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Official says mistreated pet wolves killed

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Animal control workers killed two pet wolves after a string of complaints and calls from frightened Greenwood and Center Grove area residents.

Howls from the animals woke neighbors at night, and others feared an attack from the animals, which killed three pet and 4-H rabbits, the county's animal warden said.

The story of the wolf hybrids, which are a breed of wolf and look similar to the wild animals, ended last week when one was shot in White River Township and the other was euthanized at the animal shelter. What started as noise complaints

turned serious when the wolves killed the caged rabbits, chased neighbors and attacked a dog.

Parents kept children inside out of fear the animals might attack, animal warden Shawn Donovan said.

Complaints followed the wolves from the Greenwood home, where workers first found the animals locked in a cage that was too small for them in October.

Their owner asked a friend to watch them, but the man couldn't keep them chained in his yard. Complaints started again in January from residents in the area of Olive Branch and Morgantown roads.

Residents called the shelter more than 10 times when they saw the animals roaming near their home or on

their property, Donovan said.

The wolves chased a Center Grove family from their car into their home and forced them to stay inside while the animals stood by the door, he said.

The animals attacked and seriously injured another neighbor's dog and came after the neighbor when she tried to break up the fight, Donovan said.

Attempts to catch the animals with traps failed.

Workers were unable to approach the wolves because they felt the animals would attack, he said. The animals became aggressive when workers moved close to them, leaning forward and showing their teeth.

Last week, workers caught one wolf, but the other got away. After

searching for hours, the wolf was seen again and shot, Donovan said.

The captured wolf was euthanized at the shelter because of its aggressive behavior, he said.

He said shooting the animal produced a terrible feeling because what happened was not the wolf's fault. The animals should have been cared for properly and given enough room to move about freely, he said.

The wolves need different care than domestic dogs. Their instinctive nature gives them a need to move around because they get frustrated and bored on a chain, he said.

Donovan said he plans to ask the prosecutor to file charges against the owner, who has not been found since she picked up the animals in October.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Animal control workers killed two pet wolves after the wolves began frightening area residents and animals. The county's animal control warden said he hopes charges will be filed against the wolves' owner, who kept the animals in this cage.

BIRDS OF A FEATHER FLOCK TOGETHER



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A flock of Canada geese flies through the air after taking off from the bank of Youngs Creek near downtown Franklin on Monday.

19 more hopefuls declare candidacy

Daily Journal staff report

Nineteen people filed for county government seats last week.

The candidates' names will be added to the list of people included on this year's election ballot.

Most of the people who filed for office are seeking the position of Republican precinct members or township advisory board members.

Voters will decide which candidates move on at the primary election May 2. Winners' names will be added to the ballots for the general election Nov. 7.

Candidates have until noon Feb. 17 to file for an office at the county courthouse. Some of the better-known positions on this year's ballot include sheriff, state representatives and county prosecutor.

Recent filings were: Robert Gyorkos for the at-large seat on the Bargersville Town Council; Robert I. Campbell for Union Township trustee; Angela Strieb for state delegate and White River Township Precinct 5 committee member; Neil Trisler for Clark Township advisory board; Anita Knowles for White River Township

Precinct 11 committee member;

David A. Kelsay for Pleasant Township Precinct 1 committee member; Allen Ray Whitaker for Pleasant Township Precinct 21 committee member; Karen Capozzi for Pleasant Township Precinct 31 committee member; Martha L. Chitwood for Pleasant Township Precinct 4 committee member and state delegate; Genevieve Worsham, Pleasant Township Precinct 5 committee member and state delegate; Ronald Joe Cichting for Hensley Township trustee; John Trissler for Clark Township advisory board; Joe Acker for White River Township advisory board; Anthony S. Alley for the at-large seat on the Bargersville town council; Mary Ann Powell for Pleasant Township trustee; L. Glenn Hakes for Clark Township Precinct 2 committee member and state delegate; Harold Victor "Vic" Hasler for Clark Township Precinct 2 committee member; Michael B. Gerrish for Pleasant Township Precinct 24 committee member and Pleasant Township advisory board; and Gregory Magnuson for state delegate.

