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Dogs have their day at new park LOCAL

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Fidos and Rovers can run through a Greenwood park without a leash for the first time, legally, starting Tuesday.

The county's first bark park is opening in Homecoming at University Park, a 985-home subdivision south of Main Street, between Precedent South Business Center and Allen and Griffith roads on the eastside of Greenwood.

Dog enthusiasts will have to register their pets to use Four Paws Dog Park, which will be limited to 500 dog members per year to keep the acre of parkland from overflowing with canines. Registration starts Tuesday, the day the bark park opens.

POOCHES UNLEASHED

The county's first bark park opens Tuesday on the east side of Greenwood in Homecoming at University Park, south of Main Street, between Precedent South Business Center and Griffith and Allen roads.

Pet owners have to register to use the park.

Greenwood residents will pay a \$30 annual fee plus \$10 for a key card to let them inside the park.

People living outside of Greenwood have to pay a \$40 annual fee.

City park officials plan to use the money for maintaining the dog park, its amenities and electric gate, park board attorney Raynel Berry said. The park board expects to fund the park with fees only, and not property

Cost:
• \$30 annual fee plus \$10 for a key card for Greenwood residents.
• \$40 annual fee and \$10 for a key card for non-Greenwood residents.
Applications are available at the Greenwood Community Center, 100 Surina Way.

tax dollars that every homeowner in Greenwood pays for parks and recreation.

Pet owners need to fill out an application at the Greenwood Community Center, 100 Surina Way, to get a pass.

Residents need to show proof that their dogs are vaccinated, and all pets are required to wear a membership collar while in the bark park, according to a parks

department news release.

Owners taking their dogs to the park will face a list of rules longer than that of the city skate park.

Rules are important to keep the bark park a controlled environment, Berry said.

Rules include no children under the age of 12, no dogs in heat, no puppies younger than four months old, only 40 dogs at a time and no humans allowed on doggy balance beams.

Park officials want a community group to help with bark park activities.

They are asking for adult volunteers to join the group, called Friends of the Four Paws Dog Park.

Anyone interested should call the parks department at 881-4545.

BRIEFS LOCAL

JOHNSON COUNTY

Lawyers lobbying for county funds get raise

An Indianapolis law firm working for the county will earn twice as much from property-tax payers this year.

In 2005, the county commissioners hired Barnes & Thornburg at \$20,000 for the year to lobby for federal funds for road and transportation projects.

The return of \$1 million for planning the east/west corridor, which will take motorists from State Road 37 to Interstate 74, tells the county the firm deserves more money, commissioners said.

This year, the firm will make \$40,000. It usually charges a retainer fee of \$60,000.

Commissioners plan to look into other areas where the firm can lobby for federal funds, such as public safety and parks, commissioner R.J. McConnell said.

EDINBURGH

Police: Man shot himself in restroom at Legion

An Edinburgh man shot himself Monday inside the bathroom of the American Legion Post 233 in Edinburgh, police said.

The post was open at 4:19 p.m. Monday when the man committed suicide, said Dave Lutz, Edinburgh Police Department deputy chief and coroner.

An employee of the post, located at 500 Memorial Drive, called

police to report that they heard shots fired inside the building. About six people were at the post at the time of the shooting.

A patron of the post then found Russell D. Sallee, 69, dead in the bathroom, he said.

The cause of death was a self-inflicted gunshot wound, Lutz said.

Police are still trying to determine who the gun belonged to but have no reason to believe the death was not a suicide, Lutz said.

A full obituary appears on page A5.

BARGERSVILLE

Visitor to home that was hit by gunfire arrested

Police investigating a Columbus shooting arrested a man in Johnson County on an unrelated charge.

No one was injured in the shooting, which happened about 11 p.m. Monday in the 6000 block of Harrison Drive in Heritage Heights mobile home park, police said. Four people were inside the home at the time, including Gordon Hancock of Columbus, said Maj. Mark Gorbett of the Bartholomew County Sheriff's Department.

When police went to the home of a Bargersville woman who knew the suspected shooter, Hancock was there, violating a protective order the woman had against him.

Police arrested him on a charge of invasion of privacy. He was being held Tuesday on \$2,000 bond at the Johnson County jail.

Inmate back in jail after inadvertent release

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A jail inmate got a few hours of freedom Monday night, until sheriff's deputies and jail officers found him in Greenwood.

Shawn L. Hauk, 232 Second St., Scottsburg, was inadvertently released from the Johnson County jail just before 10 p.m. Jail workers realized the man was missing about 20 minutes later, and officers

went to his girlfriend's apartment in Greenwood to pick him up.

The 32-year-old was not a violent criminal, but the mistake is still serious, said Maj. Dave Emery, jail commander.

Detectives from the sheriff's office are investigating what happened to be sure changes are made to prevent a similar mistake, Emery said.

On Monday night, jail employees were completing paperwork for six to eight other inmates

who were being released and Hauk, thinking it was his turn to leave as well, walked out with two other inmates, Emery said.

Hauk's family members were planning to pay his bond and have him released, but changed their mind and decided to keep him in jail until his court date Wednesday. Jailers had already pulled the man's paperwork and possessions and sent him to the front of the jail to be released, Emery said.

The jail officers realized the

man had left with two other inmates when they noticed his bond hadn't been paid. They notified Emery, he said.

Officers notified Hauk's family members and picked him up at the Greenwood home without incident.

