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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Hidden progress

Workers are moving dirt south of the intersection of Stones Crossing and State Road 135, but don't look for a new business or subdivision there.

A new sewer line is going into the spot and will run from Bargersville to the intersection, said Joe Rathz, county planning department engineering assistant.

The project will connect businesses south of the nearby Marsh Supermarket to sewer access from Bargersville utilities, but it doesn't mean much for motorists who are looking for a new place to shop or visit, Rathz said.

And don't worry about your daily commute, either.

Workers won't be cutting either road open to install the line because tearing up State Road 135 and Stones Crossing Road would cause too many traffic problems and damage the roads, he said.

Literary face-lift

Some growing pains are in store for customers of a discount bookstore in Greenwood.

The Half Price Books at 844 U.S. 31 North, across from Greenwood Park Mall, is adding new lighting, flooring and carpeting. The store also is expanding its children's and clearance books selections.

The changes, which should be completed by March 16, will make the store look like other Half Price Books stores around the country, manager Pam Kirby said.

Half Price still is open during the remodeling, though the front door sometimes is blocked. Visitors can use the side door to the shop, which is near Uncle Bill's Pet Center.

Half Price Books will be closed from March 13 to 15 to prepare for its reopening on March 16, which will kick off with a 20 percent-off sale, Kirby said.

The store has been in its location for 15 years.

Store hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Sunday.

Information: 889-1076.

Pooling resources

In time for spring, a new spot for pools, spas and underwater supplies is coming to the Center Grove area.

Underwater Unlimited will open in April in the Sugar Grove Shoppes along Smith Valley Road near Morgantown Road. The new store will occupy the spot of a former animal hospital.

Dave and Mary Sue Meizer are opening the store April 1. The new business will be an extension of the pool-servicing business they have owned for 31 years.

Inventory will include pools and spas, cleaning chemicals and supplies, and possibly clothing and jewelry by the fall.

Hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, but times may be adjusted as seasons change.

Information: 882-0548.

Conferences planned for farm women

Daily Journal staff report

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COMMUNITY READ



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Indiana State Museum's Legacy Theater acting group members, from left, Bryan Gilbert, RoShaunda Harden, Stephanie Butler and Ben Ayres perform a theatrical reading of a selection from the book "The Secret Life of Bees" at Indian Creek High School on Friday as part of the Johnson County Public Library's One Book/One Community Read.

Paper bears will help girl afford transplant

Daily Journal staff report

A Center Grove student has joined the fight to help a White-land girl get a new liver.

Olivia Basham, 16, already babysits after school and manages the wrestling team in addition to doing her homework.

But when she heard the story of Rebecca Lanham, a 7-year-old who needs a liver transplant, she decided to take on a new responsibility.

Less than 24 hours after learning about Lanham's illness and her family's quest to raise \$60,000 for a transplant surgery, Basham decided to help.

Basham got permission at school to launch a fund-raiser she calls "Beary Best Wishes Becca."

Next week, Basham and friends from Key Club will give paper teddy bears in exchange for donations during study hall at Center Grove High School.

She hopes students who donate to the cause will also take a moment to write a wish for Becca on a paper teddy bear, Basham said.

Basham will then place all the wishes in a scrapbook she made for Lanham.

"You can't help everyone," Basham said. "But Becca was one person I thought I could do something for."

GREENWOOD

Council may prohibit parking in some areas

Where you're allowed to park your car in Greenwood could change.

Greenwood City Council members are considering prohibiting residents from parking on public

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sidewalks, trails and between sidewalks and the street.

Currently, the city has no way of keeping people from parking in these areas, Mayor Charles Henderson said.

Henderson proposed the idea after he learned that residents were tearing up grass by parking between sidewalks and curbs. Sidewalks and trails also aren't built to support the weight of vehicles.

The city is investing money in new streets, sidewalks and grass in areas such as the Northern Park subdivision, which is south of County Line Road and east of State Road 135, and it doesn't make sense to have these areas torn up, he said.

The proposal passed 5-0 by the council at its meeting Monday night. Members must approve the change a second time.

The city council's next meeting is 7 p.m. March 6.

GREENWOOD

City seeking ways to improve traffic flow

Two Greenwood intersections are being studied to see if traffic flow on West Main Street near U.S. 31 can be improved.

