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Skies: Partly sunny
Temps: High 42; low 28

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COMING UP

Are you in a pew?

With busy schedules, it can be hard to make it to church every weekend. Get a look at how different churches view attendance. Plus: Using iPods and other technology to avoid missing sermons, even when you can't make it to services.



THIS WEEK

NEWS

Man run over, dies after slipping off garbage truck

Police are investigating an accident that killed a Bedford man Saturday morning after he slipped off the back of a garbage truck and was then run over by the truck.

The truck's driver ran over Joseph L. Perry, 38, when he was backing the vehicle off of South Jurist Lane in the Lamb Lake subdivision in Trafalgar, according to a report by Johnson County Sheriff Terry McLaughlin.

The left rear tires of the truck ran over Perry, killing him, the report said. Johnson County Coroner David Lutz pronounced Perry dead at the scene.

Evidence suggests that Perry may have been reaching for an item in the truck's compactor when he appeared to have slipped and fallen, the report said.

Perry was employed by the Indiana Limestone Co. in Bedford and Brock Enterprises.

A full obituary appears on Page A5.

DEATHS

Franklin
Cora E. Durbin, 86
Virginia Newkirk, 90
Greenwood
James T. Bobrowski, 57
Elizabeth "Betty" Goad, 96
Jack Kreutzer, 78
Whiteland
Carter B. Clements, infant
Indianapolis
Betty Gene Shortridge, 83
Elsewhere
Joseph L. "Joe" Perry, 38
Wayne V. Williams, 87

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AGING POPULATION: BABY BOOMERS HIT 60

Options for nursing care abound in county



Medical assistant Linda Stevens takes Franklin United Methodist Community resident Exie Gilmore's blood pressure at a clinic available to residents. Government scores indicate residents at the facility receive better care than the state average.

Most area homes earn better score than state average

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Johnson County seniors and families looking for a nursing facility are well situated to find a center that offers good care and several options to meet individual nursing needs.

With the exception of one nursing facility, the majority of the Johnson County nursing centers have consistently scored better than Indiana's average, according to state standards.

As a first wave of baby boomers celebrate their 60th birthday this year, even more people must weigh their options in how to best care for an aging parent or spouse in coming years.

Area administrators said the different types of nursing facilities located in the county

provide residents with a wide range of options for finding an appropriate facility.

Seniors and their families can look at a combination of state scores and special services offered by the facilities in making their choice.

State tests rate facilities on how well they perform on a number of federal guidelines, from staffing ratios to procedures for care.

For a nursing home to be scored by the state, they have to be in operation for at least three years and be federally certified, meaning they get some kind of federal funding, primarily Medicaid or Medicare.

About 1,600 elderly people who live in eight Johnson County nursing homes are receiving better care than most of their peers across the state.

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Franklin facility remains under review; could lose federal money

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Franklin nursing home is still being reviewed to see if it can keep Medicare funding used for patient care.

The state department of health investigated Angelcare Health and Living Center on Dec. 22, the third visit in a series of surveys that started in October.

Though some of the state's

biggest concerns were addressed by the facility in November, the center has persisted in some practices that the state thinks could harm residents, according to the Indiana State Department of Health.

The state's decision to not pay for care of patients admitted after Nov. 12 remains in effect as the center works to correct the concerns.

The center is still being reimbursed with Medicare money for patients admitted before that date.

NURSING HOME REPORT CARDS

Indiana residents wanting to research nursing facilities in their area have an online tool for comparison.

Electronic report cards give scores for the facilities, a number based on federal guidelines. The scores are based on the three most recent surveys for a facility on a scale of 0 to 810, with lower numbers being better. The state average is 135.

To compare nursing report cards for Johnson County, go to www.in.gov/isdh/regsvcs/ltr/repcard/rptcard1.htm and click on "View Nursing Home Report Cards." A look at the scores can be found below.

County facility scores

Facility	Beds	Score
Angelcare Health and Living Center	50	237
Franklin Meadows	114	97
Franklin United Methodist Community	639	10
Greenwood Health and Living Community	121	40
Greenwood Village South	326	67
Hickory Creek at Franklin	37	13
Homeview Center of Franklin	112	13
Indiana Masonic Home	517	0
Regency Place of Greenwood	233	169
Todd-Aikens Health Center	47	21

A civil money penalty imposed on the facility continues, though it was reduced from \$3,050 per day to \$100 per day on Nov. 29.

If the facility doesn't get into compliance by May 7, the state will recommend to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services that Angelcare's federal funding be terminated.

The center was expected to correct the most recent concerns raised by the state by Saturday.

The department originally

discovered several practices that could directly pose a health or safety danger to some of the residents in a survey conducted between Oct. 4 and Nov. 7.

Among its concerns, the department noted:

- A resident was able to leave the facility unattended through a dining room window or by entering a pass code at night to get a snack from an area convenience store.

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'You get used to seeing people ... die'



Mike Stockman discusses his recent Peace Corps work in West Africa at his home in White River Township.

Center Grove grad changed by time in Western Africa

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Visitors clapped outside his tiny home in Africa at 5:30 a.m. until Mike Stockman opened his door.

That was how most of Stockman's days began during the two years he served as a community health and AIDS prevention volunteer for the Peace Corps.

A 1999 graduate of Center Grove

High School and 2003 graduate of Indiana University, Stockman, 24, wasn't sure about a life direction when he received a degree in exercise science.

A roommate's packet of information about the Peace Corps sparked Stockman's interest.

He had never been overseas. He wanted to travel and was curious about living in a different culture for an extended amount of time.

In September 2003, Stockman

packed the 80 pounds of allotted luggage for his journey. He took a few clothes, lots of books and journals and some pictures.

With 41 other volunteers, he left the United States for Togo, an African country near Nigeria and about the size of West Virginia.

After three days of orientation in Lome, the capital of Togo, Stockman moved to the village of

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Drivers say the parking lot of Greendale Centre, at Fry Road and U.S. 31, is one of the most dangerous in the area.

Drivers:
Beware
Fry and
U.S. 31Parking lot full of
peril for motorists
in Greenwood

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Lisa Riley of Greenwood often has to slam on her brakes to avoid backing into a car she didn't see driving through the parking lot at Greendale Centre, south of Fry Road, just east of U.S. 31.

She misses the days when she could drive around the Greenwood mall area without sudden stops and horn honking.

Instead, in the Greendale lot, traffic from five directions flows to one spot in the parking lot. Greendale Centre's tenants include Panera Bread, Qdoba, Cold Stone Creamery, Baja Fresh and others.

This is a change for Greenwood residents, who remember when the shopping center was almost completely vacated until its revitalization and renovation in 2000.

Renovations attracted new businesses, and with those new businesses came more traffic.

Motorists who have moved to the area in the past five years typically don't notice anything wrong with the lot. They say it is congested, but no more than any other busy shopping center by a major mall.

Other shoppers say the strip mall is a condensed nightmare bringing too many cars from too many different directions without a reasonable pattern.

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City plans changes
to dangerous road

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Traffic often comes close to smashing into an Indianapolis resident's car when she drives out of a Greenwood parking lot along Fry Road.

She blames it on idiot drivers most of the time.

But occasionally, she looks at the layout of the intersection and wonders what designers were thinking.

Traffic from a Kohl's store and commercial subdivision connect with two-lane Fry Road on opposite sides of the same spot, just west of U.S. 31, a major north/south corridor through the county.

The problem is Fry Road has few access points to get to the mall on the north, and one of those routes is cutting through the Kohl's and Best Buy parking lot. City engineers have a plan to alleviate traffic congestion by

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