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ON THE RECORD

Police/fire

Franklin

Found property

• 500 block of Center Street: A woman reported at 1:46 p.m. Monday that she found a loaded handgun in her flower bed, which is located between her house and garage. A bag containing ammunition was found next to the weapon. The owner of the weapon is not known.

Thefts

• 1600 block of Traditions Court: A woman reported at 2:17 p.m. Monday that someone took her prescription medications from her unlocked vehicle between 3 and 3:15 p.m. Friday.

• Fast Max, 2151 N. Morton St.: An employee reported at 3:31 p.m. Monday that someone pumped \$6.36 in fuel and left without paying.

Greenwood

Theft

• Bally Total Fitness Gym, 517 U.S. 31 North: A man reported at 11:15 a.m. Monday that someone removed his pickup truck's tailgate valued at \$1,000 without his permission.

Shoplifting

• Von Maur, 1251 U.S. 31 North: A loss-prevention officer reported at 4:56 p.m. Monday that he observed two girls select several items of clothing and enter a fitting room together. Both girls exited the fitting room without the clothing. The fitting room was empty. The girls left the store without paying and were stopped by the officer. When their bag was searched, nine items of clothing, valued at \$209, were recovered including merchandise from two other Greenwood Park Mall stores. Both girls were released to a parent.

Criminal mischief

• 100 block of Westridge Place: A woman reported that at about 12:45 a.m. Sunday, two men came to her residence and began kicking and punching her vehicle causing damage.

Jail bookings

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

Brett W. Stoots, 29, 6200 Brookville Road, Lot 12, Indianapolis: arrested on a charge of violation of probation; held on \$300 bond.

David Howard Fuller, 57, 298 Ohio St., Franklin: arrested on a charge of bond forfeiture; held without bond.

Paul David Goffinet, 18, 4787 Silver Hill Drive: arrested on a charge of possession, consumption or transportation of alcohol by a minor; held on \$1,000 bond.

Benjamin Tyler Jessup, 18, 4192 Waterbrook Way, Greenwood: arrested on a charge of possession, consumption or transportation of alcohol by a minor; released on \$1,000 bond.

Thomas R. Jordan, 21, 1101 N. First St., Harrison Hall, Room 21, Vincennes: arrested on a charge of failure to appear in court; released on \$300 bond.

Jessica Luann Cowan, 18, 3314 Nassau Court, Greenwood: arrested on a charge of driving without ever receiving a license; released on \$1,000 bond.

Jeremiah J. Ellis, 26, 8815 Trumpeter Drive, Indianapolis: arrested on a charge of probation revocation and two charges of contempt; held without bond.

Anthony Wayne Sutton, 22, 824 E. Minnesota St., Indianapolis: arrested on a charge of violation of probation and wanted on a Morgan County warrant; held without bond.

Joseph Anthony O'Connell, 20, 809 Kings Mill Road, Apt. 152, Greenwood: arrested on three charges of battery, two charges of intimidation and a charge of possession, consumption or transportation of alcohol by a minor; held on \$50,000 bond.

Travis T. Madden, 24, 1482 Green Spring Way, Greenwood: arrested on a charge of failure to appear in court; released on \$100 bond.

Nina Marie Bolin, 20, 6244 W. County Road 600S, Trafalgar: arrested on charges of domestic battery and disorderly conduct; held on \$2,000 bond.

Don Reed Jackson, 52, 349 E. Jefferson St., Apt. 6, Franklin: arrested on a charge of public intoxication; released on \$1,000 bond.

Christopher A. Helm, 22, 320A Wint Lane, Columbus: arrested on a charge of violation of probation; released on \$300 bond.

Rickie Dean Solomon, 48, 1038 E. County Road 775S, Nineveh: arrested on a charge of failure to appear in court; released on \$2,500 bond.

Jason Adam Miller, 26, 3302 Eaton Mews Court, Greenwood: arrested on a charge of probation revocation; held without bond.

John W. Cook, 56, 120 N. Ninth Ave., Suite 10B, Beech Grove: arrested on a Marion County warrant and wanted on a Brown County warrant; held without bond.

