



YEAR IN REVIEW

2022

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THE REPUBLIC



ON THE COVER

Clockwise from top left: Miguel Rosete, left, gets his face painted by Anacaren Rosete during Fiesta Latina in downtown Columbus, on Oct. 1. // Jennifer Rumsey gives a speech as the new president and CEO of Cummins Inc., during a press conference at the Cummins Corporate Office Building in Columbus in July 14. Rumsey is the first woman CEO since the company was founded over 100 years ago. // People attend a March for Our Lives rally for gun control at Columbus City Hall in June. // Roxanne Stallworth, left, and Paulette Roberts unveil a marker honoring the first two suffragists Lizzie Hubbard and Fannie Davis at Second Baptist Church in Columbus in May 14. Hubbard and Davis were the first women registered to vote in Bartholomew County after the Partial Suffrage Act of 1917. // Demolition begins on the former Goody's site to make way for the fieldhouse at NexusPark in Columbus in August. MIKE WOLANIN; THE REPUBLIC FILE PHOTOS

JANUARY



From left: Central Middle School seventh and eighth grade English teacher Mindy Summers, the 2020 Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp. Teacher of the Year, was among educators being honored at the 2022 College Football National Championship // Love Chapel food pantry volunteer Connie West poses in January for a photo with scarves she made for Brighter Days residents in Columbus. // Standing before a mural created by Afghan refugees temporarily housed at Camp Atterbury, Aaron Batt, Department of Homeland Security lead coordinator at the camp, marks the conclusion of Operation Allies Welcome in January and the resettlement of nearly all the Afghan refugees who were temporarily housed there. MIKE WOLANIN | THE REPUBLIC

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1 The University of Indianapolis planned to send a report to the city of Columbus on its analysis of bones found at a local construction site.

2 Health officials across the state urged people to get vaccinated against COVID-19 even if they've had a prior infection, as state officials warn that reinfections are on the rise in Indiana and expected to increase with the spread of the omicron variant.

3 Columbus East grad Phil Geoffrey Bond's love for all things Sondheim resulted in the release of the first volume of a three-volume, six-disc set, "Sondheim Unplugged: The NYC Sessions" that he produced in New York City.

4 Less than six weeks after being denied permission to move to Pennsylvania for a new job, Shiam Sunder Shankara Subramanian, charged in the hit-and-run death of Columbus teen Lilly Streeval, sought permission to go to an out-of-state job interview.

5 The death certificate filed for 2-year-old Emma Sweet ruled her manner of death as homicide and cause of death as complications of hypothermia and asphyxia due to drowning.

6 BCSC announced that individuals quarantining as a positive for COVID-19 or close contacts with an infected person only need to quarantine for five days, instead of the previous 10.

7 In order to help individuals better understand and empathize with their neighbors' situation, the United Way of Bartholomew County planned to hold a poverty simulation that "demonstrates the plight these families face every day."

8 A former Cummins Inc. employee was sentenced to more than five years in federal prison for stealing more than \$4.8 million from his employer over a nine-year period.

9 Central Middle School teacher Mindy Summers, who was the 2020 Teacher of the Year for Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp. is one of many educators honored at the 2022 College Football Playoff National Championship.

10 Area houses of worship began canceling in-person worship services again and resorting to livestreaming or internet-only services amid record numbers of Bartholomew County COVID-19 cases.

11 The Columbus Police Department recently formed a Child Abduction Response Team (CART) after several officers completed a specialized course focusing on child abductions.

12 Three teachers — Libby Cravens from

White Creek Lutheran School, Sue Breeding from ABCStewart School, and Cheryl Thill from Columbus Christian School — were named 2021 winners of the Reams Family Award for Excellence in Teaching.

13 Local COVID cases soared to all-time highs as the seven-day average for hospitalizations at Columbus Regional doubled from the level of just three weeks earlier.

14 The 24th Annual Empty Bowls soup-and-chili fundraiser for area food banks once again planned to feature a drive-thru format at Donner Center as it was last year.

15 The FairOaks Community Development Corp. Board prepared to unveil a brand identity for the NexusPark project.

16 Edinburgh EMT Jeramy Goodnight, 42, of Columbus, was charged with felony official misconduct and battery after he was accused of mistreating a patient in an ambulance.

17 The United Way of Bartholomew County honored the legacy of the late Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., by participating in the annual Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.

18 A residential developer proposed to build its new affordable housing model as part of a subdivision in north Columbus. However, city officials wanted more information on certain details of the proposed development before giving approval.

19 A plane from a Greenwood flight school made an emergency landing at Columbus Municipal Airport.

20 Reps. Ryan Lauer and Jim Lucas voted in favor of a proposal that would severely limit workplace COVID-19 vaccination requirements even as the bill faced resistance from Gov. Eric Holcomb and GOP state Senate leaders.

21 Love Chapel volunteer Connie West's heart overflowed with warmth for others in the 70 single-layer fleece scarves she made as a free gift to residents of the Brighter Days emergency shelter.

22 Former local man Shane Mosier, in prison for a residential entry conviction, was expected to plead guilty to charges in Jackson County for alleged offenses that preceded the charge he was serving time for.

23 Turning Point Domestic Services announced that its annual Dance Marathon would return this year and be held in combination with the annual After Prom, which was previously organized by the Columbus Parks

and Recreation Department for BCSC students.

24 After four years of planning and seeking public input, officials released a draft of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan update with hopes for its completion and official adoption in the near future.

25 In vivid color, symbolic imagery and concentric circles, the experiences of nearly 60 Afghan refugees over the past five months came to life as officials signaled Camp Atterbury's mission of temporarily sheltering refugees had concluded.

26 BCSC considered installing stop arm cameras on all of its routed school buses by next fall in hopes of preventing violations and adding the ability to cite violators.

27 The Indiana House of Representatives unanimously voted for legislation authored by Rep. Randy Frye, R-Greensburg, to designate the mastodon as the official state fossil of Indiana.

28 The Columbus community mourned the loss of Helen Haddad, a passionate supporter of the arts and music education.

29 BCSC planned to use extra dollars from its operating referendum to help fund a change to STEM labs at elementary schools.

30 A reluctance for decades by former Columbus officials to upgrade a paper system used to record which Columbus police officers were working and where they were working resulted in two special prosecutor investigations, a State Board of Accounts audit and allegations of ghost employment and theft, a state audit found.

31 Columbus woman Vickie Stover's desire to protect feral cats during the winter led her and other volunteers to provide free cat shelters while Julie Robbins of Columbus and volunteers worked to spay and neuter feral felines.

Columbus Regional Health Environmental Services team member Jennifer Carlisle cleans surfaces outside a patient room in the ICU during the rise of COVID cases in late 2021. Cases peaked in January 2022. SUBMITTED PHOTO.



FEBRUARY



Clockwise from top left: Cathy Tower, left, and Ed Tower pack boxes of food for BCSC schools at Love Chapel Food Pantry in Columbus, in February. // Utopia Wildlife Rehabilitators founder Kathy Hershey holds Hope the groundhog as she makes her weather prediction during the annual Groundhog Day ceremony Feb. 2 on the Hope Town Square in Hope. Hope predicted an early spring as a winter storm was approaching. // Columbus Regional Health facility engineer Casey Gibson talks about the work being done to prep part of the former Fair Oaks Mall for demolition to make way for Nexus Park in Columbus in February. // Boden Keele holds a sign stating he reads banned books at a community read-in to protest bills that would restrict minors from accessing what is categorized as “harmful materials” at libraries and make it a crime for librarians to provide those materials to minors. MIKE WOLANNI | THE REPUBLIC



- 1** Only 11% of the federal dollars that Bartholomew County government received through the American Rescue Plan last year had been spent, officials said.
- 2** Bartholomew and surrounding counties braced for a winter storm from the evening of Wednesday, Feb. 2 through late Thursday, with hazardous conditions expected to make travel treacherous.
- 3** Hope residents enjoyed a fun moment when the town's namesake groundhog didn't see a shadow and predicted an early spring for Bartholomew County — as the first major winter storm of the season was barreling toward the area.
- 4** Otter Creek's management board recommended the city of Columbus sell the Otter Creek golf course, given the financial requirements of maintaining the venue.
- 5** A hearing in the felony neglect case of Jeremy Sweet in the drowning death of his 2-year-old daughter, Emma, was postponed because the cellblock where Sweet was held in the Bartholomew County Jail had been quarantined due to COVID.
- 6** “The Addict’s Wake,” an award-winning documentary focusing on drug addiction and recovery in neighboring Brown County, was set to make its debut in Columbus.
- 7** Local officials are hoping to receive a state grant for \$1,200 to help fund new body cameras for the Hope Police Department.
- 8** Bills dealing with what students may be taught — and what students should be permitted to read — received considerable attention during a Third House Session in Columbus.
- 9** Teachers and administrators from a local adult education center were among those who helped refugees at Camp Atterbury learn English and other life skills as part of what state officials called a “herculean effort” over a short period of time.
- 10** Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp. will use funds from its operating

