had been sold and was about to become the law office of Cecil Tague. Gene contacted Winans' stepson and heir, and with the help of John P. Goodwin, Gene made arrangements to pick up Winans' collection. Had Gene Bock, a man not even from Franklin County, not done this, the glass negatives capturing and preserving our county's rich history would have been taken to the town dump. Gene didn't want that to happen and went to great lengths to ensure the glass negatives were preserved.

I recall Don mentioning what Gene had told him about that day. Gene's car was stuffed full of the glass plate negatives; so overloaded in fact that the massive weight of them could be seen in how his car looked. Gene's car was almost dragging the ground and he had to drive gingerly all the way back to Anderson.

Bock was born in Sulphur Springs, Indiana in 1905 and was a life-long resident of the Anderson area. He graduated from Honey Creek High School in 1924. According to Don, Gene was an exceptionally intelligent person. He was sports editor, city editor, and managing editor for the *Anderson Daily Bulletin*. He retired in 1970 after 41 years with the newspaper. He had many outside interests, including covered bridges, and had become an outstanding historian, not only in his own Madison County, but in Franklin County as well. Gene's principal interest was photography, and he was an avid collector of vintage cameras. Gene used these antiques to take many outstanding photographs, developing his film and producing prints in his own darkroom.

After Gene and Don became acquainted, simply by happenstance through their mutual admiration of the Winans' photographs, they became close friends, and visited regularly. Gene liked to make periodic jaunts to our area and drive through Franklin County and share with Don what he had learned and discovered from talking with local residents, county officials, and surveyors.

By the time Gene was in his eighties, sometime in the late 1980s, he decided to entrust the Ben Winans collection of glass negatives and photographic prints that he had made to Don Dunaway. Gene and Don carried on regular correspondence for many years and stayed in touch until Gene's passing. Gene died on July 12, 1995, less than two months short of his ninetieth birthday. He is buried at Mt. Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Ovid, Indiana.

Don said Gene was an exceptional friend and mentor on local history and

photography, and Don claimed he was blessed to have known him.

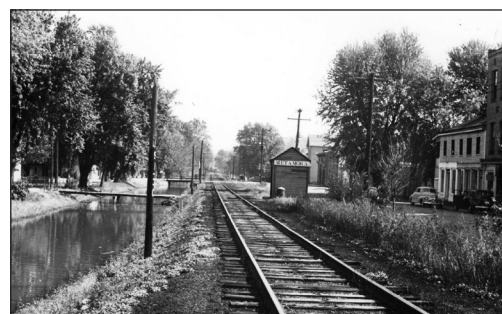
So, to start this year off I'll share just a few of the photos Gene Bock took of Franklin County during his years of visits and travels throughout our lovely county. Thanks goes to Don Dunaway for having the foresight to preserve Gene Bock's images, notes, and correspondence.



According to Bock, "The little arch bridge down on Pine Road west of St. Peter. Many may recall this was the bridge where the cedar tree was growing out of the deck. Well, this was the way it looked in 1938 when the road had to make two sharp turns to get on and off of it." Dunaway collection, FCPLD.



According to Bock, "This was the Adam sale on Snail Creek. I recall that the addition, nearest you, had a solid cherry ceiling." (nd. Possibly taken in the 1950s.) Dunaway collection, FCPLD.



Left: "The old canal mule-horse stable at Laurel. About 100 feet due west of the jailhouse." Taken Jan. 17, 1973. Dunaway collection, FCPLD. Right: "Metamora in 1952," as photographed by Bock. Dunaway collection, FCPLD.

### *NOTE regarding "Compliments of Texas".....*

In the Nov. 27, 2024 issue of this column, I wrote about Carl Honecker - inventor, patent holder, and Brookville businessman. A few weeks later I had a few tidbits of information trickle in regarding Honecker that I'll share with you now.

