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Greenwood man 'wanted to help every kid'

Franklin College graduate was devoted to making a difference in the lives of county's youth

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P.D. Adamson devoted his life to being a parent-figure for youth throughout the county.

Friends and family fondly remember how the Greenwood man's love for children stood out in everything he did: his more than 30 years as a county school teacher and principal, running the Boys Club in Franklin and being an advocate for the construction of a community center in Greenwood.

Paul David "P.D." Adamson, 68, died Saturday after battling cancer for nearly two years.

His family and friends recall a sense of humor and devotion to



ADAMSON

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Arnold Parkhurst
Bargersville resident
on the positive effect
P.D. Adamson had on his life

educating and mentoring the county's youth.

"He saved a lot of kids from getting into trouble, and I was one of them," said 62-year-old Arnold Parkhurst of Bargersville. "I hope that somewhere in my life I can be as necessary to someone's well-being as he was to mine."

The two met in 1958, when Parkhurst was 15.

While still enrolled at Franklin College, Adamson became director of the Franklin Boys Club in 1957. The country was recovering from recession at the time, and

area youth needed a place they could go to stay out of trouble, Parkhurst said.

Boys would walk to the club from northern parts of Franklin, sometimes in knee-deep snow and without boots or gloves, to stand outside the youth center until it opened, he said.

"That was our boys club; it was a haven against everything bad," Parkhurst said. "He was the reason. When we needed an uncle or coach, P.D. was there."

Parkhurst recalled how Adamson never told him what to do but

asked him to do something.

"It worked," he said. "He had a gift with kids. You never wanted to disappoint him."

Parkhurst recalled stories of how Adamson would discipline misbehaving children.

Instead of grounding, paddling or yelling at them, Adamson would take away their membership card and make them stand outside in the cold, Parkhurst said.

They quickly learned their lesson, and Adamson would let them back in, he said.

"I heard a story once that he felt as much their parent as parents were," Greenwood Parks and Recreation Director Evan Springer said. "Kids felt the most valuable thing they owned was their membership card to the club."

After he graduated from Franklin College with a degree in elementary education, Adamson started teaching at South Side Elemen-

tary School in Franklin. He left the Boys Club for an elementary school position in Columbus, Ohio, but he returned to Franklin in 1963.

After two years working for the Indiana Department of Education, he returned to teaching in Greenwood.

During the next three decades, Adamson taught, served on the school board and eventually retired as principal from Northeast Elementary School in 1992.

"He wanted to help every kid and wanted you to reach out to them even outside the classroom," said Patti Allen Puckett, who started teaching under Adamson's leadership in 1973.

She remembers seeing Adamson in the classrooms, sitting and talking with students and listening to their stories. He knew them all by name and would sit and listen to stories, Allen Puckett said.

"He's always been the selfless

one, thinking about someone else's feelings or needs more than his own immediate needs," said his wife, Judy.

His legacy stretched beyond the classroom to his efforts to make sure youth had a place to go play, interact with other children and stay out of trouble.

Adamson got involved in an effort to build a community center in Greenwood, serving as chairman of the center's building committee. The center was constructed in 1991, Springer said.

"He was a strong advocate and knew how valuable this would be through his activities in Franklin," Springer said. "His legacy is making sure that these youth have a place to go."

A memorial service will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Center Grove Presbyterian Church, 2340 S. State Road 135 in Greenwood.

Two men arrested on arson charges

Daily Journal staff report

Two men who police said set fire to a friend's car while at her house for a party were arrested Friday.

John Luther Jobe of Whiteland and John Joseph Eugene Patchon of Greenwood were charged with arson.

Someone used cigarettes and a lighter to start fires on the passenger side door and back seat of a friend's car while at a Dec. 11 party at her Greenwood home.

Police interviewed a teenage female witness who told them she sat with Jobe, 18, and Patchon, 19, in the car while they all smoked cigarettes. Jobe and Patchon had been drinking, she said.

Patchon, 307 Winterset Way, started burning the inside of the passenger's side door with a cigarette, while the witness told police.

Jobe, 111 Crossroads Drive, then lit the backseat on fire with a lighter, and all three ran from the car, she said.

Patchon and Jobe were both released from Johnson County jail on \$6,000 bond.

GREENWOOD

Officers: Smoke, seeds, stems lead to pot arrests

Smoke poured out of a vehicle stopped by police early Saturday morning, and bottles with seeds,

CRIME BRIEFS

stems and burned marijuana stuck to the inside were found lying on the floor.

Police arrested three men who had about \$300 worth of marijuana in the car, which police said was regularly used for smoking. Officers found a bag containing about 92 grams of marijuana in one of the men's pockets in the stop after 5 a.m., according to the police report.

Three men were arrested for charges including underage drinking and possession of marijuana.

Steven Christopher Fobes, 19, 3985 Jason Ave., Franklin, and Nathan C. Bishop, 19, 4911 Welton St., Greenwood, were arrested on charges of possession, consumption or transportation of alcohol by a minor and possession of paraphernalia.

