

# SOUTHSIDE

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## ON THE RECORD

### Police/fire

#### Franklin

##### Property-damage accidents

- 4:15 p.m. Jan. 23 — 600 Ironwood Drive
- 7:58 a.m. Jan. 25 — 300 block of East King Street
- 5:48 p.m. Jan. 26 — Morton Street and Madison Street
- 11:34 a.m. Jan. 27 — 2125 N. Morton St.
- 5:19 p.m. Feb. 1 — 2797 N. Morton St.
- 3:53 p.m. Feb. 2 — 700 N. Morton St.
- 2:20 p.m. Feb. 6 — Longest and Milford drives
- 2:47 p.m. Feb. 6 — Ritchey Avenue and Adams Street
- 1:13 p.m. Feb. 8 — Jefferson Street and U.S. 31
- 7:24 a.m. Feb. 9 — 1924 Barbie Court
- 4:30 p.m. Feb. 11 — 400 block of North Main Street
- 3:56 p.m. Feb. 12 — 1700 N. Morton St.
- 1:40 p.m. Wednesday — Franklin Lakes Boulevard and Driftwood Court
- 6:38 p.m. Wednesday — 20 S. Morton St.
- 8:55 a.m. Thursday — Christian Boulevard and U.S. 31

#### Greenwood

##### Battery

- 1000 block of Mission Hills Drive: A girl reported at 1:12 p.m. Sunday that her father hit her in the chest with the back of his hand. The girl complained of pain.
- 1100 block of North Paz Drive: A man reported at 6:29 p.m. Sunday that a truck boxed him in behind another vehicle and came up to his vehicle. When the man rolled down his window, the other driver smacked him in the face. When the man tried to call 911, the other driver smacked the cell phone out of his hand.

##### Shoplifting

- Von Maur, 1251 U.S. 31 North: A loss-prevention officer reported at 4:21 p.m. Sunday that a girl attempted to steal swimsuits from the store. The girl was released to her mother pending a court case.

#### Johnson County

##### Shots fired

- 7700 block of County Road 1000N: A man reported at 3:30 p.m. Sunday that he accidentally shot himself. He was taking shooting lessons and was using the instructor's handgun, shooting at a close-range target. The man left his finger in the trigger and while he was trying to holster his weapon the gun went off and grazed his leg. The man suffered a minor wound and was taken to Johnson Memorial Hospital.

##### Jail bookings

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

- Gabriel O. Witt, 21, 164 Lakehart Road, Monrovia; arrested on Clark County and Morgan County warrants; held without bond.
- Vona Robin Purdue, 49, 36 B Ryan Drive, Trafalgar; arrested on a charge of invasion of privacy; released on \$1,000 bond.
- Abigail T. Thiesing, 27, 32 Winterwood, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of theft; released on \$1,400 bond.
- Henderson Ray Conley, 52, 817 Lionshead Lane, Greenwood; arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in court; released on \$5,000 bond.
- Efrain Benjamin Cruz, 27, 2215 Simms Apt. 7, Columbus; arrested on charges of false government-issued identification, identity deception, fleeing with a vehicle and driving without ever receiving a driver's license; held on \$8,000 bond.
- Larry Wayne Reynolds, 48, 20 Brenda Court, Morgantown; arrested on a charge of domestic battery; released on \$1,000 bond.
- Rebecca Frank, 25, 10385 Orchard Park S. Drive, Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of theft or receiving stolen property; held on \$3,000 bond.

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

- Cecil J. Carr, 40, 3511 N. Keystone Ave., Indianapolis; held on \$1,000 bond.
- John W. Kennedy, 36, 5445 Boggs Creek Court Apt. D, Indianapolis; held on \$1,000 bond.
- Michele Ashley Wheatcraft, 19, 7241 Lockwood Lane Apt. D, Indianapolis; also arrested on charges of possession of marijuana/hashish and possession of a controlled substance; held on \$5,000 bond.
- Alisha R. Parmler, 22, 586 Nicole Drive Apt. H, Greenwood; held on \$1,000 bond.
- Laura M. McCauley, 43, 963 Silver Hill Lane, Greenwood; held on \$1,000 bond.

#### Birth

#### Johnson Memorial Hospital

Bill and Jennifer Doty, Bargersville, girl born Feb. 19.

