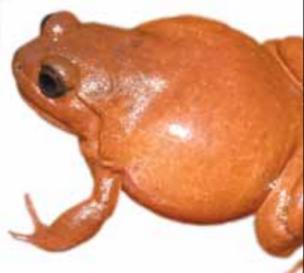


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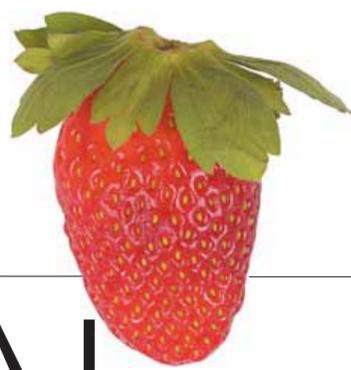
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### WEATHER



Today

Skies: Partly cloudy  
Temps: High 38; low 15

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### YOU SHOULD KNOW

Daily Journal to bring readers what they want

No doubt you have noticed changes in the Daily Journal. We are always changing to better serve our readers.

For more than a year the Daily Journal has made changes in the look of the paper and planned stories aimed at making sure folks know what happens in their communities.

The changes are a result of a massive study and series of discussions we had with southside residents about what issues have the greatest impact on their lives and how the newspaper can help. You'll notice more changes on Saturday and will continue to see upgrades.

• **Get Personal** will give you a look at a slice of someone's life you can relate to.

• Page A2 is becoming **Take 5**, a page full of information about people, issues and activities in our community.

• **Did You Know?** will fill you in on something interesting about your community you might have never known.

• **Know Your Neighbor** will introduce you to southsiders in a question-and-answer format.

• **What You Missed** will give you a short synopsis of what you missed if you didn't pick up the Daily Journal during the week.

• **Things You Need To Know and Do.** We will help you plan your weekend and give you a look at the important issues and events to help you navigate the week ahead.

The goal is to better connect you to your community. Let us know what you think.

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# Next for Greenwood: What is a bar?

## Smoking ban ordinance would exempt taverns but doesn't say what they are

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Whether you will be able to smoke at your favorite bar in Greenwood depends on if it's technically a bar at all. The city council has given pre-

liminary approval to a smoking ban for restaurants and workplaces in the city. It does not include bars.

What is unclear is which bars can continue letting customers light up. The ban does not define what a bar is, council member Ron Deer said.

This has some tavern operators concerned about whether the ordinance will snub out their consumers' cigarettes.

A bar is a place where the serving of food is "incidental" to the consumption of alcohol, according to the proposed smoking ban. The ordinance needs to

define incidental, Deer said.

Some cities with smoking bans list a percentage to define a bar. For example, a city might say a business's sales must be 75 percent alcohol to qualify as a bar, and anything less would make the establishment a restaurant, Deer said.

He said he is not advocating a particular percentage; he just wants to make sure the difference between a bar and restaurant is well defined. He said he plans to push for a clearer definition of bar when the proposal

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# LEARNING TO FLY



## Greenwood airport helps dreams get off the ground

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It wasn't until Scott Lilly moved away from an airport that he got the chance to fly.

When he lived near the Greenwood municipal airport, Lilly would come outside and watch aircraft circle overhead then zoom down to approach the airport's runway.

His dream was to fly one of the planes, but he never had the chance.

Now, the 34-year-old lives on the southside of Indianapolis and is a couple of months away from having his pilot's license.

"How do you pass up a childhood dream?" said Lilly, a manager at Wal-Mart in Beech Grove. "I'm the one in the pilot's seat, and this is the one I've always wanted to be in."

Learning to fly is becoming more popular as airports and small companies offer cheaper lessons and allow students to take out loans to finance training.

An airborne introduction costs \$50, but getting a license will take thousands of dollars.

Greenwood Municipal Airport has signs posted on fences around the airport advertising lessons, promoting financing options for wannabe pilots.

The airport issues about 50 or 60 licenses a year and does twice as many introductory flights for people who just want to experience flying a plane, said Penny Ratliff, assistant chief flight instructor.

