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Both of Sunday's teams have made it big without constantly changing lineups others attempt.

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### WEATHER



Today

Skies: Up to 1 inch of snow  
Temps: High 38; low 24

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### YOU SHOULD KNOW

#### Sunday's a super day on TV even if you don't see game

Every viewer knows: This Sunday is the biggest sports day of the year.

But if you don't happen to be Super Bowl material, you needn't be sidelined by TV on Sunday.

#### Go retro

Hallmark Channel offers a marathon of "Little House on the Prairie," from noon Sunday through 3 a.m. Monday.

#### In the kitchen

Down-home cooking queen Paula Deen is cooking up a "Supper" Bowl marathon on Food Network from 2 to 8 p.m.

#### In tune

Host James Lipton huddles with Liza Minnelli for a two-hour exploration of the legendary singer-actress on Bravo's "Inside the Actors Studio," airing 9 to 11 p.m.

#### Puppy love

From 3 to 6 p.m. on Animal Planet, 21 puppies, most of them from animal shelters, kick, run, tackle — well, actually they'll probably just do all the cute things that puppies do.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING?

#### Let us hear about events

The Daily Journal wants to know about and publicize your meetings, events and activities.

We will work to get it in a new section of the newspaper and Web site called Free Time, a guide to fun and cool events and activities on the southside and in central Indiana.

E-mail the information to [freetime@thejournalnet.com](mailto:freetime@thejournalnet.com). Or mail it to Free Time, Daily Journal, P.O. Box 699, Franklin, IN 46131.

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# Council may snuff smoking

## Lighting up in Greenwood offices, restaurants could be banned

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A smoking ban that would prohibit smoking in most restaurants and public places in Greenwood is up for debate by the city council.

Four of the seven city council members said on Friday that they

support the ban. Their votes would be enough to pass it.

If it is approved at a meeting Monday and at a second meeting two weeks later, the ban could take effect before the end of the month.

If passed, the measure would make Greenwood the first city or municipality in Johnson County to go smoke-free.

A smoking ban in many public places in Indianapolis takes effect March 1.

In Johnson County, the ban would apply only to restaurants, businesses and other sites inside Greenwood city limits, which run as far south as Curry Road on State Road 135 and reach New Whiteland on U.S. 31.

Damon's Grill, O'Charley's, and

Applebee's on State Road 135 are among restaurants located farthest south within city limits that would be included in the ban.

But businesses located farther south that still have a Greenwood address wouldn't fall under the new rules.

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### IF YOU GO

**What:** Greenwood City Council meeting to discuss a possible smoking ban in most public places in Greenwood city limits. The meeting is open to the public.

**Where:** Greenwood City Building, 2 N. Madison Ave.

**When:** 7 p.m. Monday

# Make a big impact

## Adult mentors paired up with youngsters



Seven-year-old Shavon Brooks plays with her doll while her 9-year-old brother, Brion Brooks, plays video games at their Franklin home. Brion has been on the Big Brothers waiting list for more than a year, and Shavon will be signed up when she turns 8.

# Big Brothers, Big Sisters searching for volunteers

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After her husband died, Jovita Williams said it became difficult to give her son and daughter the individual attention they needed.

The Greenwood woman decided to sign up the children for Big Brothers Big Sisters.

"I felt it was important to try to provide someone who could give them some degree of one-on-one time and help fill the void left with the death of their dad," Williams said.

Her daughter, Rachel Williams, 18, still keeps in touch with her Big Sister, Susan, with whom she was matched almost nine years ago.

When parents aren't able to give children all the attention they need to

reach their potential, having another caring adult to form a friendship with the child can help.

Mentors provide another positive role model for children and sometimes offer a listening ear or word of advice they won't take from their parents.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana, a regional mentoring program, is in need of volunteers, with more than 150 children on the waiting list for a Big Brother or Big Sister.

Of that number, about 60 percent are boys, county operations team leader Shellie Hartford said.

In Johnson County, about 15 to 20 children are on a waiting list for a mentor.

Children with mentors tend to do better in life in almost every measurable

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### WANT TO HELP KIDS?

Volunteers 18 and older can participate in Big Brothers and Big Sisters programs at schools. If you don't think you have time for that program, other opportunities could fit your schedule.

**Experience Corps:** Volunteers, primarily 55 and older, provide mentoring and tutoring in basic math and reading skills to boys and girls in kindergarten through Grade 5. Participants meet at the school sites one or more hours per week throughout the school year.

**M-Power:** Female volunteers work with fifth- and sixth-grade girls through activities that give them opportunities to explore careers, values and relationships. Volunteers will meet after school for 1½ hours twice a month during the school year.

**GPACT:** Franklin College students are matched with children in the Johnson County Stay in School program. Students will meet with children about twice a month.

**W.E. Connect (Workforce and Education):** Volunteers meet with boys and girls once a week for lunch during the school year at a school near their work. Though there's not one of these programs in Johnson County, residents who work in Marion County could participate in the program.

There are also ongoing special events that allow volunteers to serve one day per year.

# Driver sorry he hit student

## Man cites stress; N-H-J discussing added training

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A Nineveh-Hensley-Jackson bus driver said he slapped an autistic child because the child's behavior had caused his stress level to build up over a period of months.

Driver Stephen Pottorff said he wants to tell the family of the boy that he is sorry.

The school district and the Johnson County Sheriff's Office are investigating the incident, which happened Monday after the boy had moved around in his seat, yelled out and clapped his hands. The episode was captured on tape by a camera on the bus.

Meanwhile, the school district is considering how bus drivers should be trained to deal with special needs students. Pottorff had not received any training and was never told that an autistic boy would be on his bus when he started the route more than a year ago, the driver said.

Autism is a behaviorally diagnosed developmental disability that affects an individual's social interaction and communication. Autism affects individuals differently and to varying degrees, according to the Autism Society of America.

Autistic children may run from a stressful situation, flee from loud noises or become aggressive, especially when touched.

The boy had slapped Pottorff twice in the past and would often scream and yell during daily bus rides. Pottorff said the stress got to him Monday, when he slapped the boy.

He said he wished he would have quit or taken time off before his emotions took control. He said the slap was his fault and he

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# Report: Battery suspect needed money for court

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A Mooresville man who was desperate for money to pay his court fees drank alcohol and smoked crack in the hours before slashing his former roommate's neck, court documents show.

Donald J. Shepard Jr., 40, was charged Thursday with attempted murder and aggravated battery for

the Monday incident, which injured Larry Harmeyer of Greenwood. The 28-year-old victim had surgery for a 4-inch gash that stretched from his neck to the back of his skull. He is out of the hospital.

An investigation by the Greenwood Police Department showed that during an argument on the phone, Shepard threatened to kill Harmeyer

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Donald J. Shepard Jr. was charged with attempted murder and aggravated battery after police said he slashed the neck of Larry Harmeyer, a Greenwood resident.

### CLOSE TO HOME: CENTER GROVE

# Officials to builders: Ask not what schools can do for you ...

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Housing developers have the good name of Center Grove schools to get families to buy their homes, but some school board members want to know what developers can give back to the school system.

Charging developers a fee that

would pay for building new schools may be the answer, said board member Jim Copp.

He is working with local and state officials to find out if the district can charge developers a fee for each home they build. The money would be put into a fund to pay for schools that have to be built to

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