One person remembered the old house that Carl lived in. The gentleman told me when Carl owned the place it was not in the best of shape. Siding was falling off the outside of the house and it was well hidden by trees and lots of brush. He mentioned it was an odd house with a tall stone foundation and kind of built into the bank. I knew exactly which house he was talking about at that point and actually found



The Honecker house as it looked in 1978. FCPLD collection.

a photo of the place from 1978 in the library's collection. It was taken just about the same time that Carl passed away. It still stands today, in much better shape however, and is at 1361 Fairfield Avenue.

Regarding the Meyncke Hill Climb that my article referenced, the gentleman told me that it was a local test to determine "a good machine." For the most part in the early part of the 20th century, automobiles were generally referred to as machines. Locally, if a new model automobile could make it up Meyncke's Hill in high gear it was considered a good machine worthy of buying.

My friend, John Updike, found this article in the May 5, 1921 *Democrat* giving details of a Lexington automobile test on Meyncke's Hill.

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SIGNED STATEMENT	
About Performance of Standard Equipped Lexington Minute Man Six	
During Thoroughbred Week, April 25 to 30, a standard equipped Lexington Thoroughbred Minute Man Six made three successful ascents of Meyncke's Hill, near Brookville, on high gear.	
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Signed, Herman R. Muller.	
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First time started at 25 miles per hour; two passengers; finished at 25 miles per hour.	
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Third trip, standing start; 3 passengers; finished at 27 miles per hour.	
By request this stunt will be staged again. Watch for the announcement.	
Carl Honecker, 1821. Local Minute Man Dealer.	



**New** ■ Continued from Page 5

sugars per day. Start looking at the labels on foods such as granola bars, cereals, Pop-Tarts, flavored oatmeal, flavored milk, flavored yogurt, soda and other flavored drinks, and you might be shocked by the amount of added sugars that are in the foods which your family usually consumes. The recommended daily limit for sodium for the average adult is 2,300 mg per day. Again, start looking at the labels of the foods you are regularly purchasing. Pre-packaged and processed foods

tend to be highest in sodium. For example, canned soups, frozen meals, sauces and condiments, canned meats, deli meats, breads, pizzas, and more usually contain high amounts of sodium. Start making small changes by choosing brands with less sodium and making simple swaps. Typically, the more you can cook your own foods at home rather than buying pre-made options, the more you can reduce the sodium content in your foods.

Use these nutrition tips to begin making

sustainable and impactful lifestyle changes for you and/or your family. As you get started, if you decide that you would like more personalized nutrition strategies or additional nutrition education and/or resources, consider connecting with a registered dietitian.

**Advice from Iron Yokes Strength & Fitness in Batesville**

It's the new year, and undoubtedly you have some goals you'd like to focus on in 2025. In my line of work, January is the busy season as many people resolve to improve their health and fitness. Most of us get very excited thinking about the destination, forgetting that the journey to get there is a tough one. Here's

the key, don't just get excited about the end product, but get excited for the work that you get to do along the way. Yes, it is hard. Yes, it requires intentionality. And yeah, it kind of sucks. But it can be incredibly fun when you do it with the right people, and it is infinitely rewarding. You were designed to work. You were designed to do hard things. You CAN do this. The culture is selling a lie that you should seek comfort and an easy life. Don't buy it. You don't have to be perfect, but you do have to work hard. Once you accept this, the yoke becomes a little easier, the burden a little lighter.

I don't like to just speak in theory though,

so let's talk about a few real examples of the difficulties you can expect when making exercise a regular habit in your life:

You're going to convince yourself that you don't have time to work out. You're juggling a job (or maybe two or three), raising kids, and have a million other responsibilities. But here's the thing: I'm only asking for three hours a week to get your lifts in. Pair that with some walking or jogging at lunch or after supper with the family, and you have a very balanced exercise plan that can create real change and real results. There are 168 hours in a week. You have three hours to spare for exercise. Yes, you are busy. Yes, you will have to sacrifice something else in your schedule. Yes, it is hard. Yes, it requires intentionality. But you can do it.