City workers will examine where Averitt Road and Howard Road intersect Main Street to see if a traffic light, turn lane, three-way stop or other measure should be added, city council member Keith Hardin said.

Hardin received complaints about traffic backups at Averitt Road and Main Street about three months ago, he said.

During rush hour, drivers waiting to turn south onto Averitt Road backed up traffic for those trying to turn west onto Main Street from southbound U.S. 31, Hardin said.

He said he thinks adjustments to traffic signals helped alleviate some traffic problems, but city engineers and other planners are seeing if more should be done.

Council members may be limited in options on the north side of the Averitt Road intersection where Greenwood Cemetery is located, said Norm Gabehart, Greenwood director of operations.

Adding a traffic signal at the intersection could cost as much as \$100,000, Gabehart said. At a city council meeting on Monday, Gabehart told council members he did not feel comfortable putting a light there after speaking with the city engineer.

Gabehart said he hopes to report back to the council within a month.

BRIEFS

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JOHNSON COUNTY

Food class, craft fair among extension events

The Johnson County Extension Office is offering the following programs:

- "Food Safety" is designed to teach safe food handling for food service employees and managers. The free workshop runs from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday at the extension office, 80 S. Jackson St. in Franklin. It is presented by the extension office and the Johnson County Health Department.

Reservations: 736-3724

- The annual Spring Craft Fair, sponsored by Johnson County Extension Homemakers, will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 4 at Scott Hall on the Johnson County Fairgrounds in Franklin.

Vendors will be selling floral arrangements, candles, craft items, embellished clothing, wood-crafts, jewelry and more.

Food also will be served. Admission is free.

- Two educational programs are scheduled at the extension office March 7.

"Indulging Your Children: How Much is Too Much?" begins at 6:30 p.m. "Shopping and Cooking for One" begins at 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited. Registration is required at 736-3724

- 4-H Beef Weigh-in and Identification will be at 8 a.m. March 11 in the indoor arena at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

If you have special needs, please indicate by calling 736-3724 before the event.

- The annual Farmers Share Ag Day Breakfast will take place at 7:30 p.m. March 22 in Scott Hall on the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

The event recognizes the importance of agriculture to our county and the world.

Cost is 50 cents per person. Reservations are encouraged, though not required, at 736-3724.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Donated items can help comfort young patients

February is Pooh Bears for Molly Month.

Johnson County Health Foundation and the family of

Molly Gibson ask the community for its assistance by donating Winnie the Pooh items.

The items will be given to inpatients age 18 and younger at Johnson Memorial Hospital.

New Winnie the Pooh items may be dropped off at the following locations: Franklin Community High School, Franklin elementary schools, the Franklin Parks Department and Cultural Arts Center, Johnson Memorial Hospital information desk, Style Dance Academy and Triton Elementary School.

Information: 736-2671

GREENWOOD

Today last day to enroll for baseball, softball

Rocklane Junior League invites boys and girls ages 4 to 16 to sign up for tee ball, baseball and softball leagues.

Games will be played in the summer at the Clark Elementary School ball fields. Cost is \$40 for tee ball and \$55 for the other divisions, with a maximum cost per family of \$140.

Players will participate in a fund-raiser during the season.

Registration will take place at two Greenwood locations today, from 9 a.m. to noon today at Rocklane Christian Church, 4430 Rocklane Road (Franklin Road and Main Street) in Greenwood, and also from 1 to 3 p.m. today at Dick's Sporting Goods, 1251 U.S. 31 North in Greenwood.

Information: Erica Copeland, 889-0128

EDINBURGH

Library offers help with filing tax returns

Edinburgh Wright-Hageman Public Library will provide assistance to individuals filing taxes.

Appointments can be scheduled for senior citizens and low-income individuals between noon and 4 p.m. Tuesday afternoons.

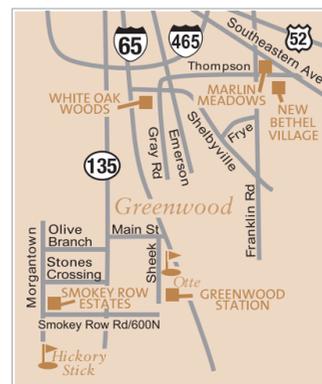
All other individuals can make appointments between 6 and 8 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Those wishing to participate must have an appointment.

Information: (812) 526-5487.



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