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## Action needed to fix park

Franklin officials will rely on youth to raise funds for damage repair

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Franklin's skate park is closed until \$3,000 is raised to repair damage.

City officials closed Franklin Action Park last week because someone tore the railings from 4-foot-high skateboard ramps.

The ramps are unsafe without railings because skaters could collide with each other or fall, said J.T. Volz, athletic director for Franklin's Parks and Recreation Department.

Workers must tear down and rebuild the ramps before putting the railings back up, which is why repairs are so costly, Volz said.

Also, two boxes used for skating stunts were torn from the ground and moved elsewhere in the park, he said.

Parks department officials are not sure who tore down the railings, but they are not involving police because of too much hearsay as to what happened, Volz said.

The parks department wants to focus on fixing the park instead, he said.



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Jordan Farr, 10, attempts an air walk over a spin ramp at Franklin Action Park in June. City officials closed the skate park last week after safety railings were removed. The park will not reopen until funds are raised to replace the railings.

Parks department officials are getting daily phone calls from people wanting to know when the park will reopen or complaining that kids are skating in their neighborhoods again, Volz said.

The park opened in 2003 to give kids a place to skate besides the streets, he said.

A committee of parents and kids helped raise money to build

the park, and the parks department is asking them to raise money for repairs, too.

There is not enough money in the budget to pay for repairs, since the parks department budget was cut this year, Volz said.

The department could ask the city council for extra money to pay for repairs. But Parks and Recreation Superintendent Suzanne

Findley wants those involved to take responsibility for the damage they caused.

Volz wants to have a meeting for parents and young people to plan fund-raising efforts for repairs.

People interested in helping are asked to call Volz at 736-3689.

No meeting date has been set, but he hopes it will be sometime next week.

## Free lecture tonight at Franklin College

Daily Journal staff report

The Rev. Robert Giannini will speak at 8 tonight in the Franklin College Chapel. His lecture is titled, "When Definitions Fail: Religion Looks to History."

Giannini recently retired from his position as dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Indianapolis. He is a distinguished theologian known for his extraordinary sermons and will speak on the importance of the study of history for persons of faith.

This lecture is part of the Roger D. Branigin Lecture Series, instituted in 1984. The series brings well-known scholars and historians to campus to address issues dealing with history.

This event is free and open to the public.

### GREENWOOD

#### Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with dinner, book fair

Clark Elementary School in Greenwood will host a St. Patrick's Day Spaghetti Supper from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the school.

The all-you-can-eat dinner of spaghetti or pizza, plus garlic bread, salad and a beverage is \$5.50 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and younger. Desserts are 50 cents.

Other events include a book fair in the library and a community fair in the gymnasium. Tables for the community fair cost \$15.

Entertainment by Generation Gap also will take place in the gymnasium.

Advance orders can save 50 cents on each ticket.

For information or to order tickets, call Vicki Bohlsen at 535-6438.

### LOCAL BRIEFS

GREENWOOD

#### Sign up for soccer league by Friday

Registration deadline for Greenwood Spring Youth Soccer is Friday.

Leagues are available for boys and girls ages 4 to 14. Fee is \$35 per player.

For information, contact the Greenwood Parks and Recreation Department at 881-4545 or online at [www.greenwood.in.gov](http://www.greenwood.in.gov).

GREENWOOD

#### Help local families in need at dinner benefit

Greenwood Masonic Lodge, 592 N. Meridian St., will host a chicken-and-noodle dinner Saturday.

Homemade noodles with chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad, rolls, dessert and beverages will be served from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Carryout service will be available.

Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children ages 3 through 10.

The meal is sponsored by Greenwood Chapter 390 Order of the Eastern Star. Proceeds will benefit area families with food and clothing needs.

For information, call Rachel Howard at 881-6600.

GREENWOOD

#### Get ready for spring at 'Movie Mania' festival

North Grove Elementary School will host its annual Spring Fling on Saturday.

The festival, with a theme of "Movie Mania" will be from 4:30

to 7 p.m. and will feature games, food, prizes, raffles and a silent auction.

All are welcome to attend. North Grove is located at 3280 W. Fairview Road in Greenwood. For information, call 881-5653.

GREENWOOD

#### Check out preschool at open house

Concordia Lutheran Preschool is hosting an open house for prospective students from 6:30 to 8 p.m. March 23.

The preschool offers both morning and afternoon classes for children who have had their third or fourth birthday prior to Aug. 1.

Classes for 3-year-olds meet on Tuesday and Thursday while 4-year-old classes are Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

A nonrefundable registration fee of \$50 is due with the enrollment form. The \$20 supply fee will be waived for all registrations received before May 1.

Monthly tuition includes most field trip costs.

Classes begin after Labor Day.

The church is located at 305 N. Howard Road in Greenwood.

For additional information or to receive an enrollment form in advance, call the church office at 881-4477.

FRANKLIN

#### Learn about India at International Day

The Johnson County Extension Homemakers will celebrate and learn more about India at International Day at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday at Community Congregational Church, 4592 Hurricane Road, north of Franklin.

The program will feature a pitch-in luncheon and speaker.

Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish and their own table service. The program is open to the public.

If you are interested in attending, call the Extension Office at 736-3724.

Prepay registration of \$2 can be sent to Johnson County Extension Homemakers, Wright Building, 80 S. Jackson St., Franklin, IN 46131.

FRANKLIN

#### Friday buffets benefit Shriners hospitals

The Johnson County Shrine Club hosts a buffet each Friday that is open to the public.

Proceeds support the club, which donates money to Shriners hospitals.

The buffet will be open from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Shrine club building, 751 W. King St. in Franklin. Buffet options change weekly.

