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## DEATHS

### Edinburgh

Evelyn W. Miller, 95

### Greenwood

Aria "Emma" Fraley, 93

Joe Edward Gerber, 81

Eunice Surface, 91

### Indianapolis

Christine I. Kinman, 42

Linda Lou Maddox, 64

### Elsewhere

Lewis Wayne Andrews, 84

Thomas W. Campbell, 91

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# Center Grove town plan stalled

## Commissioners: More work remains

## Opponents turn in petitions

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The Johnson County Commissioners rejected the petition to turn the Center Grove area into a town, saying the group that's pushing for a new town has more work to do.

A revised proposal could come back in as soon as a few weeks,

but the delay also could postpone further consideration of a town until next year, when two new commissioners take office.

The group of residents asking to create a town government in White River Township suffered a temporary setback but will get a chance to fix the petition and bring it back. Citizens for Center Grove group member Jody Veldkamp said the members still

intend to turn in the proper paperwork that's needed under state law to start the process for creating a town.

Citizens for Center Grove still needs to decide whether to wait until next year to bring the proposal back, so there's continuity with the commissioners involved in the whole process, Veldkamp

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Residents have gathered more than 1,200 signatures against the proposed town of Center Grove and said people don't want to pay bigger tax bills for more government.

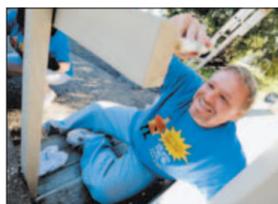
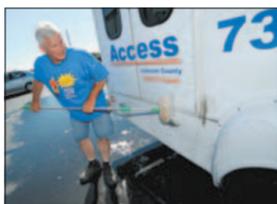
Center Grove area residents Marian Martin and Anne Reaume,

who have been leading an effort to oppose a proposed town, presented the Johnson County Commissioners with the signatures of 1,237 residents who don't want a town.

They urged the commissioners to reject a proposal to create the town of Center Grove, which would be the first new town in Johnson

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## DAY OF CARING



# HELPING HANDS



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Volunteers from First Merchants Bank paint outside The Social in Greenwood for the United Way of Johnson County's annual Day of Caring on Tuesday. At top from left, volunteers Mike Pryor of Johnson Memorial Hospital washes an Access bus at the United Way in Franklin. Volunteer Alice Winegar, Brad Canary and other First Merchants Bank co-workers paint outside The Social.

## United Way campaign takes aim at record goal

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One woman spent years giving money from each paycheck to help the agencies of the United Way of Johnson County.

Years later, an injury forced Dorine Flowers to cut back on work. She had to ask for help from The Salvation Army to pay for needs such as food.

The woman was featured in a video shown to

community leaders, nonprofit workers and area volunteers at the United Way kickoff breakfast Tuesday.

People who live or work in Johnson County are asked each year to pledge a portion of their paychecks to the United Way's annual campaign.

The United Way hopes to raise \$1,435,000 this year. The money goes to 20 nonprofit agencies to help

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## AT A GLANCE

The United Way of Johnson County has set a fundraising goal of \$1,435,000. The money will go to 20 nonprofit agencies in and around Johnson County and to support six internal programs.

The agency raises the funds by asking employees of companies to pledge money from their paychecks and seeking corporate gifts.

Lilly Endowment has offered to match donations from new company campaigns and existing ones that raise 10 percent more than last year.

## Volunteers do their part, too

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Cracks in the walls and chipped paint have needed repair for at least six months at the Social of Greenwood.

Drivers for Access Johnson County no longer can deep clean their vans because they have taken on more routes and don't have time for it.

On Tuesday, volunteers for the United Way's annual Day of Caring

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# Commissioners lift burn ban but urge common sense

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Break out the hot dog and marshmallow roasting sticks this weekend.

Johnson County's burn ban has been lifted just in time for Labor Day.

The Johnson County Commissioners decided Monday that the ban was no longer necessary with the amount of rain the

county has received in the past month and the visible plant growth in recent weeks, commissioner and Greenwood Fire Department Lt. Tom Kite said.

Between 3 and 6 inches of rain have fallen across the county in the past 30 days, according to the National Weather Service. The area west of Franklin has seen the most rain at about 7 inches while the southern parts of the county have had about 3 inches.

Though the county still has areas

that are drier than others, the grass is not dry enough that having a small fire is considered dangerous, Kite said.

"Everything is not so dry that everything is a tinder box. I think the conditions are better. It's not scary dry anymore," Kite said.

The commissioners approved the ban on open burning in the unincorporated areas of the county June 20, and Greenwood and Franklin followed suit, enacting burn bans of their own.

The bans prevented city and county residents from having bonfires or any other fires that were not contained, Kite said.

The cities could have lifted their burn bans earlier than the county, but local fire chiefs said they take their cues from the commissioners. Their burn bans have now been lifted as well, Kite said.

Johnson County was one of the last counties in central Indiana to lift its burn ban. Marion and Shelby counties lifted their bans last week.

Sixteen counties, mainly in the southern part of the state, have not yet lifted their burn bans.

While county residents are now allowed to have bonfires, Commissioner John Price asks that they continue to use common sense. Just because the ban is lifted doesn't mean fires that are left unattended couldn't get out of control, Price said.

"Overall throughout the county, it's a lot safer than it was. But people should use common sense and safety," Price said.

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# County weighs dispatch options

## New income tax could cover bills, but with a price

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Local residents would pay more in income tax with one of the options being considered to put all of the county's emergency dispatchers under one roof.

The county is required to consolidate its five emergency dispatch centers currently operating out of four locations into no more than two centers countywide by the end of 2014. For Johnson County, officials want to move all of the county's emergency dispatchers and their equipment into one facility, where all 911 and non-emergency police and fire calls would go.

But before that can happen, the county has to find a way to pay for a new dispatch center.

One option being discussed is an increase in the local income tax, which is currently 1 percent. Officials are considering adding an additional .25 percent that would go specifically to public safety costs. But under state law, in order to get more money for public safety, the county also would have to approve another increase in the income tax that is meant to reduce how much taxpayers pay in property taxes.

The public safety tax increase would bring in nearly \$8 million a year, with less than half going to the dispatch center. The rest of the money would go back to communities across the county to spend on police or fire department equipment and staff or to shift some police and fire costs off property taxes.

Officials also are looking at using a combination of property taxes, 911 fees and the money currently collected in the income tax. But that raises the question of which community should pay the most, how that should be decided and whether that could lead to shortfalls in their budgets.

Currently, each department that has a dispatch center pays its own costs, including staff and utilities, from a combination of property taxes, income tax and 911 fees.

Nearly \$3.8 million was spent to run the five centers in 2010. The