You don't know how to start or what to do. Yeah, maybe not, but don't overthink it. Squats, push-ups, pull-ups, lunges, picking things up from the floor, and carrying heavy things are all great exercises when done with good form. And they can all be

modified to meet you at your level. If you're uncomfortable getting started on your own, there's a lot of great resources in Batesville to help you learn. The Y has free group exercise classes for members both on land and in the water. Cook's Performance offers 30-minute classes and personal training sessions to help fit workouts into your busy schedule. We offer a free two-week onboarding process for new members at Iron Yokes to get you started on the right foot as well as online workouts that can be completed at home or at another gym. Yes, you're probably going to feel awkward and uncomfortable being the new one at the gym. Yes, it's going to take some time to learn how to do the movements well or to feel strong and fit. Yes, it is hard. Yes, it requires intentionality. But you can do it.

You're going to have aches and pains. Working out hurts, and again, it kind of sucks. If it didn't, we would all do it whenever we had a free moment. It hurts to get out of bed in the morning to go to the gym when you're dead tired. It (See "NEW" pg. 10)

December 26, 1957

*Happy 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

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## NOT FEELING WELL?

Immediate Care to Open at Margaret Mary Health Center of Batesville in January



**HOURS:**

Monday - Friday:  
7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Immunizations can be scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays by calling 812.932.5105.

Effective January 6, MMH will be offering affordable, walk-in care at our Health Center of Batesville, located at 256 State Route 129 (just down from the Southeastern Indiana YMCA and across from Gillman Home Center). Immediate care provides prompt treatment for non-life-threatening conditions and minor injuries which require immediate attention but are not severe enough to warrant a visit to the emergency services department. Examples include cough, cold/flu symptoms, infections, sore throats, rashes, minor urinary issues, small cuts, sprains and strains.

**MINOR CARE WILL NO LONGER BE OFFERED IN OUR ER, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 6.**



# LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS

## Notice to Bidders

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Brookville, Indiana, will receive sealed bids for Hot Asphaltic and Cement Materials for street paving and ADA compliant sidewalks. Bid packets with detailed specifications for the total project are on file at the Brookville Town Hall located at 1020 Franklin Avenue, or may be

requested from Clerk-Treasurer via email [clerk@brookville.in.gov](mailto:clerk@brookville.in.gov)

Casting specifications are as follows: East Jordan #1022 Sanitary/Storm castings and lids to be installed by utilizing round Mr. Man-hole leveling system.

Bids are to be received by Monday, February 3, 2025 until 4:00 o'clock p.m. at 1020 Franklin Avenue, Brookville, Indiana. Bids will

be opened and read at the Town of Brookville Board Meeting at 7:00 o'clock p.m. on said date. Bids must be on forms prescribed by the State of Indiana and accompanied by a Bid Bond or Certified Check in an amount not less than 10% of the total amount of bid.

The Town Council reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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D/B/A CVS PHARMACY #6784  
THOMAS MOFFATT 29  
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Government Finance (DLGF). The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.

Dated: 1/3/2025  
Karla J. Bauman, Auditor  
Fiscal Officer

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## STATE OF INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE

### 2025 TAX RATES (Per Taxing District)

Year : 2025 County: 24 Franklin

Taxing District	2025 District Rate	2024 District Rate
001 Bath Township	1.3764	1.4051
002 Blooming Grove Township	1.5190	1.5606
003 Brookville Township	1.4881	1.5440
004 Brookville Town	2.4795	2.6078
005 Butler Township East	1.3645	1.3910
006 Butler Township West	1.2684	1.2956
007 Fairfield Township	1.5136	1.5543
008 Highland Township	1.3721	1.4008
009 Cedar Grove Town	1.4409	1.4746
010 Laurel Township	1.5347	1.5764
011 Laurel Town	2.1118	2.1592
012 Metamora Township	1.5391	1.5805
013 Posey Township	1.5113	1.5503
014 Ray Township	1.3471	1.3904
015 Batesville City	1.9868	2.0710
016 Oldenburg Town	1.6316	1.7029
017 Salt Creek Township North	1.3749	1.4022
018 Salt Creek Township South	1.2788	1.3068
019 Springfield Township	1.3727	1.4016
020 Mt. Carmel Town	1.8922	1.9073
021 Whitewater Township	1.3753	1.4030
022 Ray Township Fire Terr.	1.3970	1.4443
023 Salt Creek South Fire Terr.	1.3355	1.3682
024 Butler West Fire Terr	1.3264	1.3585
025 Butler East Fire Terr	1.4225	1.4539
026 Salt Creek North Fire Terr	1.4316	1.4636

NOTE: If applicable, conservancy district special assessment rates are not included in the above taxing district rates.

