

# SOUTHSIDE

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## ON THE RECORD

### Police/fire

#### Franklin Burglary

• First block of Circle Drive: A man reported at 10:35 p.m. Friday that someone had broken into a home and the burglar had just run out of the residence. The homeowner, who was not at home at the time, later arrived and told police that six to eight DVDs, two knives and 10 to 15 magazines were stolen. Several of the magazines were found in a neighbor's yard. Police questioned a juvenile suspect and arrested him on a charge of burglary.

#### Thefts

• 1000 block of West Jefferson Street: Residents reported that an acquaintance stole an iPod from their apartment on Saturday. They told police that at about 10 p.m. Sunday, they saw the acquaintance and about 10 other people break the windows out of their car and steal the stereo. The residents also reported that the acquaintance made a threatening phone call about 11 p.m. Sunday and said, "You're all going to die."

• Fletcher Chrysler, 3099 N. Morton St.: An employee reported that someone stole a vehicle from the lot between Friday and Saturday morning.

• TKE fraternity house, Franklin College: A resident reported that several items were stolen from his room between 1:30 and 2:25 a.m. Sunday. Items reported stolen included about 10 DVDs, a laptop computer and video games. He reported that about five games and 100 DVDs belonging to his roommate also were stolen.

#### Property-damage accidents

• 10 p.m. Monday — 2125 N. Morton St.

• 8 p.m. Monday — South lot of Franklin Community High School

• 7:56 a.m. Monday — 925 N. Main St.

• 6:11 a.m. Monday — State Road 44 and Interstate 65

• 9:35 p.m. Saturday — William Avenue, south of Maria Avenue

• 12:19 p.m. Saturday — Acorn Road and U.S. 31

• 11:45 a.m. Saturday — Alley east of 436 E. Jefferson St.

• 6:44 p.m. Friday — King and Forsythe streets

• 1:27 p.m. Friday — 1700 N. Morton St.

#### Greenwood Burglaries

• 1100 block of Westminster Court: A man reported that someone had entered his apartment through an attic by knocking a hole in his ceiling. Several electronic items and a checkbook were stolen between 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. Monday.

• 1100 block of Southbridge Circle: A woman reported that someone entered her apartment and stole a television between 9 p.m. Sunday and noon Monday.

#### Theft

• Von Maur, 1251 U.S. 31 North: A loss-prevention officer reported at 8:42 p.m. Monday that two juveniles attempted to steal shirts from the store.

#### Criminal mischief

• Kohl's, 550 Fry Road: A woman reported that someone broke a window out of her vehicle between 6 and 10:45 p.m. Monday.

#### Property-damage accidents

• 3 p.m. Monday — parking lot at 310 S. Meridian Street, east of Madison Avenue

• 10:30 a.m. Monday — U.S. 31 and Stop 18 Road

#### Johnson County

##### Theft

• 6200 block of Deerfield Drive, White River Township: A woman reported that acquaintances of her daughter stole her daughter's cell phone and damaged her home between 8:30 and 9:25 p.m. Monday. A treadmill, coffee tables and a dart set were damaged, someone urinated on a bathroom wall, and lawn ornaments were broken and missing.

##### Criminal mischief

• 1600 block of Honey Lane, White River Township: A woman reported that someone threw eggs at her vehicle Monday morning.

##### Property-damage accidents

• 1:07 p.m. Sunday — Fairview and Bluff roads, White River Township

• 6:31 p.m. Saturday — County Roads 150W and 550S, Nineveh Township

• 12:46 p.m. Saturday — State Road 135, north of County Road 800N, White River Township

##### Jail bookings

The following people recently were arrested and booked into the Johnson County jail:

Robert L. McTarsney, 33, 608 Young St., Franklin; arrested on a charge of contempt; held on \$1,000 bond.

Douglas Wayne Kean, 45, 559 Dunn St., Apt. B, Franklin; arrested on a Marion County warrant, warrants for violation of probation and failure to appear in court and a charge of false reporting or informing; held without bond.

Sanders L. Fisher, 28, 415 N. Arsenal Ave., Indianapolis; arrested on a Marion County warrant; held without bond.

Justin Michael Henderson, 19, 1079 W. McCarty St., Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of driving while suspended with a prior offense; released on \$1,000 bond.

Allen W. Roberts, 34, 3928 Hoyt Ave., Indianapolis; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; held without bond.

Janie D. Purvis, 57, 1444 Sanner Drive, Greenwood; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; held on \$5,000 bond.

