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CALENDAR

JOHNSON COUNTY SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

Today Meetings
Overeaters Anonymous, 10 a.m., Concordia Lutheran Church, 305 Howard Road, Greenwood
Tara Men's Meeting, 7 p.m., Tara Treatment Center, 6231 U.S. 31 South, Franklin
A Program For You, 11 a.m., 50 N. Home Ave., Franklin
United We Stand Group, 8 p.m., 50 N. Home Ave., Franklin

Adoption Circle Support Group of Indiana, information and referrals for searches, reunions and court filings. Call 592-1998 for a recorded announcement of meeting times and locations or to leave your number.
Al-Anon Family Group, support group for relatives and friends of alcoholics, meets at 7 p.m. Sundays at Valle Vista Hospital, 898 E. Main St., Greenwood. Information: 357-9607
Alzheimer's Association support group meets at Franklin Library, 401 S. State St., at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Information: Carrie Schroeder at 736-6141
Alzheimer's disease support group for caregivers meets at 7 p.m. on the first Friday of each month at Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic Church, 335 S. Meridian St., in the lower level of Madonna Hall on the east side of the building.
Alzheimer's Support Group meets at Franklin Memorial Christian Church library, 1720 Graham Road, at 6:30 p.m. the final Monday of each month.
Anger Management Group and Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Insight, at Reach for Youth, is for youths ages 13 to 17 who have difficulty controlling anger. Series of weekly meetings teaches conflict-resolution skills and how to change thoughts, feelings and choices related to anger. Information: 738-5433
Association for Epilepsy Awareness meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Community Hospital South. Information: 355-5824
Bereavement Support Group meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month at Americare Hospice, 799 W. Jefferson St., Franklin. Information: 736-6005
Better Breathers Club, a support group for adults suffering from chronic lung disease, meets at 2 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month in the Johnson Memorial Hospital board room. The group is led by a respiratory therapist from the hospital. Information: Brenda Wilkerson at 736-3261
Cancer Support Group meets from 6 to 8 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month at St. Francis Home Health, 438 S. Emerson Ave., Greenwood. The group is led by a licensed therapist. Information: 257-1505
Cancer Support Group meets from 7 to 9 p.m. the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at Greenwood United Methodist Church, 525 N. Madison Ave., Greenwood. Information: 881-6826
Caregiver Support Group: The Southside Greenwood Family Support Group is a weekly support group for caregivers who have loved ones with cancer. The group is led by a licensed therapist. The family group meets from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays at St. Francis Hospital's Home

Health/Hospice Office at 438 S. Emerson Ave. Information: 865-2080
Compassionate Friends, a self-help, nondenominational organization for parents who have lost children. Meetings at 7:30 p.m. the first Tuesday and third Monday of each month at First Baptist Church, 99 W. Main St., Greenwood. Information: Penni Risner at 996-3209
Crisis Pregnancy Center of Johnson County offers free pregnancy testing, information on fetal development and abortion procedures, referrals to community and government resources, counseling, basic furnishings and spiritual support to those facing a crisis pregnancy. Information: 535-6396
Diabetes Support Group is for anyone with diabetes or who would like to learn more about the disease. The group meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at 1159 Building Cancer Center lobby in the Johnson Memorial Hospital complex. The group exchanges ideas and information on nutrition, exercise and more. Information: Susie Hooten, 738-9789
Diabetes Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. the third Sunday of each month in Classroom 2 at St. Francis Hospital Indianapolis. Anyone with diabetes and/or their significant other is welcome. Information: 782-6600
Divorce Care is a weekly support group for people separated or divorced that meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays. Information: Rick Davis at 736-8364
Divorce and grief support group meets each Monday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Greenwood Christian Church, 2045 Averitt Road. Child care is provided. Information: 881-9336
FEMALE is a nonprofit support organization for mothers who stay at home with their children or who have decreased their working hours to spend more time with their children. The chapter provides monthly meetings, Mom's night out and playgroups. Meetings are at the Southport Library the first Monday of each month from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Information: Carolyn Black at 881-7747
Fibromyalgia sufferers are invited to Others Understanding Chronic Hurting, a support group meeting at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 1640 W. Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood. Information: 535-9673
Fibromyalgia and Chronic Pain Support Group meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at St. Francis Hospital Beech Grove's Professional Building on the third floor. Reservations: 831-1177
Girls Inc. of Franklin is an after-school program open to any girl in Johnson County between the ages of 6 and 18. The center, at 200 E. Madison St., is open from 2:30 to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Information: Pam Jannings at 736-0043