## Alcohol & Tobacco Commission LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Alcohol Beverage Board of Franklin County, Indiana will hold a public hearing at 10:00 am on January 21, 2025 at the Clerk's Office, Courthouse, 459 Main Street, 459 Main Street in the city of Brookville in said county, to investigate the propriety of holding an alcoholic beverage permit by the

applicants listed herein to wit:  
RR2427609 Beer & Wine Retailer - Restaurant RENEWAL  
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D/B/A PIZZA KING OF BATESVILLE  
LISA SIZEMORE 3896 S FL-ATROCK RIVER RD Rushville, Secretary  
SCOTT BARNES 2896 S 415 W Rushville, President

## NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS

Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Franklin County, Franklin Indiana that the proper legal officers will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year at their regular meeting place at

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over \$700 to support the family. It is clear that God is present in all circumstances, and we must be receptive to His guidance. Although it was disheartening to be the only group in attendance, we are eternally grateful that God chose us to answer this important call. Sometimes, quality takes precedence over quantity."

Despite Kathy and Johnny's efforts to connect with numerous organizations for support, Kathy expressed the deep emotional impact it had on their family that Bikers for Christ answered their call.

"These guys, along with their wives, showed so much support. I couldn't be happier seeing how much God's love shined. This is God's way of showing who was supposed to show up. These guys, Bikers For Christ, didn't know us from anywhere. The prayer

over Mary Ellen that day was deep. You could feel the Holy Spirit right there with us."

Mary Ellen was diagnosed with liver failure in early October of 2024. Unfortunately, despite her urgent need for medical intervention, she is unable to obtain the critical assistance she requires due to her lack of health insurance.

"Since then, her liver has stopped working, and she's been in a lot of pain. She's having problems walking, keeping her balance, sleeping a lot, swelling, etc.," Kathy said. "I wanted to thank everyone who has donated and helped this family in their time of need. I also wanted to thank Bikers For Christ for traveling 107 miles one way to get here."

Kathy started a GoFundMe page to help Mary Ellen and Jeremy during this difficult

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# Tourney title among Lady Cats highlights

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**Will Fehlinger**  
SPORTS EDITOR

The first games of calendar year 2025 for Franklin County's Lady Wildcats ended with similar results as the girls fell by seven Thursday afternoon at home to New Palestine (53-46) and were short by the same margin Saturday night at Triton Central (62-55). On the flip side, FC captured the Waldron holiday invitational championship Dec. 27 with wins over the hosts (71-50) and Union County (52-41).

At Fairland Saturday, the Cats led 13-9 after one but trailed the Lady Tigers at each of the next three horns in a well-played contest.

Triton scored seven unanswered early after Bailey Kaiser's three opened the game. Two foul shots by junior Ruby Singer closed the gap and senior Tiffany Billman's 3 erased the TC lead. Madesyn Sunderhaus got the shooter's roll on her 3-point try to make it 11-7. Singer boosted FC's lead to six.

The Tigers scored six consecutive to tie it. Billman willed FC ahead 19-17 on a three, 1 of 2 foul shots and a steal/score. The home team then hit a 3 to stay in the lead for good. Coach Kyle VanMeter called timeout after a jumper made it 26-21. Two threes by Tiger freshman Sawyer Murdick canceled out a

Kendall Cox 3 and Singer FTs. TC was up 32-26 at the break.

Singer scored in the low post early in the third but Triton nailed another 3 to make it 37-28. Likewise, the Tigers scored four points in response to a Sunderhaus triple. FC clawed back starting with a pair of Jaelyn Grimmeisen free shots. At 43-36, Singer was fouled on a putback and sank the bonus toss; Cox spotted up for another 3 to force a TC timeout. Going into the last frame, it was 45-42.