- referendum to help support a change to STEM labs at elementary schools, and officials expect to allocate more than \$2.83 million from the fund for this purpose over the next seven years.
- 11** A drug treatment center operated by Columbus Regional Health has started accepting walk-in patients largely in response to a rise in substance abuse disorder during the pandemic.
 - 12** Demolition preparation work was set to begin at the former Fair Oaks Mall, one of the first physical steps in the transformation of the facility into the planned NexusPark athletic, medical and community center.
 - 13** With a deadline looming, two hospitals in the Columbus area had been racing to get hundreds of employees, contractors and other members of their workforce in compliance with a federal COVID-19 vaccine mandate for health care workers.
 - 14** Love Songs For Love Chapel on QMIX Radio raised money for the local food pantry.
 - 15** Progress on Ivy Tech Community College's new campus building in Columbus continued, with the college planning to move in during the spring.
 - 16** Redevelopment projects, state grants and changing economic landscapes were just a few of the topics touched on by Columbus Mayor Jim Linnhoop in his 2022 State of the City address.
 - 17** Hundreds turned out at community ‘read-in’ at Bartholomew County Public Library Plaza to protest a Senate bill that included potential punitive measures for librarians in Indiana.
 - 18** Lack of supply and surging demand was hitting Bartholomew County's largest food pantry with a “double-whammy.”
 - 19** Drug overdose deaths in Bartholomew County rose last year to their highest level on record, deepening a public health crisis that local officials say is now being fueled by the pandemic and a more dangerous drug supply.
 - 20** The Rev. Jane Sims, cofounder and co-

- pastor of the local Calvary Community Church and a great-granddaughter of South Carolina slaves, called for African-Americans and others to return to the Christian church roots of the civil rights movement during the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Breakfast in Columbus.
- 21** The bipartisan Bartholomew County Election Board set in-person voting locations for the May 3 primary as officials prepared for the second election cycle to take place during the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - 22** A beauty salon on Columbus' east side has one notable difference from others throughout the city — its staff is made up of high schoolers. C4's Cosmetology program provides a public salon to help students receive first-hand experience working with actual clients.
 - 23** The city of Columbus recognized three firefighters for their courage in the rescue of an unconscious man from an apartment fire.
 - 24** Cummins Inc. has outlined its long-term growth strategy as concern mounts about catastrophic climate change and the world economy appears poised to start shifting away from the fossil fuels traditionally used in the company's engines.
 - 25** Russia's invasion of Ukraine hits close to home for local residents who have ties to the country and are watching news reports with trepidation and worry.
 - 26** President Joe Biden nominated federal appeals court Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court, the first Black woman selected to serve on a court that once declared her race unworthy of citizenship and endorsed American segregation.
 - 27** Local architect Louis Joyner celebrated a modest Columbus home that now is a national landmark: A 1,085-square-foot porcelain-enameled Evans Lustron Corp. steel house that was added to the National Register of Historic Places.
 - 28** Columbus Regional Health and Farrell's Extreme Bodyshaping partnered to provide kickboxing classes for hospital employees as a way to help relieve some of the stress from the pandemic.

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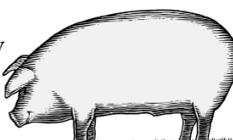
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MARCH



Clockwise from top left: Ukrainian exchange student Ivan Bondar poses for a portrait at Columbus East High School in Columbus in March. // First grade teacher Jennifer Ryshavy poses for a picture in her classroom at Taylorsville Elementary School in Taylorsville, in March. Ryshavy was named as the recipient of the 2022 Edna V. Folger Outstanding Teacher Award. // Columbus North gymnast Emily Moore poses with her medals for finishing first in the all-around, beam and floor exercise and fifth place in the vault during the IHSAA gymnastics state finals at Worthen Arena in Muncie, in March. // CSA New Tech senior Piper Parks, center, poses for photos with Pigasus Pictures co-founders John Armstrong, right, and Zachary Spicer, left, after they announced she won the Project Pigasus Film Project during a student assembly at CSA New Tech High School in Columbus, in March.

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1 Local public schools announced they would go mask optional on buses due to new federal COVID guidelines.

2 St. Peter's Lutheran's eighth grade boys and girls basketball teams won the Indiana Lutheran School Athletic Association championship, the first time a single school had ever won both the boys and girls titles in the same year.

3 Columbus native and three-time NASCAR Cup Series champion Tony Stewart's home and ranch on West Youth Camp Road was listed for sale for the asking price of \$30 million.

4 Ukrainian foreign exchange student Ivan Bondar, a junior at Columbus East, said he starts each morning the same way since the invasion of his homeland by Russian forces. "Every day I'm waking up, and the first thing that I'm doing is grabbing my phone and calling my mom as quick as possible," he said.

5 The community showed its support of Columbus North cheerleader Ariel Roberts following her diagnosis in early January that Roberts has an embryonal brain tumor that is inoperable.

6 Fentanyl-laced pills could be next wave of crisis. Federal authorities say pills like these are part of a worrying trend seen across the country as criminal drug networks in Mexico and elsewhere ramp up production of fentanyl.

7 Columbus Regional Health is moving its dialysis services to a new facility that officials say will allow the hospital system to expand local capacity to offer lifesaving treatment for people suffering from kidney disease.

8 After two years of being closed — due to both the pandemic and \$1.27 million in renovations — the James A. Henderson Playground at The Commons reopened.

9 Interior demolition continues at the former FairOaks Mall, with most of the more intense work occurring in the former Carson's location.

10 Waitress April Buckley feels as if the nonprofit Bartholomew County Works program has provided her with just what she needed right when she needed it. A livelihood with solid support. Renewed self esteem. Job coaching. Life encouragement and counseling. A new start.

11 Rep. Greg Pence, R-Indiana, voted in favor military aid for Ukraine and allies in Eastern Europe, but against billions of dollars in humanitarian aid for the war-torn country, including emergency food and shelter.

12 Local architecture students recently

reimagined Columbus's "front door." Students from Indiana University's J. Irwin Miller Architecture Program worked alongside professionals at an architectural "charrette" in late February to brainstorm possible concepts for the future of the red, double-arched bridge at the I-65 interchange with State Road 46.

13 Years of work pay off as Columbus North senior Emily Moore claimed the beam, floor and all-around titles at the 2022 gymnastics state finals in Muncie.

14 More emergency calls than ever are being made in the Columbus area. There were 41,205 emergency calls received by the Bartholomew County Emergency Operations Center last year. That is a 15.4% increase from the previous year.

15 As Russia continues its invasion of Ukraine, people all over the world have their eyes on the war. This is especially true for those from Ukraine who are currently away from home — including Vladyslav Bobuskyi, a first-year student in Indiana University's J. Irwin Miller Architecture Program in Columbus.

16 Taylorsville Elementary educator Jennifer Ryshavy treasures teaching and student relationships, knowing since she was in first grade that she wanted to be a teacher. Her dedication was rewarded as she received the 2022 Edna V. Folger Outstanding Teacher Award.

17 Bartholomew County government has accumulated one of the largest piles of cash reserves in its history. With a transfer of \$4.23 million from the county's general fund into the so-called Rainy Day Fund, Bartholomew County's reserve account is now more than \$10.22 million.

18 The Arc of Bartholomew County is presenting a free, one-hour disability employment documentary "Hearts of Glass." The event is part of the local nonprofit's emphasis on March as Disabilities Awareness Month.

19 Cummins Inc. has joined a growing number of global companies that have suspended business operations in Russia following its invasion of Ukraine.

20 The Columbus Plan Commission has approved the city's Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan update, forwarding it to the city council with a favorable recommendation.

21 Sycamore Land Trust has received a gift of 10 acres of land from Connie and Terry Marbach of Columbus to add to the Touch the Earth Natural Area public nature preserve.

22 The Hope Police Department has established the Senior Citizen Check-in Program — a free service designed to reach out to the ill, elderly or

shut-ins living alone in the northeast Bartholomew County community of 2,200 residents.

