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Franklin fire melts siding on nearby garage

Firefighters evacuate people in surrounding homes as precaution

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A house fire at a Franklin home melted the siding on a neighbor's home, firefighters said.

As Franklin firefighters tried to control the blaze in the Knollwood Farms subdivision Tuesday night, they also focused on preventing neighboring homes from catching fire. Neighbors were evacuated as a precaution.

Homeowners Craig and Emily DeBoor, their daughter, and

"Of course, they keep fighting the original fire, but they have to keep it from spreading."

Eddie Daugherty

Franklin Fire Department spokesman on protecting buildings near the fire

Craig's brother, wife and two children escaped the fire. Cindy Thompson was evacuated from her home at 1545 Thunderbird Court, the house just south of the fire.

Before firefighters could stop the fire, heat from the DeBoors' home at 1537 Thunderbird Court

melted siding on Thompson's garage.

Firefighters immediately began dousing the homes with water when they arrived.

"Of course, they keep fighting the original fire, but they have to keep it from spreading," Frank-

lin Fire Department spokesman Eddie Daugherty said.

When homes are close together, containing the flames is a concern, he said. But in this case, the siding did not catch fire.

The heat was intense, and the fire at the DeBoors' home had burned for several minutes before firefighters arrived, he said.

Fire investigators were looking for a cause for the blaze on Wednesday.

Cindy Thompson will be able to stay in her house, firefighters said.



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Firefighters battle flames in the Knollwood Farms subdivision in Franklin on Tuesday night. For more photos visit thejournalnet.com.

Thirty accidents, 22 slide-offs reported

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A skidding sport utility flipped over a guardrail into oncoming traffic on Interstate 65 near Franklin early Wednesday.

Minutes later, another driver nearly hit sheriff's deputies at the scene. Then a semi-trailer rig hit the car and pushed it about 500 feet.

Drivers had a hard time negotiating the road conditions Tuesday and Wednesday morning, sliding into poles, medians and other cars. Police departments reported 30 accidents and at least 22 slide-offs before road conditions improved Wednesday.

Most of the accidents were minor, police said. Five accidents required medical attention, Johnson County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Doug Cox said.

Patches of black ice under snow and slush caused the accidents on I-65 about 5:45 a.m., sheriff's deputy Richard Skaggs said.

The SUV's driver, Juan Bermudez, of Beech Grove, was released after treatment at Johnson Memorial Hospital for a head wound. The other driver, Indianapolis resident Joshua Rubin, was not injured despite being hit on the driver side by the semi, Skaggs said.

Bermudez was driving south on I-65 when he passed over a patch of ice. His SUV slid across the median and into the guardrail. The vehicle flipped, landing on its wheels in the northbound lanes.

The impact flattened all four tires and shattered the windshield and both front-door windows.

A Florida couple on their way to visit relatives in Indianapolis stopped and moved Bermudez to their car, where they gave him a blanket and applied pressure to the cut on his head. Bermudez was not wearing a seat belt and was nearly thrown from the SUV, Skaggs said.

"He's a very lucky man," he said.

Skaggs and deputy Brian Blankenship stopped traffic and were talking with the driver when they heard tires sliding. Skaggs saw a Mustang coming toward them.

The deputies were about to get out of the way when the semi hit the car.

"It was just a typical snow day," said Skaggs, who has been with the sheriff's office for 16 years. "People need to slow down a little."

No one was hurt in the semi accident, Indiana State Police Cpl. Jeff Simmons said.

BRIEFS

LOCAL

JOHNSON COUNTY

Three Republicans file for public office

On Wednesday, the following people filed as Republican candidates for the May 8 primary election:

- Charlie Bourne, Prince's Lakes Town Council, at large
- Roger Ford, Whiteland Town Council, Ward 3
- Joseph R. Ault, Franklin City Council, District 1

Candidates have until Feb. 23 to file to run in the primary. The general election is Nov. 6.

EDINBURGH

Mobile home destroyed by morning blaze

A fire destroyed an Edinburg mobile home Wednesday morning.

No one was home at the time of the blaze, and no one was injured.

The Edinburg Fire Department arrived at 901 S. Pleasant St. at 5:32 a.m. Wednesday and put out the fire in 25 minutes. Neighbors phoned in the report.

The fire did not spread, but the home was a total loss, according to a fire department report. The unit was gutted, neighbor Allen Adair said.

The resident, Lynn Stover, left

to go to work in Indianapolis a half-hour before the fire was reported.

The Red Cross was called, and Stover is staying with a friend. Stover had renter's insurance, Edinburg Fire Chief Allen Smith said.

An investigation has not determined the cause of the fire, but it was accidental, Smith said. He said the fire started in the central bedroom.