Derek Sink, 21, 5293 Mount Pleasant

South Drive, Greenwood; arrested on charges of dealing in a Schedule I, II or III controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance; released on \$46,000 bond.

Dustin R. Townsend, 25, 5348 S. Capitol Ave., Indianapolis; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; released on \$3,000 bond.

Joseph C. Lee, 20, 1473 Ruddick Ave., Columbus; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; released on \$200 bond.

Edward Dean Bush, 45, 598 Metairie Drive, Apt. B, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of probation revocation; held without bond.

William C. Abraham, 19, 550 Meadowlark Court, Whiteland; arrested on a charge of probation revocation; held without bond.

Arnaz Melton Fowler, 20, 20035 Cherry Lawn, Detroit, Mich.; arrested on charges of dealing in marijuana/hashish and possession of marijuana/hashish; held on \$4,000 bond.

William L. Shearer, 24, 116 Betsey Lane, Apt. 84, Indianapolis; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; held on \$50 bond.

Patrick C. Farmer, 26, 1848 E. Raymond St., Indianapolis; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; held on \$10,000 bond.

Dustin Ray Padgett, 21, 1944 E. Epler St., Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of probation revocation; held on \$2,500 bond.

### Births

#### Johnson Memorial Hospital

B.J. and Robin Bennett, boy born Feb. 20.

Matthew and Angela Greene, Trafalgar, girl born Feb. 20.

### Minutes

#### Johnson County Board of commissioners

On Monday, the board:

• Approved 2-0 an annual contract to pay three educators in the county's Purdue Extension office a total of \$92,000 in 2006. Commissioner R.J. McConnell was not present for the vote.

• Approved 3-0 a request allowing two transfers from the highway department budget. Department director Don Sanders requested a transfer of \$5,000 to pay a bill from R.W. Armstrong, the engineering company working on the intersection improvements at Stones Crossing and Morgantown roads, and \$73,000 to purchase land for construction on Main Street in Greenwood. McConnell joined the meeting.

• Discussed re-advertising a request for bids for preliminary designs on the east/west corridor. Sanders told commissioners he forgot to publish a legal advertisement for the request.

• Approved 3-0 allowing the county's emergency management office to host a training exercise for police officers and firefighters in May.

#### Greenwood City council

On Monday, the council:

• Postponed discussion until the March 20 meeting on annexing about 92 acres located southwest of County roads 700N and 125W. The property is owned by Clark-Pleasant Community School Corp. and will be the site of a new elementary school.

• Passed 5-0 the first reading of a proposal to prohibit parking on public paths and trails and on any area between the street and a public sidewalk, path or trail in Greenwood.

• Postponed discussion until the March 6 meeting on a measure to clarify the compensation rate of employees who work holidays in operations not staffed seven days a week.

• Passed 5-0 the first reading of a resolution for the council to join the Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority, a group that represents cities and towns to coordinate the delivery of public transit services in the area.

• Passed 5-0 a measure to rezone an area east of Riverside Drive and south of Fry Road to match what is currently on the property. The area was zoned as a single-family district, but duplexes and small apartment buildings were built on the property.

• Introduced an ordinance to rezone about 49 acres on the northeast corner of East Main Street and Combs Road, known as Rock Lane Properties LLC property. The area would be zoned for a mix of neighborhood and commercial business, town homes, duplexes and single-family housing.

# Activist targets downtown Franklin

## 9-year-old wants benches made out of recycled material

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Katie Curry takes pride in her community.

She plants flowers in downtown Franklin and volunteers as an usher at the Artcraft Theatre.

Now, she's pursuing a state grant to buy new benches for downtown Franklin.

The citizen activist who also serves on a couple of city committees is only 9.

Katie said she hopes that by getting involved in her community, she can encourage others to support the causes she loves.

She learned about the need for new benches when she started attending meetings of the city's beautification committee with her grandmother, Alice Curry, who co-chairs the group.

One bench broke when a man sat on it at a parade. Other benches are in various states of disrepair.

The group found a grant that would pay for half of the 10 benches needed for the downtown area if a student undertook the project.

While the committee was brainstorming about whom they should ask to do the job, Katie volunteered.

Her parents were initially skeptical that someone as young as Katie would be able to apply for a grant, but Katie took charge.

She visited Franklin Mayor



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Katie Curry, 9, is applying for a grant to replace benches in downtown Franklin. She serves on the beautification committee with her grandmother, Alice Curry.

