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What you need to know

Find out what you missed in the news last week, what you shouldn't miss next week and who stands behind Franklin's mayor.

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The power of words

Lyrics are today's biggest musical influence, declare singer-songwriter Alicia Keys and the editors of Billboard, the nation's top music magazine.

Too much of a good thing

Surprise: Weightlifting can cause muscles to shrink. Brushing can hurt teeth. Experts explain why more isn't always better.

Cut risk of colon cancer

Forget the old advice about eating fiber. The latest science says to eat cabbage but skip red meat.

TODAY'S USA WEEKEND

FYI

Meeting set to discuss issues with seniors

State Rep. Woody Burton will meet with Greenwood-area seniors today.

Burton will speak to the group about Medicare, senior health insurance and prescription drugs.



BURTON

The meeting will be conducted from 10 a.m. to noon today at Greenwood Christian Church, 2045 Averitt Road.

Information: Greenwood Christian Church, 881-9336

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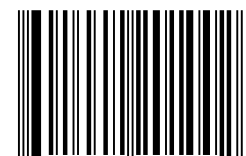
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Amos-Hill employees remove pieces of veneer from a slicer at their Edinburg facility Friday morning. The log they're slicing was unearthed in a southern Indiana rock quarry last year and is being carbon-dated to determine its age.

Ancient oak is one for the (ice) ages

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An Edinburg lumber mill owner had never spent much time pondering prehistoric times, the Ice Age or what kinds of people and animals were around then.

Not until recently, when Richard Wertz encountered a large oak tree that is 6,000 to 30,000 years old.

Now, he and researchers from three states are trying to determine the exact age of the tree, how much it could be worth and if the discovery could offer

lessons in forestry management or global warming.

"Who knows what kind of history is still underground, just waiting for someone to dig it up?" said Wertz, who owns the Amos-Hill Associates lumber mill in Edinburg.

Lee's Ready Mix County Materials in Brownstown found the tree trunk, which is 12 feet long and 41 inches in diameter. It was under 40 feet of sand and gravel.

The tree was about 350 years old when it fell, according to a researcher at Hillsdale

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GOING, GOING, GONE

Here are some of the animals that roamed Indiana during the Ice Age and what happened to them:

Extinct species: Mammoth, mastodon, Harlan's musk ox, dire wolf, giant beaver, short-faced bear, stag-moose, sabertooth, and certain species of giant land tortoise and ground sloth

Survive outside the state relatively unchanged: Caribou, tundra musk oxen, peccary, armadillo, jaguar and tapir

Survived the Ice Age but became extinct in the state later: Elk and white-tailed deer (reintroduced in early 1900s).

SOURCE: Indiana State Museum

MATTERS OF FAITH

Beyond the Bible

Big churches think small in order to grow



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Jennifer Taylor, right, leads a workout class at Greenwood Christian Church. The church has a membership of nearly 2,000.

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When Tracy Watson's daughter was born, church members brought baked goods and meals to her Center Grove area home for a month.

She knew their names through programs and small groups, but they represented only a handful of the congregation at the White River Township church.

The Watsons belong to Mount Pleasant Christian Church, which has one of the largest congregations in the area. More

people attend worship services there each week than live in the entire town of Bargersville.

"It's a community, not just a church," said Watson, a mother of three. "You can have that big experience that is a slice of heaven with 3,000 people but also that close, intimate one-on-one feeling."

Churches, along with neighborhoods and schools, are creating smaller communities within their super-sized boundaries as a way to build personal connections among people.

The rising influence of megachurches

reaches beyond their own congregations, changing the nature of worship and developing networks in the community.

Church leaders point to people's desire for higher quality, community-focused congregations that are relevant to their lives and have an impact on them outside the pews.

"We're big but consider ourselves small, caring communities," said Joyce Long, spokeswoman for Mount Pleasant Christian Church in the Center Grove

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Congregations identify strengths, weaknesses

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Churches looking to draw in more visitors don't have to work alone.

Consultants, surveys and demographic studies help church leaders plan how to attract new members.

The resources can guide church leaders as they add services, ministries and buildings.

Some commercial services help churches identify their strengths and weaknesses.

Natural Church Development, an international research institute, provides churches with a survey to help them assess the health of their church.

The spiritual checkup may help church leaders decide if they're prepared for growth, said David Wetzler, owner of Churchsmart Resources, which is a U.S. partner in the company.

Church members who are active, take a regular ministry role in the church and are involved in some type of small group participate in the study. Thirty of them take a 91-question survey. The answers

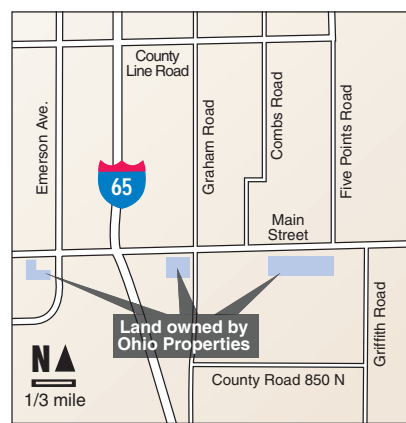
are sent to the company's U.S. office for evaluation.

Survey results tell church leaders where the church's strengths and weaknesses lie, such as empowering leaders, equipping members to use their gifts, providing inspiring worship and offering small groups.

The anonymous survey results allow the church to get honest and objective feedback, Wetzler said.

Books and pamphlets put out by the

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Developer banks on Greenwood's east side

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A Greenwood developer wants to build shops at three corners along Main Street on the city's growing east side.

Ohio Properties LLC owns three pieces of land along Main Street: the southwest corners at Emerson Avenue and Graham Road and in front of the 985-

home Homecoming at University Park subdivision.

In the next five years the company plans to build a string of shops at the locations, moving east as the city of Greenwood moves forward with road improvements and new developments are completed, owner Allen Kirkendall said.

"That's the up-and-coming place," he said about the city's east side. "The city has put a lot

of hard work into the area, and we're hoping to make it (Main Street) an attractive entrance into Greenwood."

New shops will resemble developments in Fishers, giving Greenwood's east side a similar look, Kirkendall said.

The east side of Greenwood has three major residential projects being built, new churches and schools being planned, a new fire station and expected road

work that will widen Graham Road from two lanes to four.

A Wal-Mart and several business and residential projects are being built to the north on County Line Road.

"There may not be a need now, but down the road, once more rooftops are there, we'll need those kinds of shops and

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Condo project targets firms

Businesses may buy space in high-traffic area in Center Grove

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Developers have a unique plan to get the most out of space at a growing Center Grove intersection.

A strip mall with about 10 shops and 11 other businesses, such as restaurants and banks, will face both State Road 135 and Whiteland Road.

Behind them will be 40 more businesses.

The development at the intersection's southeast corner will offer a new idea to southside business owners: Buying office space in a high-traffic area.

In high traffic areas, most businesses are forced to rent, said Paul Cox, who is marketing the new development. Park 135 will include business condominiums, or spaces for offices that are available for sale for about the cost of a mid-sized home.

Duke & Co. is developing the project. Buyers will have six models to choose from.

Already two tenants are interested in the space, including an insurance agent, Cox said.

Developers plan to start construction on the buildings within the next month.

The first phase will include 20 businesses, with a price range of \$119,000 to \$152,000. A second phase is planned to begin construction this summer, he said.

In front of the offices will be South Grove Shoppes, which will include smaller shops and businesses.

These shops will attract more traffic and people to the area, said Ron Feeney, sales manager for Duke & Co.

The types of businesses that will use the office space, such as

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INSIDE

A quick look at new developments coming to State Road 135 in the Center Grove area.

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