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WEATHER



Today

Skies: Partly sunny
Temps: High 53; low 38

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YOU SHOULD KNOW

Bug's not *that* borer

Tree-lovers, stop sweating. An exotic beetle munching its way through ash trees in Indiana has not struck the species in Franklin.

A field expert from the U.S. Department of Agriculture visited the city Thursday to examine two ash trees along East King Street near Community Park that city officials suspected were attacked by emerald ash borers.

A city council member spotted the ash trees last week and asked for them to be examined.

But those trees were infested with a different type of borer that is native and not dangerous to other trees, Franklin's landscape architect Amber Fentz said.

COMING UP

The power of words

Lyrics are today's biggest musical influence, declare singer-songwriter Alicia Keys and the editors of Billboard, the nation's top music magazine.



Too much of a good thing

Surprise: Weightlifting can cause muscles to shrink. Brushing can hurt teeth. Experts explain why more isn't always better.

Cut risk of colon cancer

Forget the old advice about eating fiber. The latest science says to eat cabbage but skip red meat.

USA WEEKEND

Tree of knowledge

Edinburgh businessman and researchers from three states are trying to pinpoint the age of an ancient tree recently discovered buried in a gravel pit.



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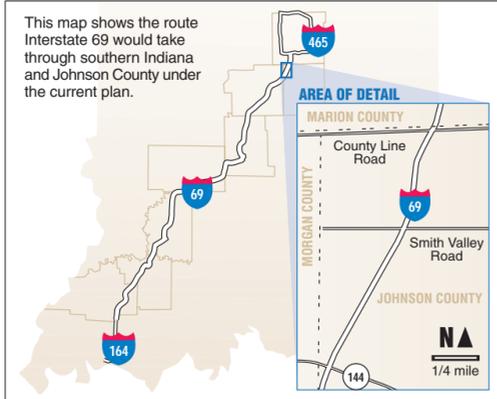
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THE ROUTE



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I-69 may be rerouted

Waltz proposal added to Daniels' highway plan

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A proposed Interstate 69 extension route could be diverted from the Center Grove area if a proposed state bill gets final approval.

State senators drafted an amendment that would prevent the interstate from running through Perry Township, just north of Johnson

County. Without the interstate there, a route through Johnson County is unlikely, a state senator said.

County and state officials have spent four years discussing the route, which would follow State Road 37 through White River Township, and meeting with concerned residents and business owners. Now, the route could move west and out of Johnson County.

The amendment to Gov. Mitch

Daniels' Major Moves bill would prevent a major highway from traveling through any township with a population of at least 80,000. Indiana has 10 townships with an estimated population of more than 80,000. Five are in Marion County, but none is in Johnson County, according to population figures.

Next, the bill will move to the full

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BARGERSVILLE: ROAD-WORK UPDATE

Rough going

Delays in downtown project frustrate businesses



The intersection of Harriman Avenue and Baldwin Street in downtown Bargersville has been in a state of constant construction for months.

Customers have trouble getting to front door

STORY BY JASON MICHAEL WHITE ■ PHOTOS BY SCOTT ROBERSON

Torn-up streets are discouraging walk-in customers at a Bargersville woman's business.

The street work will solve a flooding problem, but a delay in finishing the project has meant fewer customers.

The town is about three months away from finishing a \$2.5 million storm-water project, designed to stop flooding in buildings and yards in southwestern Bargersville. Roads were torn up and rebuilt at a lower level, and new sewers were installed.

Bargersville officials had to cancel the town festival because of the project, which was originally scheduled for completion months ago. That left some downtown business owners wondering why streets remain unpaved and marked off with orange roadblocks. And no road workers are in sight.

Pam's Parlor Hair & Nail Salon faces Harriman Avenue, which is dusty and unpaved.

Owner Pamela Ridge said pedestrians could not find a way to the salon when the road was closed.

She said customers driving from as far as Indianapolis have turned back, thinking the business was closed because of road work.

"It's a good project, but it's a hard time to live in Bargersville, it seems like," she said.

Workers need to finish paving Harriman from Old Plank Road to the railroad tracks, town manager Mike McCarthy said.

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Pamela Ridge, owner of Pam's Parlor, chats with customer Joyce Jones about the ongoing construction in downtown Bargersville.

Growth brings traffic trouble

Busy intersection to get busier, meaning more police, fire calls

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Start with a high-traffic intersection near the interstate, add in restaurants, subdivisions and apartment complexes and sprinkle in some major retail stores and small shops.

The result is a recipe for added calls to police and fire departments for traffic accidents, sick people, shoplifters and break-ins.

Emerson Avenue and County Line Road two years ago was deemed one of the worst intersections in the state. With a Wal-Mart and shopping centers under construction, emergency workers are preparing for a boom in activity.

Greenwood police and fire department officials are examining how emergency workers will handle an increase in calls from the explosive development on the city's east side.

A Wal-Mart at County Line Road and Emerson Avenue and 985 homes planned east of Interstate 65 on Main Street mean more miles on city vehicles and a bigger area for police to cover.

There are no plans to hire new police officers or change the way their beats are set up. Officers who handle the city's east side will have to drive farther to respond to calls, Greenwood Police Chief Joe Pitcher said.

But the fire department is already planning to move a handful of firefighters and hire new staff when a new station opens Aug. 1, said Lt. Tom Kite, spokesman for the Greenwood Fire Department.

The \$1.9 million station will be east of the interstate on Graham Road, north of Main Street.

Department officials prefer

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PITCHER

IS YOUR CHILD READY?

Some things a child should be able to do before starting school:

- Print own first name
- Recite alphabet and be familiar with letters of the alphabet
- Recite address, telephone, age and birthday
- Identify numerals 0 through 10
- Sort objects by color, size or type
- Sit quietly and listen to directions for at least five minutes
- Retell a simple story in sequence
- Tie own shoes

SOURCE: Franklin schools

Starting school isn't easy as A-B-C

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Parents in Franklin will soon find out what their children need to know before entering kindergarten.

Franklin teachers and administrators have been working for a year with local preschool and

day-care providers to get information together for parents.

The group plans to put brochures in banks, day-care centers, churches and doctors' offices. The brochures have lists of skills that children should master before they come to school.

Making sure young children are prepared for school has

been a focus of Franklin administrators.

With little or no funding for preschool or full-day kindergarten programs, administrators are trying to find ways to work with other groups in the community who take care of children before they get to public school.

Offering training to preschool and day-care workers and mak-

ing sure they understand what children need to know by the time they go to school is a good start, Superintendent William Patterson said.

But school officials also must find ways to connect with parents long before their children show up for kindergarten. That's

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