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An Indianapolis teenager was not injured when his car struck a utility pole on North Combs Road Friday afternoon. The car later caught on fire.

## Teen uninjured after accident

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An Indianapolis teenager ran two miles to call for a ride after his car struck a utility pole and burst into flames Friday morning, police said.

When police and firefighters found the blazing car in the middle of a field but no driver, they were concerned the driver might have been hurt and wandered away from the wreckage.

"My first thought was he was disoriented, had wandered into the woods and was very seriously injured in the woods," said Paula Redd, a Greenwood police officer.

Workers used thermal imaging equipment and spent more than an hour searching for the vehicle's driver.

An area from County Line Road, Five Points, Combs Road and Main Street had been marked off and a police dog was on its way when officers were notified that the driver, Nicholas Peters, had been located.

Peters, 18, 9451 E. McGregor Road, was uninjured.

A friend had given Peters a ride home after he called from the Wal-Mart on County Line Road.

"He was very sorry everyone was out there looking for him and thought he was injured," Redd said. "He said, 'I'm really sorry to cause all that trouble and take you off the busy streets.'"

The accident was reported in a field off Combs Road at 11:59 a.m.

## BRIEFS LOCAL

FRANKLIN

### Police: Woman broke into building for ice

A woman who police say broke into a vacant nursing home Thursday night told officers she was just trying to get some ice.

Police found Amy Keever, 28, 110 Highland Ave., Franklin, inside the former Angel Care facility at 1109 N. Main St. in Franklin after someone reported seeing a woman enter the building through a window.

She told police she knew where to find a window that would open easily because she used to work there, according to the police report.

When police found Keever, she was walking through the building carrying a plastic bag filled with ice.

She said she just entered the building to get some ice from a freezer, police reported.

Officers found a kitchen knife

in Keever's pocket, according to the report.

Keever was arrested on a charge of burglary. She was released from the Johnson County jail on \$20,000 bond.

JOHNSON COUNTY

### Post offices will be closed Monday

U.S. Postal Service operations will be limited Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

There will be no regular home delivery, but Express Mail items will still be delivered.

There will be no retail window service at any post office.

Customers using a debit or credit card will be able to use automated postal centers at post office locations.

The only automated postal center in Johnson County is at the Greenwood post office on Smith Valley Road.

# New council member chosen

## Greenwood woman selected to assume place left vacant by Mason

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A Greenwood woman who works for a congressman has been selected as the newest member of the Johnson County Council.

Beth Boyce, 28, will fill the seat left vacant when Rick Mason died last month.

She will represent the Greenwood area on the county's financial governing board.

"People give their money to



MASON

government and trust that government will spend it wisely. Hopefully I can do that," she said.

Her goal is to give the taxpayers the services, accountability and efficiency they deserve, she said.

Boyce works for U.S. Rep. Steve Buyer, R-Ind., and manages his scheduling, meetings and travel plans. She also manages Buyer's three regional Indiana offices.

She worked for Buyer for a year in Washington before switching to the Indiana offices four years ago.

Working with the budgets of Buyer's offices has taught her the importance of being accountable for each dollar, Boyce said.

As a council member, Boyce said she will have to be good listener and get involved by doing research on the issues facing the county.

Boyce is also a Republican precinct committee member for Pleasant Township.

She has completed the Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service Series, a year-long training course for women involved in government and the public sector.

Boyce won the seat with 11 votes out of 18 from eligible precinct committee members at a caucus Thursday, county Republican Party chairman Doug Lechner said.

The new council member had

to receive at least 10 of the 18 votes to win, he said.

Boyce won on the first ballot, Lechner said.

The other candidates were Randy Hughey, a Franklin bail bondsman; Thane Morgan, a Greenwood trails activist; David Julian, a local architect and Greenwood Public Library board member; and Mike Carroll, a Greenwood resident.

Boyce will join the seven-member council for her first meeting Feb. 12. She will serve a four-year term as county council member. Mason was re-elected in an uncontested race in November.

Mason, 67, served on the council for nearly 24 years. He died Dec. 15 after suffering a stroke.

# Architects reveal middle school plans

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A new middle school for Clark-Pleasant seventh- and eighth-grade students would be about 300,000 square feet and have both a one- and two-story sections.

At the first of four forums to gather input, project architects said the new middle school would big enough to accommodate 1,629 students. In October, 794 students were enrolled at the current middle school.

As part of the school district's long-range plan, an intermediate school for fifth- and sixth-grade students will be built next to the new middle school.

## ON THE RECORD

### Police/fire

#### Jail bookings

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

Michael Melvin Alldredge, 35, 835 S. Old U.S. 31, Lot 25, Franklin; arrested on a charge of criminal mischief; released on \$1,000 bond.

Tara Ann Roll, 35, 1628 U.S. 31, Franklin; arrested on a charge of driving while suspended with a prior conviction; held on \$1,000 bond.

Michael L. Nicholson, 36, 5502 Ashview Drive, Apt. B, Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of invasion of privacy; released on \$1,000 bond.

Keemo D. Beard, 32, 3960 N. Grant Ave., Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of violation of community corrections; held without bond.

Theodore G. Bolinger, 35, 720 Clearview Drive, Apt. E, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of false reporting or informing; released on \$1,000 bond.

