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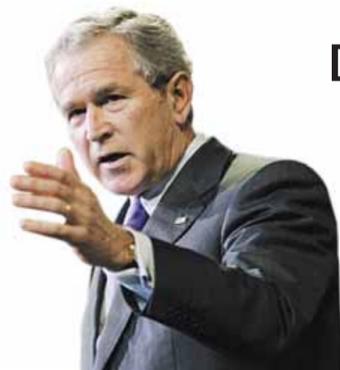
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WEATHER



Today
Skies: Mostly cloudy
Temps: High 54; low 47

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YOU SHOULD KNOW

Hi, this is God ... leave a message at the beep

People wanting salvation or a religious uplift can pick up a telephone to request a prayer. But God's helpers only answer calls between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., and then it's not certain callers can get through.



The Greenwood station for Trinity Broadcasting Network on U.S. 31 has a volunteer phone service called Prayer Partners.

Outside the building, a sign says "Call for Prayer" and lists the phone number 535-5800.

But calls made by the Daily Journal every 30 to 45 minutes Thursday morning resulted in busy signals at the prayer line. Calls earlier in the week had the same result.

"We have a number of people calling and try to staff as much as possible," office manager and Prayer Partners coordinator Martha Erp said. "But sometimes that's not possible."

The line is busy when the single phone line is in use or when volunteers can't make it in to answer the phones, Erp said.

The prayer line has been running since 1989 when the station opened, and volunteers get 15 to 20 calls a day, she said.

People used to be able to call until 11 p.m., but volunteers now work during regular business hours, Erp said.

Trinity Broadcasting Network is based in California. The network uses local call letters WCLJ and is shown on Channel 42.

— Michael W. Hoskins and Scott Roberson

DEATHS

Franklin
Richard Lee Hodson, 60
Elsewhere
Frances Louise Fox, 89
Ruth Marie Gallagher, 89

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Avoiding red lights

Stoplights to be changed to keep traffic moving

BY ANNIE GOELLER

A Center Grove woman is sick of seeing red when she drives on State Road 135. Increasing traffic on the busy road isn't the only problem. Andrea Fears said the stoplights add to the backups, causing motorists to constantly stop and go, especially during rush hour. Fears and other southside motorists will soon see changes to their daily drives on the road, state officials said.

Next month, the state will change the way the lights work, aiming to push as much traffic as possible through the area. Motorists will see more green lights and, hopefully, fewer backups.

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HOW TO HIT THE GREEN

Lay off the gas
Driving faster or slower messes up the pattern of reds and greens. When speeding motorists reach the stoplight faster than the programmed pattern, they have to wait through the end of the cycle, meaning more red lights.

Getting caught
Motorists entering a busy corridor usually hit a red light first, which starts the traffic light cycle. Speeding up to miss the red light puts drivers into the wrong cycle.

WHAT'S NEXT

February and March
State officials will change the stoplights along State Road 135 in White River Township to synchronize the reds and greens, meaning motorists should be able to move through faster.

Late summer through early fall
State officials will make similar changes to stoplights along U.S. 31 in Greenwood.

SOURCE: Will Wingfield, Indiana Department of Transportation

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New homes, stores on way to Whiteland?

Developer seeks rezoning for housing, restaurants, shops

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A Greenwood company wants to develop one of the largest remaining tracts of Whiteland farmland into restaurants, stores and housing.

Dahila Properties is asking that 181 acres southwest of Whiteland Road and U.S. 31 be rezoned for commercial and residential use. The company has a contract to purchase the land, developer Bob Lane said.

A public hearing with the Whiteland Planning Commission on the proposed development is scheduled for 7 p.m. Feb. 7 at the town hall, 549 Main St.

After the meeting, the commission will make a recommendation to the town council, which will decide whether to rezone the property.

The company has sent about 330 letters to area residents to make them aware of the proposed development, tentatively named The Village at Briar Hill, Lane said.

Plans show a few restaurants, a bank, a gas station and some self-storage units on the east side of the property, near U.S. 31.

Retail stores or offices and possibly a big-box retailer, such as a Target, would be in this area of the property.

Single and multi-family housing units and apartments would

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New development

A developer is asking the town of Whiteland to rezone 181 acres at Whiteland Road and U.S. 31 so it can bring restaurants, stores and additional housing to the town.



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A sign marking the entrance to the Whiteland water treatment plant is at the southeast corner of a plot of land proposed for a commercial and residential development in Whiteland.

Youngster awaits liver transplant

7-year-old, family struggle to keep life reasonably normal

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In need of a life-saving miracle, 7-year-old Rebecca Lanham still cheerfully goes about her everyday activities. Born without a gall bladder and in need of a liver transplant, Rebecca is still more interested in arranging her bears on the bunk bed than the possibility of surgery.

Though her brother Shawn discouraged her, Becca climbed the ladder to the top bunk of her brother's bed.

She quickly arranged bears Hope, Rachel, Madison and Lucky against the wall.

"Sit by Hope, Shawn," Becca said with a smile. "She misses you."

Becca admits she would prefer to sleep beside her 9-year-old brother on the top bunk. But Shawn thinks his little sister talks too much. He has banished her to the bottom bunk. That's still an acceptable



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Becca Lanham, a 7-year-old Whiteland resident, suffers from a disorder that affects her body's ability to drain bile. The Whiteland Elementary School second-grader is one of 18 children in Indiana waiting on a liver transplant.

arrangement, Becca said with a shrug.

"I don't have bad dreams," she said.

Becca hugged Lucky. Her grandfather Roger Spurgeon of Franklin had a lucky 50-cent piece placed in the bear's right paw.

When Becca squeezes the bear's left paw, her father's recorded voice fills the room with a gentle, "I love you, Sissy."

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