Girl found in drug-filled Bargersville home

Daily Journal staff report

Marijuana, cocaine and a sleeping 5-year-old girl were what police found inside a Bargersville home when they went to arrest a neighbor.

Police arrested the girl's mother and her boyfriend on drug charges and for leaving the child in the smoky and drug-cluttered home, along with the man police had first come for.

All three adults have been released from jail, and the child is staying with her grandmother, police said.

Sheriff's deputies went to 198 Cemetery Hill Road to serve a felony narcotics warrant on Christopher Michael Crosley, 27.

When he asked to leave his wallet and keys with friends, deputies allowed him to go next door. At the neighbors' home at 194 Cemetery Hill Road, officers smelled what they thought was marijuana, according to a police report.

Michelle Lee Schrowe and Jeremy Allen Vare were arrested after police found Schrowe's daughter sleeping on a chair in the living room, which was filled with smoke, and near crack pipes, cocaine and marijuana, the report said.

Deputies also found plastic bags, pill bottles and small containers with loose marijuana and seeds, rolling papers, scales and spoons with drug residue.

Schrowe, 32, was arrested on charges of neglect of a dependent, dealing marijuana/hashish, possession of cocaine/narcotic/methamphetamine and possession of paraphernalia.

She was released on \$13,000 bond.

Vare, 31, who also lives at 194 Cemetery Hill Road, was arrested on charges of neglect of a dependent, possession of marijuana/hashish, possession of cocaine/narcotic/methamphetamine and possession of paraphernalia.

He was released on \$13,000 bond.

Crosley was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and released on \$3,000 bond.

EDINBURGH Man pleads guilty to stealing phone service

An Edinburgh man will serve about one year on probation and do community service for tapping into the Blue River Township assessor's phone line.

Jeffrey Beers, 50, 118½ S.

CRIME BRIEFS

Holland St., Apt. B, pleaded guilty to a charge of conversion for using the assessor's phone line to call his 3-year-old son.

As part of his probation, Beers was ordered to purchase a prepaid cellular phone so that he would have a legal way to contact his child, according to a statement from the Johnson County Prosecutor's Office.

Beers will also have to go through a behavior modification program under the sentence.

A township assessor's office employee heard Beers talking to his son on the phone line when she was trying to make a call on June 14, according to an Edinburgh police report.

Edinburgh police noticed that someone had spliced into a phone line at the rear of the building, where the assessor's office and Beers' apartment are located, the report said.

Assessor's office employees suspected something was wrong with the line in October 2004, when they were billed for more than \$300 in calls made to a 900 service at times the office wasn't open, the report said.

A money order was left by Beers for the October calls, the report said.

The office and phone company investigated the October calls, but no charges were filed at the time, the report said.

It is unclear if the office realized that Beers was the person who left the money order during the October investigation.

GREENWOOD

Mall workers stole \$7,000 in gift cards, police say

Two employees at a Greenwood department store illegally encoded almost \$7,000 onto gift cards that they gave to friends and their mothers, police said.

Brian Alan Fulkman and Tyler Graves, both 19 and employees at the Sears store in Greenwood Park Mall, each were arrested Saturday on a charge of theft.

A store manager alerted Greenwood police after noticing in early January that several refund transactions appeared suspicious, according to a police report.

Fulkman and Graves would each ring up bogus refunds using false customer names and then put the amounts onto gift cards, the manager told police.

When the manager tried to contact the customers, he discovered they were fake names, the report said.

The amount on the gift cards averaged \$423, according to the report.

Both men told the manager they gave the gift cards to their friends and mothers, who did not know the cards were fraudulent, the report said.

The manager checked the records and determined Graves took \$5,633 and Fulkman took \$1,275, the report said.

Detectives are following up to determine how much of the gift card balances were used and exactly who received the cards, Greenwood Police Chief Joe Pitcher said.