Brenda Jones-Matthews and people in the city's planning department with her grandmother to understand the grant.

Then, she penned a letter to Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman's office outlining why they needed the money.

Representatives from the state office called last week to let her know they were impressed with her application, she said.

Katie's father, Rob Curry, said he was impressed with how his daughter has taken on a project he thought would be overwhelming to her.

"As it progresses, she's taken on something she has the ability to do," Rob Curry said. "We're quite proud of her."

The beautification group wants to get benches made completely from recycled materials that cost about \$600 each.

With a file folder of materials on the project in her lap, Katie

explained that the benches would last longer and save trash from going to the dump.

She described how they could put plaques on the benches that tell how many recycled bottles went into making a bench and explain that it was put there by the beautification committee.

The third-grader is also trying to get someone to speak about recycling to all the classes in her grade at Webb Elementary School and is organizing a recycling drive among her classmates.

So far, she's only talked to a few of her friends and her teacher about it.

"They think it's pretty cool," Katie said.

Though she hasn't yet been approved for the grant, Katie is already planning to apply next year.

She hopes other grants might

### IN HER WORDS

Katie Curry wrote a letter to Lt. Gov. Becky Skillman's office to explain why she wanted to apply for a state grant. Here's an excerpt from the letter:

"During one of our parades, a man sat down on a bench and it broke. We have had a demonstration in our classroom about recycled paper. Now, I want to see about getting someone to come speak to our class about recycling.

"The benches that I'm wanting to get are benches made from recycled materials. This saves a lot of trash from going to our dumps, which helps save our land. I want to show others in my class, that if I can make a difference, so can they in our community."

help the group get cigarette urns and more trash cans and flower urns for the downtown, she said.

Katie said she's enjoying talking to people about the project whom she might not otherwise meet, like Jones-Matthews and State Rep. Woody Burton.

The hardest part right now is waiting to see if they will get the grant money, she said.

While she waits, she's looking out for the causes she serves.

Even as Katie talked about raising money for the benches, she took the opportunity to promote the efforts of the beautification committee.

She encouraged other residents to take an interest when they're planting flowers downtown or cleaning up a flower bed.

"If people like what we're doing, they should donate so we can buy more stuff," she said.

# Job description, timetable for principal set

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The new principal at Franklin Community High School will be someone who can help organize the school into smaller schools and oversee moving into a brand new building.

School district officials have sent out more than 1,500 brochures and advertised at universities and with professional organizations across the nation. So far they have received more than 20 applications for the high school's top job.

The deadline to submit applications is March 1, and a new principal could be named in late April or early May and would start

### WHAT'S NEXT?

#### Pressing needs

Some of the immediate job responsibilities of the new Franklin high school principal will be:

- Guide instructional process for moving to smaller learning communities.
- Work closely with administration and construction managers on building new school.
- Coordinate transition from current to new high school.
- Develop a multiyear staff development program.

work on July 1, Superintendent William Patterson said.

The new principal will replace Leighton Turner, principal at the school for the past five years, who was demoted to assistant principal

beginning July 1.

A search committee of about 20 parents, teachers, students, administrators and community members will begin meeting next week to decide on interview ques-

tions and screen applications. The committee is being chaired by Bonnie Pribush, director of leadership development at Franklin College.

The top six candidates will be interviewed by the committee the week of March 13.

As many as three could be invited back to spend a day in Franklin for a second interview the week of March 27.

The committee will narrow the list to two candidates, and Patterson will make a final recommendation to the board in late April or early May, he said.

No budget has been set for the search process, Patterson said. The cost will depend on how far candidates will need to travel to get to their interviews in Franklin.

## Group offers flowers sent to your front door

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Annuals, perennials and hanging baskets can be ordered by phone to be delivered to your home during the annual Center Grove Tri Kappa flower sale.

Proceeds will benefit White River Township philanthropies including scholarships for Center Grove High School students.

The group will take orders through Monday for delivery on May 6. Cost for most annuals is \$13 per flat, and hanging baskets range from \$14 to \$19.

Information: Diane Knipe, 345-8673

#### FRANKLIN

### Presentation for parents with disabled children

Special Services, Johnson County Schools Parent Share Group invites parents of children with disabilities to attend an educational presentation about academic strategies from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday at Earlywood Education Center, 500 Earlywood Drive in Franklin.

Childcare can be arranged by calling 738-5459.

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