Triton struck first to go up five. Singer answered with a 3-point play but TC's Kate Collier was good on a three. FC called a full timeout at 4:36. Cox banked one in off the window to make it 50-47. The Tigers scored five straight out of a timeout. Billman hit a 3 with about a minute left to get the Cats within 56-53. She added a layup to later make it 58-55 ahead of FC's final timeout. The Tigers hit all four FT attempts in the last 20 seconds.

Unofficially, Billman led FC with 16 points, Singer added 15 and Sunderhaus 10. Cox chipped in 9.

New Pal's 22 points in the first quarter set the tone for the afternoon contest. It was like night and day in the second frame as FC outscored the Lady Dragons 6-3 to trail 25-20 at halftime. NP had another run to start the second half

and held off FC with late free throws.

VanMeter noted a lackluster shooting day by his charges. FC launched 32 threes, connecting on just six. New Pal hit 11 more free throws. "Some days the 3 isn't falling but you still have to score layups and FTs," he said. "Those were the difference."

Singer had 14 points and 7 boards in the loss. Billman scored 10, Sunderhaus 9 and Kaiser 7. Billman added 6 rebounds and 4 assists. Kaiser grabbed 6 carsoms and Cox dished 4 assists.

In the tourney opener, the Lady Mohawks stayed with FC through one with the score 16-15. Sunderhaus erupted for 15 second-quarter points to propel the Cats ahead by 20 at the break (41-21). The visitors held serve by putting up 30 more and finishing with their top offensive output of the season.

Singer led with 26 points and 18 rebounds while Sunderhaus added 20. Cox had 9 and Billman 8. Billman had 8 boards and 7 assists while Kaiser secured 8 rebounds.

The championship game was an opportunity for FC to get some revenge for a 9-point November loss to UC.

"We knew the game would be tough and it started out that way," said the coach. "It was a great all-around team win."

Things were tied at 21 at the midway point with the Lady Patriots hitting five 3-pointers early. FC adjusted to a man-to-man defense to slow down the perimeter game. Instead, UC shot ahead 39-33 until FC came up with a strong closing stretch featuring clutch shots by Billman and Kaylee Hanna and Sunderhaus' defense on the Pats' top offensive threat, Katie McCashland.

Singer led with 14 points while Sunderhaus and Billman each added 13.

FC (6-9) hosts conference rival Greensburg Saturday night after a rescheduled EIAC game at Rushville Thursday. The Lady Pirates are 16-0, the No. 1 team in Indiana's Class 3A and 4th-ranked squad overall by the coaches association.

answered a Kent basket with a tying 3-pointer and Vanoven's triple gave the Cats their first lead at 25-24. Late in the half, Jeremiah Davis put JC up by one.

Kemp's drive to open the second half produced another lead change but a home 3 seemed to wake up the Panthers. They outscored FC 20-8 the rest of the frame to lead 46-35.