23 Christopher LaMothe, retiring CEO of Elevate Ventures, was the keynote speaker at a luncheon as part of the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce's Innovation Week. He spoke about the importance of entrepreneurship and what Columbus can do to continue to advance its region.

24 County officials said they had received two federal transportation grants that will help pay for replacement of the Lowell bridge on Lowell Road, along with money for roadwork to realign the intersection with County Road 325W.

25 The world of recreational drugs is much larger and more dangerous than it was when baby boomers and Generation X were growing up. That was a part of the message heard at a presentation delivered by Jermaine Galloway, who retired after 18 years as an Idaho police officer.

26 While the Columbus Indiana Philharmonic continues to play retiring artistic director David Bowden's swan song, the nonprofit orchestra also will look to compose part of its 2022-23 season at its Beethoven-themed concert. Leaders will announce the six candidates who will audition to be the 68-year-old Bowden's replacement.

27 Local health officials say they expect to see an increase in COVID-19 infections in the coming weeks as a more contagious version of the omicron variant that is already driving up cases in Europe and Asia makes its way across the United States.

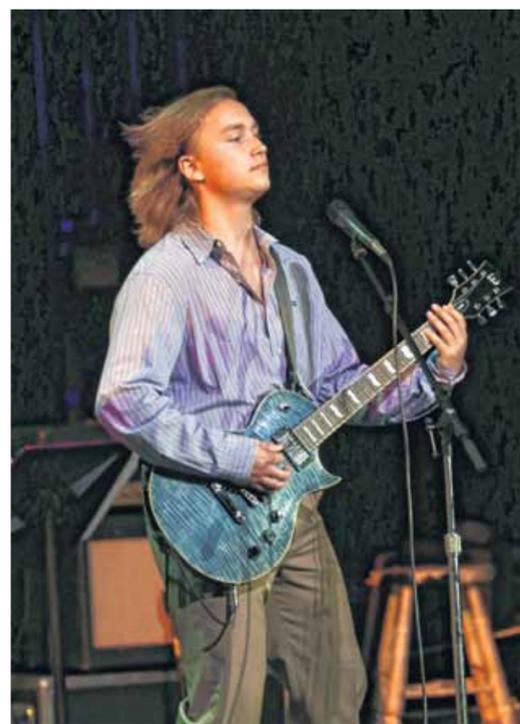
28 After two relentless years of pressure, many local doctor's offices and health care workers are continuing to feel the toll of the pandemic and are facing a new set of challenges as the worst public health crisis in at least a century stretches on.

29 Pigasus Pictures cofounders John Armstrong and Zachary Spicer surprised CSA New Tech High School and senior Piper Parks with the news that her screenplay, "Blue," is the winner of their fifth annual "Project Pigasus" screenwriting contest.

30 The Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce's "Innovation Week" concluded with an event that marks the official opening of Columbus' new Propeller makerspace.

31 As inflation continued to drive up prices for groceries, gas and housing, near-record numbers of Bartholomew County residents were turning to local food banks to eat.

APRIL



Clockwise from top left: The Child Abuse Prevention Adult Prom court, following a “disco” theme, poses for a photo at The Commons. // An exterior view of North Christian Church in Columbus, Ind. // Colby Lovins performs “You Really Got Me,” by The Kinks during American Pie 2022 reset in the Judson Erne auditorium at Columbus North High School. // The Republic Flat Rock Hawcreek School Corp. Technology Director Denise Ollestad poses for a photo in her office. // Columbus Native Phil Geoffrey Bond was inducted into Columbus East High School’s Alumni Wall of Fame. THE REPUBLIC FILE PHOTOS; CARLA CLARK; TONY VASQUEZ

1 Former vice president and Columbus, Indiana native Mike Pence has unveiled a new policy platform for Republicans ahead of this year’s midterms elections, offering a framework for candidates — and possibly himself — ahead of a potential 2024 presidential run.

2 Through the last half of 2021, National Guard members had assisted as Afghan refugees who came to Camp Atterbury in southern Johnson County escaping hardship and death. They now were lending expertise to Slovakia, a nation dealing with victims of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

3 Bartholomew County election officials were making final preparations for the May 3 primary, with in-person early voting set to start April 6.

4 Despite fast-forward format changes, The Republic, marking its sesquicentennial, is essentially doing the same job it began doing on this date 150 years ago — covering Bartholomew County and the surrounding area’s developments, newsmakers, leaders, visionaries, seeming scoundrels and more.

5 In a city where a celebrated Modernist bank is now a coffee shop and a heralded Modernist newspaper building is now an architectural classroom, a praised Modernist church — North Christian — possibly could become a library programming space, officials confirmed.

6 DNA positively identified the “I-65 Killer” in a decades-old cold case, Indiana State Police and local authorities announced. They said man believed to have killed three women in Indiana and Kentucky and assaulted a fourth in Columbus in the late 1980s, was Harry Edward Greenwell, who died in Iowa in 2013.

7 A local student has a high aim for her senior project — persuade the city of Columbus to pass a resolution regarding climate change.

8 An Indiana law loophole that did not require school boards to have public comment in board meetings was closed with new legislation, set to go into effect July 1.

9 Turning Point Domestic Violence Services was seeing increasing numbers of individuals seeking emergency shelter, resulting in a need to divert some people to other agencies and services.

10 Estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau show that Bartholomew County’s

population grew at a faster rate last year than the nation as a whole, which some local officials say may bode well for the community as it continues to rebound from the pandemic.

11 Gov. Eric Holcomb and the Indiana Department of Education have announced the 2022 Governor’s STEM Team. Columbus North High School senior Matthew Liu is one of the four team members and is being honored in the field of mathematics.

12 Flat Rock-Hawcreek technology director and former business teacher Denise Ollestad retired after nearly 40 years with the school system.

13 A group of Bartholomew County property owners working with two solar energy companies to provide land for a “solar field” in Clay and Flat Rock townships say they want to be part of the solution to climate change.

14 Construction of the 1821 Bicentennial Trail was underway in downtown Columbus. Officials hope to see the trail project completed by November.

15 The Bartholomew County Coroner’s Office says the county is on pace to reach 50 drug overdose deaths this year, which would be the third consecutive year that record has been broken amid a surge in prevalence of deadly fentanyl in the community.

16 Columbus native and three-time NASCAR Cup Series champion Tony Stewart visited two Cummins facilities in Columbus as part an effort by the company to thank employees for their work and dedication during the pandemic.

17 St. Bartholomew youth minister Scotty Biggs designed three-foot-tall Paschal candles for the Easter-themed altar area of St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Columbus and a Louisville, Kentucky, church.

18 Enrollment forecasts for Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp. indicate the district may face capacity problems in certain schools over the next decade.

19 Columbus’ Team 4926 known as GalacTech will compete with robotics teams from all over the country and world attempting to win an international championship.

20 A flood of people in Bartholomew County have filed to run for GOP convention delegate in the May 3 primary — elected positions that normally don’t receive much attention but can have a significant impact on Indiana politics.

21 The king and queen candidates helped raise a royal and record amount for the Ninth Annual Child Abuse Prevention Adult Prom, according to organizers. The event theme was “disco.”

22 The city of Columbus and Flaherty & Collins held an official ceremony for the beginning of the multifamily urban grocer development — now known as The Taylor — on Thursday.

23 On the day after Earth Day, St. Bartholomew Catholic Parish members were paying homage to perhaps the planet’s most industrious, fertilizing farmers: bees.

24 Turnout for early in-person voting for the May 3 primary continued to outpace turnout from four years ago as officials prepared for what they expected to be a busy final week of early voting.

25 A philanthropist group encouraged residents to give shoutouts to local women they admire. The Women’s Giving Circle launched its #sheinspires social media campaign in April.

26 Columbus East graduate Phil Geoffrey Bond has received a number of honors for his work in the theatrical arts — including a Presidential Medallion awarded by President Bill Clinton for his work as a young playwright. Now, he is also a member of the Columbus East Wall of Fame.

27 Call it Nexus Park or the former FairOaks Mall. But for three days, some Columbus firefighters were calling the facility “Disneyland for firefighters.” Parts of the building scheduled for demolition were turned over to 93 city firefighters for unique training purposes.

28 A few years ago, WorkOne planned to move out of the Columbus Learning Center. This change, along with others, set in motion plans to renovate the learning center and add a number of services and spaces to support students’ social wellbeing, educational pursuits, access to community resources and career connections.

29 The town of Hope suffered a historic loss after the old gymnasium next to the Hope Community Center was destroyed by fire.