Cesar Rivera Pena, 21, 3129 El Lago N. Drive, Apt. B, Indianapolis: arrested on a charge of driving without ever receiving a license; held on \$1,000 bond.

Car crash? You could get paperwork

Drivers will have 10 days to show proof of insurance

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Motorists now have an extra task following any accident with damage more than \$1,000 or when someone is injured or killed.

A new state law that went into effect Sunday requires motorists to prove they have insurance within 10 days of the accident.

Previously, police departments forwarded the information to the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Hoosier motorists will have to

print an online form or visit a license branch to get the form before sending the information to the BMV.

The report asks for information such as when the accident happened, name and address of the motorist, make and model of the vehicle and insurance details.

In Johnson County, the change affects people involved in nearly 1,000 property-damage or personal-injury accidents recorded by the sheriff's office last year, Johnson County Sheriff Terry McLaughlin said.

That does not include reports filed in Greenwood, Franklin or other local police departments.

"This really doesn't mean much change for us," McLaughlin said. "We'll still have our reports to fill out."

Previous rules required police

to forward accident reports to the Indiana State Police within 10 days of an accident, and state police would then send reports to the state's BMV.

The initiative is designed to speed up the process and save printing costs for the state police, bureau spokesman Adam Garrett said.

"Most people would throw (that form) away and call their insurance agent anyway," Garrett said. "This makes the process more efficient for Hoosiers in that reports aren't going to be lost by going back and forth between departments."

Motorists must get their insurance agent's signature before mailing reports back, Garrett said. Driving without insurance in Indiana results in a mandatory 90-day license suspension.

ACT QUICKLY

Hoosier motorists are now required to mail crash reports to the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles within 10 days after any accident resulting in injury, death or more than \$1,000 in damage.

A PDF version of the crash report and proof of insurance form can be downloaded online from the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles Web site at www.in.gov/bmv by clicking on a link called SR21 form.

Send reports to:

Bureau of Motor Vehicles
PFR/Crash Report Section
P.O. Box 7169
Indianapolis, IN 46207

Parents given helping hand at Indian Creek

Care program to begin Monday

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Two Indian Creek moms and community volunteers will kick off an after-school program for elementary students next week.

Students who are in kindergarten through fifth grade in Nineveh-Hensley-Jackson schools will now have a place to work on homework, play games and do hands-on learning activities until their parents get home from work.

After School Care, a program created by Christie Carrico and Kelly Moore, will start Monday at Indian Creek Elementary School for families looking for an

AFTER-SCHOOL OPTIONS

After School Care

Program: Students in kindergarten through fifth grade can stay at Indian Creek Elementary School from the time they get out of school until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. The program begins Monday.

Register: 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and 4 to 6 p.m. Friday at Indian Creek Elementary, 200 W. Pearl St., Trafalgar

Price: Three options are available:

- Weekly contract: Students stay Monday through Friday; cost \$9 a day.
- Daily contracts: Students stay a certain number of days a week; cost \$10 a day.
- Fluctuating contracts: Students stay on an as-needed basis; cost \$15 a day.

Information: Call Christie Carrico at 534-7569 or Kelly Moore at 534-7327.

alternative to having their kids at home alone in the afternoons after school.

Students will have time to work on homework, have a snack, play games and visit the school's library or computer lab.

The program is part of the school board's effort to meet community needs and involve community members in the district, Superintendent John Reed said.

Carrico and Moore helped school officials survey parents about whether they'd be interested in after-school care for their kids.

"The community spoke loud and clear," Reed said of the more than 90 families who indicated they'd be interested in the program.

Carrico and Moore have heard from fellow moms for years that families need options for child

care in the afternoons.

"We wanted to do this for the community and for children to have somewhere to go besides home alone as a latch-key kid," Carrico said.

Registration for the program is Thursday and Friday. Carrico and Moore don't know how many students to expect Monday, but they said they've got community members willing to help.

"They've got an army of moms behind them ready to step up and help if needed," Reed said.