Bishop was released from the Johnson County jail on \$2,000 bond.

Fobes also was charged with possession of marijuana. He was released from jail on \$5,000.

John M. Wiles, 18, 5087 Old Smith Valley Road, Greenwood, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana. He was released on \$1,000 bond.

ON THE RECORD

Police/fire

Franklin Burglaries

- 1100 block of Hospital Road: While checking on a residence while the owners were on vacation, an officer reported at 7:56 p.m. Sunday that someone broke into the residence and took several items including guns.

- First block of East Adams Street: A woman reported at 10:27 p.m. Sunday that someone entered her home through a window and took two safes containing prescription medications, jewelry and miscellaneous papers.

Thefts

- Wal-Mart Supercenter, 2125 N. Morton St.: A security officer reported at 11:26 p.m. Sunday that a man set off the security alarm system as he left the store. When confronted, he admitted to taking four boxes of fishing line, totaling \$80.60. He was arrested on a charge of theft and taken to the Johnson County jail.

- Shell, 2120 E. King St.: An employee reported at 1:39 a.m. Monday that someone pumped \$27 in gas and left without paying.

Personal-injury accident

- 8 p.m. Sunday — U.S. 31 and Hospital Road: May E. Bell, 40, Franklin; Stewart R. Steffey, 17, Franklin; Bell complained of internal chest pain; Steffey complained of internal neck pain.

Property-damage accidents

- 12:10 p.m. Sunday — 114 Lancelot Drive
- 4:10 p.m. Saturday — Ina Circle and Fleetwood Lane
- 1:09 p.m. Saturday — U.S. 31 and Westview Drive
- 6:20 p.m. Friday — 1252 Yellowstone Court
- 2:13 p.m. Friday — Nextel parking lot and Main Street

Greenwood Thefts

- 900 block of Coventry Court: A woman reported at 11:36 a.m. Sunday that someone broke into her vehicle and took a set of golf clubs.

- 800 block of Kings Mill Road: A man reported at 2:41 p.m. Sunday that someone entered his unlocked vehicle and took several items totaling \$5,000.

- 900 block of London Lane: A woman reported at 7:11 p.m. Sunday that someone entered her unlocked vehicle and took a playpen, approximately 20 CDs and a skateboard.

- 1100 block of North Madison Avenue: A man reported that someone stole four wheels and tires from his Camaro Z28 while it was parked in a parking lot.

- 50 block of Crestview Drive: A man reported that someone entered his home and stole several items including \$3,600 in cash, two guns and some jewelry.

- Andrews Jewelers, 1251 U.S. 31 North: A woman reported that she took a gold ring valued at \$300 to Andrews's Jewelers in Greenwood Park Mall to have it sized. She began talking and forgot to get her ring back. When she returned to the store, employees told her they knew nothing about the ring.

- Greenwood Park Mall, 1251 U.S. 31 North: A man reported that he parked his truck outside Dick's Sporting Goods and returned to find the driver's side window broken. His radar detector was reported stolen.

- Kohl's, 550 Fry Road: A woman reported that someone stole a CD player from her vehicle.

- 30 block of East Main Street: A woman reported she returned to her apartment to find a bedroom window broken and several of her possessions outside in the yard in front of the window. The woman reported her son's Nintendo Game Cube was missing.

Shoplifting

- Von Maur, 1251 U.S. 31 North: A loss-prevention officer reported that someone stole a crystal vase valued at \$149.

Fraud

- 1200 block of Carson Way: A man reported that someone removed \$580 from his online bank account.

- 7600 block of Stones River Drive, Indianapolis: A man reported that he noticed several unauthorized charges on his debit card, which he had misplaced. He reported the incident to the manager at Gas America on East Stop 11 Road, where he most recently used the card. The manager reviewed surveillance tapes which showed a clerk ring up the man's sale and then put the card in his pocket.

Criminal mischief

- Rhino Linings, 491 W. Main St.: The owner reported at 12:02 p.m. Sunday that someone threw a landscape block through a front window of the store.

- 600 block of Park Drive: An employee of CC&T Construction Co. reported that a man drove through freshly poured concrete, causing about \$2,000 worth of damage, and shouted obscenities.

- 1000 block Lovers Lane: Two residents reported that doors on their houses were shot with BB guns.

Personal-injury accident

- 5:50 p.m. Friday — 1664 W. Smith Valley Road: Viswanthan Nair, 64, Bargersville; Margaret McClure, 83, Trafalgar; a passenger in McClure's vehicle suffered a head abrasion.

Property-damage accidents

- 7:01 p.m. Sunday — Worthsville Road and County Road 75W
- 6:02 p.m. Sunday — State Road 135 and Fairview Road
- 12:53 p.m. Sunday — State Road 135 and Fry Road
- 11:46 a.m. Sunday — Madison Avenue and Fry Road
- 9:22 a.m. Saturday — State Road 135 and Main Street
- 7:16 p.m. Friday — Winterwood and Snow Flake drives
- 5:55 p.m. Friday — 1664 West Smith Valley Road

Johnson County Property-damage accident

- 6:20 a.m. Monday — U.S. 31 and County Road 150S

Jail bookings

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

- Connie Michelle King, 27, P.O. Box 42, Fountaintown: arrested on a charge of failure to appear in court; held without bond.

