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## Correction

### Franklin budget story

City offices have proposed adding four new positions to the 2013 Franklin city budget. This information was incorrect in a headline in the Daily Journal on Sept. 1. Franklin Mayor Joe McGuinness plans to propose a nearly \$19 million 2013 budget. This information was incorrect in the story.

## DEATHS

### Franklin

Margie Louise Armstrong, 79

### Greenwood

Phillip H. Chenault, 71

### Indianapolis

Joan L. Harrell, 75

Ada Marie Miller, 84

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# Police search for mobile meth labs

## 'One-pot labs' discoveries increasing across state

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Residents out for a walk who find plastic bottles lying on the side of the road need to be careful: They might have the remnants of a meth lab.

Police refer to these small, mobile labs as one-pot labs. Cooks put all of the materials needed to

make methamphetamine into bottles and leave them somewhere to mix for 30 and 60 minutes, Indiana State Police meth suppression commander Niki Crawford said.

But the smaller labs are just as dangerous as full-size ammonia labs found in houses or sheds. That's because they contain combustible chemicals along with lithium metal and water, which can explode when mixed,

Crawford said.

"It's quicker, it's all in one container, except you're mixing non-compatible chemicals in a single container, and that results in more fire and explosions and injuries," she said.

Indiana State Police started seeing more one-pot labs in 2010. While they aren't common in Johnson County, they now make up about 80 percent of the labs

seized across the state. They've been found in hotel rooms, apartments, mobile home parks, cars and shopping center restrooms, Crawford said.

If someone out walking sees a backpack containing a bottle near the side of the road, chances are they've just found a meth lab, Crawford said.

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## HOW TO SPOT A METH LAB

Most of the meth labs found in Indiana are one-pot labs, mobile labs that can be contained within bottles. Here's how you can tell if you've seen one:

- The bottle will be filled with liquid, have a solid that's white, off-white or pink inside, and will have what looks like black ribbons floating in the liquid.
- Don't touch or go near it. Call the local police department or the state police at 899-8577.



# NET LOSS

## Districts trying to avoid digital divide

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Local school districts that want to use online courses and computers instead of paper for assignments have a problem: The number of families who can't afford laptops and tablets is rising.

More than a third of the county's public school students are enrolled in free and reduced-price lunch programs. That includes nearly half the students at Clark-Pleasant, Franklin and Greenwood schools and more than 60 percent in Edinburgh.

Schools can't expect students from the families to pay \$200 to \$500 for the tablets or laptops they would need for an online course or to write and turn in papers electronically. That's why districts including Edinburgh and Center Grove have purchased the devices for students who might need them.

Both districts covered the upfront costs of the devices with grants or their own technology money, and students who use them now pay additional technology and textbook fees, according to Center Grove technology director Julie Bohnenkamp and Edinburgh technology director Bob Straugh. The state covers those fees for students from low-income families.

"We're a school. We have to provide them the tools they need to succeed. Bottom line, no matter what it takes, and just because you're at the poverty level doesn't mean you don't get that right. You're no different than anybody else," Straugh said.

But not all schools can

afford to provide a laptop or tablet for every student.

Clark-Pleasant schools started buying tablets for students to use in class, but property tax caps limit the amount Clark-Pleasant has to spend on technology. That means the district can't afford hundreds of tablets or laptops for every student, technology director Jim White said.

Because the district can't afford to buy devices for everyone and because not all families can afford them, Clark-Pleasant may have to delay expanding online and technology-driven courses. Starting too early would be similar to not having enough textbooks for all students, White said.

This year, Whiteland Community High School purchased 120 tablets for freshmen in its new biology and computer applications course. Teachers are beginning to use the tablets to go paperless for handouts and assignments, and White wants to start using the tablets in similar ways in more grades.

But first someone has to buy the additional devices. The tablets White just bought were paid for with grant money, and he won't know how much technology money he can use to buy more until at least next month.

If students are allowed to bring their own tablets, laptops and smartphones to use in class, that will help make up some of the difference, but not all, White said.

In addition, not all families are likely to be able to afford the same devices the school has.

Students could complete all of the assignments a teacher

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Teacher Kelly Scholl, right, helps Kaylyn Colinco, 17, log into Google Docs on Thursday at Center Grove High School. Students in Scholl's AP physics class use iPads and laptops to complete labs.

## FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH RATES

Percentages of students eligible in Johnson County's public schools:

**Center Grove**  
19 percent of 7,367 students  
**Clark-Pleasant**  
44 percent of 5,851 students  
**Edinburgh**  
63 percent of 896 students

**Franklin**  
47 percent of 5,061 students  
**Greenwood**  
47 percent of 3,780 students  
**Nineveh-Hensley-Jackson**  
32 percent of 1,850 students

# Court program focused on veterans' needs

## Greenwood City Court effort aimed at helping those charged with low-level crimes receive counseling

### HOW IT WORKS

■ Everyone booked at the Johnson County jail will be asked about military service. If they're veterans, Greenwood City Court Chief Probation Officer Jodie Rittman will determine if they are eligible for the program. Veterans are not eligible if they are accused of dealing drugs or a violent crime.

■ Any judge in the county can order a veteran into the program, though the veteran can refuse the program and receive a different sentence.

■ The program will include counseling through Veterans Affairs and meetings with Judge Lewis Gregory, who will make sure the veterans meet the requirements of the program.

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A Navy veteran who received a Silver Star, the third-highest combat military award, turned to dealing drugs after he developed post-traumatic stress disorder and lost multiple jobs.

Greenwood City Court Judge Lewis Gregory knew the veteran through work. He believes the man would not have committed the crimes if he had received counseling for his PTSD.

Gregory sees veterans arrested for misdemeanor crimes, such as possession of narcotics and battery.

Veterans can suffer from depression, PTSD or traumatic brain injuries, and Gregory thinks they either don't realize they need counseling or don't know where to get it.

Without counseling, the veterans can become repeat offenders, spending much of their lives on probation or in jail, according to Justice for Vets, a non-profit organization.

However, a new program through the Greenwood City Court hopes to help veterans who are charged with misdemeanor crimes and low-level felonies get the counseling they need.

The program, which is accepting participants, will set veterans up with the Department of Veterans Affairs for counseling and hold them to stricter probation rules, such as visiting a probation officer daily and meeting with Gregory every other week.

Four counties in Indiana offer

the veterans program, and Grant County is starting the program.

The program is designed to help veterans get help and counseling instead of falling back into the patterns of committing crimes, Chief Probation Officer Jodie Rittman said.

Not every veteran will be treated the same. The program and the counseling veterans will receive will be tailored to their needs, including treatment for

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