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WEATHER



Today  
Skies: Partly sunny  
Temps: High 42; low 37

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YOU SHOULD KNOW

Semi crash causes delays on interstate

GREENFIELD — A semi-tractor trailer overturned Thursday afternoon along Interstate 70 near Greenfield, causing traffic to be blocked to one lane.

The accident happened around 12:30 p.m.

The truck involved was headed eastbound on I-70 near the 105 mile marker and tipped onto its side. Police were still investigating the cause of the crash at press time. Indiana State Police officers said the driver suffered minor injuries that were treated at the scene. His name was not released.

Eastbound traffic was reduced to one lane near the accident site, causing backups between State Road 9 and County Road 200N for several hours while first-responders cleared the scene.

## WOMAN SENTENCED TO 85 YEARS

Hancock County native found guilty of murder, attempted murder



REBECCA LAWSON

By **RONNY HATCHER** | DAILY REPORTER  
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INDIANAPOLIS — A Hancock County native found guilty of the murder of her former boyfriend and the attempted murder of her romantic rival was sentenced to 85 years in prison, records show.

Rebecca Lawson, 27, 5290 Reeder St., Indianapolis, on Wednesday received a sentence of 55 years in prison for murder and an additional 30 years for the charge of attempted murder, records show. Lawson will receive about one year off her sentence for the time she

spent in jail awaiting trial, records show.

Lawson was convicted in January on one count of murder and one Level 1 felony count of attempted murder after a three-day trial in Marion County.

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### RESIDENTS IN NEED



## AFTER THE CRASH

Car accident damages home, displaces family

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GREENFIELD — They find it funny the glass in the front window didn't break. It's the only thing they can bring themselves to laugh about.

The whole house shifted right off its foundation when that truck smashed into the bedroom wall, splitting the siding from the ground to the rafters, turning the concrete front porch to rubble. But the glass didn't shatter; it's still intact in every window. Proof of good craftsmanship, Jerry Hoover joked.

A week has passed since Jerry and Kellie Hoover were forced from their Greenfield home after a pickup truck collided with it, causing major damage and prompting city officials to declare it unsafe to live in.

They'd called that place in the

### HOW TO HELP

Jerry and Kellie Hoovers' home was badly damaged after a car crashed into it on Feb. 2, prompting city officials to declare it structurally unsound leaving them homeless. Their family has created a GoFundMe page with a \$25,000 goal to help the couple get by. To donate, visit: [www.gofundme.com/am3jw6-emergency-house-fund](http://www.gofundme.com/am3jw6-emergency-house-fund)

500 block of East Street their home for more than 30 years — it's where they raised their daughter, saw her off to school each morning from first grade to graduation; where their grandkids came to visit, to run around the backyard, laughing, making memories.

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Above: Kellie Hoover, along with grandsons Brian and Christopher Schultheiss, granddaughter Kallie Schultheiss, daughter Krissy Schultheiss and husband Jerry Hoover stand outside the couple's Greenfield home. **TOM RUSSO** | DAILY REPORTER



JUSTIN GOBLE

## Man gets probation in felony assault

No-contact order remains in effect during sentence

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GREENFIELD — A Fortville man will serve time on probation for assaulting a woman — an act he admitted to after prosecutors dismissed the rape charge he had faced.

A judge ordered that Justin Goble, 34, 15 S. Main St., Fortville, serve two years on probation after pleading guilty to one Level 6 felony count of criminal confinement and one Class B misdemeanor of battery.

Goble was arrested in early 2016 after a woman came forward, accusing him of sexual assault.

Both the defendant and victim have intellectual disabilities; but prosecutors said they were confident Goble understood what he had done was wrong, officials said.

The victim told investigators she had recently met Goble and was at his Fortville apartment one night when he became angry because the internet wasn't working. Goble then turned violent, held her down and assaulted her; the woman told police, according to court documents.

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THE DAILY KUDOS

The Daily Reporter today salutes Betty Andrews of Greenfield and Kim Ellis of Greenfield.  
Have a great day!

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## Company eyes land in Alliance Park for project

Indianapolis developer requests tax break for construction of 'spec' building

By **SAMM QUINN** | DAILY REPORTER  
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HANCOCK COUNTY — Companies are interested in moving to Hancock County, but many are looking for vacant industrial space, economic development leaders say.