Grief Share Recovery Support Group meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays at Mount Pleasant Christian Church's Ministry House West at Bluff Road and Bell Street in Greenwood. Information: (765) 342-1227
Healing Hearts is a support group for families and friends who have lost children. It meets at 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at Tabernacle Christian Church, 198 N. Water St. in Franklin. Information: Paula Ramey at 736-3211
Helpline at 926-4357 helps callers get assistance when they don't know who to contact, providing information about social service agencies. The free and confidential service assists callers with housing, parenting, transportation, education, health care, employment and more.
Johnson County Autism Support Group meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at SS. Francis and Clare Catholic Church, 5901 Olive Branch Road in Greenwood. Child care is provided. Information: 738-0919
Johnson Memorial Hospital Bereavement Support Group is offered to any adult who has lost a loved one. It meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the last Wednesday of each month at the hospital. Information: Paula Ramey at 736-3211
Legacy Cancer Support Group meets at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at Franklin Memorial Christian Church, 1720 N. Graham Road
Low-vision support group meets at 2 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Greenwood Village South, 295 Village Lane. Information: Jennifer Olsen, 466-1000, Ext. 2477, or www.east-elseascrossroads.org
Multiple sclerosis self-help group meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of every month at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1300 U.S. 31 South, Franklin. Information: Elaine Powers at 736-8709 or chapter office at (800) 344-4867
Muscular Dystrophy Association of Central Indiana provides a monthly support group for adults with neuromuscular diseases. The group meets the final Thursday of each month at Methodist Hospital and has both open discussion and guest speakers addressing topics related to disability and accessibility. Information: 824-4800
National Alliance for the Mentally III meets at 7 p.m. every second and fourth Thursday of the month at Adult and Child Mental Health Center, 8320 Madison Ave., Indianapolis, for those with mental illness and caregivers who have family members suffering from mental disorders. Information: 882-2401
National Osteoporosis Foundation Southside Support Group meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St. Information: 885-8255

Sunday Meetings
Acceptance Group, 7 p.m., Johnson County Park Office
JCCC 12 & 12, 1 p.m., Johnson County Community Corrections, 1071 Hospital Road, Franklin

Monday Meetings
Greenwood Rotary Club, noon, Jonathan Byrd's Cafeteria, Main Street and Interstate 65, Greenwood
Overeaters Anonymous, 5:45 p.m., Greenwood United Methodist Church, 525 N. Madison Ave. Information: 889-0272
Divorce and grief support groups, 7 p.m., Greenwood Christian Church, 2045 Averitt Road. Child care provided. Information: 881-9336
Tri Kappa, 7 p.m., Arvin Room at Franklin Cultural Arts Center, 396 Branigan Blvd.

Al-Anon, 8 p.m., first-floor conference room, Community Hospital South, 1402 E. County Line Road South, Indianapolis. Information: 357-9607
Tara Group, 8 p.m., Ann's Restaurant, 77 W. Monroe St., Franklin

Tuesday Meetings
Professional Referral Exchange of Indy South, 7 a.m., German-American Klub, 8602 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis. Information: 902-6538
Franklin Rotary Club, noon, Franklin College campus center
Greenwood Kiwanis Club, 6 p.m., Jonathan Byrd's Cafeteria, Main Street and Interstate 65, Greenwood
Trafalgar Weight Watchers, 6:30 to 7 p.m., Trafalgar Christian Church (next to elementary school). Information: 878-5161
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6 p.m. weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting, Morgantown Fire Station, 269 N. Highland St. Information: (812) 597-1535
Parent Support Network of Johnson County, 6 p.m., White River Library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. Presenter: Johnson County Sheriff's Office; topic: methamphetamine. Information: 736-7840
Compulsive Eaters Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., Christ United Methodist Church Room 12, 8540 U.S. 31 South, Indianapolis. Information: 736-6234
Diabetes support group, 7 p.m., physical therapy room at Johnson Memorial Hospital Cancer Center, 1125 W. Jefferson St., Franklin
Emotions Anonymous, 7 p.m., Pebble Creek Community Center, 225 Pebble Creek Drive, Greenwood. Information: 859-9569
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 7 p.m., Smith Valley Baptist Church, 4682 W. Smith Valley Road, Greenwood. Information: 535-7468
Nineveh Group, 8 p.m., Johnson County Park Office
Serenity Group, 8 p.m., Johnson County Community Corrections, 1071 Hospital Road, Franklin
Chordlighters Barbershop Chorus, 7:30 p.m., practice, Grace United Methodist Church, 1300 E. Adams St., Franklin. Information: 888-6709