30 A sweet slice of musical nostalgia, American Pie returned to in-person format at Columbus North High School after shows were either canceled or streamed online the prior two years due to COVID.

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Clockwise from top left: Prom goes from a dance battle circle during the BCSC Prom at The Commons in May. // Columbus Indiana Philharmonic Artistic Director David Bowden conducts the the annual Memorial Day weekend SALUTE! concert at Columbus North High School, his finale after 35 years leading the CIP. // Roxanne Stallworth, left, and Paulette Roberts unveil a marker honoring Black suffragists Lizzie Hubbard and Fannie Davis at Second Baptist Church in Columbus in May. Hubbard and Davis were the first two women registered to vote in Bartholomew County after the Partial Suffrage Act of 1917. // Schmitt Elementary fourth grader Zhoie Perry plays with her hamster Rolly as she poses for a photo on the couch in her parent's apartment in Columbus, earlier this year. Perry was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma in her right arm last year. She has completed multiple rounds of chemo and is now in physical therapy gain strength back in her impacted arm. **MIKE WOLANIN | THE REPUBLIC**



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1 Most of Bartholomew County's lowest-income households were feeling the strain of housing costs — including some 1,150 households that are now spending more than half of their paychecks on housing, according to a new report.

2 High school students from across the region recently received a crash course in career readiness. C4 Columbus Area Career Connection held its first ever Career Week April 25 to April 29.

3 Two new efforts were approved to improve security at the Bartholomew County Courthouse.

4 Republican Rep. Greg Pence and Democrat Cynthia "Cinde" Wirth won their parties' nominations in the May 3 primary for the U.S. House District 6 seat to be decided in the November general election.

5 Schmitt Elementary fourth-grader Zhoie Perry battled bone cancer with a positive attitude, enduring chemotherapy and encouraging others, saying "You can get through this. You can be brave, beautiful and bald."

6 Ivy Tech Community College-Columbus officials expected to move into Moravec Hall later this month, despite the construction project having some delays due to material availability.

7 Taking on stout competition against nearly 100 craft brewers from around the world, Columbus' ZwanzigZ Brewing achieved a gold medal victory in the prestigious Brewers Association World Beer Cup.

8 Ivy Tech Columbus announced the launch of its School of Entrepreneurship, designed to help people start businesses, obtain mentorship, coaching and build community connections.

9 Volunteers who work to keep the Columbus Indiana HUEY helicopter flying hope its financial future is ascending higher than ever.

10 Prom returned to downtown Columbus, with families gathering to take pictures as students rolled down Washington Street in their cars and then walked down a red carpet to enter the Destination Prom event.

11 This spring, the Kreinhagen family received both the centennial and sesquicentennial awards through the Hoosier Homestead program for keeping their original farm in the same family since 1839.

12 Federal authorities have said that a group of people in Indiana who were indicted on drug trafficking and money laundering charges in late April had ties to a Mexican drug cartel — including four people in Bartholomew and Jackson counties.

13 A group of local veterans was honored for completing the Veterans Treatment Court program and their work to change their lives and create new opportunities for the future.

14 Bees, baby chicks and birdhouses have all been a part of project-based learning at Columbus Signature Academy New Tech High School, as students participated in an afterschool environmental work day.

15 The candidates to represent portions of Bartholomew County in the Indiana General Assembly were divided along party lines over what the state legislature should regarding abortion if the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, as suggested by a leaked draft court opinion.

16 The Bartholomew County Centennial Suffragette Society — including the great-granddaughter of one of the first women to register to vote in county — celebrated their bravery in 1917 with the placing of a historical marker at Columbus' Second Baptist Church.

17 A local restaurant operated by a Ukrainian immigrant, Olesya's Kitchen, is looking for a new location — a move that has been made possible by a groundswell of community support.

18 Jim Peters Sr., a World War II airman whose service to the nation's air defenses stretched into the 1960s and in later years included helping preserve military aviation history, was posthumously honored at Atterbury Bakalar Air Museum in Columbus.

19 Landmark Columbus Foundation, the nonprofit that cares for Columbus' art and architectural gems, enjoyed a diamond day of overflowing generosity at its annual meeting in the form of substantial gifts from local community leaders and philanthropists.

20 The new Bartholomew County Court Services Center is for the most part now complete, setting the stage of occupancy in the next couple of months.

21 Always held on a Friday in mid-May, the United Way of Bartholomew County's Day of Caring attracted a dozen's day of caring companies helping the community.

22 Drug overdose deaths continue to rise in Bartholomew County, putting the community on a pace that could eclipse the record number of deaths that happened last year.

23 Duke Energy and Bartholomew County REMC workers continued their efforts to restore power to thousands of Bartholomew County residents as hardhit Taylorsville set about a massive cleanup effort from the fast-moving and brutal Saturday thunderstorm.

24 Remembering Emma Sweet, late 2-year-old's day care plants flowers in her honor.

25 If all goes well, a Ukrainian family fleeing for their lives will find peace and sanctuary northwest of Columbus next month.

26 A local woman is navigating shock and grief in the aftermath of the Uvalde, Texas school shooting after learning an extended family member was among the children who died in the Robb Elementary School classroom.

27 Toyota Material Handling granted Adelyn Spahr's wish to visit Hawaii. Fifteen-year-old cancer survivor Adelyn Spahr was granted her Make-A-Wish request to visit the state where she could swim with dolphins and hike volcanoes.

28 The annual SALUTE! concert to honor the military honored one other person who has helped spearhead more than 20 years of these concerts: Columbus Indiana Philharmonic Artistic Director David Bowden, who was retiring.

29 Bartholomew County Commissioners awarded contracts for new sewer service and electrical and water upgrades funded with COVID relief funds through the American Rescue Plan.

30 A Columbus East graduate Tia Brown worked for months in the spirit of Memorial Day to honor those who died for their country by cleaning and restoring headstones in historic Sand Creek Township cemeteries.

31 Columbus officials recently had a brief discussion of emergency planning in regards to gun violence, a conversation that took place before the Uvalde, Texas school shooting.

JUNE



Clockwise from top left: Marnie Schwartzkopf is named queen during the 2022 Bartholomew County 4-H Fair Queen Pageant at the Judson Erne auditorium in Columbus North High School in June. // People attend a March for Our Lives rally for gun control at Columbus City Hall in June. // The Columbus North 4x800 relay team won the state championship in June. Pictured from left are Reese Kilbarger-Stumpff, Matt Newell, Clayton Guthrie and Mateo Mendez. MIKE WOLANIN; CARLA CLARK; TED SCHULTZ

1 Amy Elsbury, a fifth-grade teacher at Rockcreek Elementary School, and Jill Garris, a physical education teacher at CSA Lincoln and Fodrea, are the 2022 winners of the William and Sally Hanley Excellence in Teaching Award administered through the Heritage Fund — the Community Foundation of Bartholomew County.

2 Local food pantries are bracing for what they fear could be unprecedented demand for help with groceries in Bartholomew County as enhanced food stamp benefits get scaled back amid the largest increase in food costs in decades.

3 The 2022-23 cycle of Exhibit Columbus was planned to launch in June at Helen Haddad Hall, 315 Franklin St., with a public event focusing on boosting downtown.

4 Ivy Tech Community College-Columbus is continuing to make the transition from Poling to Moravec Hall, with the first class session already completed at the new facility.

5 The Columbus North Bull Dogs won two state titles at the track and field state championships in Bloomington — the 4x800 relay team placed first and Tucker Smith won the state shot put title.

6 Community leader Lisa Shafran, who spent years promoting healthy dating and relationship skills and caring for families embroiled in the tragedy of domestic violence, was named the 2022 Republic Woman of the Year.

7 Columbus man Kevin W. Shuffitt, 21, accepted a plea bargain in which he admitted he committed an armed robbery and caused a crash that led to the death of Jeremy O. Stillabower, 44, of Columbus.

8 Almost three years after his arrest for sex crimes, former Franklin College president Thomas Minar was sentenced to six years in prison and six years of extended supervision.

9 The Bartholomew County Plan Commission's first discussion on proposed zoning amendments regarding commercial solar energy systems drew a large crowd to Columbus City Hall Wednesday.

10 Millions of COVID-19 vaccine doses have been ordered for small children in anticipation of possible federal authorization next week, White House officials say.

11 Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp. officials say they are monitoring the investigation into the massacre at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas, and plan to compare the response there to the school corporation's "constant review" of its crisis planning and safety policies.

12 About 200 people demonstrated at Columbus City Hall in the March for Our Lives rally, one of more than 450 such gatherings nationwide seeking to stop mass shootings and press for stricter gun regulations.