Jerald Fink, 31, 93 Hilltop Farms Blvd., New Whiteland; arrested on a charge of battery; released on \$1,000 bond.

Sabrina L. O'Conner, 26, 405 N. Forest Ave., Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of public intoxication; held on \$1,000 bond.

Amy E. Keever, 28, 110 Highland Ave., Franklin; arrested on a charge of burglary; released on \$20,000 bond.

James C. Jung, 41, 1101 N. Wallace St., Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of contempt; held on \$219.45 bond.

Tiffany Boron, 22, 1504 Timber Village, Greenwood; arrested on a warrant for violation of probation; held without bond.

Robert David Lawson, 26, 436 W. Main St., Greenwood; arrested on charges of possession of marijuana/hashish and driving without a license; held without bond due to a previous charge.

## IF YOU GO

**What:** Clark-Pleasant middle school forum to discuss quality and design of a new middle school

**When:** 6:30 p.m., Jan. 25

**Where:** Clark-Pleasant Middle School, 222 Tracy St., Whiteland

The schools would share cafeteria and kitchen spaces and sports facilities.

The middle school will be built on property owned by the school corporation east of the current intermediate school at 2111 Sheek Road in Greenwood. Construction is planned to start in 2008 and be completed in 2010.

The plans for the middle school

will include separate cafeteria spaces for the groups of students and a kitchen to serve both the intermediate and middle schools, said Rosemary Rehak, a planner with architectural firm CSO Schenkel Shultz.

The school will likely have both a single-story and two-story design.

Classroom areas will be on both stories because it will reduce how far students travel between classes, project consultants said.

Energy-efficient designs will be considered, which could be used as a teaching tool for students, consultants said.

The series of four meetings are designed to gather input from the

public and gain support, said Jim Schellinger, a principal architect with CSO Schenkel Shultz.

The forums are a way to reach out to the public and get them involved, Schellinger said. Consultants, administrators, faculty and staff and one parent attended the meeting this week.

Future meetings about plans for new schools will be listed in newsletters, he said.

The next forum, set for 6:30 p.m. Jan. 25 at Clark-Pleasant Middle School, 222 Tracy St., Whiteland, will address the quality and design of the new middle school.

Costs and impact on taxpayers will be discussed at a meeting Feb. 8.

**Board of public works and safety,** 6 p.m. Thursday, city building

#### Johnson County

**Sheriff's merit board,** 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, law enforcement facility, 1091 Hospital Road, Franklin

#### New Whiteland

**Town council,** 7 p.m. Tuesday, town hall, 401 Mooreland Drive. On the agenda: Award from Governor's Council on Impaired and Dangerous Driving; fire engine financing; skate park; zoning ordinance update; town ordinance revisions review; Best Way newsletter; Eagle Scout project; and trash and recycling rates for 2008 through 2011

#### Prince's Lakes

**Town council,** 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, town hall, 14 E. Lakeview Drive, Nineveh

**Cordry-Sweetwater Conservancy District Board of Directors,** 7 p.m. Tuesday, clubhouse, 8377 Cordry Drive, Nineveh

#### Trafalgar

**Plan commission,** 7 p.m. Monday, town hall, 800 S. Indian Creek Drive

**Community development committee,** 6 p.m. Thursday, town hall

**Town council,** 7 p.m. Thursday, town hall

#### School boards

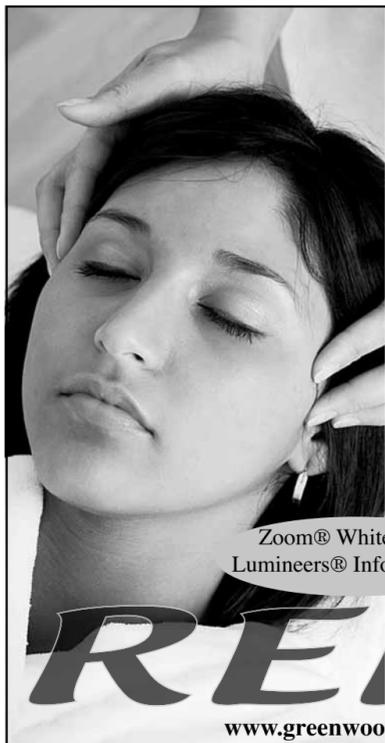
**Clark-Pleasant Community School Corp. Board of Trustees,** 8 p.m. Tuesday, administration building, 50 Center St., Whiteland. On the agenda: Presentation about intermediate school; Awards of Excellence presentations; introduction of high school redesign; recommendation for revised facility usage agreement; field trip request, Central Nine report; 2007-08 calendar proposal; fax signature policy; staff report; fund, revenue and investment reports; donations; recommendation to conduct hearings on borrowing money for middle school construction project; and announcements of upcoming meetings

**Franklin Community Multi-School Building Corp.,** 5 p.m. Tuesday, Northwood Elementary, 965 Grizzly Cub Drive. On the agenda: Election of officers and approval of refinancing bonds

**Special Services,** special session, 12:45 p.m. Wednesday, 500 Earlywood Drive, Franklin. An executive session will be conducted at 1:30 p.m., followed by board of finance at 1:50 p.m. and a regular session at 2 p.m. On the agenda: Presentations; financial status; intervention update; and summer program options

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