FRANKLIN

Franklin company reports record earnings

Record net income was reported by Franklin-based Heartland Banc-shares Inc. for last year.

The bank holding company posted record high net income of \$1,365,000, or 95 cents per share, for 2006, an increase of 6.88 percent over 2005.

Heartland also announced net income of \$363,000, or 25 cents per share, for the fourth quarter of 2006.

Higher net interest income, higher income and lower income tax expense all contributed to the improvements in annual earnings, company officials said.

Total assets grew \$8 million, or 4.09 percent, to \$205 million at the close of the year.

ON THE RECORD

Police/fire

Franklin Battery

3000 block of Dowden Drive: Two men reported at 11:47 p.m. Sunday that they were involved in a fight at Corner Café. One man left the bar after getting into a verbal confrontation and was asked to leave by bar staff. When he left the bar, between three and five men began hitting him. The other man said he was punched while inside the bar.

Burglary
300 block of Province Street: A couple reported at 9:18 p.m. Saturday that sometime after 5 p.m. Saturday someone broke into their residence through the back door and stole a video game system. Nothing else was taken, but several drawers were rummaged through.

Thefts
• 600 block of Johnson Avenue: A woman reported about 2 p.m. Monday that someone stole two prescription medications, jewelry and a video game system from her home.

• 3900 block of Tamara Way: A woman reported at 3:57 p.m. Friday that she opened her jewelry box to find her gold wedding ring, tennis bracelet and diamond necklaces missing. She believes they were stolen between Dec. 31 and Friday.

• 400 block of North Walnut Street: A woman reported at 8:18 a.m. Saturday that sometime between 1:15 and 8 a.m. Saturday someone stole two car seats, two packs of diapers, a copy of a protective order, birth control pills and the gas cap from her vehicle. Two tires were also flattened on her vehicle.

• Comfort Inn, 2122 Holiday Lane: A woman reported at 4:15 a.m. Monday that between 12:01 and 4:15 a.m. Sunday \$2,000 in cash was stolen from her room.

• 1500 block of Roberts Road: A man reported that someone stole speakers from his vehicle and damaged the ignition and stereo between Jan. 30 and Tuesday.

• NSK Corp., 3400 Bearing Drive: A woman reported that someone stole \$1,000 from her purse while it was in a locker between 3 and 5:10 p.m. Tuesday.

Criminal mischief
• 1100 block of Harvest Ridge Circle: A woman reported at 9 p.m. Sunday that someone rang her doorbell. When she answered the door, she found that someone had placed a condom on the inside of the storm door latch with some type of liquid in it.

• 1400 block of Rebecca Lane: A woman reported that someone damaged her car while she was at a friend's home between 6 and 11:30 p.m. Sunday. Dog food, caramel syrup, chocolate syrup and peanut butter were put on the car. The doors were frozen shut from the items on the car. The sunroof was broken, and paint was chipped and scratched.

Personal-injury accidents
• 9:30 a.m. Saturday — U.S. 31 South and Hospital Road: Benjamin R. Brown, 21, Indianapolis; Jessica J. Grant, 20, Bargersville. Brown suffered a contusion or bruise to the face. Grant suffered a fracture or dislocation to the knee, lower leg or foot.

• 10:43 a.m. Jan. 29 — Hurricane Road and Amy Lane: Kyle J. Lacy, 20, Franklin. A passenger in Lacy's vehicle, Kayla Walkden, 17, Franklin complained of neck pain.

Property-damage accidents
• 9:29 p.m. Sunday — Paris Drive and Archies Court
• 12:27 a.m. Sunday — U.S. 31 and Nineveh Road
• 1:57 p.m. Saturday — State Road 44 and Home Street

• 1:41 p.m. Saturday — 2125 N. Morton St.
• 5:44 p.m. Friday — Skyline Boulevard and Vindale Court
• 10 p.m. Tuesday — 2125 N. Morton St.
• 6:16 a.m. Wednesday — U.S. 31 and Banta Street

Greenwood Thefts

• Greenwood Police Department, 186 Surina Way: A man came to the station at 5:11 p.m. Monday to report that someone stole his laptop computer from his vehicle while it was parked at his apartment complex sometime during the past few days.

• 800 block of Sand Hill Crane Run: A man reported that his van was stolen while it was parked at a friend's home between Monday and 9 a.m. Tuesday. He told police the title had been stolen from the van about a week ago, and he had since applied for and received a new one.

• 2900 block of Weald Street: A woman reported that someone stole items including a radar detector and a digital camera from her husband's unlocked vehicle between 11:30 p.m. Monday and 8:28 a.m. Tuesday.

