

# COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

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## CALENDAR

### JOHNSON COUNTY SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

#### Today Event

**Winners Circle Men's Breakfast**, 8 to 9:30 a.m., Piper's Café, 172 Melody Ave. in Greenwood, off State Road 135. Cost: \$8. Reservations: 535-5973

#### 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

#### Sunday

#### Meetings

**Acceptance Group**, 7 p.m., Johnson County Park Office, Franklin

**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

**Al-Anon**, 8 p.m., Community Hospital South, first-floor conference room, 1402 E. County Line Road, 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

**Compulsive Eaters Anonymous**, 6:30 p.m., Christ United Methodist Church Room 12, 8540 U.S. 31 South, Indianapolis. Information: 736-6234

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)**, 7 p.m., Smith Valley Baptist Church. 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 Café, 172 Melody Ave. in 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: 735-2010

**Discover Downtown Franklin**, 8 a.m., Don and Dona's Restaurant, Franklin

**Columbus Star Quilters**, 9:30 a.m., Masonic Temple at Rocky Ford and Taylor roads, Columbus. Information: (812) 375-1127

**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

**National Association of Retired and Active Federal Employees**, 11:30 a.m., Hillview Country Club, Franklin. Information: 422-9651

**Johnson County Republicans**, 11:30 a.m., Don and Dona's Restaurant, Franklin

**Parkinson's Disease Support Group**, 1:15 to 2:15 p.m., Franklin Senior Citizen Center, 160 E. Adams St., Franklin. Information: 736-7523 or 736-0193

**Overeaters Anonymous**, 5:30 p.m., Greenwood United Methodist Church, 525 N. Madison Ave., Greenwood. Information: 870-9171

**Order of the Eastern Star Chapter 439**, 7:30 p.m., Franklin Masonic Lodge, 801 S. Main St.

**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, euhre

**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

**Multiple sclerosis self-help group**, 7 p.m., Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1300 U.S. 31 South, Franklin. Information: 736-8709

**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

• **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.easterseascrossroads.org](http://www.easterseascrossroads.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 Ill** 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 except December, January and February at Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St. Information: 885-8255

## Day-care abuse leaves women's friendship ruined ASTROGRAPH

**DEAR ABBY:** My 3-year-old son has been attending a day-care center that is run by my best friend, "Annika." While Annika was out of town attending a funeral, one of her staff members kicked my son in the head because he was "in her way." When I questioned the teacher, she smirked at it and didn't deny it.

I wanted the matter addressed immediately. I called our state licensing division to have the matter investigated. The following week, when Annika returned, she advised me that child care for my son would be terminated in two days. The teacher received a simple write-up.

Annika said I didn't give her the chance to correct the problem with the teacher before calling the state. I am livid that she took it personally when I tried to protect my child. I didn't do it to get her in trouble.

Annika was to be my maid of honor next September, and the thought of it makes me ill. I have no desire to see my former best friend, and she lives across the street from me. This all happened last week. Should I give it time, or stand my ground? Am I overreacting about this or should I reconcile? My decision will be based on your reply.

— OVERWHELMED IN TEXAS

**DEAR OVERWHELMED:** Your call to the state licensing board was premature. Although I understand your outrage as a protective parent, everyone might be



'Dear Abby' by Pauline Phillips and Jeanne Phillips

better served had you withdrawn your child from the day-care center until Annika returned and not jumped the gun. Frankly, you are lucky to have your son out of there. The teacher, who appears poorly suited for her job, should have been dismissed instead of reprimanded.

Only you can decide whether or not to reconcile with your best friend. Because Annika lives across the street, I see no point in trying to avoid her. However, you both might be happier if you asked someone else to be your maid of honor.

**DEAR ABBY:** Seven years ago, I became close friends with "Anthony" and his wife, "Erika." Erika died unexpectedly, leaving behind her husband and two children, "Heidi" and "Dustin." Heidi and I became close, and she began looking up to me as a mother figure.

Seven months ago, Heidi found

out she was pregnant. She is still in school. The baby's father left her. She asked me to be with her when the baby is born.

A few months ago, Anthony started seeing someone. His girlfriend is jealous of my friendship with him and that his daughter looks up to me. Heidi and the girlfriend don't really get along. Heidi asked me again if I would go with her when she goes into labor and I told her yes.

Should I honor Heidi's wishes and be there with her, or should I stay away until after the baby is born? I don't want to hurt anyone.

— FRIEND IN OHIO

**DEAR FRIEND:** Of course you should honor Heidi's wishes and be there for her. She is probably nervous and frightened about the delivery, and you would be a comfort to her. If the girlfriend doesn't like it, that will be her problem. Please don't make it yours.

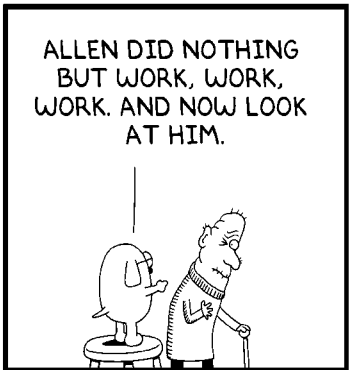
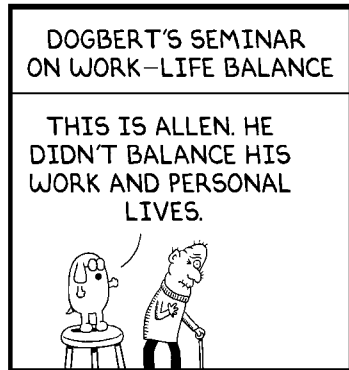
**DEAR ABBY:** If I go to a buffet restaurant, how much of a tip should I leave at the table? I want to do it right. My friends have told me that because this is a kind of "self-serve" restaurant, we can leave whatever amount we like.