13 The Bartholomew County 4-H Fair will host a professional rodeo during its nine-day run June 24 through July 2, the first rodeo for the fair in more than 20 years.

14 A consultant recommended to the Columbus Parking Commission that the city implement paid parking in the core of downtown, among other proposals.

15 Demolition of Poling Hall on the Ivy Tech Community College-Columbus campus began after it served as the main campus building for nearly 40 years.

16 A display marking Pride Month in recognition of LGBTQ+ people has been stripped of anything identifying it as such, though related books in the Jennings County Public Library's collection will remain.

17 Schneck Medical Center in Seymour faced a class action lawsuit related to a data breach that occurred Sept. 29, 2021.

18 Bartholomew County election officials said they would welcome a post-election audit as Indiana's secretary of state kicked off plans to double the number of audits conducted this year.

19 The percentage of Bartholomew County high school students who head to college or pursue some form of post-secondary education upon graduation fell to a 13-year low, state figures show.

20 Marnie Schwartzkopf, a contestant who said her life began with the Bartholomew County 4-H Fair, as her parents met there, was named the 2022 fair queen.

21 Organizers behind Columbus's new makerspace expected to find out soon

if they had been awarded a little over a half-million dollars from the state's Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative.

22 Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp. officials are considering updating the district's medication policy to include a section on "low THC hemp extract."

23 Gov. Eric Holcomb said he is calling lawmakers back to the Indiana Statehouse on July 6 to consider his plan to send \$1 billion in refunds to Indiana taxpayers.

24 The town of Hope has organized an Old-Fashioned Independence Day beginning July 1, planning fireworks on the same night as the Columbus Regional Health and Q-MIX fireworks display.

25 The United States Supreme Court stripped away the nation's constitutional protections for abortion that had stood for nearly a half-century.

26 National and state leaders representing Bartholomew County have different views on a bipartisan gun violence bill that cleared the Senate following massacres in Buffalo, New York and Uvalde, Texas.

27 Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp. officials are concerned about the declining number of teaching applicants seen across the state and country as Indiana schools seek to fill more than 2,500 teacher job vacancies before this fall.

28 Columbus youngsters Junior Jones, Jacob Jones and Kimale Freeman ran a lemonade stand at 17th and Washington Street for about a week, using proceeds from their stand to help their community and first responders.

29 Consultants recommended that the city of Columbus move forward with plans to create a downtown hotel and conference center — and even expand the scope of the project.

30 State utility regulators approved an electric rate hike for Duke Energy consumers that would raise homeowners bills by about 16% and business bills by some 20% beginning in July.

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Clockwise from top left: Jennifer Rumsey gives a speech as the new president and CEO of Cummins Inc., during a press conference at the Cummins Corporate Office Building in Columbus in July. Rumsey is the first woman CEO since the company was founded over 100 years ago. // Bishop Charles Sims of Calvary Community Church in Columbus and his wife Jane retired after 47 years of ministry. // Outreach specialist Alison Grimes displays fentanyl test strips at the ASAP Hub in Columbus in July. // A dog peers out of its kennel at Columbus Animal Care Services in Columbus in July, as local shelter managers said animal populations were “bursting at the seams”.
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1 Gov. Eric Holcomb visited NexusPark in Columbus to announce that a number of projects from across Indiana have been approved for economic development funds — including NexusPark itself.

12 IUPUC is partnering with a Marion County initiative to help Black women earn a certification that can be an asset to their careers and the communities where they live.

22 City officials are clearing up some debt at Otter Creek Golf Course as negotiations continue over the course’s pending sale.

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2 Longtime community leaders Bishop Charles A. Sims and Pastor Jane Sims, founders of Calvary Community Church in downtown Columbus, are retiring after 47 years of ministry.

13 Retired Indiana Supreme Court Justice Steven H. David was the keynote speaker during the second Adult Recovery Court graduation ceremony at The Commons Tuesday.

23 More of Indiana’s elementary and middle school students achieved proficiency in English and math during this year’s ILEARN exams than in 2021, but state officials say it could still take some time for scores to rebound from the pandemic.

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3 For the second consecutive year, bidders at the annual Bartholomew County 4-H Livestock Sale were willing to fork over money without receiving an animal in return.

14 A local man who entered into a plea bargain and said he committed an armed robbery and caused a fatal car crash was sentenced to 10 years in prison Tuesday.

24 Security and real estate experts say the July 17 mass shooting at Greenwood Park Mall could have a chilling effect on shopping center activity around Indianapolis in the near future.

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4 The Jackson County Sheriff’s Department recently launched an investigation into a 51-year-old case involving the death of two — and perhaps three — teens in a fire that destroyed a makeshift cabin southwest of Brownstown.

15 Cummins Inc. has appointed Jennifer Rumsey as its new chief executive officer, selecting the Columbus native to steer the company through the industry’s transition to greener forms of energy.

25 The Alliance for Substance Abuse Progress has started distributing test strips to help drug users determine whether a drug contains fentanyl, a synthetic opioid that officials say is a major contributor to a historic rise in overdose deaths in Bartholomew County.

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5 Edinburgh officials established a police K-9 fund as the town moved forward with plans to get its first police dog since the 1980s.

16 The Bartholomew County Sheriff’s department will use new technology to start cutting down on long and unexpected delays on local roads following traffic accidents.

26 City officials and Landmark Columbus leaders were working together to see how a memorial area in downtown Columbus could be updated.

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6 The Columbus Salvation Army food pantry at 2525 Illinois Ave. received a \$7,000 grant from a philanthropic fund to help its clients.

17 Camp Atterbury has confirmed that contractors have detected toxic “forever chemicals” linked to cancer, low birth weight and an array of other health problems in the groundwater on the training base near Edinburgh.

27 Ivy Tech Community College-Columbus is partnering with an Indianapolis-based flight school to provide students with the opportunity to complete flight training, earn an associate degree and have access to special employment opportunities.

7 A fire in a rental house in the 40 block of Cherry Street in Columbus displaced a father and his two children, but there were no injuries.

18 The 2022 Columbus Indiana Slow Pitch Softball Hall of Fame class includes players, coaches, an umpire, a team and even the Columbus Softball Association.

28 A former Edinburgh police officer has entered a guilty plea and been sentenced to 40 years in prison on child molestation charges in two separate cases.

8 Facing an unusually large pet population, the two major animal shelters in Bartholomew County urged residents to consider alternatives to abandoning their pet at their facilities.

19 With the exception of school boards, the ballot is now set for the Nov. 8 general election in Bartholomew County. There will be substantially more choices for voters on the November ballot.

29 Indiana Republican legislators delayed the start of debate on a proposed abortion ban amid days of public division over proposed exceptions for rape or incest victims.

9 COVID-19 hospitalizations at Columbus Regional Hospital ticked back up into the double digits as local officials warned that mutations of the virus could lead to “ebbs and flows” in hospitalizations “for the foreseeable future.”

20 Five Bartholomew County E-911 dispatchers assisted first responders at the Greenwood Park Mall, where a gunman killed three people before he was fatally shot. It was the first time that overflow 911 calls from Johnson County pouring in from a scene rolled over to local dispatchers.

30 A drug treatment center operated by Columbus Regional Health is seeing an increase in new patients seeking help with substance abuse disorders, largely driven by what officials described as a “fentanyl crisis” and a very worrisome rise in alcohol abuse.

10 Bartholomew County Jail officials said they have policies and procedures in place to handle what they described as an increase in inmates struggling with mental illness.

21 Rep. Greg Pence, R-Indiana, voted against a bill that would protect same-sex and interracial marriages amid concerns that the Supreme Court ruling overturning Roe v. Wade abortion access could jeopardize other rights criticized by many conservatives.

11 Tyler Duncan got to within three shots of the lead in Sunday’s final round of the Barbasol Championship before settling for a tie for 13th place at 16-under-par 272.

AUGUST



Clockwise from top left: Abortion-rights protesters filled Indiana Statehouse corridors in August as lawmakers passed a near-total abortion ban in Indianapolis. // Frank Anderson looks at photos of his tire and service shop Best-One of Columbus in his office above his shop on Hawcreek Avenue in Columbus in 2019. A longtime businessman and beloved community figure, Anderson died in August. // Demolition begins on the former Goody's site to make way for the fieldhouse at NexusPark in Columbus in August. // Columbus-based Cummins Inc. reported record second quarter profits for the second consecutive quarter in August.

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1 As city officials continued to seek permits for the “Our River, Our Riverfront” project, a public input period on the project yielded 21 responses with a variety of opinions.