#### Courts

#### Superior 3

The Bank of New York Trust Co. v. Deborah Pfifer and Robert Pfifer  
 Bank of New York v. Julie Grass, Robert Grass, Renea Watson and Joseph L. Watson Jr.  
 Residential Funding Co. v. Johnson County Treasurer, Lisa Marble and State of Indiana  
 Citimortgage v. Hilltop Farms Owners Association, Nathan Kriesel and Melissa O'Quin  
 Bank of New York v. Brenda Rose  
 JP Morgan Chase Bank v. Belinda Cannaday

First Horizon Home Loan Corp. v. State of Indiana Department of Revenue and Margaret Taylor

Citimortgage v. Chris Seeley, Amy Seeley and USA Department of Housing & Urban Development

Bank of New York v. Mary Galloway  
 Countrywide Home Loans v. Adam Kaminski and Andrea Kaminski

Countrywide Home Loans v. Bobbie Barker, Eugene Barker, Knollwood Farms of Franklin and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems

Countrywide Home Loans v. Randy Michael and Sweetgrass Homeowners Association

Countrywide Home Loans v. Laura Jessie and Michael Jessie

GMAC Mortgage v. Bonnie Mayer and John Mayer

U.S. Bank v. Heritage Homeowners Association and Bryan Land

Salin Bank and Trust Co. v. Matthew Whetstone and Tonie Whetstone

HSBC Mortgage Services v. Alberta Drury, Calvin Drury and State of Indiana Department of Revenue

U.S. Bank v. Franklin Place Apartments, Jonathon Henson, Indiana Housing Finance Authority, Kaylea Lindstrom, Sweetgrass Homeowners Association and Traditions Apartments

Midfirst Bank v. Robert Adams, Allie Collection Services, Capital Acceptance Corp., Johnson County Treasurer, Johnson Memorial Hospital, North Central Indiana Collection Agency, State of Indiana and United States of America

Wells Fargo Bank v. Cumberland Trails Homeowners Association, Elsej Ibrahimovic, Meliha Ibrahimovic and Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems

U.S. Bank v. Fred Creekmore and Theresa Creekmore

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# Court planning Web site on abuse

## Grant to help present advice on drugs, alcohol

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Counselors and drug-treatment specialists associated with Greenwood City Court use their expertise to help people with substance-abuse issues every day.

But if symptoms could be identified early on, those people, some of them teenagers, would never have to enter the criminal justice system, Judge Lewis Gregory said.

He hopes a new Web site the



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Lewis Gregory

Greenwood judge on new programs to help inform the public about substance abuse

city plans to operate by summer and community forums will help residents keep their loved ones away from substance abuse and a path that leads to crime.

The city was awarded a \$9,700 grant from AT&T this month to help create the site. Gregory plans to combine the knowledge of court employees as well as private care providers to create a resource on the Web for the public.

"We want to hit problems off as early as possible, before people get hurt and are arrested," he said.

People could use the site to see symptoms of someone who is in the stages of alcoholism or another addiction, Gregory said.

A visitor to the site will be able to identify street drugs they might have found, for example. Places where a person can seek

treatment and ways to broach the subject of getting help also will be available on the site.

Public meetings also will be conducted so members of the public can ask questions of court staff and treatment professionals, he said.

"That way, someone can come in and say, 'Let's say, hypothetically, I found something that looks like (illegal drugs) in my 14-year-old son's room. What do I do?'" Gregory said.

The site will be linked to the city of Greenwood's Web page and will be advertised when it is available, he said.

A vendor was selected to create the site this week. The site is in the beginning stages of planning, Gregory said.

He hopes it will be finished by early summer.

# WRT fire chief to resign from department

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White River Township's fire chief is leaving the department to spend more time with his family.

Chief Michael Tibbetts will step down March 2 and switch to the Bargersville Fire Department, where he'll serve as chief training officer.

Tibbetts doubled the department's full-time staff during his six years as chief. He managed a \$6 million annual budget and supervised 102 personnel, including 36 full-time staff, while protecting 45,000 residents in the Center Grove area and Greenwood.

He kept things running when a 2002 tornado badly damaged Station 52, moving staff to the

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Michael Tibbetts

White River Township's fire chief on his resignation

Greenwood station on Fry Road. He also replaced outdated trucks and equipment.

"It's time to move on," Tibbetts said. "I've accomplished everything I wanted to accomplish during my tenure as chief. It's time for some fresh ideas."

