

## SOUTHSIDE

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ON THE  
RECORD

## Police/fire

Franklin  
Thefts

- 200 block of North Water Street: A man reported at 12:35 p.m. Wednesday that someone stole a book of checks from his vehicle.
  - 1500 block of Lochry Road: A woman reported at 1:07 p.m. Wednesday that she was in the process of moving out of the home. She returned to the home to find that the washer and dryer were missing.
  - 2000 block of East Benjamin Street: A woman reported at 7:14 p.m. Wednesday that an acquaintance took several personal belongings from her apartment, including her Hoosier Works card.
- Criminal mischief**
- 4100 block of William Avenue: A man reported at 7:39 a.m. Thursday that children were frequently on the vacant property and spray painted the yard, driveway and tree.

Greenwood  
Thefts

- 1200 block of Carson Way: A man reported at 12:34 p.m. Wednesday that someone stole his car from the carport.
  - JMJ Associates, 11 Declaration Drive North: A manager reported at 1:32 p.m. Wednesday that he received an anonymous tip that a vacuum cleaner belonging to the company was pawned. The company has been missing two vacuum cleaners for a month.
  - 500 block of State Road 135 North: A woman reported at 1:58 p.m. Wednesday that she had her oil changed in her van on Monday. When the van was returned, her child's portable game console was missing from the vehicle.
- Criminal mischief**
- 300 block of Chaps Lane: A woman reported at 11:35 a.m. Wednesday that her estranged husband came into her home and threw items in the hallway, making a mess.
- Property-damage accidents**
- 2:51 p.m. Wednesday — U.S. 31 and Main Street

Johnson County  
Theft

- State Road 135 and South County Road 700N, White River Township: A foreman reported at 7:20 a.m. Wednesday that someone broke three trailers on the construction site and took several items, including tools.

## Jail bookings

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

- William Ricky Karnes, 31, 411 Piatts Trail Parkway, Edinburgh; arrested on charges of possession of marijuana/hashish, possession of paraphernalia and parole violation; held without bond.
- David Leon Corbin, 23, 3541 N. Chester Ave., Indianapolis; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; held on \$300 bond.
- Michael A. Turman, 30, 2410 Broadway Ave., Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of probation revocation; held without bond.
- Floyd Jackson Jewell, 18, 795 Johnson Ave., Franklin; arrested on a charge of leaving the scene of a personal-injury accident; released on \$1,000 bond.
- Mandy M. Kozman, 27, 6645 Sparrowwood Drive, Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of contempt; released on \$200 bond.
- Christian D. Ladd, 26, 6638 Cape Neddick Court, Apt. P, Indianapolis; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; held without bond.
- Gary Lee Phillips, 21, 120 Rose Lane, Greenwood; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; released on \$300 bond.
- Christopher L. Reed, 19, 1022 Wallington Circle, Apt. C, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of violation of probation; held without bond.
- Scott A. Childress, 28, 2819 Doup Drive, Columbus; arrested on a Bartholomew County warrant; held without bond.
- Jeremy Dean Streeval, 20, 7573 U.S. 31 South, Edinburgh; arrested on a charge of violation of probation; held without bond.
- Eric Allen Young, 33, 1995 Landersdale Road, Camby; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; held on \$10,000 bond.
- Steven A. Sabin, 42, 495 King Arthur Drive, Franklin; arrested on a charge of contempt; held on \$1,500 bond.
- William James Wilson, 28, 648 N. Main St., Apt. F, Franklin; arrested on a charge of public intoxication; held on \$1,000 bond.
- Anthony D. Tucker, 38, 127 Marcy Lane, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of battery; held on \$3,000 bond.
- Donny G. Browning, 48, 424 S. Oxford St., Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of public intoxication; held on \$1,000 bond.
- Daniel W. Kostic, 27, 935 Raymond St., Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana/hashish; released on \$1,000 bond.

The following people recently were arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and booked into jail:

- Aimee E. Jones, 22, 1169 Standish Drive, Greenwood; released on \$1,000 bond.
- John Zachary Scheetz, 30, 1136 N. Pax Drive, Apt. B, Greenwood; held on \$3,000 bond.
- Sean D. Scott, 35, 3316 Cork Bend Drive, Indianapolis; released on \$1,000 bond.

## Births

**Johnson Memorial Hospital**  
Jennifer Rutledge and Christopher McClean of Indianapolis, boy, born Feb. 28.  
Alecia and Brandon Sauer of Trafalgar, boy, born March 1.