2 North Christian Church's board transferred ownership of the buildings and grounds to Columbus Capital Foundation, a nonprofit entity that maintains historically and architecturally significant local structures and sites for future use.

3 Cummins Inc. reported record revenue for the second consecutive quarter despite continued supply chain constraints, high inflation and growing uncertainty about the global economy.

4 Republican U.S. Rep. Jackie Walorski and members of her staff were killed Wednesday in a car crash in her northern Indiana District, her office said.

5 Bartholomew County Prosecutor Bill Nash was charged with two felony charges and four misdemeanors after Indiana State Police received a complaint from a neighbor who alleged that Nash threatened to kill him on Mother's Day over a dispute involving dogs and a BB gun.

6 The Indiana House voted for a ban on nearly all abortions in the state, sending the legislation back to the state Senate to confer on House changes.

7 Local governments in Bartholomew County will collectively receive an estimated \$3.2 million as part of nationwide settlements with a major pharmaceutical manufacturer and the nation's three largest drug distributors over their role in the opioid addiction crisis, state records show.

8 Event planners wanted to make a beer run for the Sept. 10 running of the Mill Race Marathon, Columbus' largest participatory event. They tapped hometown gastropub ZwanzigZ Pizza & Brewing, which hopped right to it, coming up with the first ever line of marathon commemorative brews.

9 Cummins Inc. spoke out against a near-total abortion ban passed by Indiana legislators and signed into law by Gov. Eric Holcomb, saying that the restrictions could impact the company's ability to attract and retain employees and will factor into decisions on where it decides to grow.

10 Rep. Greg Pence, R-Indiana, echoed GOP claims that Democrats had weaponized the criminal justice system following an FBI search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate.

11 While numbers are not a problem with Columbus East and Columbus North, they have been an issue this season for Bartholomew County's other two boys soccer teams.

12 Demolition was expected to start soon on the former Goody's clothing store space at NexusPark, as officials prepared to construct a sports fieldhouse on the north side of the mall property.

13 Columbus residents shared accolades and respect for long-time Columbus businessman Frank Anderson, who died at the age of 77.

14 New IREAD-3 results show that while statewide passing rates have improved marginally over 2021, about 1 out of 5 third-graders in Indiana are still falling short of literacy standards.

15 Purdue University says it sees big potential to grow its Indianapolis presence as part of a newly announced IUPUI revamp that will give both Purdue and Indiana University autonomous identities in the state's capital city.

16 Two companies connected to local businessman Tony Moravec are requesting tax deductions on investments that total \$7 million.

17 Bartholomew County health officials are monitoring the expanding outbreak of monkeypox that has infected more than 11,000 people in the United States, saying that it is “only a matter of time” before the once-rare disease is detected locally.

18 Rep. Jim Lucas, R-Seymour, was criticized for sharing a quote on Facebook that is widely attributed to Joseph Goebbels, the chief Nazi propagandist under Adolf Hitler.

19 City officials are preparing to begin spending funds from the Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI), starting with \$6 million for NexusPark.

20 Twenty Indiana counties, including Bartholomew, will receive funding from \$1.2 million in grants awarded by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources through the DNR's Lake and River Enhancement program.

21 Two intersections along First Street are being converted into all-way stops due to concerns about speeding and pedestrian safety.

22 Duke Energy is dedicating an additional \$100,000 in financial assistance to Indiana customers who

may be struggling to pay their energy bills.

23 Workers began tearing down the former Goody's Family Clothing Store, making way for a new athletic fieldhouse for NexusPark.

24 Dedication of a new 299-seat Hindu temple in a heavily Lutheran Christian community such as Columbus is one newsworthy angle for Sri Ganesh Mandir.

25 A local makerspace is continuing to grow and expand its horizons — and will be able to do so for at least a few years, with an \$580,000 economic development grant from the state.

26 National Guard engineers trained using explosives at Camp Atterbury.

27 A slow first half for both teams turned into a fast second half for one of them as Columbus North scored 29 unanswered points in the second half to break open a close game and claim a 39-6 victory against Columbus East in the annual crosstown football showdown.

28 Participation in next month's 10th running of the Mill Race Marathon is keeping pace with last year's event, but organizers expect a surge of entries as runners in coming days race to beat a Sept. 1 entry fee increase.

29 United Way of Bartholomew County is preparing for what organizers say is its biggest and most visible outreach in seven years: Live United Week from Sept. 6 to Sept. 9, with a focus of fighting childhood poverty.

30 For the second time in 30 years, Columbus received a statewide honor for its culture and achievements, this time being named the Indiana Chamber's Community of the Year.

31 A local sewing and quilting supply store worked to create quilts and collect other items for children living in poverty in southeastern Kentucky.

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SEPTEMBER



Clockwise from top left: Guests look on in September at a dedication for the restored Charlie 119 aircraft now on display at the Columbus Municipal Airport. // Eric Frey makes his way through the crowd after winning a truck during the Mill Race Marathon in Columbus in September. // From left, Melody Bolte-Wischmeier, Ron Wishmeier, Connie Bolte, Tony Bolte and David Bolte pose for a photo with their Hoosier Homestead award in their farm near Jonesville in September. // John Cho and Haley Lu Richardson, stars of the film "Columbus," laugh as they participate in a panel discussion during a five-year anniversary celebration for the film at North Christian Church in September. **MIKE WOLANIN; CARLA CLARK, JANA WIERSEMA**

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1 The city of Columbus planned to hold another public meeting to discuss a proposed trail for the north side of Rocky Ford Road.

2 Monkeypox was detected in a seven-county region that includes Bartholomew County, according to a new dashboard from state health officials that tracked the expanding outbreak.

3 In its first in-person annual meeting since 2019, the Greater Columbus Economic Development Corp. highlighted the half-billion dollars in public and private funds that had been invested in economic development projects in the region the prior three years.

4 The feeling of it's finally-going-to-happen was drowned in puddles of rain at Mill Race Park Saturday when thunderstorms washed out a chance for locally flavored and nationally touring band Yacht Rock Revue to headline the popular, annual Our Hospice of South Central Indiana fundraising concert.

5 The Heritage Fund — the Community Foundation of Bartholomew County, has awarded \$142,415 in grants from the Community Fund to local nonprofit organizations as part of its third-quarter grants cycle.

6 The annual Diversity Gala formal fundraiser benefiting nonprofit Su Casa that serves the Latino community is returning to an in-person format this fall at The Commons in downtown Columbus, planners said.

7 Our Hospice of South Central Indiana staff was working to recoup projected funds washed away by Saturday's rain and fundraising concert cancellation Saturday at Mill Race Park in downtown Columbus.

8 Local community boosters organized a new Identity Resource Booklet aimed at putting Columbus' best foot forward to help highlight to businesses, organizations and others what the community has to offer.

9 A Wayne Township farm owned by the same family since 1881 became the second Bartholomew County recipient of the Hoosier Homestead award in August.

10 Some four years after Atterbury-Bakalar Air Museum officials learned of an available retired C-119 aircraft in Wyoming, the reassembled and restored "Flying Boxcar" was unveiled on

permanent display next to the museum.

11 The popular Festival of Lights Parade that has attracted 7,000 to 10,000 people each year has gone dark, as officials said the event would not happen in 2022.

12 Remembrances, as well as honoring those who serve, were incorporated into Sunday morning's ceremony outside Columbus City Hall marking the 21st anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

13 Opening statements were planned in the trial of Shiam Sunder Shankara Subramanian, accused in the hit-and-run death of a 16-year old Columbus East High School student Lily Streeval as she attempted to board a Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp. bus last year.

14 Proposed maps for Columbus City Council redistricting have been shared with the public, although it will be a few weeks before council members vote on the proposal and a little more than a year before the changes — including the creation of a new, sixth district — officially go into effect.

15 Lucabe coffee owners Tyler and Alissa Hodge were awarded the Modernism in America Award for reuse of an architectural landmark for their transformation of the former Irwin Union Bank and Trust at Eastbrook Plaza into a coffee shop.

16 Cummins Inc. brought back its Community Wide Recycling Day to Columbus after a two-year absence caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

17 Shiam Sunder Shankara Subramanian could face up to 18 years in prison, as well as fines of up to \$20,000, after being found guilty by a jury in the hit-and-run death of Columbus East High School student Lily Streeval.

18 A state audit has found "material weaknesses" and "systemic issues" in the Bartholomew County government's financial procedures and controls for administering federal funds.

