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**WEATHER**



**Today**  
Skies: Partly cloudy  
Temps: High 38; low 31  
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**Clark-Pleasant student to light up Circle**

Flipping the switch on nearly 5,000 Christmas lights at the Circle of Lights event is an honor given to one student every year.

This evening, that responsibility will fall to 11-year-old Gabrielle Nicole Allen, a sixth-grader at Clark-Pleasant Intermediate School.

Allen was the winner of this year's Circle of Lights coloring contest, sponsored by Indianapolis Downtown. Her illustration, which featured an artistic drawing of the United States with the phrase "Love Indiana My Hometown," was chosen out of more than 2,000 entries.

In addition to ushering in the holiday season at the lighting event, Gabrielle also will receive \$529 contributed into a CollegeChoice 529 direct savings plan.

Allen can be seen flipping the switch on the lights at about 7:50 p.m. today. The Circle of Lights event will be broadcast from 7 to 8 p.m. on WRTV (Channel 6).

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**Indianapolis**  
Charles "Chuck" Caplinger, 84  
Alice Josephine Heldman, 85  
**Elsewhere**  
Gary A. Vaught, 61

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## Legislators picking pockets next term?



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A local food and beverage tax, changes to the state's gas tax and a commuter tax for workers who drive to Marion County are three items lawmakers who represent Johnson County identified as possible issues in 2015.

### Restaurant, fuel, commuter taxes likely to be discussed

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As state lawmakers head back to the Statehouse next year, they could consider new laws that would cost residents more when they go out to eat or change have their income taxes are affected by where they work. Senators and representatives likely

will spend most of the next session working out Indiana's spending plan for the next two years and tinkering with how schools are funded. But lawmakers also will consider some new taxes that could take a little more money out of your wallet every year.

A local food and beverage tax, changes to the state's gas tax and a commuter tax for workers who drive to Marion County are three items lawmakers who

represent Johnson County identified as possible issues in 2015. Those new taxes could help pay for police and firefighters, improving parks or repairing roads, but they'd cost you a few extra pennies every time you go out to lunch or take a few more dollars per month out of your paycheck.

None of the three tax ideas is (SEE POCKETS PAGE A10)

## CLOSE TO THE HEART

### Hospitalist program offers specialized care

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It's 3 a.m. and a patient has come to the emergency room with chest pains. Dr. Jason Cadwallader is at the bedside in minutes.

Cadwallader spends 12-hour shifts at Johnson Memorial Hospital for a week. From 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Cadwallader is the doctor who sees every patient who needs immediate care in the hospital. Some days, that can mean seeing up to 17 patients.

But with Cadwallader seeing those patients, doctors who see patients in their own office won't need to be called into the hospital. That saves money and time, since those specialists are then free to see more patients for daytime appointments, handling issues such as adjusting medication or treating a consistent pain, before they require a hospital visit.

Cadwallader is a hospitalist, or a doctor who works strictly for the hospital. In the past year, Johnson Memorial Hospital created two full-time hospitalist positions who care for patients with any kind of medical need 24/7.