Wednesday Meetings
White River Rotary Club, 6:30 a.m., Pipers Cafe, 172 Melody Ave., Greenwood, off State Road 135
Christian Businessmen's Committee of Greater Greenwood, 7 a.m., Denny's restaurant, Main Street and Interstate 65, Greenwood
Business and Professional Exchange, 8 to 10 a.m. Greenwood City Building lower level, 2 N. Madison Ave., Greenwood. Information: Ron Mote, 735-2010
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 9:30 a.m., Abundant Grace Lutheran Church, 2425 S. Emerson Ave., Greenwood. Information: 780-1324
Bargersville Area Senior Citizens, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 14 W. Old South St. Potluck lunch, cards; 6 to 9 p.m. music
Overeaters Anonymous, 5:30 p.m., Greenwood United Methodist Church, 525 N. Madison Ave., Greenwood. Information: 870-9171
Order of Easter Star Chapter 439, 7:30 p.m., Franklin Masonic Lodge, 801 S. Main St.
South Central Indiana Corvette Club, 7 p.m., Reeves Buick and Pontiac, 1250 U.S. 31 South, Greenwood. Information: 422-5445
Women of the Lakes Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 p.m., Tara Treatment Center, 357 E. Lakeview Drive, Nineveh
Wednesday Night Group, 8 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 100 E. Madison St., Franklin
Thursday Meetings
Women's Big Book Meeting, noon, 50 N. Home Ave., Franklin
50 Plus of Greater Whiteland, 1 to 3 p.m., New Whiteland Town Hall, 401 Mooreland Drive, euchre
50-Plus of Greater Whiteland, 6 p.m., New Whiteland Town Hall, 401 Mooreland Drive, pitch-in, entertainment
Woodmen Club, 6 p.m., Calvary Lutheran Church, Shelby Street, Greenwood. Information: 888-6146
Edinburgh Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., Lions Club building, South Walnut Street
Sertoma Club of Greenwood, 6:45 p.m., Southern Dunes clubhouse, State Road 37 and Wicker Road
Family Alcohol and Drug Education, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Tara Treatment Center, 6231 U.S. 31 South, Franklin. Free
Greenwood Community Band, 7 p.m., Greenwood Community High School band room
Atterbury 12-Step Group, 8 p.m., building behind Johnson County Park Office

Man wants wife's animals put out to pasture

ASTROGRAPH

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I recently moved into our first house after five years of apartment living. We love our new home and have just unpacked the last box and settled in.



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

There has been a bone of contention in our otherwise happy living situation. I have 15 to 20 small- to medium-sized stuffed animals that I enjoy having around.

My husband insists they not be visible at all in our home. He says it looks like I haven't grown up and am living in the past. He's embarrassed to have any visitors see them.

I don't want to display these toys in the living room. They are upstairs in my personal space. Your opinion, please.

UPSET IN SAN ANTONIO DEAR UPSET: A compromise is in order. Corral the animals and keep them in a display cabinet in your personal space.

That way your husband won't be crowded by dust-catchers, and you can have your sentimental keepsakes close by.

It would be interesting to know how you came by all those stuffed animals. If they were gifts from your husband, he has no right to complain. If they were gifts from old boyfriends, however, he may have a valid point.

DEAR ABBY: I am an avid reader, a true book lover.

Sometimes I like to share my favorite books with friends. Right now, I have loaned out about 20

books to various people. I am sure I placed a name and address in each one to be sure I would get it back.

It has been almost two years and the books have not been returned.

When you loan someone a book, it's because you really enjoyed it. You may want to read it again or pass it on to others. I don't know how people can be so neglectful about returning things that don't belong to them.

If you print this, it may jog the memories of the guilty people who have borrowed items and don't think they have to return them.

I'm sure others feel as I do, that if you lend something out, it does not give the person the right to keep it indefinitely.

BOOK LOVER IN PENNSYLVANIA DEAR BOOK LOVER: I'm

printing your letter, but please don't count on the guilty repenting of their sins of omission.

In the future, I recommend that you keep a list of the books you loan out, the dates they were loaned and the names of the borrowers.

That way you can call and ask to have your property returned. I'm sad to say that many people simply do not respect the property of others the way they do their own.

DEAR ABBY: How does one respectfully decline being included in a will that a parent holds over you?

I would like not to be included, but I would also like to come across as sincere and respectful without causing more animosity.

WANTS TO OPT OUT IN COLORADO

DEAR WANTS TO OPT OUT: Write your mother a love letter. List the good things she has done for you in your life and your gratitude for the lessons she has taught you.

At the end, write: "You have mentioned many times the fact that you have included me in your will. However, because you have already given me so much, I respectfully ask that you leave your estate to other family and friends who need it."