19 Columbus honored service men and women listed as missing or as prisoners of war at a solemn ceremony at the Bartholomew County Memorial for Veterans downtown.

20 Columbus man Joshua Davis, 43, was arrested on a preliminary charge of murder in the stabbing death of Coy Wayne Thompson, 61, whose body was discovered near trees about 50 yards from Indianapolis Road and Tellman Road.

21 Local health officials and pharmacies were starting to administer updated COVID-19 boosters targeting the most common omicron strains in what they hoped would blunt an expected winter surge of the virus that continues to kill people in the Columbus area

22 Edinburg police's first K-9 in nearly 40 years is now patrolling the streets after a donation was made in honor of a fallen officer.

23 Columbus' new downtown apartment complex and urban grocer development, The Taylor, may open a few months later than expected, but developers are optimistic about the project's progress.

24 Intensified community focus on affordable housing issues was evident at a Columbus Town Hall organized by Hoosier Action and held in the First Presbyterian Church sanctuary at Seventh and Franklin streets.

25 During the Finish on Fourth after-party of the Mill Race Marathon in downtown Columbus, two names — a woman in her 60s from Cincinnati and a man in his 70s from Colfax, Indiana — were called out as the winner of a 2022 white Dodge Ramp pickup truck with a Cummins turbo engine, the top prize for those who completed the marathon or half marathon.

26 Sunshine, gentle breezes and mild temperatures combined to attract a large crowd from near and far to the 54th annual Hope Heritage Days.

27 The two candidates vying for Indiana's Sixth Congressional District have different views on a sweeping rescue package signed into law one-and-a-half years ago that has funneled tens of millions of dollars in federal funding to Bartholomew County.

28 Members of the cast and crew of the acclaimed film "Columbus" returned to the city to mark the five-year anniversary of its release and to discuss the film's impact.

29 Citing rising concerns about safety, about 60 people from various faith backgrounds attended an event focused on protecting places of worship at Columbus City Hall.

30 Candidates for Congress and the Statehouse appeared at an issues forum hosted by The Arc of Bartholomew County and Self Advocates of Tomorrow.

OCTOBER



Clockwise from top left: Sara Elifritz poses for a photo while dressed in a witch's hat with a giant skeleton from her spooky Halloween display in the background at her home on Parkside Drive in Columbus, part of the Skeletons for St. Jude nationwide fundraising event. // Carolyn Behrman, co-owner of Natural Choices for Healthful Living, poses for a photo at the store on Central Avenue in Columbus, which was closing in October after 27 years in business. // Miguel Rosete, left, gets his face painted by Anacaren Rosete during Fiesta Latina in downtown Columbus, in October. // Therese Copeland, from left, executive director of development for Ivy Tech Columbus, Ivy Tech President Sue Ellspermann, local philanthropist and business owner Tony Moravec and Ivy Tech Columbus Chancellor Steven Combs take part in a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the completing of Ivy Tech Columbus' new campus building named Moravec Hall. **MIKE WOLANIN | THE REPUBLIC**

1 The fourth-ranked Columbus North boys tennis team repeated as sectional champions with a 5-0 victory over crosstown foe Columbus East in the North Sectional.

2 Jon Schaffer, the one-time Columbus resident and former heavy metal musician charged with participating in the Jan. 6 attack on the US Capitol, has evaded people attempting to serve him with notice of a federal lawsuit against him in the District of Columbia.

3 Fiesta Latina had a picture-perfect afternoon and evening for the return of the annual festival, which brought thousands of visitors to downtown Columbus for the tastes and sounds of the Latino community.

4 If elected to a third term as District 3 representative on the Bartholomew County Council, Mark Gorbett said he would retire from local politics at the end of 2026.

5 Bartholomew County has agreed to purchase five additional Flock cameras that use artificial intelligence to read and record license plate numbers of vehicles moving along major local highways.

6 With most members digging in their heels, the Bartholomew County Council gave preliminary approval Tuesday to a \$57.5 million dollar budget for 2023.

7 Ivy Tech-Columbus celebrated the official dedication of Moravec Hall, a \$32 million main building at the institution named in honor of local philanthropist Tony Moravec, which replaced the nearly 40-year-old Poling Hall.

8 Columbus' Ethnic Expo returned with a generous helping of diversity, this year celebrating the culture and heritage of the African American community.

9 The two candidates who are seeking to represent Indiana's 6th Congressional District, which includes parts of Bartholomew County, had different views on the legitimacy of the 2020 presidential election and the efforts by former President Donald Trump and his supporters to overturn the results.

10 The city of Columbus approved construction of a 2.6-mile-long gas pipeline in south Columbus, approving easements for Centerpoint Energy Indiana North for the project.

11 The 19th Annual Kiwanis Incredible Duck Splash on Saturday at Mill Race Park generated a record gross total of \$82,325 for various projects benefiting youth and others.

12 With a backlog of potential jury trials that were postponed during the pandemic, Bartholomew County court officials asked for an additional \$35,000 to fund additional trials.

13 Turnout for early in-person voting was off to a strong start, with about 180 votes cast on the first day.

14 A celebration to mark two decades of wildlife rehabilitation and education in Bartholomew County was being planned at Utopia Wildlife Rehabilitators near Hope.

15 After three years of hitting the brakes, a local charity bike ride is returning to Columbus. Friendship Wheels will hold its annual charity ride on Oct. 22.

16 Bartholomew County health officials urged people to get the updated COVID-19 boosters targeting the most common omicron strains, warning of the potential for another winter spike in coronavirus cases and a "busier" flu season.

17 After 27 years of providing personalized service for a loyal clientele at Natural Choices for Healthful Living in Columbus, co-owners Carolyn Behrman and husband Dennis were preparing to close the store.

18 Columbus Police Department investigators were seeking information in regards to three separate reports of shots fired in the last week, including one that left a person wounded.

19 Several hundred people showed up for a Bartholomew County Public Library meeting Monday to continue their input on an attempt to move "inappropriate" materials out of the library's teen section, and those who say this amounts to censorship.

20 Columbus resident Sara Elifritz created a Halloween skeleton extravaganza outside her home on Parkside Drive, all in an effort to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

21 After two years of going virtual due to

the pandemic, the Great Girls, Wonderful Women banquet sponsored by Foundation for Youth returned with an uplifting, inspirational message.

22 Circle K is eliminating potentially dozens of corporate accounting jobs from its US Midwest Region office on West Jonathan Moore Pike in Columbus, The Republic confirmed.

23 Bartholomew County has been catapulted into the middle of a growing wave of efforts sweeping the country that seek to ban or restrict access to books dealing with gender, sexuality and sex education.

24 Two structures in Columbus will be among hundreds of landmarks around the globe that will be bathed in teal light on Thursday to raise awareness of Alzheimer's disease.

25 After approving zoning amendments regarding solar fields in August, the Bartholomew County Plan Commission will have to reconsider an amended proposal in November.

26 Early voting for the Nov. 8 midterm election has continued to outpace turnout during the previous midterm election four years ago, local election officials said.

27 The sale of Otter Creek Golf Course to Architerra, LLC is complete, with the final price coming in at a little over \$875,000 — or \$5.87 million, if future capital improvements are factored in.

28 Work to create a fiber-to-home broadband network reaching at least 85% of Columbus was set to start after the city's Board of Works approved a master agreement with Meridiam Infrastructure North America Corp.

29 Republican candidates who are seeking to represent Bartholomew County in the state legislature outraised their Democratic opponents in the Nov. 8 midterm election, according to campaign finance disclosures.

30 Local officials are planning to form a multi-disciplinary group to review all overdose deaths and suicides in Bartholomew County as fatal drug overdoses continue to rise to the highest level on record.

31 Gobs of goblins were expected to be wandering tonight on Halloween — and plenty of sweet, costumed little ones would be seeking their own share of sweet treats.

