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Teens learn about Bible, U.S.

Club reaching out to Spanish-speaking students in Johnson County

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Six teenagers stroll into the offices of Esperanza En Jesu Cristo and are met by shouts of "Hola!" and hugs from adults waiting for them there.

A volunteer hands one student a bilingual Bible and teases another about why the teen didn't bring him any pizza.

The Esperanza Club, or Hope Club, meets every Wednesday night for Bible studies, discussions about how to make good decisions and field trips to help Hispanic high school students get to know their community.

The goal is to introduce the teens to the Bible, but also to help them understand the place where they now live, said Margarita Hart, director of Esperanza ministries.

Many teens in the group have been in America for less than three years.



STAFF PHOTO BY MATT O'LEARY

Yuli Canales, left, and Consuelo Carrillo participate in a banking class at Fifth-Third Bank in Greenwood. The class was intended to teach local Hispanic youths how to manage money.

Places like police departments, fire stations and banks are unfamiliar to them, but important to understand, Hart said.

"This is their community," she

said. "We want to help integrate them."

Census data suggest that about 1,700 Hispanic people live in Johnson County. People who work closely with the Hispanic community say that number is closer to 8,000.

Esperanza, a ministry that offers several services to Hispanic families, is increasing its focus on teenagers.

The ministry helps with after-school tutoring sessions, English lessons and now Esperanza clubs for middle and high school students.

The groups have visited the police department and the fire station. Police officers have come to talk to them about drugs, and plans call for a trip to Central Nine Career Center to explore the different education programs offered.

One of the goals is giving teens ideas about what kinds of careers they could have, Hart said.

"We want them to have a vision for their life," she said. "They see bankers and think 'I could have a job some day like this. I need to apply myself in school now.'"

The teens traveled on Wednesday to Fifth-Third Bank in Greenwood to learn how to open accounts and about the different careers a bank can offer.

They were told to start taking accounting classes now if they wanted to work at a bank.

Yuli Canales, 20 and a Greenwood High School student, had several questions about how to get an account.

She said being part of the Esperanza Club has given her a chance to see how things work and get help with her homework.

The volunteers also give her guidance about how to deal with issues at school and in other places where she understands so little of the language people speak.

"We learn here how important it is to make good decisions," she said.

ON THE RECORD

Police

Jail bookings

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

Roger Patrick Lopez, 35, 2288 Summerwood Lane, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of contempt; released on \$250 bond.

Horica Michelle Vernon, 33, 1241 Mount Pleasant St. West, Greenwood; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; released on \$2,500 bond.

Kevin Edward Kunz, 32, 548 Paradise Way West, Apt. A, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of violation of probation; held without bond.

Anthony M. Cobb, 51, 828 Canyon Road, Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of driving while suspended with a previous conviction; released on \$1,000 bond.

Carolyn R. Long, 26, 77 Schoolhouse Road, Franklin; arrested on a charge of contempt; released on \$100 bond.

Denisha Douthit, 19, 1809 N. Linwood Ave., Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of theft; released on \$3,000 bond.

Joshua E. Patterson, 23, 1812 E. Tabor St., Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana/hashish; released on \$1,000 bond.

Joseph J. Hall, 36, 4160 N. County Road 500W, Bargersville; arrested on a charge of public intoxication; held on \$1,000 bond.

Jason E. Roman, 30, 1153 Dawson St., Indianapolis; arrested on two Marion County warrants and wanted on a Putnam County warrant; held without bond.

Julie A. Mills, 30, 8 Harms St., North Vernon; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; released on \$1,000 bond.

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

George Alexander, 55, 407 N. Brewer St., Greenwood; held on \$1,000 bond.
Jason M. Poteet, 32, 6032 Kingsley Drive, Indianapolis; held on \$2,000 bond.

Meetings

Franklin

Economic development commission, 8 a.m. Tuesday, City Hall, 55 Madison St.

Greenwood

City council, 7 p.m. Monday, City Building, 2 N. Madison Ave. On the agenda: annexing four acres at the southwestern corner of Stella Drive and State Road 135; rezoning of 14 lots in Suburban Acres subdivision; consideration of a public smoking ban; purchase of land; spending \$1.6 million to repair streets in Valle Vista subdivision and prohibiting parking on sidewalks, paths and trails

Park board, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Community Center, 100 Surina Way. **Johnson County**

Board of commissioners, administrative meeting 3:30 to 5 p.m., executive session 5 to 7 p.m., regular meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Courthouse Annex, 86 W. Court St., Franklin.

Technical review committee, 9 a.m. Wednesday, courthouse annex.

New Whiteland

Town council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Town Hall, 401 Mooreland Drive.

School boards

Center Grove Community School Corp. board of trustees, 7 p.m. Monday, educational services building, 2929 S. Morgantown Road, Greenwood.

Ohio bank buys Indiana-based Union Federal

Daily Journal staff reports

Ohio-based Sky Financial Group Inc. says it will acquire Union Federal Bank of Indianapolis and its parent company, Waterfield Mortgage Co. Inc. in Fort Wayne, for \$330 million in cash and stock.

Union Federal is the fourth-largest bank in Indianapolis and operates 44 full-service banking centers.

Offices locally are located at the Marsh store in Franklin, on County Line Road east of U.S. 31 and at the intersection of Smith Valley Road and State Road 135 in Greenwood, according to the bank's Web site.

Sky Financial is buying Waterfield's retail and commercial banking business.

Waterfield is selling its mortgage banking businesses in separate transactions, including the previously announced sale to American Home Mortgage Corp.