To write to Dear Abby, send your letter to: Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Your birthday:

Saturday, March 18, 2006

You might be exposed to some of life's bigger competitive developments in the year ahead, but you'll handle them masterfully. Others will see you as an intelligent competitor, and they will end up admiring your enterprise.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Before making any promises to others today, be sure you're capable of delivering what you say you can. You won't look good if things go wrong and you can't come through for them. Know where to look for romance, and you'll find it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Assistance from others upon which you have been counting isn't apt to come through for you today, due to unforeseen circumstances. Whatever you had planned will have to be done alone.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Getting all of the family to pull together for the purpose of accomplishing a project could be far more difficult than you anticipate. Everyone seems to have his/her own plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

It's not unusual for you to enjoy conversing with everyone within earshot, but today this could interfere with your productive desires. If you're too distracted, you'll not get anything done.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Be extremely selective of the types of people you choose to run around with. If you decide to be with a lot of free spenders, be prepared to blow far more money than you should.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Although you may not intend it, you

could come off being a trifle too dictatorial with others. You may falsely think you're being impressive, but sadly you'll be anything but.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Associates will have a difficult time attempting to live up to your standards and expectations today. Unfortunately, you could have a tendency to lead by demands, not examples.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Strive to be totally open about your intentions and methods of doing things when managing the resources of others. If you are not, you could easily be misunderstood.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

You tend to be a sharing and giving person under most circumstances, but today, for reasons known only to you, your focus may be more on yourself. Others could find you too self-serving.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

Failing to yield to your better judgment will make you your own worst enemy today. What you do to yourself will be far worse than anything the world might throw at you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Don't get angry at your friends if you decide to do what the group has planned and then end up spending far more than you can afford. It's up to you to know when to call it quits.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

Even though you may be passionate about your goals and how you plan to achieve them, it would be far better if you keep it to yourself. Someone could trip you up, especially if you tip your hand.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS
1 Stir-fry pan
4 Club stint
7 Like linoleum
11 Bachelor's last words (2 wds.)
12 Machu Picchu founder
13 Used thriftily
14 Quip
15 Picture holder
16 Sardine holders
17 Checks for typos
19 Numbers game
21 Dance-drama of Japan
22 Pinto, e.g.
23 Portrayer
26 Platform
28 "The Raven" poet
29 Baving
31 Stalemates
35 Jungle knife
37 Medieval strings
39 Before
40 marriage
42 Competes
43 Russian export
44 Frosh, usually
46 Evergreen
47 Cautions
49 At bargain prices (2 wds.)
53 Nasty remarks
54 Chills and fever
56 To date
57 La femme
58 Bankroll
59 Rapper Tone
60 Vamoose
61 UK country
62 Embers, finally
DOWN
1 Cream puff, slangily
2 Bloodhound's clue
3 Geisha's zither
4 Grind, as teeth
5 Here, to Pierre
6 Nerve
7 Most rainy
8 Watchdog breed
9 Rare gas
10 Fabric meas.
12 Let know
18 The Plastic Band
20 Kimono fastener
23 Police alert
24 Dove's cry
25 Util. bill
26 ex machina
27 Insect
30 Land in "la mer"
32 Gary's st.
33 Yikes!
34 Dolphin habitat
36 Supervise
38 Made level
41 Posada
43 Cries of pain
44 Diagonal pattern
45 Raptor
46 Unfledged
48 Harmless
50 Auel heroine
51 Tolstoy et al.
52 Engrave
53 Rock's Leppard
55 Firearm

Answer to Previous Puzzle
BRED NOG DICE
MOLE IRA EGAD
WISP COB JOTS
LEACH BEARS
RAE INV
MEATY REVUES
OWLS POSY DNA
BOD TAUT ANIL
KARATE FLAPS
ORRYAM
CACTI ERASE
MAYO LAM NODE
OPEC ERE ALAS
PESO YIN COMA

DILBERT

WALLY, DO YOU EVER WONDER ABOUT YOUR PURPOSE IN LIFE?
MY PURPOSE IS TO TRANSPORT HUGE QUANTITIES OF COFFEE FROM THE COFFEE MAKER TO A URINAL.

SUDDENLY I AM FILLED WITH DESPAIR.
HEY, WHILE YOU'RE UP...

GRAND AVENUE

Define the following shape: parallelogram
A telegram delivered by a paralegal.

Define the following shape: octagon
A dead octopus.

I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY THERE'S NOT A M.L.T. SCHOLARSHIP IN MY FUTURE.

ARLO & JANIS

IS THIS THAT JOBANE THING?

IT'S "MARCH MADNESS"

PICKY, PICKY, PICKY