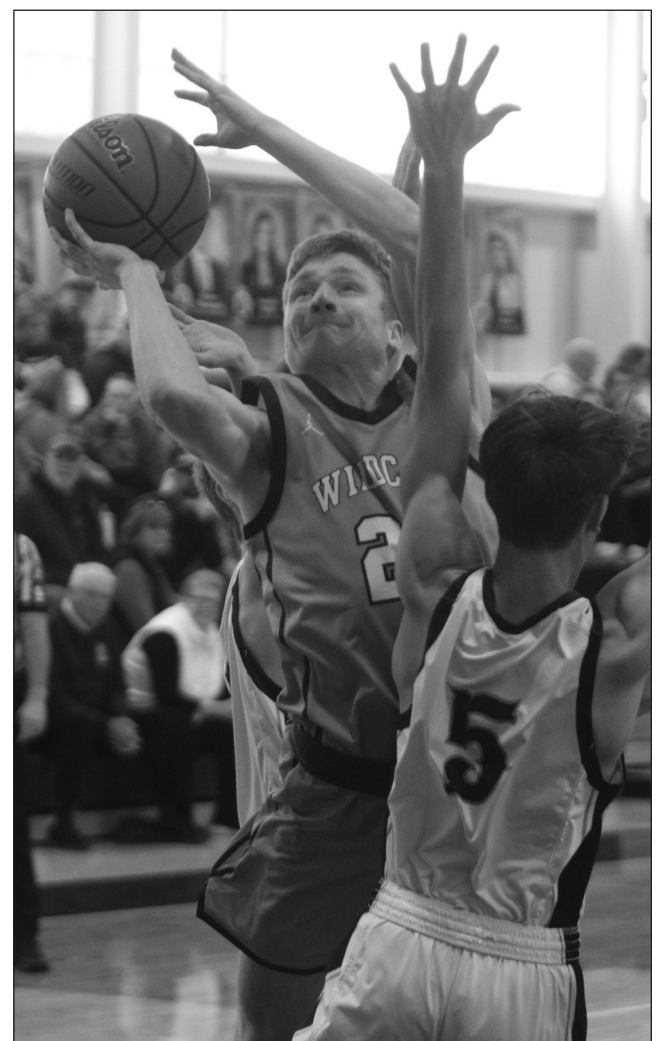
Allen finished a baseline move to open the fourth and Kemp scored to make it 46-39. Kent had a 2-point answer. An Allen 3 from the top of the key trimmed the deficit to 50-44 ahead of four in a row by Kent. FC got within eight at three separate points over the final four minutes, including with zeroes on the clock.

Kemp led FC with 18 points, Allen added 10, Vanoven 9, Foster 7 and Gillman 5. Kent had a game-high 20 and Davis added 13.

Saturday afternoon was an intra-county battle between visiting Franklin County and OA. Things weren't decided until the final seconds when the Twister defense tightened to alter Allen's attempted tying shot in a 43-40 win.

Oldenburg briefly enjoyed a 6-point lead at 33-27 early in the fourth after a Wanstrath bucket. The big guy picked up his fourth foul shortly after, allowing Kemp to hit two free tosses and force a Twister timeout at 4:15. Allen then made it a one-point game at 33-32. David Koch rose to the occasion for the hosts, putting in a triple from the wing to give OA more breathing room.

Vanoven collected fouls four and five, the latter coming on a Wanstrath make that had OA up 38-33. FC got into the foul bonus first, however, and Allen knocked down a pair at 2:10. Jack Freeland matched those when the Wildcats were whis-



Carson Allen.

photo Will Fehlinger

led for their fifth foul of the period. A Kemp 3-pointer made it a one-possession game again at 40-38.

FC then forced a 5-second call on the ensuing inbound play, yet couldn't capitalize as a three was missed. Two Kemp foul shots later trumped one by Koch and Wildcat coach Mark Foster called time with his team down 41-40. Wanstrath hit 2 of 4 free throws around an FC timeout and Foster stopped play for a final time with 12.1 seconds on the clock.

Kemp and Adam Weber (from Zach Hoff) triples led to a 3-3 deadlock early. Allen and Isaiah Waggoner traded short baskets before FC pieced together an 8-0 run on six straight points by Kemp and Vanoven was true on free throws. Weber threw up a line-drive 3 at the horn that found its mark, OA now trailing 13-8 after one complete.

Gillman found Foster for two as play re-

sumed in the second quarter. Wanstrath later answered with three straight buckets to make it 15-14 and Freeland's 3 put OA up two at 17-15. Gillman had the tying answer. Prior to halftime, Kemp scored off an inbound pass and Wanstrath followed in his own miss for a 19-19 game at intermission.

Wanstrath sent OA into the lead as the second half unfolded and Hoff tripled to make it 24-19. Kemp's 3-point combination and latter a connecting drive tied the game again. Wanstrath scored, followed by Foster's tying foul shots. Another Wanstrath bucket made it 28-26 with a quarter remaining. A Freeland trey put OA up 31-26 to start the fourth.

Kemp scored a game-high 24 and Wanstrath led OA with 20. Allen and Freeland had 8 apiece.

FC (3-8) hosts Union County Friday.

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