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COMING SOON

Wondering what to do?

A new section devoted to events, activities and things to do on the southside and in central Indiana debuts Thursday in the Daily Journal.

Free Time, in the paper and on the Web at www.thejournalnet.com, helps you pick the best activities for your family and allows you to plan your outings weeks in advance.

We hope to give you a broad range of listings, including volunteer opportunities, family events, walks and runs, sports leagues, church and school activities, parks and meetings of civic organizations. The calendar will continue to have the usual listings of concert, museum and theater events.

We need you to submit your events, activities and meetings so we can publicize them.

Whether you are organizing soccer and softball leagues or school events, putting on a summer festival, classes, health fair or 5K run or conducting meetings for moms, PTOs, gardeners and civic and nonprofit groups, let us know all the details.

The best way to get your event publicized is to get the information to us at least three weeks in advance. If you are already planning a big event for summer or fall, let us know now.

Make sure to include all pertinent information and a phone number in case we have any questions. Send photographs if possible.

E-mail the information to freetime@thejournalnet.com or mail it to Free Time, Daily Journal, P.O. Box 699, Franklin, IN 46131.

DEATHS

Franklin

Robert E. Hoskins, 77
Robert Mullenix, 77

Greenwood

Fern Jean Carter, 74

New Whiteland

Jerome Moore, 76

Indianapolis

Dorto Allen, 77
Joe Edward Daniels Sr., 65

Richard S. Hill, 88
Phyllis E. Pierce, 95

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More water on way to county



STAFF PHOTO BY PAIGE E. WASSEL/pwassel@thejournalnet.com
Floodwater almost reaches the top of picnic tables in Franklin's Province Park on Sunday.

Ditches, parking lots, Franklin parks flooded with rain

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Ditches and parking lots along U.S. 31 throughout the county were inundated with water Sunday after the area received at least five inches of rainfall since Thursday.

The area braced for a further drenching as meteorologists predicted two to four more inches of rain by

today, bringing the total to between seven and nine inches in five days.

Backyards were flooded, sewer lines were at risk of being overwhelmed by storm water, and county workers were busy replacing high water signs that had been removed.

Franklin city parks and playgrounds were under water, and high water signs dotted a few county roads in the southern part of the county.

The standing water started to recede Sunday afternoon. But city and county highway workers continued to monitor the roads.

Despite the high water, few people called police during the weekend because the water had stranded them.

On Friday, the sheriff's office was called to rescue a couple stuck in high water south of Smiley's Mill on

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INSIDE

A look at the impact of rain and flooding across Indiana over the weekend.
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DIVERSITY ON THE SOUTHSIDE

Finding a home

Punjabi Indian community makes a place for itself in Johnson County



Alina Singh, 18, left, and her mother, Poonam Singh, stand for prayer at the end of a worship service at the Sikh Satsang of Indianapolis.

Families drawn to area by homes, schools

Moving from India to California was the first step in a new life for Satvinder Kaur and her family.

But it was the move from California to Johnson County that allowed her and her husband and two sons to live the kind of life they've always wanted.

A home of their own.
Good schools for the children.
Some peace and quiet.

Kaur and her family moved from Santa Clara, Calif., to Whiteland in August.

Like dozens of other families from northwest India, they found larger, less expensive homes in new housing developments in the area, good schools and a place to practice their Sikh faith.

Several families from Punjab, India, are making Johnson County their home, but exact numbers are hard to pin down.

Most of the families in the area are from



From left to right, Kaur Kirandeep, 7, Kaur Amandeep, 4, and Slingh Jugaad, 1, eat a meal in the community hall at the Sikh Satsang of Indianapolis after worship.

Punjab, a state in northwest India. Their native language is Punjabi, and many practice the Sikh religion.

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Schools adjust to students from different culture

Being the new kids at school is often difficult for students, but it is doubly so for Sikh Indians, whose distinctive attire sets them apart.

Bobbie Wayman, coordinator of Clark-Pleasant's English as a new language program, has spent much of her year helping staff and students in the district understand their new pupils.

Teachers and students have to understand that for some students it's important they be able to wear headwear to school, she said.

Clark-Pleasant schools have enrolled 65 Indian students recently. That's the majority of students from Punjab, India, who have moved to the county.

Wayman has published newsletters explaining the Sikh faith and encouraged teachers to let older students present information about their culture in classrooms.

She has also applied for a state grant to pay for speakers to talk to staff about different cultures.

Many educators in the district have been impressed with what they've learned so far, Wayman said.

"This culture puts teachers in very high esteem," she said. "The students have good work ethics and are very polite."

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BY THE NUMBERS

30 million
Estimated number of Sikhs in the world

25 million
Population of Sikhs who live in Punjab, India

1.5 million
Number of Sikhs who live in the United States and Canada

500 to 600
Estimated number of Sikh families who live in central Indiana

200 to 400
Number of Sikh families who attend the Sikh temple on the southeast side of Marion County

65
Number of Punjabi students in Clark-Pleasant schools: 28 attend Whiteland Community High School, and 16 attend Clark Elementary School. Franklin schools serve 15 Indian students.

INSIDE

Find more photos from the Sikh Satsang of Indianapolis and hear from an Indian man who's lived in central Indiana for decades and says the area is welcoming to outsiders.

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STAFF PHOTO BY SCOTT ROBERSON
A White River Township firefighter looks at debris Saturday afternoon outside a home that caught fire when a resident was smoking in her bed near an oxygen tank.

Woman dies of burns

House fire began when resident smoked in her bed

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A Center Grove area woman died hours after suffering severe burns in a house fire.

Fern Carter, 77, 3035 Santiago Drive, Greenwood, sustained third-degree burns over 80 percent of her body during a Saturday morning fire at her home. She was pronounced dead at Wishard Hospital in Indianapolis about midnight.

The cause of death was not available Sunday.

The fire started after Carter, who was connected to an oxygen tank, smoked a cigarette in her bed, firefighters said.

Also, a smoke detector in the home wasn't working because the batteries had been removed, firefighters said.

White River Township firefighters Mike Shoemaker, 36, and Jason Tibbetts, 30, were burned trying to rescue Carter. They

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Greenwood considers home sizes

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City officials say Greenwood should have a standard for quality homes, but the city still legally allows homes to be built as if they were from the 1960s.

Officials are revisiting efforts to make new rules for minimum square footage and lot sizes in new subdivisions, an issue that seemed to drop silent more than a year ago.

At the time, a committee planned to update guidelines for determining home and yard sizes in new developments. Greenwood's current guide hasn't changed in decades.

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