His new position won't be nearly as stressful, Tibbetts said. He'll no longer have to attend government meetings, deal with

disciplinary matters or wrestle with the budget.

The son of a firefighter, Tibbetts served in the White River Township Fire Department for a decade, first as a part-time firefighter while he was still a battalion executive officer for the Indianapolis Fire Department.

The department hired Tibbetts on as its first full-time firefighter in 1999. He had resigned from Indianapolis Fire Department three hours earlier.

Although he said he had never aspired to climb the management ladder, Tibbetts was promoted to chief within a year and hired as the department's second full-time chief in its 55-year history.

As a child, Tibbetts said, he wasn't sure he could follow in the family footsteps because regula-

tions prevented firefighters from wearing glasses. But the restriction was lifted while he was serving in the U.S. Army.

Tibbetts has served as a firefighter for 38 years. He considered retiring but decided the time off would drive him crazy, he said.

"I'll miss it," Tibbetts said. "But the reality is nothing lasts forever."

The township will bid farewell to Tibbetts during an open house from noon to 2 p.m. March 2 at the department's headquarters at 850 S. Mullinix Road.

Deputy Fire Chief Scott Cassin will serve as interim chief until the White River Township Fire Protection District Board names a permanent replacement. No timetable has been set for naming a successor.

#### BRIEFS

### LOCAL

#### GREENWOOD

#### Upright lamp ruled cause of house fire

An upright halogen lamp started a fire at a Greenwood home, causing \$20,000 in damage, Fire Chief Steve Dhondt said.

Greenwood firefighters responded to the fire at 1232 O'Dell Lane at 7:12 p.m. Saturday.

Firefighters had the blaze under control in 10 minutes, he said. No one was injured, Dhondt said.

The fire was contained to an upstairs bedroom but caused smoke damage throughout the home, he said.

At least two people were home when the fire started, Dhondt said. Luis Salcedo owns the home.

#### FRANKLIN

#### Civil rights leader to discuss math program

A mathematician and civil rights leader will speak this week at Franklin College about a program designed to help inner-city and rural students understand math.

Robert Moses' lecture will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Franklin College Chapel.

Moses developed the Algebra Project as a method for teaching math to poor or minority students.

Moses was involved in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee during the civil rights era and helped launch Freedom Summer in 1964, a program aimed at helping register as many black voters as possible in the southern United States.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Call Franklin College at 738-8185 for more information.

#### JOHNSON COUNTY

#### Meeting set to discuss landowners' issues

Landowners can attend a free meeting to understand the challenges facing property owners.

The meeting, sponsored by Johnson County Farm Bureau Inc., will be from 7 to 9 p.m. today at Whiteland Community High School, 300 Main St., Whiteland.

Johnson County Commissioner R.J. McConnell will give a presentation of the model agriculture zoning ordinances recommended by the Indiana Land Resource Council.

Johnson County Agriculture Extension Educator Kimberly Moore will give an overview of

how Johnson County's land has changed in the past several years.

There will be a panel discussion with Johnson County Planning & Zoning Director Brian Waterman and Plan Commission members Bill Gervasio and Kevin McGinnis.

#### JOHNSON COUNTY

#### Two Relay for Life meetings rescheduled

The Relay for Life committee meeting and team captain meeting have been rescheduled.

The committee meeting will take place at 6 p.m. Thursday and the team captain meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday.

#### JOHNSON COUNTY

#### Used book sale will benefit library programs

Friends of Johnson County Public Library will host its annual February Used Book Sale at the Franklin Branch of the Johnson County Public Library.

The sale includes used books, videos, CDs, audio cassettes, and records all at bargain prices.

Preview night for Friends' members will take place from 4 to 9 p.m. Thursday. Friends mem-

berships will be available at the door and sign-up will permit admission into the preview session.

The sale continues from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday.

Sale proceeds are used to fund adult, teen and children's programs and other library projects in the Johnson County Public Library system.

#### FRANKLIN

#### Deadline approaching for Kiwanis scholarship

Kiwanis Indiana Foundation is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to a senior at Franklin Community High School.

Applicants must attend a school in Indiana for their post-high school education in order to qualify for this award. The Kiwanis Club of Franklin will submit one name from the applications they receive to the Kiwanis Foundation.

The winner will then be chosen from all applicants submitted by various clubs in the Heartland Division.

Applications must be submitted to the guidance counselor's office by March 1.

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