## STORY TIME



STAFF PHOTO BY SCOTT ROBERSON@roberson@thejournalnet.com  
Indiana first lady Cheri Daniels answers questions after reading to students in Amy Schulz's sixth-grade reading class at Clark-Pleasant Intermediate School on Thursday. Daniels has been traveling throughout the state to encourage education and promote reading.

## Crash causes power outage

Daily Journal staff reports

More than 5,600 electricity customers on Greenwood's east side lost power after a man crashed into an electrical pole at 2:36 a.m. Thursday.

Cinergy PSI workers had restored power to all homes and businesses by 7:45 a.m., spokesman Rob Norris said.

The pole in the 300 block of East Main Street took several hours to replace because it carried one of the main power circuits feeding the area, Norris said.

Jonathan D. Schweers, 22, 497 Polk Manor Drive, Greenwood, went to Wishard Memorial Hospital in Indianapolis with a swollen eye and cuts on his face, the report said.

There were no other passengers in the car.

Main Street was closed to all traffic between Washington Street and Water Street from the time of the crash until 9:45 a.m., Greenwood Police Chief Joe Pitcher said.

Schweers was traveling east on Main Street when his car jumped over a set of railroad tracks, hit the corner of a house's porch and ran into the power pole, Pitcher said.

A man driving east stopped to help Schweers out of his vehicle when he saw sparks coming out of the car, the report said.

CENTER GROVE

## White River Township updates fire rules

Developers wanting to build a home or business in the county's fastest growing area will have an easier time following the rules this spring.

Fire regulations for White River Township were approved this week and could go into effect as early as April, pending approval from a state committee.

Most of the regulations were already in effect for residents and business owners in the area, such as not allowing gas grills on apartment balconies and making sure residents are not locked in stairwells during a fire.

New rules take requirements from the county and the state and combine them into the same document. The change will help developers follow the rules without having to check so many different law books, said Eric Brown, White River Township fire marshal.

Officials from the White River Township and Bargersville fire departments first presented the rules in July. Commissioners made some changes and gave a final, unanimous approval to the rules Monday.

Changes include taking out the requirement to space houses in densely populated developments at least 20 feet apart and reducing the occupancy in businesses that serve alcohol, Brown said.

Fire officials planned to work with the county planning department to include requirements on home spacing in the county ordinance.

The rule has not been added yet but is recommended for the planning and technical review committees to consider when new developments are presented, said Bill Peoples, county planning director.

GREENWOOD

## Thirty firefighters help battle apartment blaze

Flames destroyed a Greenwood apartment Wednesday night. City fire officials are investi-

## LOCAL BRIEFS

Jefferson St., Franklin

- 1 p.m. — Indiana Masonic Home, 690 S. State St., Franklin
- 7 p.m. — Rocklane Christian Church, 4430 E. Rocklane Road, Greenwood

FRANKLIN  
**Public invited to fish fry at Knights of Columbus**

Franklin Knights of Columbus will host a fish fry today. Food will be served from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 114 Lancelot Drive in Franklin. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3.50 for children.

FRANKLIN  
**Deadline to order today for Kiwanis rose sale**

Today is the final day for the Franklin Kiwanis Club rose sale. Proceeds will go toward the club's local programs.

A dozen red, yellow or pink roses sell for \$17. An 8-inch glass vase is also available for an additional \$3 a dozen.

Roses will be delivered at no extra charge to any Johnson County location on March 17.

Proceeds from the sale will be used for Clothe-a-Child, providing car seats to needy families, assisting Head Start in teaching kids to read and providing scholarships to high school students.

Funds are also donated to Riley Hospital for Children and the Johnson County food pantry. To order, call 878-4624.

SOUTHSIDE  
**Community groups to discuss youth drug use**

The Parent Support Group of Johnson County has scheduled programs in Franklin, Greenwood and White River Township on drug use among youth.

Pathway Family Center will present a program on the use of inhalants by youth at 6 p.m. March 14 at the Franklin Library, 401 State St. in Franklin.

The Johnson County Sheriff's Office will present a program on methamphetamine and how it affects the community and children at 6 p.m. March 21 at the White River Library, 1664 Library Blvd. in Greenwood.

Reach For Youth will talk about issues of depression, anger, anxiety and psychosis caused by the use of illegal drugs used by youth with depression, anger, anxiety and psychosis and what to look out for as parents.

The program will take place at 6 p.m. March 23 at the Clark-Pleasant Library at 530 Tracy Road in Whiteland.

The meetings are free and open to the public.

GREENWOOD  
**Old Towne shops offer to pamper southside women**

Old Towne Greenwood merchants invite women of the south side to a Ladies' Day Out today and Saturday.