The NHJ school board voted 5-0 at its December meeting to award a contract to Carrico and Moore for the program.

Two other programs also submitted proposals to provide the service.

The school board investigated legal issues and told potential after-school care providers that they wanted the program to follow the vision and mission of the school district, Reed said.

Fights, intimidation land man in jail

Daily Journal staff report

A Greenwood man is accused of beating up his ex-girlfriend's father and threatening to burn down the family's home, along with making an indirect threat to kill the president, after a fight Monday evening.

Joseph Anthony O'Connell, 20, 809 Kings Mill Road, Apt. 152, was arrested on three charges of battery, two charges of intimidation and one charge of consumption of alcohol by a minor.

He went to visit his ex-girlfriend's home in Greenwood after she called him several times on his cellular phone, according to a Johnson County Sheriff's Office report. O'Connell began fighting with her father after he asked O'Connell to stop calling his daughter vulgar names, the report said.

O'Connell struck the father repeatedly in the face and chest and threw a beer bottle at him, the report said. O'Connell also hit a friend and shoved his ex-girlfriend and her mother as they tried to break up the fight, the report said.

A Johnson County sheriff's deputy went to the home in Olive Branch Manor subdivision about 10:38 p.m.

When the deputy took O'Connell outside, the man started yelling vulgar comments and making threats to kill his ex-girlfriend and her family, the report said.

He also said he would shoot the deputy if he helped the family and would set fire to the family's home, the report said.

He also made several anti-government comments and said he hoped President Bush would be shot, the report said.

The comments will be passed

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on to the Secret Service, the report said.

O'Connell is being held on \$50,000 bond at the Johnson County jail.

NEW WHITELAND

Blaze at house still under investigation

Investigators still are trying to pinpoint the cause of a New Whiteland house fire last week in which a grandmother and her two grandchildren were pulled from the burning home.

The fire started Thursday afternoon at 1034 Ashland Ave., about a block from the town's police station.

Fire investigators plan to speak with the occupant, Deanna Todd, on Friday to help determine what started the fire, Fire Chief Brian Hedrick said.

Todd was staying at the home owned by a family member, he said.

The blaze began in the front living-room area of the house, and firefighters were able to contain the fire to that room within 18 minutes.

New Whiteland police officer Kenny Polley was the first to arrive on the scene and yelled to Todd and her grandchildren, a 2-year-old girl and 10-year-old boy, who were in the bedroom.

He pulled them to safety and also rescued a dog inside.

The three were taken to Community Hospital South in Indianapolis, Hedrick said. All have been released, he said Tuesday.

Hedrick expects the investiga-

tion to be complete by the end of the week.

A phone number for the residence is out of service, and no one could be reached at the house.

INDIANAPOLIS

American Cancer Society seeking volunteers

The American Cancer Society, the nation's largest voluntary health organization, is recruiting volunteers to help cancer patients travel to and from treatment.

Road to Recovery is a volunteer-based driving program that provides transportation to and from medical centers in the greater Indianapolis area for cancer patients undergoing treatment.

Right now, the American Cancer Society is recruiting volunteers from throughout the Indianapolis area.

All volunteers need is a reliable means of transportation and a few hours to a few days each month.

To learn more about Road to Recovery or to volunteer for this program, call the local American Cancer Society at 347-6670.

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Group out to help stop mistreatment of dogs

The Indy Pit Crew, a volunteer group focused on the rescue of bull-breeds in central Indiana, encourages residents to report dog-fighting and mistreatment of bull-breeds to Canine Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana.

Confidential tips can be made by calling 262-TIPS.

Information: www.crimetips.org; www.casadeloro.org

GOOD CHEER FUND

Daily Journal staff report

Donations to the 2005 Johnson County Good Cheer fund total \$24,824. Monetary donations may be dropped off or mailed to the Daily Journal, P.O. Box 699, Franklin, IN 46131.

Recent donations:

In memory of our parents, Abe and Regenia Polaska, and sister, Pamela Anderson, from Sharon, Harriett and Florence, \$75

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