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NOVEMBER



From left: Former Vice President Mike Pence and former second lady Karen Pence pose for a photo with Laura McLinn and her son Jordan during the Bartholomew County GOP election night watch party in Columbus. // Alison Mattingly smiles after using Bartholomew County Juvenile Magistrate Brittney Newland's gavel to finalize her adoption during an Adoption Day event at the Bartholomew County Courthouse in Columbus in November.
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- 1** Federal prosecutors missed a court ordered deadline to certify that Jon Schaffer, the former Columbus man who pleaded guilty to participating in the Jan. 6 Capitol attack, was still compliant with the terms of his pretrial release.
- 2** Bartholomew County Heritage Fund celebrated the launch of its 2022 Love Where You Live Campaign to grow assets of its Community Fund and increase grant-making capacity for the long-term benefit of the community.
- 3** The Sound and Spirit of Columbus will perform at the 2022 Bands of America Grand National Championships, which will be held Nov. 10-12 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.
- 4** Two Columbus residents were nominated for an Encore Association Award for community theaters for their stage-related work, and will attend Monday's gala ceremony at the Tobias Theater at the Indianapolis Museum of Art at Newfields in Indianapolis.
- 5** Sparking ideas and awareness: Ignite Columbus returned, fanning flames of creativity and insight, including Dakota Miller's armor-clad presentation about creating a medieval combat sports league.
- 6** The recently canceled Festival of Lights Parade will be back next year,

- returning Dec. 2, 2023, new event organizers said.
- 7** Caleb Schrelick was something of a local celebrity as a city proclamation declared Saturday to be Caleb Schrelick Day in Columbus ahead of his fifth birthday.
- 8** Cummins Inc. announced that it is one of two companies selected to develop and produce generator sets for the Department of Defense and Large Tactical Power System.
- 9** Columbus native and former Vice President Mike Pence, widely regarded as a likely Republican Party presidential candidate, returned to his hometown Tuesday for an election-night viewing party where his brother, Rep. Greg Pence, also celebrated reelection to Congress.
- 10** Local benefactor and businessman Tony Moravec died at age 72, found unresponsive in his car after watching election results at the Bartholomew County Republicans' watch party in Columbus.
- 11** The Bartholomew County Plan Commission in a 5-2 vote approved changes submitted by the county commissioners to an ordinance regulating placement of solar fields.
- 12** More than 200 people turned out for Columbus and Bartholomew County's Community Veterans Day program, with many students appearing in the crowd.

- 13** Republican Mary Ferdon, Columbus' director of administration and community development, has announced that she plans to run for mayor of Columbus, days after outgoing Bartholomew County Sheriff Matt Myers announced his candidacy.
- 14** Just over half of Hoosiers who graduated high school in 2020 chose to attend college the following year — a figure that has dropped significantly from 2015, when about two-thirds of graduates enrolled.
- 15** The Bartholomew County coroner's office and the sheriff department are investigating the death of a 15-year-old Columbus North High School student who was found unresponsive in a home in the 2100 block of Tyler Drive early in the morning of Nov. 14.
- 16** The Bartholomew County Library Board continued to listen to public input about its teen section materials while continuing to evaluate its selection policies and procedures.
- 17** Columbus' local Propeller makerspace and innovation center is asking for community support to fund exterior improvements and beautification for its facility.
- 18** The city of Columbus received the Community of the Year award from the Indiana Chamber of Commerce at its annual dinner in Indianapolis on Wednesday.

- 19** Columbus City Council voted Tuesday to approve the second reading of an ordinance amending salaries and wages for city officers and employees in 2022.
- 20** Indiana University officials say plans to transform IUPUI in Indianapolis into two independent academic organizations is expected to result in the rebranding of IUPUC within the next couple of years.
- 21** Be SMART for Kids and Everytown for Gun Safety will present the Be Smart campaign, focused on the prevention of unintentional shootings by children.
- 22** A local manufacturer of custom camping trailers has made it to the semifinals of a statewide competition to be crowned the "coolest thing made in Indiana."
- 23** Former Vice President Mike Pence came home to Columbus on Tuesday to sign copies of his memoir "So Help Me God" and speak to an invitation-only audience of about 50 people at Zaharakos ice cream parlor downtown.
- 24** There were several beaming faces Wednesday as Bartholomew Juvenile Magistrate Brittney Newland granted petitions from two couples to adopt new family members as part of National Adoption Day at the Bartholomew County Courthouse.

- 25** Fifty-five Indiana hospitals will get docked more than \$8 million in total from the federal government for having too many Medicare patients return for care within a month of discharge.
- 26** Columbus North High School's auditorium director and drama coach has been fired after his arrest in Jennings County on felony charges accusing him of child solicitation.
- 27** Volunteers at three local churches served a record 2,599 free homemade Thanksgiving meals to Bartholomew County residents.
- 28** Bloomington-based Upland Brewing Co. is looking to the public for help in naming and developing the first beer branded for Indiana University athletics.
- 29** Maeleigh Roberts, daughter of Rick and Lynley Roberts, has created 10 wooden chests that hold a variety of keepsakes for parents of infants who were stillborn or died shortly after birth. These items range from blankets, picture frames, wind chimes to stuffed animals, clothes and jewelry.
- 30** Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp. offered a hard hat tour of construction and renovations at Parkside Elementary School to district leaders, city officials and members of the media, and Parkside families were invited to attend a town hall meeting about the project.

DECEMBER



From left: Columbus firefighters work the aftermath of a large fire at 422 Fifth Street in downtown Columbus, in December. The building partially collapsed due to the fire. // Ukrainian refugees Oksana Bondar and her son Ivan pose for a photo at the home of Alex and Arina Machavariani in Columbus earlier this month.
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- 1** Indiana's two senators split their vote on bipartisan legislation that would protect same-sex and interracial marriages that cleared the Senate.
- 2** Our Hospice of South Central Indiana has named Stephanie Cain as successor to outgoing president, Laura Leonard, who announced her retirement earlier this year
- 3** John Johnson, the former Columbus North High School auditorium director and drama coach accused of trying to arrange a sexual encounter with a 14-year-old boy in North Vernon made his first court appearance.
- 4** A record number of Bartholomew County residents were turning to local food pantries as inflation squeezed budgets during the holidays.
- 5** Columbus firefighters and the state fire marshal's office were investigating a late Saturday night fire in the 400 block of Fifth Street in downtown Columbus, looking for

- where the fire started in the three-story commercial building and a possible cause.
- 6** A locally owned restaurant with a focus on international cuisine has opened a new location after being closed for several months. Olesya's Kitchen has reopened at 908 C 25th St.
- 7** As officials continue to investigate the Irwin Block building fire on Fifth Street, the city of Columbus has declared one of the affected buildings unsafe for human habitation.
- 8** Ukrainian exchange student Ivan Bondar, a student at Columbus East High School, was reunited with his mother, Oksana, who arrived here and is staying with Ivan's host family in the home of Alex and Arina Machavariani.
- 9** An engineer from India convicted of two felonies for the hit-and-run death of a Columbus East High School student last year received what is essentially a four-year prison term during a sentencing hearing Thursday.

- 10** According to library director Jason Hutton, multiple sides of the building have been spray painted with red and black spray paint, with one message that says, "We miss you Matt."
- 11** Local officials plan to move forward with a multi-disciplinary group that will review all local overdose deaths and suicides as Bartholomew County's overdose crisis continues to deepen.
- 12** Bryan Munoz, director of bands at Columbus North High School, is stepping down at the end of the semester and joining Music Travel Consultants as assistant director of sales.
- 13** More than a week after a fire destroyed a treasured historical building in downtown Columbus, the cause of the blaze at the Irwin Block Building is still unknown.
- 14** The Bartholomew County Library has drafted a community survey about library materials for distribution in January and is also working on a diversity audit of all items in its teen collection.

- 15** Construction crews have started pouring concrete for what will become the footing of an indoor sports fieldhouse that is being built on the NexusPark site in Columbus.
- 16** The Community Education Coalition (CEC) has announced that Executive Director Kathy Oren will take over as president and CEO of the organization in January, with current President and CEO John Burnett moving to a part-time role as executive vice chairman.
- 17** A Bartholomew Circuit Court jury did not accept the prosecutor's argument that a defendant tried to murder a Columbus police officer last year in the Forest Park residential neighborhood, but a jury did find Jacob D. Rice, 39, guilty of the four remaining felony counts filed against him.
- 18** The recent sale of Otter Creek, a longtime city golf course, will have an unusual side effect — reducing the jurisdictional limits of the Columbus Plan Commission.

- 19** Environmental regulators are planning to test Columbus' drinking water for long-lasting and highly toxic PFAS chemicals linked to cancer and other illnesses.
- 20** Hundreds of children from Bartholomew and Brown counties were treated to individual shopping sprees over the weekend at the west side Walmart on Merchant Mile in the annual Shop with a Cop event.
- 21** Two people police found dead in a Columbus home from gunshot wounds on Monday night were identified Tuesday after autopsies.
- 22** While elves are busy making gifts at the North Pole, C4 students have been crafting away at Columbus North High School — with computers and a laser engraver in tow.
- 23** A winter storm brought snowy and icy conditions that made travel treacherous, along with bitter subzero cold and wind chills as low as 30 degrees below zero.