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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Get the word out

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

Whether you are organizing soccer and softball leagues or school events, putting on a summer festival, classes, health fair or 5K run or conducting meetings for moms, PTOs, gardeners and civic and nonprofit groups, let us know all the details. Or maybe you have volunteer opportunities for area residents.

We will work to get it 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.

The best way to get your event publicized is to get the information to us at least three weeks in advance. If you already are planning a big event for spring or summer, let us know now.

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.

FYI

Pence slated as speaker for Greenwood breakfast

U.S. Rep. Mike Pence, R-Ind., will be the featured speaker at the 16th annual Greater Greenwood Mayor's Prayer Breakfast.

The event will begin at 8 a.m. March 11 at Jonathan Byrd's Cafeteria. Table reservations are limited and must be made by Feb. 27.

Information: Linda Carrell, 888-5140; or Lee Money, 865-9607

DEATHS

Franklin

Betty L. Morris, 65  
Charlie R. Wilson, 93

Greenwood

Herschel E. "Butch" Brown Jr.

Indianapolis

Clifford "Cliff" Connerley, 84  
Dale S. Wiggins, 64

Elsewhere

Margaret Anne Green, 85  
Russell A. Johnson, 66  
Vicki Lee Johnson, 57  
Ruth Marie Pedigo, 74  
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TAXING ISSUES

The latest: Senate Tax Chairman Luke Kenley to take testimony on proposal by Indiana Association of Cities and Towns to give local governments new revenue-raising options to reduce reliance on property taxes.

Significance: Could keep debate over issue alive after it received little consideration in House.

What else: Gov. Mitch Daniels and Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson to conduct news conference today on issue after testimony by cities association.

# Local tax plan still alive

## Senate may listen to proposal on revenue sources for cities

By MIKE SMITH  
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Gov. Mitch Daniels and the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns are not giving up on efforts in the General Assembly that would give local governments new revenue sources to reduce their

reliance on property taxes.

Separate alternative taxing plans by Daniels and IACT went nowhere in the GOP-controlled House during the first half of the session, and because of that, two top members of the Republican-controlled Senate have expressed reluctance to push the issue in their chamber.

But one of those lawmakers, Senate Tax Chairman Luke Kenley of Noblesville, said Monday that he would at least take testimony on the IACT proposal before his committee today. Kenley said he might also present his own local tax plan "that isn't endorsed by anyone other than me."

He made no pledges to push an

alternative funding proposal, but said IACT had taken a "pretty bold position" and he wanted his committee to learn about it.

"I think it's an open issue, and that's why I want to hear the debate," Kenley said.

Andrea Johnson, IACT's deputy

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PUBLIC HEALTH VS. INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS

# Greenwood closer to smoking ban

## Proposal covers restaurants, businesses, but not bars



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A proposal that would prevent smokers from lighting up in Greenwood restaurants and workplaces gained preliminary approval from the city council Monday night.

The council voted 6-1 to impose a citywide smoking ban. It would not apply to bars and fraternal lodges, such as Veterans of Foreign Wars posts. Council member Ron Deer voted against the ordinance because he opposes government putting restrictions on the rights of individuals and pri-

private business owners, he said.

About 60 people attended the council meeting, and it appeared most were in favor of the smoking ban. Proponents spoke of concern that second-hand smoke poses health risks such as lung cancer of heart disease for customers and employees who do not smoke.

But opponents of the smoking ban said individuals have the right to choose whether to eat or work at an establishment that allows smoking, and that right should not be taken away.

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Right: Jim Trisler, who works in Greenwood and lives in Monroe County, smokes a cigarette at Smokey Bones Restaurant & Grill in Greenwood. Smoking in public places is illegal in Monroe County but still legal in Greenwood. Above: Greenwood Mayor Charles Henderson listens to debate over a proposed smoking ban during Monday's city council meeting.

## Other communities in county pressed to consider restrictions

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In the coming weeks, county officials will be asked to consider a smoking ban similar to the one that received preliminary approval in Greenwood on Monday night.

Two local health advocacy groups will meet with county commissioners and city and town councils to propose bans similar to the one in Greenwood, which would ban smoking in restaurants and businesses within city limits. Bars and fraternal lodges are excluded.

Franklin Mayor Brenda Jones-Matthews has heard discussion of a ban for the city, but she said one is not being considered by the city council.

She wouldn't say if she was in support of a ban because the city council would make a decision on the issue. But she said she has looked at the health risks associated with smoking and believes city officials in Franklin would be interested in considering a ban.

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# Franklin trucker killed in collision

## Car forces tanker to jackknife on I-65, leading to fatal crash

Daily Journal staff report

A Franklin man was killed in an accident involving a car, a tanker rig and a semitrailer on Interstate 65 near Lebanon on Monday morning.

Waldon Duff, 66, died at the scene when his semitrailer rig struck the tanker near the 139-mile marker in the southbound lanes of the interstate, Indiana State Police spokesman Sgt. Ray Poole said.

The driver of a white Mercury car was trying to merge into the southbound lane from the State Road 39 ramp when the car pulled into the path of the tanker about 8:15 a.m., Poole said.

The driver of the 1995 Freightliner, David P. Meredith, 52, of Crete, Ill., braked suddenly to avoid hitting the car. The tanker

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# Company fined in accident

## Worker burned in October explosion

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The state office that probes workplace safety has fined a construction company for unsafe conditions at a Greenwood building site after a worker was critically burned in an explosion last year.

Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration investigators found that the exact location of a buried gas line wasn't noted before excavation started at Tuscan Village, a home development south of the Target store at Curry and Honey Creek roads. Noblesville-based Weihe Construction will pay \$2,600 for the safety violation, a report from the state department said.

Hector Esquivel spent more than two months at Wishard



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# New headaches plague pharmacists

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Pharmacists' to-do lists are getting a little longer: They fill out paperwork for customers buying cold medicines to help police track possible meth-makers.

They spend hours on the phone with insurance companies trying to sort out questions about new prescription drug insurance plans.

And between these new duties, they still

have to find time to answer patient questions about health care.

Area pharmacists said that in the short term, these changes are forcing them and their co-workers to spend more time on questions about money than medications.

They see long-run benefits for the programs, if they help patients save money and cut down on the number of people making methamphetamine.

But for now, Franklin pharmacist Travis

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Pharmacist Ann Gordon fills a prescription at Henderson Pharmacy in Franklin on Friday.



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