• 800 block of Sylvan Street: A man reported that someone stole a briefcase, satchel, wallet, checkbook and four nail guns from his unlocked vehicle between 9 p.m. Monday and 7:54 a.m. Tuesday.

• 800 block of Sylvan Street: A woman reported that someone stole the stereo faceplate from her unlocked vehicle between 9 p.m. Monday and 7:38 a.m. Tuesday.

• 2800 block of Branch Street: A woman reported that someone stole tools and a knife from her husband's unlocked vehicle between 9 p.m. Monday and 6:49 a.m. Tuesday.

Shoplifting
• CVS, 655 U.S. 31 South: An employee reported at 11:50 p.m. Monday that a man attempted to steal two bottles of whiskey from the store. He dropped one bottle before fleeing in a vehicle.

• Colts Pro Shop kiosk, 1251 U.S. 31 North: A customer alerted the owner about 2:30 p.m. Monday that a man had hidden several Colts T-shirts under his jacket. The man attempted to leave after being asked to stop but was apprehended by mall security. The man was arrested on a charge of theft and transported to the jail.

• Von Maur, 1251 U.S. 31 North: A loss-prevention officer reported at 1:41 p.m. Monday that a woman attempted to steal sunglasses and two bottles of cologne. The woman was issued a summons to appear in court on a charge of criminal conversion.

• Wal-Mart, 1133 N. Emerson Ave.: A loss-prevention officer reported at 1:04 p.m. Tuesday that a man attempted to conceal several items in his pants and coat and take them from the store. The man was arrested on a charge of theft and a Marion County warrant.

Abandoned vehicle
300 block of Farm House Lane: Police responded to a report of a vehicle partially submerged in a pond at 9:33 p.m. Monday. The vehicle had been driven onto the ice, and the driver was not at the scene.

Personal-injury accident
8:57 a.m. Monday — State Road 135 and Stella Drive: Cory W. Vaught, 32, Greenwood; Dawn E. Chappell, 33, Greenwood. Chappell complained of chest pain.

Property-damage accident
3:54 p.m. Monday — U.S. 31 and Fry Road
Johnson County Property-damage accidents
• 4:26 a.m. Wednesday — County Road 800S and Mauxferry Road

• 7:30 a.m. Wednesday — County Road 700N and Forest Hills Boulevard
• 7:06 a.m. Wednesday — State Road 37 and County Road 1100N

Jail bookings

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

David Ken Alderson, 20, 600 Wooddale Terrace, Apt. 9, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana/hashish; held on \$2,000 bond.
Brady Phillip Frost, 35, 5234 E. 20th Place, Indianapolis; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; held without bond.

Troy E. Blakey, 38, 7021 Franklin Road, Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of theft or receiving stolen property and a Marion County warrant; held without bond.

Births

Johnson Memorial Hospital

Jennifer and Craig Parker, Franklin, girl born Feb. 6.
Joshua and Brittany Rothwell, Franklin, boy born Feb. 6.

St. Francis Hospital Indianapolis

Steven and Heather Flack, Greenwood, boy born Jan. 14.

Courts

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Worldwide Asset Purchasing v. Bryan Spall

Capital One Bank v. Tammy Herman
Hawker Financial Corp. v. William Riester
Colonial Credit Corp. v. Christy Raney
Capital One Bank v. Moe Tibbetts
Capital One Bank v. Brandi Bloom
Discover Bank v. John Hatton
IN Receivables v. Dustin Cottrill
IN Receivables v. Ryan Oakes
Flinn and Maguire Funeral Home v. John Morris

IN Receivables v. Amber Hosier
IN Receivables v. Jean Orr
James T. Kellie Plumbing v. Terry Wagner
Betty Lasiter and Mark Lasiter v. Acapulco Joe's Mexican Food & Restaurant

EMCC Receivables v. Eric Zanders
Oliphant Financial Corp. v. Rebecca Young
Eric Capital Management v. Steven Rader
Velocity Investments v. Billy Guy
Wells Fargo Financial v. Terry Cummings

Discover Bank v. Robyn Breece
Laura Kopetsky Tri-Ax v. Austrcut
Outback Pools and Neil Purcell
GE Money Bank v. Paul Angelsky
Midland Credit Management v. Robert Moore
Ford Motor Credit Co. v. Malcolm Wilt
Capital One Bank v. Paul Mowery
Velocity Investments v. Erik Cornet
Target National Bank v. Wanda Moore
Capital One Bank v. James Ibaugh
Capital One Bank v. Karen Riester
Aarow Financial Services v. Robert Curry

American General Financial Services v. Douglas Robinson
LL Receivables v. Nettie Backhoff
Capital One Bank v. Lynn Morton
Household Finance Corp. of Nevada v. Arthur Atlas
North Star Capital Acquisitions v. Greg Holt
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