Bingo games are also conducted at the club building each week, starting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday and 10 a.m. on Saturday.

For more information, call 736-5850.

EDINBURGH

#### Library now offering tax assistance

Edinburgh Wright-Hageman Public Library will provide assistance to individuals filing taxes.

Appointments can be scheduled for senior citizens and low-income individuals between noon and 4 p.m. Tuesday afternoons. All others can make appointments between 6 and 8 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Those wishing to participate must have an appointment.

For information, call (812) 526-5487.

## ON THE RECORD

### Police/fire

#### Franklin Shoplifting

• Wal-Mart, 2125 N. Morton St.: A security officer reported at 11:03 p.m. Friday that a man left the store, activating the security alarm. When questioned, the man admitted to trying to steal two batting gloves from the store. He was arrested on a charge of theft and taken to the Johnson County jail.

#### Property-damage accidents

• 1:33 p.m. Sunday — U.S. 31 North and Simon Road  
• 2:33 a.m. Sunday — 2125 N. Morton St.

#### Greenwood Theft

• 200 block of Concord Way: A man reported at 7:02 a.m. Monday that while he and his wife were on vacation he believes his son came to their residence and took a vehicle, credit cards, a television, a DVD player and other items.

#### Criminal mischief

• 200 block of Elm Street: A man reported at 11:21 a.m. Sunday that someone placed several firecrackers inside his mailbox and lit them while a stack of mail was inside.

#### Personal-injury accidents

• 3:08 p.m. Saturday — South Marlin Drive near State Road 135; Alexander Springman, 17, Indianapolis; Robert E. Stiles, 29, Greenwood; Stiles complained of shoulder pain.

• 11:25 a.m. Wednesday — County Line Road and Greenwood Park North Drive: Andrew S. Dicken, 21, Greenwood; Bije Lewis, 74, Indianapolis; Lewis complained of elbow pain.

#### Property-damage accidents

• 12:44 p.m. Sunday — U.S. 31 and Carr Street  
• 2:13 p.m. Saturday — U.S. 31 and Fry Road  
• 3:53 a.m. Saturday — Northgate Drive and Park Drive  
• 4:52 p.m. Friday — Market Plaza and Main Street  
• 2:40 p.m. Friday — Worthsville Road and U.S. 31  
• 2:31 p.m. Friday — U.S. 31 and Stop 18

#### Johnson County Criminal mischief

• 100 block of Walnut Woods Drive, White River Township: A man reported at 11:54 a.m. Sunday that someone egged the front and rear of his home.

#### Jail bookings

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

Ronnie Kent Long, 39, 226 W. Madison St., Franklin: arrested on a charge of criminal trespass; released on \$1,000 bond.

Amy Renee Pauley, 31, 6678 Ed Harsch Road, Nineveh: arrested on a charge of driving while suspended with a prior conviction; released on \$2,000 bond.

Renardo Vonzelle Williamson, 19, 709 W. 19th Ave., Gary: arrested on a charge of battery; held on \$1,000 bond.

Jon T. McCown, 34, 1657 Prairie Lane, Apt. F, Greenwood: arrested on charges of domestic battery, resisting an officer and invasion of privacy; held without bond.

Tiffany L. Sierp, 19, 207 Bryan St., Edinburg: arrested on a charge of battery; released on \$1,000 bond.

Richard G. Harding, 68, 1270 Helmsburg Road, Nashville: arrested on a charge of probation revocation; held without bond.

Christopher C. Clark, 21, 4258 Burkhardt Drive, Apt. A, Indianapolis: arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; released on \$100 bond.

Brad Allen Hummel, 28, 61 E. Regent St., Indianapolis: arrested on a charge of battery; held on \$1,000 bond.

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

Shannon E. Madix, 42, 1036 N. Harvey Road, Greenwood: held on \$1,000 bond.

Jesse M. McFarland, 39, 4699 Upperbrush Creek Road, Hustonville, Ky.: also arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; held without bond.

### Marriage licenses

Kristopher Matthew Smith and Shawn Marie Batts, both of Greenwood

Charles G. Allison and Janice M. Manville, both of Whiteland

Antonio DeJesus Soto and Martha Louis Ramirez, both of Franklin

Jack Lee Bailey of Indianapolis and Betty Layne Burton of Greenwood

Justin Daniel Seacat and Anna Marie Cardinal, both of Greenwood

Jason Matthew Martin and Dorothy Ann DeBenedittis, both of Greenwood

Joseph W. Noel and Mary Katina Schultz, both of Franklin

Timothy Scott Garner of Greenwood and Aimee Rose Allen of Mooresville

Stephen C. Dill and Amanda L. Smith, both of Greenwood

Joshua Martin Case and Krystie Nikole Schoettmer, both of Greenwood

Keith Stanley Edward Twork of Whiteland and Jada Kimberly Earls of Indianapolis

Charles R. Scott and Janifer Kay Stolz, both of Franklin

Stephen B. Darland of Indianapolis and Patricia J. Blankenship of Greenwood

Luis Javier Vega of Edinburg and Annette Alvarado Torres of Villalba, Puerto Rico

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## United Way short of goal

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The United Way of Johnson County needs to raise more than \$67,000 in two weeks.

The race is on until March 28, when the group will announce fund-raising totals.

The group is slightly ahead of fund-raising efforts compared with last year.

As of Friday, the group has raised 94.2 percent of the \$1.17 million goal for 2005-06. At the end of February last year, only 88.9 percent of the goal had been raised.

Individuals can still make pledges, and companies can still run campaigns to get employees to donate a portion of their earnings to the United Way, executive director Nancy Lohr Plake said.

The money raised will help fund 26 youth and senior citizen organizations and other human service providers.

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