— CONFUSED IN WESTMINSTER, CALIF.

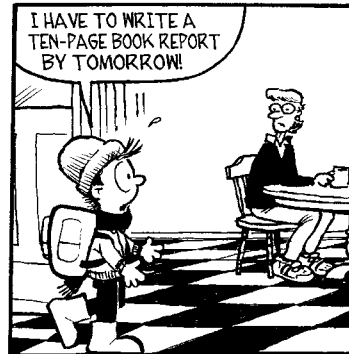
**DEAR CONFUSED:** If you want to do it right, leave 10 percent.

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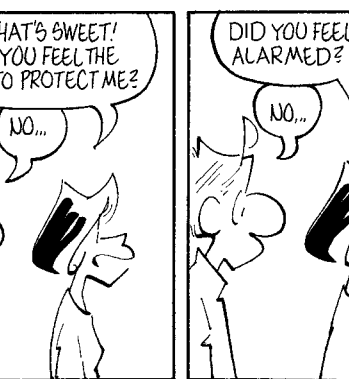
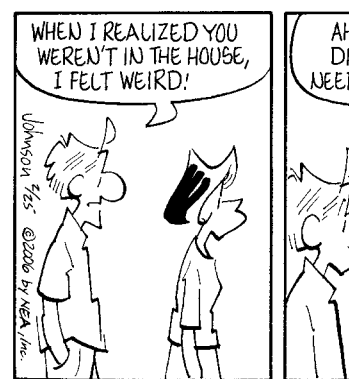
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#### ARLO & JANIS



#### Your birthday:

##### Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006

Destiny might call upon you in the year ahead to play a leading role in an important enterprise. Don't let shyness or lack of confidence stop you; once you get on a roll, your most outstanding qualities will come to the fore.

##### PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)

Put that imagination of yours to rest today if it begins to create complications for you where none need exist. To combat its control over you, think ahead and plan all your moves wisely.

##### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You'd be smart to beg off from a social involvement today where you know you could run into someone you dislike. Don't let others spoil what should be a fun day for you.

##### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Although you might be quick and energetic as you start the day, you could quickly tire if you don't pace yourself properly. Much that could be accomplished might not be.

##### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

There's a chance that your self-confidence could be very low today. Thus, it might take nothing short of a challenge to get you to be the assertive and commanding person you are.

##### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Someone you know from experience who isn't apt to repay loans may feel you out again today for a handout. You can be of help, if you wish, by offering assistance in other ways.

##### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Valued relationships must be dealt

with in a tolerant and understanding manner today. Unless you're consciously sensitive to their needs, you're likely to be sharp and may evoke their ill will.

##### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Do not leave to the last minute today what you consider to be an important task to complete. You are not likely to perform at your highest level of competency should you feel pressured.

##### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

You'll feel far more at ease in social situations today where you can relax and let your hair down a bit, rather than being at stuffed-shirt gatherings where you must adhere to protocol.

##### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

The sanctuary and peace of mind you're seeking today can be found right in your own home environment. Leave the pressures of the outside world at your doorstep where they belong.

##### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)

It is imperative today that you keep an open mind in all situations and with all people. Harboring preconceived ideas or making impulsive judgments would be to your own detriment.

##### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Rather than let old obligations prey upon your mind today, do everything within your power to take positive measures to clear them up once and for all. Be a victor, not a victim.

##### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)

Your associates or friends might not be as enterprising and adventurous as you are today, but you must not let their lack of enthusiasm halt your momentum. Press on without them if you must.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

#### ACROSS

- 1 Credit —
- 5 Vain dudes
- 9 Kind of agent
- 12 Zone
- 13 Indigo plant
- 14 Stately tree
- 15 Bellyache
- 16 Tiberius' garb
- 17 Collect maple sap
- 18 High waistline
- 20 Bygone rulers
- 22 Sec'y
- 23 Amigo of Fidel
- 24 Word of welcome
- 27 Trim back
- 31 Pasture grazer
- 34 Lemony
- 35 Rapper Moe Dee —
- 36 Bowls over
- 38 Rubaiyat author
- 40 Shopper's find
- 41 Tjuna

#### dollar

- 42 Leave, slangily
- 44 Summer cooler
- 46 Catalog
- 49 In a good mood
- 52 — but goodies
- 54 Fleecy animal
- 55 "Instead of" word
- 58 While away
- 59 Annoy
- 60 Heidi's mountains
- 61 Jazzy Fitzgerald
- 62 Blended whiskey
- 63 Organized
- 64 Take it easy

#### DOWN

- 1 Showed up
- 2 Fragrance
- 3 Picks pears
- 4 Coffee go-with
- 5 Kismet
- 6 Mrs. Lennon

#### Answer to Previous Puzzle



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