

TAKE FIVE

A guide to people, issues and activities in your community.

DID YOU KNOW?

HOOP DREAMS: The Indiana boys high school basketball tournament begins next week. Hundreds of teams will dream of taking home the state title.

Franklin has known the excitement of winning the title. In the 1920s, the school became the first in the state to win three straight titles.

Coach Ernest "Griz" Wagner directed the team to titles in 1920, '21 and '22. While the team was called the Wonder Five, the lineups varied from year to year. Over the three years, the players included: James Wendell "Ike" Ballard, Harold Borden, Hubert Davis, Burl Friddle, Carlyle Friddle, Johnny Gant, Ralph Hicks, Harry King, Jimmy Ross, Fuzzy Vandivier, Paul White and Butter Williams.

Franklin's record for that period was 89-9.



QUOTABLE



'We'll take a 15-minute smoke break.'

Mayor Charles Henderson, opening the discussion among city council members on a smoking ban for Greenwood. The council passed the ban in a 5-1 vote Monday night.

Henderson's comment was a joke. He does not smoke.

Controlling the purse strings

If you notice the mayor of Franklin without her purse, look at the man next to her.

Franklin's first couple, Mayor Brenda Jones-Matthews and Jack Matthews, have an understanding.

He carries her purse because it's too heavy, but that's not the only thing he does for her, she said.

She can't remember a day when he didn't carry her purse, which she packs full with two cell phones, two pairs of glasses, her wallet, pens and plenty of other needed items.

Matthews makes coffee for his wife every morning, even though he doesn't drink coffee, tells her what she should know about in the paper before she gets out of bed and often draws her bath, she said.

Friends of the couple often tease Matthews, praising the mayor for being sure his shoes match her purse, she said.



KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR: LISA PADDOCK



Lisa Paddock answers the front door at her Center Grove area home while scarfing down the last bites of her breakfast: Peanut butter smeared on a piece of toast.

Paddock's home phone and cell phone ring incessantly while she sits at the kitchen table. Not long ago, she carried five phones and a pager.

Interruptions this morning might sound like a lot. But it's actually quite mild, Paddock said. She works as an advocate in three area counties, helping families find services for their children who have disabilities.

Paddock and her husband Bruce have four children: Robert, 23, Becca, 20, Caleb, 15 and Joshua, 8.

Best way to say "I love you" without words:

Give a big hug. It can't be a wimpy one. It's a nonverbal way to let you know somebody cares.

When you knew you were an adult: My last parent passed away. That was it. You can't be anybody's kid anymore.

Describe your husband in five words: Godly, honest, caring, loving and supportive.

If you had to dive into something other than water it would be: Strawberry Jell-O.

Life changed when: My youngest child was diagnosed with autism when he was 2 years old. Life came to a screeching halt.

One of your most embarrassing moments: When I open my mouth and say something I shouldn't.

When you have a cold, you want: Chicken soup.

Trait you appreciate most in others: It would be a toss-up between compassion and honesty. Those go hand in hand for me.

Ugliest thing in your closet: I love this certain multistriped, rainbow-colored sweater. But my kids hate it.

Food you will most likely find on the floorboard of your car: Cheerios.

Woman you wish you were more like: Mother Teresa. She was so compassionate. It didn't matter to her how sick or dirty or needy anyone was. She was just there. And I so much admire her for that.

If you were a dance, you'd be: I call it "the cowboy dance." It's a silly dance which even includes hand puppets. I invented it to make my kids laugh. I do the cowboy dance to relieve stress. Plus, I didn't want my kids to think they had a boring mom.

Best advice you've ever heard: Don't sweat the small stuff. Most of the stuff is small stuff.

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Today
Indiana Art fair

Paintings, sculptures, glass and jewelry by 100 Hoosier artists will be on display.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Indiana State Museum, 650 W. Washington St., Indianapolis

Cost: \$3 for members; \$10 for nonmembers

Information: 232-1637

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Sunday
Take the kids

Winter Family Film Series: "Not So Fast Songololo" and "Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears" examine love, sharing and tall tales.

Time: 3 p.m.

Where: DeBoest Lecture Hall, Indianapolis Museum of Art, 4000 N. Michigan Road, Indianapolis

Cost: Free

Information: 920-2660

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Wednesday
Get crafty

Children 5 and younger can make a weather vane.

Time: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: Imagination Station, 26 E. Jefferson St., Franklin

Cost: Free

Information: 736-9636

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Thursday
Art with an attitude

See paper and canvas works compiled by Indiana Information Center on the Abolition of Capital Punishment

Time: Opening reception, 7 p.m.

Where: Branigin Atrium of Johnson Center for Fine Arts, Branigin Boulevard and Grizzly Drive, on Franklin College campus

Cost: Free

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Friday
Noteworthy

Christian singer Eli Skinner will perform songs from his album, *it's just me*.

Time: 7 to 8:15 p.m.

Where: Mount Pleasant Christian Church, 381 N. Bluff Road, Greenwood

Cost: Free

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