Hauk was arrested Saturday on a charge of driving while suspended and on a warrant from Marion County for the same charge.

He was released on \$1,000 bond Tuesday, Emery said.

ON THE RECORD

Police/fire

Franklin Residential entry

• 100 block of Schoolhouse Road: A woman reported that she was sleeping in her home about 11:30 a.m. Monday when her dog started barking. She told police she got up and saw a boy in a hooded sweat shirt running out her front door. It appeared nothing was missing.

Thefts

• 2000 block of East Benjamin Street: A woman reported Monday that someone stole her debit card and made \$465 in fraudulent charges on Jan. 17.
• 1100 block of Harvest Ridge Circle: A woman reported Monday that someone stole prescription medication and three gift cards from a purse inside her truck.
• 800 block of East Monroe Street: A man reported that someone stole items from his residence between 12:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Jan. 15.

Shoplifting

• Kroger, 1700 Northwood Plaza: An employee reported at 5:57 p.m. Monday that a customer saw a boy put a package of steak down his pants and leave the store with another boy. Police stopped the boys' vehicle in the parking lot and found a package of steak in the trunk. Both boys were charged with theft and taken to the juvenile detention center.

Greenwood Thefts

• Von Maur, 1251 U.S. 31 South: A woman reported about 5 p.m. Monday that someone stole her keys and vehicle while she was inside the mall. Police later found some of the woman's personal belongings from the car at Stop 18 Road and U.S. 31.
• Timber Valley Addition construction site: An employee reported about 11 a.m. Monday that someone stole nine sheets of lumber from a home under construction.

Criminal mischief

• Averitt and Smith Valley roads: A Cinergy employee reported that a substation had a hole in the fence. Nothing appeared to be missing, but the employee told police that holes have appeared in the fence before, and copper wire had been stolen from the site in the past.

Jail bookings

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

Justin L. Mahan, 20, 2857 Palace Drive, Indianapolis; arrested on two warrants for failure to appear in court; released on \$2,800 bond.

Donald Aaron Agee, 28, 375 Province St., Franklin; arrested on a charge of dealing in marijuana/hashish; released on \$3,000 bond.

Ernest W. Hollifield, 20, 2224 White Oaks Drive, Apt. C, Speedway; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; released on \$300 bond.

Kristi Jean Agee, 27, 268 Terre Haute St., Franklin; arrested on a charge of dealing in marijuana/hashish; released on \$3,000 bond.

Charles A. Peterman, 38, 2716 S. County Road 525W, Trafalgar; arrested on a charge of contempt; released on \$200 bond.

Dana J. Peterman, 35, 2716 S. County Road 525W, Trafalgar; arrested on a charge of contempt; released on \$200 bond.

Jeannine Ann Ryhal, 18, 838 Old Plank Road, Franklin; arrested on a charge of failure to respond; released on \$1,000 bond.

Danny Wayne Brooks, 33, 279 Old South St., Bargersville; arrested on a charge of driving while suspended with a prior conviction; released on \$1,000 bond.

William C. Critser, 34, 1610 E. Morgan St., Martinsville; arrested on a charge of driving while suspended with a prior conviction; released on \$2,000 bond.

Steven Ray Shewmaker, 42, 6156 E. Jensen Road, Martinsville; arrested on a Morgan County warrant and a charge of public intoxication; held without bond.

Brandon Matthew Todd, 22, 690 N. Main St., Martinsville; arrested on a Hancock County warrant and a charge of possession of marijuana/possession; held without bond.

Jennifer Lee Surber, 25, 225 14th St., Franklin; arrested on a charge of driving without ever having a license; held on \$2,000 bond.

Howard E. Patterson, 36, 759 S. Graham St., Martinsville; arrested on a

charge of driving while suspended with a prior conviction; released on \$1,000 bond.

Nathan David Abplanalp, 23, 77 Schoolhouse Road, Franklin; arrested on a charge of contempt; released on \$429 bond.

Kimberly S. Moore, 40, 5977 Heathmoore Drive, Indianapolis; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; held without bond.

The following people recently were arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and booked into jail:

Robert D. Pucket, 39, 6824 Villa View Drive, Punta Gorda, Fla.; held on \$1,000 bond.

Johnny Carl Butrum, 25, 706 Leatherwood Drive, Greenwood; released on \$3,000 bond.

Birth

Wishard Memorial Hospital, Indianapolis

Becky and Manuel Navarro, Carmel, boy born Jan. 22. Grandmother is Pauline Navarro of Franklin.

Minutes

Johnson County Board of commissioners

On Monday, the board:

• Approved 3-0 renewing a contract with Barnes & Thornburg, an Indianapolis law firm, to lobby for local money from the federal government. Commissioners agreed to increase the contract amount from \$20,000 in 2005 to \$40,000 for 2006.

• Approved 3-0 construction plans for an off-site sanitary sewer for the Grove at Stones Crossing, a commercial subdivision located at the northwest corner of State Road 135 and Stones Crossing Road.

• Approved 3-0 construction plans for Section One of Blane Meadows, a 64-lot subdivision located on the north side of Whiteland Road, west of State Road 135.

• Approved 3-0 \$64,000 in monthly expenses from the enhanced 911 fund.

• Approved 3-0 a letter allowing R.W. Armstrong, an Indianapolis engineering firm, to purchase land for intersection improvements at Stones Crossing and Morgantown roads.

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