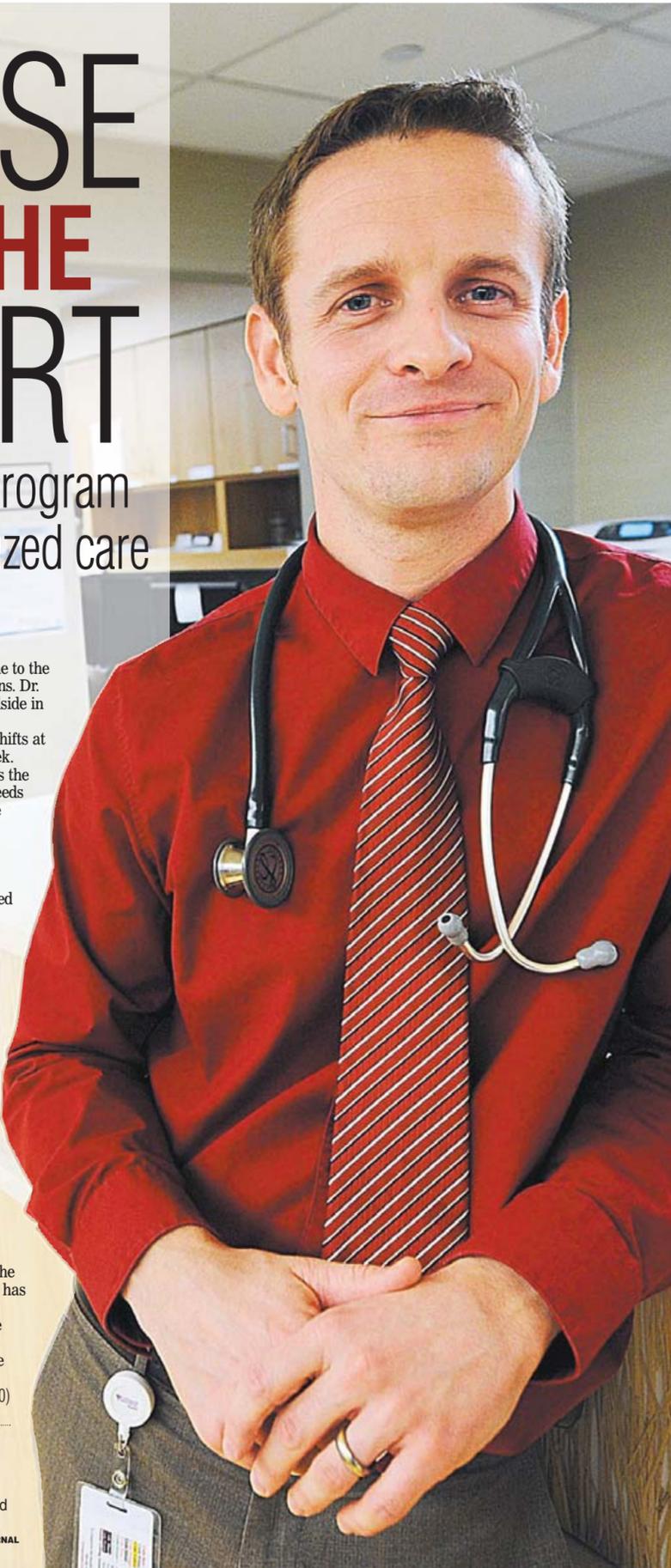
The position has become more common in hospitals across the state and nation. Franciscan St. Francis Health recently created an acute cardiology hospitalist program to help with the rising number of cardiology patients coming through the door. Community Hospital South also has hospitalists who provide patient care.

Hospitalists treat the most extreme cases on a day-to-day basis — from a heart attack to suturing a wound. The

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**Pictured:** Hospitalist Dr. Jason Cadwallader focuses on patient care at Johnson Memorial Hospital, freeing other doctors to focus on surgeries and seeing additional patients.

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## County facility looks to expand

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As crowding at the Johnson County jail has become more of a concern in recent years, a program that sentences people to work release and home detention has been looked at as an alternative.

The community corrections program charges fees to offenders to be monitored at home or kept in a facility where they can leave each day for work. The program has grown since moving into its current location less than 20 years ago, and now officials are looking for a way to expand, Community Corrections Director Albert Hessman said.

Currently, the 100-person facility that houses offenders on work release is at about 50 percent capacity, and the space for female offenders reaches capacity more than 85 percent of the time. In the next few years, Hessman hopes to expand the facility to house 150 people, with 25 additional beds for females to keep up with demand.

But that can't happen in the program's current facility, a pole barn that has housed the program for the past 20 years. Officials have wanted to move out of the building for at least two years.

The most recent desire for a bigger facility comes after state legislators revamped sentencing guidelines, meaning more inmates would be sent to local programs including the county jail. The jail has room for 322 inmates and recently has been averaging 277.

Local officials raised concerns

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The men's dorm at Johnson County Community Corrections has room for 90 offenders and is about 50 to 60 percent full.

## NORTH POLE IN TRAFALGAR

### Tree of Caring charity drive focuses on community needs

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After telling a volunteer about what kinds of Christmas presents her grandchildren would enjoy, a Trafalgar-area woman was reluctant to share any personal needs.

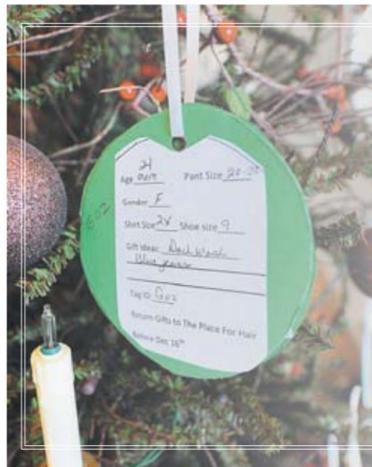
The woman's grandchildren had been

recommended as recipients of The Tree of Caring, a yearly charity drive in which residents of the Indian Creek school district anonymously buy Christmas presents for needy children and their caregivers. As part of the project, volunteers contact the parents or grandparents to find out specific toys on the wish list or clothing sizes, so the

people donating the items will know what to buy.

The woman was reluctant to ask for anything for herself and in the end would mention only pots, pans and cleaning supplies as needs, organizer Teresa Waltz said.

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Left: A paper ornament hangs on the Tree of Caring on Nov. 20 at The Place for Hair in Trafalgar. SCOTT ROBERSON | DAILY JOURNAL