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Offenders often quietly return here

Public not notified when violent criminals opt to live in Johnson County



LAWRENCE

By ANNIE GOELLER DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER agoeller@thejournalnet.com

A former Whiteland town marshal and police officers went door-to-door, informing residents that a man convicted of aiding in a satanic killing had moved to the area.

Neighbors were shocked, remembering the initial media coverage of Keith Lawrence, 34, who was sentenced to serve 30 years in prison, former town marshal Joe Pitcher said. Lawrence was out after serving a third of his sentence and came to Whiteland, where his family lived and where he grew up.

Lawrence is one of more than 90 violent offenders released from prison and living in Johnson County.

Including Lawrence, Johnson County has five murderers, attempted murderers or people who conspired to commit murder. More than 25 other violent felons,

including rapists, arsonists and stalkers, are on probation.

A total of 60 people are on parole in the county.

Offenders are put on probation after being released from prison early or the supervised time is

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INSIDE

State programs mean a long prison term doesn't always equal a long time in prison. Back Page

EX-FELONS IN JOHNSON COUNTY: BY THE NUMBERS

Table with 11 columns showing statistics for various offenses: 3 on probation for murder or conspiracy, 2 on probation for attempted murder, 3 on probation for confinement with a deadly weapon, 1 on probation for battery with serious bodily injury resulting in death, 4 on probation for rape, 7 on probation for robbery, 4 on probation for robbery with a deadly weapon or conspiracy, 1 on probation for aggravated battery, 5 on probation for arson or aiding in arson, 7 on parole for burglary, 3 on parole for battery, 1 on parole for armed robbery.

YOUTH SERVICES

New year brings change for Boys and Girls Club



From left, Dalton Schmidt, Daniel Boston and Fared Kleyn play Monopoly at the Franklin Boys and Girls Club after school.

Official hopes new director can improve fund raising

By ANNIE GOELLER DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER agoeller@thejournalnet.com

A youth service organization in Franklin hopes teaching people it's more than a day care or a place for children to play basketball will help bring in more dollars.

The Boys and Girls Club will go through some changes in coming months, including hiring a new director and making plans to bring in more money.

Athletic and after-school programs are growing, attracting more children to the center and prompting a need for additional space and money.

Officials are considering their options, including focusing on individual donations, building another facility for some programs and the possibility of partnering with other youth organizations in the county, said Adam Treibic, president of the board of directors.

Fund raising has become difficult, especially with several other youth orga-



JOHNSTON

A CLOSER LOOK

Here is some information about the Boys and Girls Club of Franklin:

Membership: Between 700 and 800; more than 1,300 participate in the club's activities.

Funding: Comes from United Way, an endowment fund and the city of Franklin

Project budget for 2007: \$344,314

Membership fee: \$32 per year

Programs: After-school care, athletics, summer care, tutoring and mentoring

SOURCE: Adam Treibic, president of the board of directors and Chris Johnston, director

nizations in the county. The board wants to bring in more dollars, and they need to find a creative way to accomplish that goal, Treibic said.

"Everyone wants to do a capital campaign. You can't have five or six campaigns going on at once competing for the same people," he said.

Treibic hopes one way to bring in more money is to educate people about what the club does.

"It's a lot more than athletics. It's become an extension of the educational environment. What is done at school continues on to some extent at the club," Treibic said.

The board's goal is to make the organization self-funding, relying on the club's money instead of grants or funding from the United Way or the city of Franklin. But board members don't want to raise membership fees, which are \$32 per year, because they worry they would be turning away some of the people they want to serve, he said.

One of the first changes will come in March, when the organization will have a new director and the current director will take on another position.

Chris Johnston who has been director of the club for 16 years, will become the athletic director and assistant director in March, he said.

Treibic would not discuss personnel matters but said that any changes made were to benefit the club long-term.

"We want to make sure we have the right people in the right places," he said. Johnston said the board wants a new director who can focus on fund raising and being a professional face for the organization.

Since he started in 1990, the number of children who participate has grown from

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Speaker: Iraq plan will face scrutiny

House could block funding for troop increase in Iraq

By HOPE YEN THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON

Democrats now running Congress will not give President Bush a blank check to wage war in Iraq, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Sunday, suggesting they could deny him the money should he call for additional troops.



PELOSI

Yet Pelosi's second-in-command and a Senate leader on foreign affairs questioned the wisdom and legality of using the power of the purse to thwart the White House as Bush prepared to announce his revised war strategy this week.

Republicans, now in the minority, said more troops were needed to get a handle on the spiraling violence in Iraq. They also cast doubt whether Democrats would or could block the president's plans.

"Congress is incapable of micromanaging the tactics in the war," said Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

Pelosi made clear that her party supported boosting the overall size of the military "to protect the American people against any threats to our interests, wherever they may occur. That's different, though, from adding troops to Iraq." She also said Democrats would not cut off money for those troops already in Iraq.

But dollars for a further buildup in Iraq — Bush's expected plan could send as many as 20,000 additional U.S. troops — will get the strictest of scrutiny, she said.

"The burden is on the president to justify any additional resources for a mission," said Pelosi, D-Calif. "Congress is ready to use its constitutional authority of oversight to question what is the justification for this spending, what are the results we are receiving."

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AT A GLANCE

Clark-Pleasant Middle School project

Location: East of the current intermediate school at 2111 Sheek Road, Greenwood

Cost: Initial construction will cost about \$55 million. An addition will cost about another \$15 million.

Construction: Work is planned to start in 2008.

Capacity: 1,600 students with the first phase; 2,100 after an addition is put on in 2010

Clark-Pleasant seeks input on middle school plan

By SARAH LIPPS DAILY JOURNAL STAFF WRITER slipps@thejournalnet.com

Clark-Pleasant needs your guidance to decide the details of the first major project in its 10-year building plan.

In the coming months, taxpayers will learn how much a new middle school is going to cost and how much more they'll pay in taxes.

Some aspects of the building,

such as what building materials are used, how much technology is built in and what kind of sound and lighting is installed need to be decided.

Public input is being sought in making those decisions.

At a forum this week, school officials will explain the need for the new school and the expected overall size of the project. Parents and community members who attend the forum will be asked to

give ideas about how big the school should be.

At another forum later this month, members of the public can voice their opinions about how much technology should be added to the building and how expensive the construction materials will be.

For example, whether they think the building should have terrazzo vs. cheaper vinyl floors, or if sound reinforced walls in class-

rooms are important. Lighting quality, wireless computer network cabling and other elements all add to the price tag.

Taxpayers will know how much the project will cost them and when construction will be completed at the last of the forums in February.

One aspect of what the building should look like is already known:

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