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Trafalgar library plans revised to cut costs

Redesign won't hurt branch's offerings

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Changes have been made to the design of a new Trafalgar library after bids for the construction came in too high.

Ceilings will be a little lower, a children's activity area will be

IF YOU GO
What: Board special session to consider new construction bids for the Trafalgar branch of the Johnson County Public Library
When: 4:30 p.m. today
Where: Franklin branch, 401 State St.

rectangular instead of silo-shaped, and the front could be concrete instead of stone.

Cost estimates for the Trafalgar branch of the Johnson County

Public Library were higher than expected, and architects have scaled back design plans to meet the budgeted amount, the library director said.

Most changes to the proposed 20,000-square-foot library are minimal and do not take away from the size or features of the library, director Beverly Martin said.

"We're not losing anything, and this will still be the user-friendly branch we've been planning for," she said.

The library board approved

plans for a new Trafalgar branch in August, which will be built on 7.4 acres on Pearl Street. The location is less than a mile from the current location in the old Trafalgar Town Hall at 100 W. Pearl St.

Earlier this month, eight companies offered estimates more than the project's \$5.1 million budget, Martin said. Of that amount, the board had budgeted for about \$4 million in construction costs, she said. The exact amounts of each bid were not available.

Architects have revised designs and submitted new bids. The library board expects to know today how much the project will cost. A special session will be conducted today at 4:30 p.m. at the Franklin branch, 401 State St.

Library board members are also considering taking money from other capital projects to pay for the Trafalgar construction, Martin said.

If needed, the board could consider using money set aside for technology purchases or a

new Franklin branch site to help pay for the Trafalgar project, she said.

Board members will not raise taxes more than originally planned to compensate for higher construction costs, Martin said.

A typical homeowner will pay about 96 cents more a month, or about \$11.52 a year during the next five years, she said.

Construction on the branch is expected to begin in the spring or summer, and the library could be open in the summer of 2007.

Truck shuts down Interstate 65 for more than 5 hours

Daily Journal staff report

An overturned semitrailer closed all the lanes of Interstate 65 on the south side of Indianapolis for several hours Monday.

A FedEx truck carrying flammable materials turned over and spilled some of its contents onto the highway at 9:30 a.m.

Police closed the highway in both directions at the 106-mile marker, where I-65 crosses over Interstate 465, because of concern that some of the materials spilled in the accident could be flammable and dangerous. A total of 349 gallons of phosphoric acid nickel nitrate, a hazardous chemical, spilled onto the highway, Indiana State Police spokesman Dave Bursten said in a news release.

The trailer also contained toluene, a chemical used to make, among other things, paints, paint thinners and fingernail polish, but police said none of it spilled.

A private contractor overseen by Marion County Health Department workers cleaned up the spill.

Northbound lanes were reopened by 3:25 p.m. Two southbound lanes were reopened at 3:55 p.m., and the third lane was reopened a short time later, Bursten said.

Police believe the load on the truck was not secured properly and the driver was going too fast when exiting I-465 onto I-65, causing the accident. The driver, Richard D. Kellems, 38, of Paragon, was not injured in the accident, Bursten said.

The truck was en route from the west side of Indianapolis to Franklin, Ky.

FRANKLIN

Report of drinking party leads to three arrests

Three teens were arrested after police received a call complaining about an underage drinking party in Franklin on Saturday night.

A Johnson County sheriff's deputy went to a home at 665 S. Old U.S. 31 at 10:18 p.m., where loud music was playing, a sheriff's report said.

When the deputy went inside the home, he asked the teens if anyone had been drinking, and several stated that they had, the report said.

Four girls and one boy, ages 16 and 17, tested positive for alcohol consumption. They were released to their parents, the report said. A 16-year-old girl was listed as living at the address where the party was taking place, the report said.

Three teens were arrested on charges of possession, consumption or transportation of alcohol by a minor and released from the jail on \$1,000 bond.

Those arrested were:
• Sean M. Drew, 18, 9278 Old Haggard Road, Morgantown
• Michael R. Slater, 18, 8942 N. State Road 135, Morgantown
• Jesse Lee Jones, 19, 205 W. Pearl St., Trafalgar.

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Area schools make the grade for ISTEP scores

Seven Johnson County Schools were given the state's four-star-school award for high attendance and ISTEP scores in the 2004 school year.

Six Center Grove schools made the list: Center Grove Elementary, Maple Grove Elementary, North Grove Elementary, Sugar Grove Elementary, Center Grove Middle School Central and Center Grove High School.

One Greenwood school, Westwood Elementary, also received the award.

NEWS BRIEFS

About 10 percent of Indiana's 1,870 public schools earned the rating this year.

To be given the four-star-school award, schools had to:

- Meet adequate yearly progress goals defined by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, and
- Perform in the top 25 percent of all public schools in the state in student attendance rates, mathematics proficiency scores, English/language arts proficiency scores and the percent of students passing both subjects.

Schools will receive an award certificate to display in their school buildings.

FRANKLIN

Girl ejected from car, five injured in accident

A 17-year-old Franklin girl was released from Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis after being thrown from a car in an accident during the weekend.

Five other people were taken to area hospitals after a crash that occurred on U.S. 31 in Franklin Saturday night. As of Monday, four had been released and one was listed in fair condition.

