

ON THE
RECORD

Police/fire

Franklin

Weapons offense

• Steak 'n' Shake, 2088 N. Morton St.: A man reported at 3:47 a.m. Friday that a car was driving erratically northbound on Morton Street. He told police that when he stopped his vehicle at the light near Steak 'n' Shake, the people in the other car were yelling and throwing their hands in the air. He turned into the restaurant parking lot, and the car followed him. When he got out of his car to go inside, the other driver said, "I got something for you," pulled a gun out of his trunk and pointed it at the man. The man went into the restaurant, and the other vehicle left the area.

Theft

• 700 block of South State Street: A man reported that someone stole items including a washer, dryer and tools from his storage shed between late December and Thursday morning.

Criminal mischief

• 1000 block of Taurus Lane: A woman reported that several juveniles threw eggs at her vehicle and residence about 9:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Personal-injury accident

• 8:25 p.m. Thursday — U.S. 31 and Adams Street: Teresa L. Prater, 41, Franklin; Thurman E. Pangburn, 60, Franklin. Prater suffered a bruise to the knee, lower leg or foot.

Property-damage accident

• 8:55 p.m. Thursday — Hamilton Avenue and Glendale Drive

Greenwood

Weapons offense

• 1600 block of Smith Valley Road: A man reported at 12:25 a.m. Friday that he saw someone shoot at a parked Jeep from another vehicle and drive away. Police found three bullet holes in the Jeep. No one was inside the Jeep at the time of the shooting.

Burglary

• 500 block of Whispering Trail: A man reported about 1 p.m. Thursday that someone entered his detached garage and stole a compressor. The man also found a bicycle in his back yard.

Theft

• Denny's, 1253 S. Park Drive: A manager reported Thursday evening that \$110 was missing from the afternoon cash drawer. Five employees had access to the drawer. The manager said he would question the employees.

Criminal mischief

• 100 block of Winterwood Drive: A woman reported about 10 p.m. Thursday that someone broke her front window.

Property-damage accidents

• 9:20 p.m. Thursday — 1251 U.S. 31 North
• 10:41 a.m. Wednesday — Worthsville Road, west of U.S. 31

Johnson County

Theft

• 7200 block of West Stones Crossing Road, White River Township: A man reported that someone stole two rolls of fencing from behind a storage building between Feb. 11 and Wednesday.

Jail bookings

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

Ryan William Mann, 22, 1613 Meridian St., Columbus; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; released on \$300 bond.

Stephen Edward Malone, 30, 7730 Gordon Way, Indianapolis; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; released on \$2,500 bond.

Teresa M. Leynes, 40, 8747 Bergman Drive, Nineveh; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; released on \$2,500 bond.

Vernon Lee Lester, 18, 8041 S. Loomis St., Chicago; arrested on a charge of possession of paraphernalia; held on \$1,000 bond.

Jennifer Ann Hubbard, 22, 7312 Lockwood Lane, Apt. F, Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of driving while

suspended with a prior conviction; held on \$2,000 bond.

Ryan A. West, 19, 8708 Big Tree Circle, Louisville, Ky.; arrested on a warrant for violation of probation; released on \$400 bond.

Matthew A. Wessel, 18, 223 Park Forest North Drive, Whiteland; arrested on a charge of possession, consumption or transportation of alcohol by a minor; held on \$1,000 bond.

Julio C. Canales, 50, address unknown; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; held on \$5,000 bond.

Deanna J. Burdsall, 44, 1401 Phillips Drive, Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of contempt; released on \$150 bond.

Worth Forest Wilhite, 43, 649 Johnson Ave., Franklin; arrested on a Tennessee warrant; held without bond.

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

Christopher Michael Nealy, 25, 39 Irma St., Bargersville; also arrested on charges of public intoxication and excessive speeding; released on \$6,000 bond.

Antoinette M. Creed, 50, 3921 Hoyt Ave., Indianapolis; held on \$1,000 bond.

Meetings

Johnson County

Board of commissioners, 3:30 p.m. Monday, Courthouse Annex, 86 W. Court St., Franklin. The board will discuss quotes of costs from engineering companies for a preliminary design of an east/west corridor, employee health insurance and the county's storm water drainage system.

Board of health, 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, board room on the second floor of Johnson Memorial Hospital, 1125 W. Jefferson St. The board will discuss a possible countywide smoking ban to recommend to the Johnson County Board of Commissioners and hear reports from the health officer and nursing division and on environmental health and emergency preparedness.

Technical review committee, 9 a.m. Wednesday, Courthouse Annex.

Prince's Lakes

Town council, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, town hall, 14 E. Lakeview Drive

Plan commission, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, town hall. The commission will have a special meeting to discuss personnel.

New Whiteland

Town council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, town hall, 401 Mooreland Drive. The council will talk about budget reductions and amending zoning ordinance that says no more than two recreational vehicles can be parked in a residential area.

Greenwood

City council, 7 p.m. Monday, Greenwood City Building, 2 N. Madison Ave.

Trails advisory board, 7 p.m. Thursday, Greenwood Community Center, 100 Surina Way, Greenwood. The board will discuss the possibility of getting bridges from the state and give updates on projects, including the Polk Hill Trail, Craig Park, Tracy Trail, Summerfield Park, Whetzel Trail, Main Street Trail and Emerson Pathway.

School boards

Clark-Pleasant Community School Corp., 8 p.m. Tuesday, large group instruction room, Whiteland Community High School, 300 Main St. Board members will discuss a football program at the intermediate school and purchasing easements. The board will meet at 6 p.m. for a work session on current and future building projects.

Nineveh Hensley Jackson School Corp. board of trustees retreat, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Indian Creek Middle School.