Hancock County rarely has empty buildings to advertise,

officials say, and the community is missing out on some business projects as a result.

An Indianapolis construction management company hopes to help mitigate that challenge.

Peterson Construction and Property Services is considering constructing a roughly 360,000 square-foot building

ready-made for a business to move in. The company is considering land in Alliance Park by Celadon's new headquarters near Mt. Comfort Road and west County Road 300N.

This week, Larry Stiegler, the chief operating officer for Peterson Construction and Property Service, told the Hancock County Council his

company is eying the county for its next "spec" building project. The company agrees to foot the bill for the project — but wants a tax break from the county in return.

The company, which has worked with other Hancock County companies

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# Big utilities try to tilt solar energy market in their favor

By Brian Swinowski  
The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana's energy utilities want state lawmakers to pass a law that critics say would muscle out smaller companies from the emerging solar energy market.

Solar power provides only about 1 percent of the country's energy, but the industry is growing rapidly, with figures showing it

employed 208,859 workers in 2015. That amounts to a 125 percent increase since 2010, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

But much of the growth has come from homeowners or businesses taking advantage of its bill-lowering potential. That could eventually eat away at the business of the big utilities — in Indiana they are Duke Energy, Vectren and Indiana Michigan Power — which have a powerful

voice and donate handsomely to the political campaigns of lawmakers.

On Thursday, Indiana legislators started debate on a proposed law that in five years would eliminate much of the financial benefit Indiana homeowners, businesses, schools and even some churches reap harvesting the sun's rays. It would tilt the market in favor of the utilities, critics said.

Republican state Sen. Brandt

Hershman's bill would overhaul a practice called "net metering," which allows solar panel owners to feed excess energy into the power grid in exchange for a credit on their power bill.

Hershman's bill would lock in a substantially lower rate of reimbursement than what is currently guaranteed — a move that solar advocates say would make it difficult to break even during the useful life of a solar panel.

"I have nothing against solar. I'm simply trying to reset the marketplace," said Hershman, who says solar panel owners are reimbursed at too-generous of a rate.

But the measure comes as investor-owned utilities across the U.S. are also looking to take advantage of the plunging costs of sun-generated power and carve out a share of the market for themselves.

## PROBATION

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Prosecutors initially filed a Level 3 felony count of rape against Goble in addition to the two lesser counts.

Goble pleaded guilty days before his case was set to go to trial.

This week, Hancock County Superior Court 1 Judge Terry Snow ordered Goble to serve two years on probation for the Level 6 criminal confinement charge and 180 days for the Class B misdemeanor charge.

Those sentences will be served at the same time. If Goble violates probation, he will spend the remainder of his sentence in the Hancock County Jail.

The Level 6 felony he pleaded guilty to carries a maximum penalty of 2½ years; the Class B misdemeanor carries a maximum penalty of 180 days.

Prosecutors said they opted to drop the rape charge Goble had faced because they believed

he would then admit he was guilty of the other accusations filed; they worried testifying in court would be traumatizing to the victim and wanted to keep the case from appearing before a jury, they said.

The victim did not appear in Hancock County Superior Court 1 Wednesday to speak during Goble's sentencing. She'd expressed fears about being face to face with Goble again and chose to let prosecutors express her feelings to the judge, Chief Deputy Prosecutor Marie Castetter said during the hearing.

A no-contact order between Goble and the victim was put in place when Goble was arrested, and Castetter asked the judge to keep the order in place for the duration of the man's sentence.

Snow agreed. He also ordered that Goble complete anger management and probation department monitoring that is traditionally meant for sex offenders.

## SENTENCED

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The murder charge Lawson was convicted of carries a maximum penalty of 65 years in prison; the attempted murder charge carries a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison.

She was accused of shooting two people, killing one and seriously injuring the other, last year in Indianapolis, officials said.

Lawson, a Shirley native, is a 2008 graduate of Eastern Hancock High School. She was living in Indianapolis in February when she was arrested outside a home on the city's southwest side where two people had been shot, according to court documents.

Lawson shot her ex-boyfriend and the woman he was dating at the time during an argument, court documents state.

Patrick Brown, 35, died after being struck in the chest by a single bullet, according to court documents.

Pathologists ruled his death a homicide, reports state.

