

TAKE FIVE

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

NOTEBOOK



SOUPER FUND-RAISER: Soup slurpers helped raise money for the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity, which plans to build two homes in Franklin this year. The Soup Bowl, an event hosted by members of a Leadership Johnson County class, raised more than \$5,000 on Feb. 26. More than 250 people paid \$15 to get the hand-painted bowls and enjoy soup and food from restaurants such as Bone Fish Grill and Stone Creek Dining Co. The event was conducted in the Branigin Room of the campus center at Franklin College. It drew such a crowd that the organization plans to move the Soup Bowl to Scott Hall at the Johnson County Fairgrounds next year, said Doug Grant, service learning coordinator at the college, who leads the Habitat group.



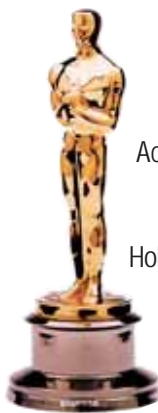
MODEL BEHAVIOR: Donald Fisher, a disabled veteran from Greenwood, discovered a passion for model cars a few years ago. In five years, Fisher has put together more than 600 model cars of all shapes, sizes and models. His favorite, he says, is a Ford Thunderbird.

PICTURE PERFECT



CENTURY OF SEUSS: Leslie Jones, left, reads "One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish" to Harli Browning, right, and Paige Harris in celebration of the 102nd anniversary of the birth of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss on Thursday at the Boys & Girls Club of Franklin. Events at other schools across the country included meals of green eggs and ham. **Staff photo by Matt Ooley.**

Web extra: Visit www.thejournalnet.com for more photos from Seuss celebrations and a visit to a local school from children's author Gordon Korman.



DID YOU KNOW?

THE WINNER IS: The Academy Awards will be given out Sunday.

Though miles away from Hollywood, Johnson County is no stranger to the Oscar.

Robert Wise won the Oscar for best director twice, in 1961 for "West Side Story"

and in 1965 for "The Sound of Music." He was nominated for the best director honor in 1958 for "I Want to Live." He was nominated for the best editing Oscar in 1941 for "Citizen Kane."

Wise was born in Winchester in 1914 and attended Franklin College before heading to Hollywood.

Actress Marjorie Main was born in Acton,

in southwestern Marion County, in 1890. She grew up in Shelby County and also attended Franklin College.

She was nominated for the best supporting actress Oscar in 1947 for "Egg & I," the film that led to the "Ma and Pa Kettle" series. She was also nominated for a Golden Globe as best supporting actress in 1956 for "Friendly Persuasion."

WHAT YOU MISSED

If you didn't read the Daily Journal last week, you missed a lot.

ADJUST YOUR BUDGET: Cinergy PSI and Johnson County REMC plan to raise their rates. Get ready for an increase in your electricity bill.

THUMBS DOWN TO SOUTHSIDE: Wonder why the north side has more upscale eateries? We find out why the Cheesecake Factory and other restaurants are bypassing the southside.

HOOSIER HYSTERIA: High school basketball players win or go home as IHSAA sectionals begin. Did your favorite team make it?

KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR: TOM FILIS



Tom Filis has been in the restaurant business since before he could look over a cash-register counter.

He owns Athens Restaurant in Franklin's Northwood Plaza, which his parents opened in 1973 after moving to Indiana from a village in Greece. Filis was 6 at the time.

The Franklin Community High School graduate learned one thing above all from his parents: How to work hard. He went to school, worked and did nothing in between.

His parents have since moved back to Greece, and he visits them regularly. He and his wife, Amy, have four children: two boys ages 12 and 10, and two girls ages 8 and 4.

You wish you had more time for: Family. Everything family-related is geared toward weekends. In the restaurant business, I sacrifice that. My weekends are Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

How you met your wife: She was my waitress at Rick's Café. I was a customer. She heard I was from Greece and had a trip planned for Greece, so she started asking me questions about it. She came to my restaurant and asked me out.

First thing you noticed about your wife: I ordered shrimp cocktail. They brought it to me with shells on. I complained. She peeled the shrimp for me.

Last book you read: I don't read books. I like to live life. I read news and current affairs.

Toys played with as a kid: In Greece, at the time, kids played with rocks and soccer balls.

First car: A red 1972 Firebird.

If you could convince people of one thing: Come to Athens restaurant.

What do you do in your spare time: Take family out to eat at other restaurants.

What do you remember about the day you moved to the United States: I was 6 years old. I rode from a village to Athens for the first time and started asking if that was America.

What day would you live over: That day hasn't come yet.

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FIVE THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK

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Today
Get crafty

Craft fair hosted by Johnson County Extension Homemakers.
Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Where: Scott Hall at Johnson County Fairgrounds in Franklin
Admission: Free
Information: 736-3724

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Sunday
Make a splash

Family swim at Franklin Community High School pool.
Time: 4 to 6 p.m.
Where: 625 Grizzly Cub Drive, Franklin
Cost: \$2
What you need to know: Children 12 and younger must be accompanied by an adult

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Tuesday
Cool cats

Performance by rock and blues group The TomKats
Time: 12:15 to 1:15 p.m.
Where: Indianapolis Artsgarden, Illinois and Washington streets, Indianapolis
Cost: Free
Information: 624-2563; www.indyarts.org

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Thursday
Learn about Lincoln

Exhibit focusing on life and death of Abraham Lincoln.
Time: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through March 11
Where: Indianapolis Historical Society, 450 West Ohio St. in Indianapolis
Cost: Free
Information: 232-1882

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Friday
Get into the swing

Put on your dancing shoes for lessons and dancing at Fountain Square Theater.
Time: Lessons start at 7:30 p.m.; music starts at 8:30 p.m.
Where: 1105 Prospect St., Indianapolis
Cost: \$12 at 7:30 p.m.; \$10 at 8:30 p.m.
Information: 686-6010

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