Births

Johnson Memorial Hospital

Stephanie Reagin and James Melton, Greenfield, boy born Feb. 15.

St. Vincent's Women's Hospital

David and Ainsley (Robey) James, Indianapolis, girl born Feb. 2.

Smoking

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who favor the ban.

But they still think the measure needs some tweaking.

Members plan to introduce amendments on Monday that would better explain what establishments are considered bars and how the ban would be enforced.

Restaurants and workplaces would have 60 days to comply with the ordinance after it passes, council member Jessie Reed said.

Under the proposal, the ban would not apply to bars or fraternal lodges, such as Veterans of Foreign Wars posts or Elks clubs.

Council member Keith Hardin said the exception for fraternal lodges is because they are private clubs and the council is trying to stay out of the private sector.

Since the measure was introduced, some area bar and restaurant owners have complained that the definition of a bar was too vague. The measure defines a bar as a place where the serving of food is incidental to the consumption of alcohol.

Council members hope to discuss an amendment that would define a bar by the age of the customers and the amount of alcohol sold as percentage of gross sale receipts, Reed said.

Members also want to reconsider how the ban is enforced. Currently it would require the Greenwood Police Department to handle complaints by citing people who violate the ordinance.

Some council members said they felt this would put an undue burden on police officers.

"I don't think our police need to become a smoking police," Deer said.

The measure would primarily rely on voluntary compliance, since officers usually have to see the offender smoking to cite them, Greenwood Police Chief Joe Pitcher said.

For example, from 2000 to 2006, Greenwood police have only cited five people for throwing cigarette butts out car windows and six people for selling tobacco to people under the age of 18.

Officers have cited 30 retailers for selling tobacco to underage customers and 530 minors for buying, accepting or possessing tobacco.

Hardin said council members prefer that the burden fall on establishment owners to enforce the ban. The owners then could file complaints when people don't follow the rules.

The complaints could be handled by police, but the fire department or code enforcement office might also be charged with handling them, Hardin said.

In Marion County, where a smoking ban will go into effect March 1, it's up to business owners to enforce the ordinance. Complaints will be handled by the Marion County Health Department, said Joan Marciniak, who works as the health educator for the department's tobacco control program.

People will be able to file complaints by phone or on the department's Web site.

Though the department will probably give a grace period to offenders, they can be fined \$100

A CLOSER LOOK

Greenwood City Council members will vote Monday on a smoking ban. Here are some details of the proposed regulations:

Where you could light up

- Private residence, as long as it's not used as a licensed child-care, adult day-care or health-care facility
- Bars that aren't attached to a restaurant
- Fraternal lodges
- Hotel and motel rooms that are designated as smoking rooms
- Retail tobacco stores, as long as smoke doesn't go into nonsmoking areas
- Restaurant, hotel and motel conference or meeting rooms and public and private assembly rooms that are being used for private parties
- Private rooms in nursing homes and long-term-care facilities that are occupied by people who have permission to smoke
- Outdoor places of employment that aren't covered by the ban

Where you couldn't smoke

- Restaurants, including ones that have a bar attached
- Theaters and auditoriums used for movies, plays, lectures, recitals and other performances
- Aquariums, galleries, libraries and museums
- Bingo facilities when a bingo game is in progress
- Sports arenas, including enclosed places in outdoor arenas

- Lobbies, hallways and common areas in apartment buildings, condominiums, mobile home parks, retirement facilities, nursing homes and other multi-unit residential housing
- Health-care facilities and places of employment
- Public meeting places and public transportation facilities and waiting areas, such as bus stops, buses and taxicabs



for a first violation and \$200 for subsequent violations, she said.

Individuals may be cited, but most of the burden will fall on business managers, Marciniak said.

In Bloomington, city workers managed a complaint-based system to make sure people followed smoking bans, according to a letter provided by the Monroe Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Coalition.

An intern was hired to handle the complaint line, and police performed random inspections to make sure people were following the ordinance.

From January to August 2005, 137 complaints were filed, and 15 notices of violation were issued by the city legal department.

Six months after bars and private clubs went smoke-free in January 2005, the number of complaints was so low that the city decided not to replace the intern, the letter said.

Supporters of the Greenwood ban are using the discussion to gather support for a ban elsewhere in the county.

About 2,000 people have signed a petition for a countywide ordinance that would make all workplaces, restaurants and bars smoke-free, said Jane Blessing, coordinator of Partnership for a Healthier Johnson County. The petitions will be presented to the Johnson County Board of Health soon.

Blessing said representatives from the partnership will be at Monday's city council meeting to answer questions.

The board of health is scheduled to discuss a countywide ban at its meeting Wednesday, president Debbie Swinehamer said.

If approved, the board would send a recommendation on to the Johnson County Board of Commissioners for approval, Swinehamer said.

Deer said he hopes to postpone the Monday night vote to give people who have concerns about the ban more time to give their opinions.

"It's only fair we give them the time to put together what opposition they consider appropriate," he said.

Deer said he has been contacted by several people who would like to have the freedom to

choose whether their business or restaurant is smoke-free.

He noted that supporters of the ban have had months to gather information and make presentations about the health benefits of snuffing out public smoking.

Deer said he also would prefer that restaurants be allowed to decide whether they want to be smoke-free, modeling the ordinance after the Marion County ban.

Under that ordinance, restaurants with a liquor license can apply for an exemption from the smoking ban, provided that no one younger than 18 works or eats at the restaurant, Marciniak said.

The model would give the council time to study the consumer market and see how a ban truly impacts businesses, Deer said.

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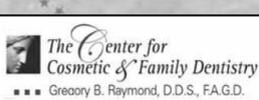
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