Women can treat themselves to pampering, gifts and refreshments at participating shops from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

Several stores along Main Street and Madison Avenue will offer free spa treatments and special pampering designed for women.

A drawing for a door prize will be conducted for a gift basket valued at more than \$200.

FRANKLIN  
**Shrine Club to host weekly buffet, bingo**

The Johnson County Shrine Club hosts a buffet each Friday that is open to the public.

Proceeds support the club, which donates money to Shriners hospitals.

The buffet will be open from 5 to 8 tonight at the Shrine club building, 751 W. King St. in Franklin. Buffet options change weekly.

Bingo games are also conducted at the club building each week, starting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday and 10 a.m. on Saturday.

Information: 736-5850

SOUTHSIDE  
**Three services celebrate World Day of Prayer**

Today is World Day of Prayer. This year's theme is "The Signs of the Times." Three services will be conducted in Johnson County:

- 10 a.m. — Franklin United Methodist Community, 1070 W.

## Spring Craft Fair

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## Tax break could help secure jobs

## Council votes to give abatement to Franklin manufacturer KYB

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One of Franklin's largest manufacturing companies is getting a tax break to pay for upgrading its equipment, a move the company says will let it keep its 615 employees.

On Monday, the city council voted 4-1 in favor of granting KYB Manufacturing North America Inc. a seven-year tax break on \$17 million worth of new equipment.

Council member Joe Ault voted against the resolution, but not because he was against the tax break. He wanted the company to save more money.

Council member Steve Houglund abstained from voting because he is employed by KYB, and council member Jeff Eggers was absent.

Ault said he wanted the company to pay a reduced amount of property taxes for the full 10 years allowed by state law, which would have saved the company another \$72,000 on its new equipment.

The manufacturing market is aggressive, he said, and he wanted KYB to have a greater ability to stay competitive and keep its workers.

Retaining jobs is just as important as attracting new jobs, especially for Franklin, Mayor Brenda Jones-Matthews said.

The city has lost about 1,600 jobs during the past three years because of the closings of Kaw-

neer Co. and ArvinMeritor and layoffs at the Best Buy distribution center.

Meanwhile, Franklin's KYB plant has doubled its workforce since 2001. The plant's annual sales have increased 25 percent since 2002, from \$92 million to \$115 million, according to the city planning office.

KYB Manufacturing North America Inc. was built along U.S. 31 in 1998 by its parent company, Kayaba Industry Co. in Japan. It was the first Japanese company to move into Franklin.

The company produces hydraulic products for a wide range of uses, including original equipment and replacement parts for automobiles, motorcycles, light trucks, buses, rolling stock and industrial applications.

New equipment will let the company keep up with changes in the automotive industry, such as new car models, plant accountant Gary Schrage said.

KYB's tax abatement comes as city officials are trying to propose a structured method for letting new and expanding businesses know exactly what incentives to expect from the city.

The city is identifying businesses it wants to attract by asking how many new jobs a company could create or retain, what impact the company will have on roads, how much employees could be paid and what total investment the company will make in the city.

## Hospital will give funds to community programs

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Johnson Memorial Hospital plans to give \$220,000 to three community groups in place of money normally provided by the county government.

Access Johnson County, Johnson County Senior Services and Johnson County Association of Retarded Citizens would receive one-time gifts to help them with operating costs.

After the hospital began overseeing health care at the county jail, the hospital board of trustees started talking with county officials about how else they might be able to pick up other items the county normally pays for, spokesman Bill Oakes said.

The grants were made on a one-time basis because the hospital tries to limit long-term financial commitments made outside the hospital, he said.

The trustees agreed to give money to these groups since they saw them as helping with health care in the community, Oakes said.

For example, both Access Johnson County, the county's public transportation system, and Johnson County Senior Services transport residents to doctor appointments and the hospital.

Disabled adults get help living independently through the association of retarded citizens.

The gifts come from hospital operating revenue left over from last year, Oakes said.

Usually unused funds are used for capital projects or to expand hospital programs. The money can also be used to support projects and agencies that hospital officials feel help reduce health-care costs in the area, Oakes said.

The county council planned to give money to the groups out of the county's general fund when officials planned the county budget for 2006.

Council member Ron West said the council doesn't have specific plans yet for what they will do with the unspent money.

Johnson Memorial plans to give the groups about the same amount of money they would have received from the county, Oakes said.

For 2006, the county designated the following amounts for the groups out of the general fund: \$39,000 to Access Johnson County, \$44,500 to Johnson County Senior Services and \$135,729 to the Johnson County Association of Retarded Citizens.

The hospital will give the money to the county, which will issue grants to the agencies on the hospital's behalf, Oakes said.

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