CENTER GROVE

Police investigating report of rape

A Perry Meridian High School student told police she believes she was raped at a Center Grove home.

The 17-year-old girl said she passed out at the house after drinking alcohol at an Indianapolis business and woke up wearing different clothes, according to a police report.

She told officers she had bruises on her legs and shoulder and her ex-boyfriend told her the two had sex. The victim told police she does not remember having sex with the 18-year-old high school senior, according to a police report.

The girl told a school counselor what happened two days later, and her parents took her to Community South Hospital, where evidence was collected, the report said.

The victim reported the rape to school officials Jan. 18 and said the rape happened on Jan. 15 or 16, according to the report.

The school employee reported the rape to Marion County Sheriff's Office detectives. The case was forwarded earlier this week because the home was in

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Johnson County, said Maj. Steve Byerly, chief of investigations at the Johnson County Sheriff's Office. Johnson County Sheriff's Office detectives started investigating the report Wednesday.

Detectives interviewed the girl again and plan to question the suspect early next week. They are also waiting on evidence from the hospital, Byerly said.

CAMP ATTERBURY

Job shadowing trip ends in expulsion

An Indianapolis teenager has been kicked out of a Job Corps program after a credit and gift card were stolen from the wallet of a worker she was shadowing at a Camp Atterbury medical clinic.

Denisha Douthit, 19, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft after telling police she took an Old Navy credit card and \$20 restaurant gift card from the worker's wallet, a police report said. The wallet was thrown into a trash can in the women's restroom.

Douthit and three others had spent the day shadowing employees at the clinic.

The three juveniles said they also took a few dollars in change from a change jar at the clinic, Job Corps spokesman Jim Hemmelgarn said.

Douthit, of 1809 N. Linwood Ave., Indianapolis, was released from the Johnson County jail on \$3,000 bond. Any Job Corps student caught committing a crime is immediately terminated from the program, Hemmelgarn said. This is the second time in less than two weeks that students have been expelled from the program, he said.

Five teenagers were kicked out after being arrested Jan. 26 for kicking and beating a classmate, Hemmelgarn said.

FRANKLIN

Student's jaw broken in four-person fight

A student told police he was trying to protect his friend when

he tackled a classmate and broke his jaw during a fight outside Franklin Community High School on Thursday, police said.

Four students were involved in a fight in the high school parking lot shortly before 3 p.m., according to a Franklin police report.

Two students who started the fight ended up mostly unhurt, the police report said.

Before school, one of the students told his father that a classmate had called and threatened him, the report said.

The father called the school to alert officials, but the students still fought. The two students who spoke on the phone before school shoved each other, the report said.

A third person got involved, then a fourth tackled him and punched him in the face, the report said.

One of the students later told police he thought his friend was in danger before he tackled the third student and struck him in the face, the report said.

Parents of the student who got hit in the face took the teenager to Johnson Memorial Hospital for a broken jaw and a swollen left eye. The Johnson County Prosecutor's Office is reviewing the case to determine what, if any, charges might be filed.

GREENWOOD

Man runs afoul of law during grocery store trip

A man was found asleep, slumped over a freezer in the frozen food section of Marsh Supermarket on State Road 135 in Greenwood early Friday morning.

Around 4 a.m., a store manager called police to report that a man passed out in the dairy section. A Johnson County sheriff's deputy found Joseph J. Hall, 4160 N. County Road 500W, Bargersville, face-first in a frozen chicken bin.

After waking Hall, the deputy noted he had red, glassy eyes, slurred speech and the odor of alcohol on his breath. Hall, 38, admitted to having three beers. His blood-alcohol content measured .08, according to the report.

He was arrested on a charge of public intoxication and taken to the Johnson County jail.

INDIANAPOLIS

Restaurant sponsoring blood drive Tuesday

Donate blood on Tuesday and get a Colts hat, free Texas Roadhouse bread and a coupon for a free appetizer.

The Indiana Blood Center is having a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the branch at 8725 U.S. 31 south.

The blood drive is sponsored by the Texas Roadhouse restaurant on Southport Road.

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Bring photo identification. Information: 916-5150

WHITELAND


Sign-ups for baseball end today at cafeteria

The Greater Whiteland Baseball Association will have sign-ups for children ages 4 to 15 today from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Break-O-Day Elementary School cafeteria.


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Dr. Theresa (Ellis) Wright
Franklin College class of 1972
Medical Fellow and Cardiovascular Safety Officer at Lilly Research Laboratories

This bright, confident wife and mother shines as a researcher, leader and mentor at Lilly Research Laboratories. A specialist in the cardiovascular therapeutic area, Dr. Wright is responsible for the cardiovascular implications of all Lilly products, those currently on the market and those being developed.

In addition, Dr. Wright contributes her time, talent and treasure to civic and professional organizations which are dedicated to improving the quality of medical care and educational opportunities available to Hoosiers.

Currently, she belongs to the Franklin College Board of Trustees and the Corporate Advisory Board for the Association of Black Cardiologists. She is also the president of the Board of Directors of the Indiana Life Science Academy, a charter school that will emphasize the sciences for students from disadvantaged homes. In 2003, Indiana's governor appointed Dr. Wright to the Indiana Government Efficiency Commission and in 2005, she was inducted into the Indiana Academy.

"Franklin College laid the groundwork that built my confidence and provided the basis of what I needed to excel in the sciences. I credit Franklin College with giving me a strong foundation for success through a liberal arts education," said Wright.



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