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Recent additions include Indiana Court of Appeals ruling on the annexation battle between Bargersville and Greenwood and a letter from Judge Cynthia Emkes, who is a semifinalist for an upcoming vacancy on the Indiana Supreme Court.

DEATHS

Franklin

Dorothy Jean Clark, 86
Michael William Harlow, 21
Anita June Hughes, 90
Wilma J. Watson, 79

Greenwood

Helen Louise Dilley, 81

Indianapolis

Henry P. Robertson, 63

Morgantown

Matthew R. Smith, 24

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Mother pleads guilty in death

Franklin woman faces prison after 10-year-old son's morphine overdose



JUSTUS-BUCK

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A Franklin woman faces up to 20 years in prison after her son took morphine prescribed for her and later died.

Roberta Justus-Buck, 44, pleaded guilty Thursday to two counts of neglect of a dependent, one count a

Class B felony and the other a Class D felony. She will be sentenced in September.

Her 10-year-old son, Travis "T.J." Buck, was found dead in the family's squalid mobile home in October 2008.

The boy, his sister, mother and grandfather shared the home, which was filled with 4-to-6-foot-high piles of trash, stacks of clothing and rotting food.

The children were in charge of preparing their own meals, getting ready for school on their own and counting out their own medications.

T.J. Buck died of a large overdose of morphine, which he had been ingesting for an unknown period of time, police said.

Justus-Buck pleaded guilty to two neglect charges, one for each of her children.

She originally faced three charges, but one of the charges was merged with the others as part of a plea agreement with the Johnson County Prosecutor's Office.

The plea agreement also says that the sentences for each charge will run concurrently, or at the same time. Justus-Buck faces up to 20 years in

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EAT YOUR HEART OUT



Top: Several vendors are offering funnel cakes at the fair. Above: Corndogs are available at the fairgrounds. Bottom Right: Polish sausage, onions and peppers can be seen cooking on a grill. Vendors also sold jumbo tenderloins, slices of pizza and fried Twinkies.

Once-a-year treat not diet killer

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Fair-goer Sarah Carroll doesn't count calories when she indulges herself in a chocolate shake and beaver tail, her favorite fair foods.

The Johnson County fair is only one week a year, so the Franklin resident tries to enjoy those special treats while she can.

"It's something we don't get any other time of the year," Carroll said.

When Karen Jordan and her family come from Indianapolis to show cattle at the fair, she worries about the calories they consume from their fair favorite, pork chops, but after the fair is over.

They bring some food from home, but they also treat themselves to the vendor

booths that surround them every day for a week. This year, they enjoyed their fair favorite three times, she said.

Local dietitians say it's OK to treat yourself during the county fair, even if you are counting calories and trying to eat healthy.

But the key is to limit the splurging to one elephant ear or pork tenderloin.

"Everything is OK in moderation, but the problem is, we don't do moderation well," said Lynn Bruner, a clinical dietitian at Johnson Memorial Hospital.

One of the best tips: Split your fair treats with friends and family.

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NOT EXACTLY HEALTH FOOD

Here is a closer look at the calories and fat in some of your favorite fair foods:

Corn dog 375 calories, 21 grams of fat	Foot-long hot dog and bun 470 calories, 26 grams of fat	Fried Twinkie 420 calories, 20 grams of fat
Turkey leg 1,136 calories, 54 grams of fat	Funnel cake 760 calories, 44 grams of fat	Fried Snickers 444 calories, 29 grams of fat
Bag of in-shell peanuts 340 calories, 26 grams of fat	One slice pepperoni pizza 794 calories, 35 grams of fat	Caramel apple 298 calories, 1 gram of fat
Soft pretzel 340 calories, 2 grams of fat	Hamburger 440 calories, 20 grams of fat	SOURCE: Lynn Bruner, Johnson Memorial Hospital clinical dietitian



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Funnel cloud damage limited

CG area barn roof torn off during fast-moving storm

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Peggy Surface was talking on the phone and putting away groceries when she looked out the kitchen window and saw a funnel cloud spinning in the yard beside her house.

The funnel cloud had blown through her cornfield, peeled off the roof of her pole barn and touched down briefly in the yard before twirling back up into the sky.

"It was long but skinny. I saw it on the ground just as it was going up again," said Surface, who lives southwest of Honey Creek and Smokey Row roads. "It came out of nowhere."

The funnel cloud appeared quickly enough that warning sirens didn't sound until after a resident spotted the twirling wind near Smokey Row Road and State Road 135 about 2:20 p.m. Thursday, said Forrest "Tug" Sutton, director of Johnson County Emergency Management.

Johnson County wasn't under any tornado or storm watches or warnings. Police officers and firefighters spotted the same funnel cloud headed east along Tracy Road, he said.

The funnel cloud was off the ground by 2:30 p.m., and by 2:45 p.m., the storm system that produced the funnel cloud was headed toward Shelby County.

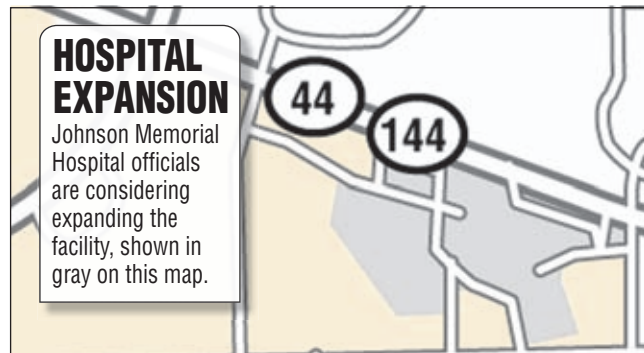
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A funnel cloud was spotted near Shadowood neighborhood east of State Road 135 around 2:20 p.m. Thursday. No one was injured.

Hospital to address drainage issue before expanding



HOSPITAL EXPANSION
Johnson Memorial Hospital officials are considering expanding the facility, shown in gray on this map.

STAFF GRAPHIC

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Hospital officials are preparing for a future expansion at Johnson Memorial Hospital.

But before anything can be built, the county and the hospital have to find a way to resolve drainage issues south of the hospital, said Bill Oakes, the hospital's director of business development.

No detailed plans are available yet for an expansion, and the project is

in the beginning stages of discussions, Oakes said.

Hospital officials don't want to discuss any details of a possible expansion until those details, such as drainage issues, are worked out in case the project doesn't happen, hospital president and chief executive officer Larry Heydon said.

"Right now, it would be premature to comment on an expansion project that may or may not be on the books," Heydon said.

One major detail officials need to figure out is how to stop water from

draining from the north side of the hospital campus south to homes and other properties, Oakes said.

The hospital property isn't having drainage problems because any issues that could cause flooding were fixed shortly after the 2008 flood, when water flowed into part of the hospital building. But in a recent storm, county officials noticed flooded areas south of the hospital, Oakes said.

Hospital officials are working with

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