Graves, of 729 Orchard Lane, and Fulkman, of 1060 Lawndale Drive, were each released from the Johnson County jail on \$3,000 bond.

WHITE RIVER TOWNSHIP

Police: Teens set up drug deal to get back at man

Three teenagers staged a drug deal at a White River Township mobile home park so they could get back money taken from a friend, police said.

The robbery took place shortly after 11 p.m. Saturday in Glendale Trailer Court on County Line Road.

Matthew Myrick, 18, of White River Township told police he

was robbed after going to the mobile home park to buy the drug ecstasy, a police report said.

He went to the mobile home park with an Indianapolis teenager, who told him they could pick the drug up from a friend's house, the report said.

When they arrived at the mobile home park, they met up with two teens. That's when, Myrick said, a 17-year-old from White River Township pulled out a black handgun, pointed it at him and told him to empty his pockets.

The three teens took \$160 in cash and ran, the report said. They later told police the plan was to get back money that Myrick had taken from a friend, the report said.

Myrick also told police that an Indianapolis woman a few days earlier tried to buy prescription pills from him, but he had decided to keep the money, the report said.

Two of the teens were arrested on a charge of robbery and taken to the Johnson County Juvenile Detention Center in Franklin. The third teen was not arrested.

The Johnson County Prosecutor's Office had not filed any charges against Myrick.

ON THE RECORD

Jail bookings

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

Kathy D. Edison, 54, 3090 N. Morton St., Apt. 134, Franklin: arrested on a charge of contempt; released on \$200 bond.

Christopher Michael Evans, 19, 5131 Thompson Village Place, Apt. B, Indianapolis: arrested on a charge of theft; released on \$3,000 bond.

LuAnne Lewis, 49, 2013 Cedar Lane, Apt. 4, Franklin: arrested on a charge of contempt; released on \$400 bond.

Gordon James Ellis, 35, 1519 Franklin Place, Franklin: arrested on a charge of invasion of privacy; held on \$1,000 bond.

Actavia T. Clark, 30, 1809 Greighton Drive, Indianapolis: arrested on charges of theft or receiving stolen property and resisting an officer; released on \$8,000 bond.

Kenneth Lee Erny, 40, 845 Jennifer Drive, Greenwood: arrested on charges of battery, possession of marijuana/hashish and possession of paraphernalia; held on \$7,000 bond.

Gregory D. Harris, 38, 946 Tuxedo St., Indianapolis: arrested on charges of dealer plate violation and driving while suspended with a previous conviction; held on \$2,000 bond.

Robert Michael Gilman, 19, 1199 Hospital Road, Lot 119, Franklin: arrested on two charges of failure to respond; held on \$30,000 bond.

Thomas L. Hayes, 19, 2481 Mann

Drive, Beech Grove: arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana/hashish; held on \$1,000 bond.

Nicole D. Davis, 24, 1720 Prospect St., Apt. 2, Indianapolis: arrested on a charge of failure to appear in court; released on \$100 bond.

Evette M. Scott, 35, 14 N. Woodland St., Indianapolis: arrested on a charge of theft; held on \$3,000 bond.

The following people recently were arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and booked into jail: Elaisa Vahnne, 30, 201 N. Indiana Ave., Bloomington: held on \$1,000 bond. Brandi Smith, 35, 873 E. County Road 1100S, Flat Rock: released on \$3,000 bond.

Benjamin R. Smith, 29, 703 W. Gourley Pike, Apt. 142, Bloomington: held on \$1,000 bond.

Blane Eric Tyner, 37, 4140 Willow Glen Drive, Apt. B, Beech Grove: held on \$1,000 bond.

Juan D. Scruggs, 31, 3219 W. 39th Place, Indianapolis: held on \$1,000 bond. Kyle E. Ramsay, 35, 1250 Ash Court, Martinsville: released on \$4,000 bond.

Births

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Leah Lucas and Daniel Smith, Shelbyville, boy born Feb. 4.
Aaron and Samantha Hopkins, Greenwood, girl born Feb. 3.

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