Amber Coryell was taken to Methodist with internal injuries and was later released. Her twin sister, Andrea S. Coryell, 17, was driving southbound when she tried to turn east onto a private drive by Blockbuster Video and was struck by a car traveling north at 6:20 p.m., according to a Franklin police report.

The 1999 Ford Escort that Andrea Coryell was driving was hit on the passenger side, pushed onto a concrete curb and hit another car that was stopped at a stop sign by Lincoln Bank.

The report indicated that Andrea Coryell failed to yield to oncoming traffic, which contributed to the accident. Andrea Coryell said she didn't see the vehicle that struck her, according to the report.

Amber Coryell, who wasn't wearing a seat belt, was thrown about 30 feet from the rear of the car on the driver's side, Franklin Fire Department spokesman Eddie Daugherty said.

Indianapolis resident Jack L. Smith, 63, who was driving the car heading north, said he was unable to stop when Andrea Coryell turned in front of him, the report said.

Andrea Coryell and two teen passengers went to area hospitals. New Whiteland resident Jared Sebastian, 19, went to Methodist Hospital with internal injuries and was listed in fair condition Monday afternoon.

Andrea Coryell and Franklin resident Paul Denzio, 19, went to Johnson Memorial Hospital in Franklin, where they were released after treatment.

Two passengers in Jack Smith's car — Linda Smith, 64, and Phyllis Shannon, 73 — were also treated at Johnson Memorial Hospital and released.

Franklin police did not immediately return phone calls Monday about the accident.

COFFEE WITH A CAUSE



Melanie Nobbe, sixth-grade special services staff member at Center Grove Middle School North, gets a cup of coffee Monday at the "Latte Lounge" in the school's learning center. The center's math students had

to start a business using their math skills as a fund-raiser for Riley Hospital for Children. The students will prepare, advertise and sell various coffees to faculty and staff during school days through Friday.

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ON THE RECORD

Franklin Child abuse

• 1600 block of Franklin Place Court: A woman reported that she saw her child's father throw the child onto a couch Sunday evening. She told police she later discovered burn marks on the child's lower abdomen. While police were at the home, the child told a family member that the father's girlfriend burned his stomach with a knife that had been heated on a stove. Police are investigating.

• 1161 Devonshire West Drive, Apt. B, Greenwood: arrested on a Marion County warrant; held without bond.

• Sean M. Ervin, 18, 2825 Fairfax Road, Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of failure to respond to a summons; held on \$132.50 bond.

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

• Luis Antonio Hernandez, 24, 4522 Candletree Circle, Apt. 2, Indianapolis; also arrested on a charge of driving without ever having a license; held on \$2,000 bond.

• Robert D. Hamilton, 42, 750 Forsythe St., Franklin; held on \$2,000 bond.

• Jennifer A. Holt, 26, 6231 Montego Lane, Indianapolis; also arrested on a charge of driving without ever having a license; held on \$4,000 bond.

• Andrew P. Fox, 25, 3342 S. Rosewind Drive, New Palestine; held on \$5,000 bond.

Johnson County Burglary

• Hopewell Presbyterian Church, 548 W. County Road 100N, Franklin Township: A church member reported that someone entered the church between 7 p.m. Sunday and 8 a.m. Monday, broke into the office and damaged a money drawer. Less than \$20 in change was stolen.

Jail bookings

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

• Christine Nicole Juday, 19, 1446 Sandy Bay Drive, Apt. D, Greenwood; arrested on two Henry County warrants; held without bond.

• Joshua Jonah Stern, 18, 1513 Franklin Place Court, Franklin; arrested on a charge of leaving the scene of a property-damage accident; released on \$2,000 bond.

• Gerald David Castner, 31, 1598 Younce St., Franklin; arrested on a charge of driving while suspended; released on \$1,000 bond.

• Nicholas L. Broadus, 33, 1169 N.

Cummins profit jumps; earnings' outlook upbeat

The Associated Press

NEW YORK

Cummins Inc. reported Monday that growth in heavy-duty truck markets in North America, Brazil and Europe helped push fourth-quarter engine sales higher.

The Columbus-based manufacturer of diesel engines said net income rose to \$167 million, or \$3.31 a share, for the latest quarter, from \$119 million, or \$2.41, a year earlier.

About \$13.5 million, or 26 cents a share, in the fourth quarter came from a gain on a tax issue, the company said.

Sales rose to \$2.75 billion from \$2.35 billion.

Analysts polled by Thomson Financial forecast earnings, excluding items, of \$3.11 a share on sales of \$2.63 billion.

Cummins said global shipments to the heavy-duty truck market rose 14 percent in the quarter, while shipments in the

United States and Canada increased 12 percent. Cummins said it gained market share in North America and saw strong gains in Europe and Brazil.

Cummins predicted earnings of \$2.50 to \$2.60 a share in the first quarter of 2006 and \$11.90 to \$12.10 a share for the year. Analysts expect, on average, \$2.12 in the first quarter and \$11.86 for the year.

"As good as the last two years have been, we are expecting 2006 to be more profitable, even if growth in our end markets moderates," said Cummins Chairman and Chief Executive Tim Solso.

For the full year, net income soared 57 percent, to \$550 million, or \$11.01 a share, from \$350 million, or \$7.39 a share, a year before.

Full-year revenue surged 18 percent to \$9.92 billion from \$8.44 billion.

Cummins shares closed down \$1.47 to \$98.44 in trading Monday on the New York Stock Exchange.

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