A second victim, Cecilia Land, was taken to Eskenazi Health

Hospital with critical injuries but later released, reports state.

Lawson shot Brown and Land after finding them together at Brown's home, located along South Lynnhurst Drive in Indianapolis, investigators said.

A witness told police Brown and Land were shot during an argument outside the home, court documents state.

A loaded gun was found inside Lawson's car, which was parked at the scene when police arrived, officials said.

Court records state Lawson told investigators she shot Brown in self-defense. She called 911 after the shooting and waited for police to arrive, court records state. She said she came to Brown's home to collect belongings she had left there and admitted to arguing with Brown, court documents state. She told police she was holding a gun when the argument started.

Lawson said she fired the gun after Brown grabbed her, according to court documents. She told police she fired at Land a few moments later when she saw the woman running toward her, according to court documents.

## PROJECT

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(Foamcraft, Brybelly and Landsberg) to build facilities here, expects the project to create at least 20 new jobs paying an average wage of \$14.42 an hour, figures calculated based on neighboring businesses' pay rates.

Skip Kukat, director of the Hancock Economic Development Council, said the building is estimated to cost about \$13 million. The tax abatement would save the company approximately \$1.6 million over 10 years.

The council preliminarily approved the break at a recent meeting, but the development won't move forward until after a public hearing at next month's county council meeting, scheduled for 8:30 a.m. March 8 at the county annex, 111 American Legion Place.

The county desperately needs vacant buildings Kukat can advertise, he said, as the area is being passed up for other communities that have ready to use space.

The proposal comes

as Greenwood city officials weigh whether to foot the bill for construction of a shell building in city limits.

Potential sites have been identified, but the proposal is still being considered.

Siegler told county council members constructing spec buildings has proven successful in other communities, including Greenwood, Plainfield and Westfield.

Peterson Construction and Property Services has built the facilities in other central Indiana communities. Those buildings house a Wal-Mart, a security company and an Adidas facility, Siegler said.

Building one in Hancock County would help the community be more competitive, he said.

"We've had tremendous success over the past in building spec buildings and getting some heavy-hitters," he said.

Council president Bill Bolander supports the project, saying Siegler's company has been a good economic development partner, developing quality projects in Hancock County, and following through on its promises.

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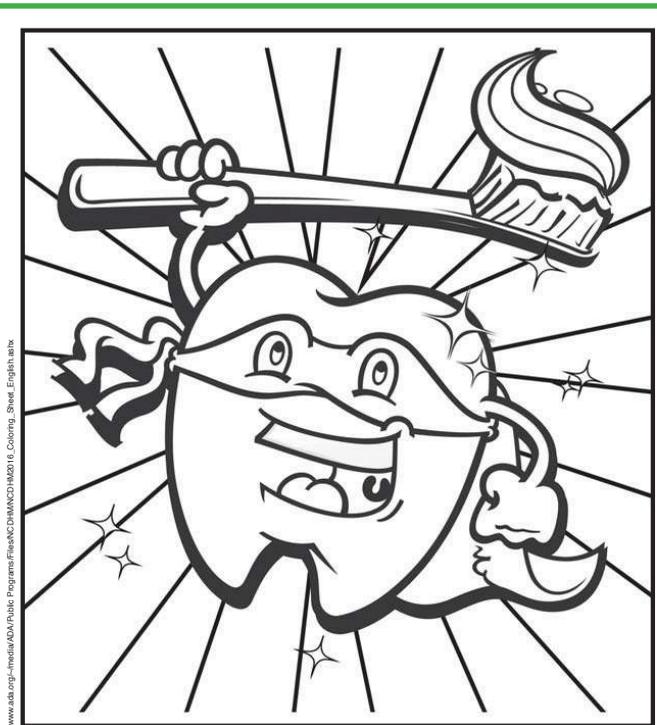
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**ENTRY FORM & RULES:** Contest is open to children ages 12 & under. You may use crayons, colored pencils or markers. Adults may assist with completing entry form but not in the coloring. Limited one entry per child. Entries will not be returned; submissions are considered property of this newspaper and may be printed by this newspaper.

**Mail or drop off at The Daily Reporter, Children's Dental Coloring Contest, 22 W. New Rd Greenfield, IN 46140**

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All entries must be received by **Friday, Feb. 10 at 5 pm** \*\*\*Decision of the judges is final