- Joseph Leland Elkins, 52, 1049 Ina Circle, Franklin: arrested on charges of public intoxication and damage to real estate or personal property; held on \$2,000 bond.

- Christopher O. McCullough, 41, 5213 Mount Pleasant South Drive, Greenwood: arrested on a charge of battery; held on \$1,000 bond.

- Brandon W. Lapiere, 19, 2384 Blossom Drive, Greenwood: arrested on a charge of leaving the scene of a property-damage accident; released on \$2,000 bond.

- Deldrake Antonio Ealy, 34, 304 W. Centercross St., Apt. 3, Edinburgh: arrested on a charge of battery; released on \$2,000 bond.

- Jordan M. Mackenzie, 19, 4640 Waters Edge Way, Greenwood: arrested

on charges of resisting an officer and reckless driving; released on \$4,000 bond.

- William Sherman Goodman, 21, 108 S. Carlisle St., Bargersville: arrested on a charge of theft; held on \$3,000 bond.

- Rhonda Jo Martin, 40, 641 Lawndale Drive, Greenwood: arrested on a charge of domestic battery; released on \$1,000 bond.

- Robert Cecil Spivey, 70, 6565 Madison Ave., Indianapolis: arrested on a charge of driving while suspended with a prior conviction; held on \$1,000 bond.

- William Brandon Drake, 20, 686 E. Stop 18 Road, Greenwood: arrested on a charge of contempt; released on \$407 bond.

- Shawn W. Seip, 32, 214 W. Walnut St., North Vernon: arrested on a charge of driving while suspended with a prior conviction; released on \$1,000 bond.

- Larry A. Lee, 40, 1422 Lochry Road, Franklin: arrested on a charge of failure to appear in court; released on \$250 bond.

- John Paul Hayes, 29, 691 Randall Court, Bargersville: arrested on a charge of domestic battery; released on \$1,000 bond.

The following person recently was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated and booked into jail:

- Robert Ryan Baker, 23, 1924 Barbic Court, Franklin: also arrested on a charge of damage to real estate or personal property; held on \$2,000 bond.

Births

Johnson Memorial Hospital

Christy and Chuck Thomas, girl born Jan. 8.

Sarah Berry, Greenwood, boy born Jan. 7.

Child burned in Edinburgh blaze

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A child was burned in a garage fire in Edinburgh on Sunday night.

The fire burned down the garage at 301 N. Kyle St. but did not reach any nearby homes, said Edinburgh Fire Chief Allen Smith.

The boy, whose name was not released, was released after treatment for burns on his back and legs at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Franklin, he said.

Smith was unsure whether the

child was 9 or 10 years old.

Investigators plan to question the people living in the home, Stoney and Donna Sears, and their children about who was in the garage when the fire started. The cause of the fire is suspicious, Smith said.

The Sears family rents the home, which is owned by Tim Johnson.

Donna Sears reported the fire at 6:09 p.m. Firefighters spent about 10 minutes putting the blaze out.

The garage was not connected to the home, and no other injuries were reported, Smith said.

BRIEFS

LOCAL

FRANKLIN

County's Democratic women to meet today

Johnson County Democrat Women's Club will meet at 7 tonight at Christina House, 1435 Christian Blvd. in Franklin. Information: 736-7845

INDIANAPOLIS

Celebrate ice skating month at local rink

January is National Skating Month designated by the U.S. Figure Skating Association.

Sycamore Ice Skating Club and Perry Park Ice Rink will host a community day from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday at 451 E. Stop 11 Road.

There will be a brief lesson for all participants, instruction of proper fitting of skates, a Zamboni demonstration, skating exhibition and some time for free skating. Door prizes will also be awarded.

The event is free to the community.

For information, call Barb at 888-6047 or Karen at 372-7176.

FRANKLIN

Veterans to be on hand for free museum exhibit

Johnson County Museum of History will host a free Army exhibit through Jan. 21.

The 600-foot display, "12 Days of Christmas with the U.S. Army in Europe" includes text, photos, models, maps, videos and memorabilia from World War II. The display was developed by Whiteland resident Hugh Ross and is being presented with Chris Schneider, an

Army veteran and historian for Chapter 47 Central Indiana Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge.

Local Battle of the Bulge veterans will gather at the museum to display memorabilia and share stories from World War II during Meet the Vets Day on Saturday.

The exhibit is located on the lower level of the museum at 135 N. Main St. in Franklin. The museum will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays and from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Jan. 21. Information: 736-4655



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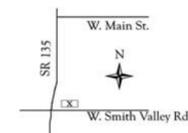
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