"We're still seeing a recovery from 9/11, which really hindered flight instruction for a while," Ratliff said. "But we're definitely seeing it become more popular."

Most people taking lessons want instruction either for a career or because they've always wanted to, instructors said.

"You'd like to think you could walk into a room and pick out the pilots," Greenwood instructor Aaron Morrow said. "But it's so diverse, people of all ages, different backgrounds and their own personal reasons."

In his two years of being an instructor, Morrow has heard stories of every variety: younger people who want the thrill or are interested in an aviation career, divorcees who want something for themselves, or older couples who want to travel on their own after the kids have grown up.

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Above: Joe Newkirk instructs a student in helicopter piloting at Greenwood Municipal Airport. Top: Scott Lilly sits in his training plane, a Cessna 172 SP. Lilly is training for a pilot's license.

### COST OF FLIGHT

You, too, can take an introductory flying lesson for \$50 through the Discovery Flight program at the Greenwood Municipal Airport.

The Greenwood airport is an accredited aviation school through Utah Valley State College. Lesson rates vary for each student and the amount of time spent in instruction. You can pay \$37 per hour for instructor time, and between \$81 and \$120 to rent one of the airport's five airplanes for an hour.

A private pilot certificate will cost \$4,000 to \$8,000 and takes a minimum of 40 hours of flight time.

Visit or call 881-0887 to sign up for a lesson or get more flight instruction information.	
Here's is a snapshot of material, aircraft and instructor rates for Greenwood Municipal Airport.	
<b>Aircraft (Cessna 152)</b>	\$2,440
<b>Instruction</b>	\$1,020
<b>Books</b>	\$176
<b>Medical certificate</b>	\$100
<b>Written exam</b>	\$90
<b>Check ride</b>	\$200
<b>Total for 40 hours</b>	\$4,026
SOURCE: Greenwood Municipal Airport	

# CG teachers get 1.5 percent raise they were seeking

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Center Grove teachers will get the 1.5 percent raise they asked for, but they still want to know why getting a contract took so long this year.

Teachers and the school board each voted Monday to ratify a contract that will give teachers the raise they requested as well as require the school board to pay more for rising insurance costs.

The deal will cost the school district about \$370,000 in new

money this year and be retroactive to Aug. 1.

The contract was settled a week before a state mediator was going to help school board representatives and teachers negotiate. Teachers declared an impasse last week and requested that a state mediator be involved in the discussions.

"The board team got in touch with us last week and said they thought it could be settled without mediation," said Sally Spangler, co-president of the United Teachers Association of

Center Grove.

Both sides met Thursday and quickly reached a tentative agreement: the package teachers had been asking for, she said.

"Everybody is pleased we're done and seems fairly pleased with the settlement," Spangler said. "But they're puzzled about why it had to take this long and why we had to call the state."

Assistant Superintendent Bill Long said the school board met in executive session last week and gave him permission to agree to the 1.5 percent raise.

# Teachers: all-day 'K' a success

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Some students who couldn't identify one letter in August can now read.

Children who were significantly behind last spring are now at the same level of many of their peers at school.

Center Grove teachers told school board members Monday that having more time to do hands-on activities means students enrolled in the district's full-day kindergarten classes this year are meeting learning goals.

By more than doubling the amount of time the district's youngest students spend at the school, teachers can talk about science and social studies, topics they could only touch on before.

If the children want to reread a favorite story, teachers can indulge them without being worried

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# Franklin to detail building plans

## District schedules series of meetings

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Franklin parents and patrons can hear all the details and discussions as decisions are made about what the district's new middle school will look like.

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A detailed look at each project being planned and the key dates in the process.  
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Converting the existing high school into a school for seventh- and eighth-graders will mean expanding classrooms and changing the way space is used in the building.

The \$33 million project will not face formal opposition, but community members asked administrators and school board members to keep the design process open so they can keep an eye on the price.

At least six public meetings to discuss designs and site development will be conducted between now and when the board is expected to approve designs in May.

School board members will make several decisions during that time including how many students to design the building for, how to deal with traffic issues and how classrooms should be configured.

Architects from Gibraltar Design in Indianapolis have promised design options to pick from.

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