

# OBITUARIES/NEWS

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## GREENWOOD

### Donna Marie (Heil) Hill

Donna Marie (Heil) Hill, 68, Greenwood, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007.

Mrs. Hill was born May 18, 1938, in Ste. Genevieve, Mo., to Raymond Henry and Marie Elizabeth (Meadows) Heil, both of whom preceded her in death. She attended Southeast Missouri State University and had retired from Proctor & Gamble. She most recently worked at Bob Evans Restaurant.

She is survived by two sons, Mark Stephen Hill and Jeffrey Raymond (Dorothy) Hill; two daughters, Jean Marie (Kenneth) Cronk and Diane Kathleen (Ronald) Reagan; two sisters, Marilyn Ann (James) Kertz and Barbara Rae (Scott) Wall; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Barnabas Catholic Church, 8300 Rahke Road, Indianapolis. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Daniel F. O'Riley Funeral Home, 6107 S. East St., Indianapolis, with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. Morning prayers will be said at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Valle Spring Cemetery, Ste. Genevieve, Mo.

Memorial contributions may be made to Abbie Hunt Bryce Home for Dying Homeless, 4701 N. Keystone Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46205; St. Paul Hermitage, Retirement Home for Priests, 501 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove, IN 46107; or Adrian Dominican Sisters Retirement Home for Dominican Sisters, 5700 Siena Heights Drive, Adrian, MI 49221.

## INDIANAPOLIS

### Ralph L. Hoagland

Ralph L. Hoagland, 68, died Feb. 14, 2007. He was a resident of Indianapolis.

Survivors include a brother, Daniel Hoagland Jr.; a sister, Gloria Hoagland; and two half brothers, Daniel R. Hoagland III and John Edward.

A memorial service will be conducted at 1 p.m. today at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 1977 S. State Road 135, Greenwood. Friends may call from noon until service time today at the funeral home.

## OKEECHOBEE, Fla.

### Bobby Hoskins

Bobby Hoskins, 67, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007, at his residence in Okeechobee, Fla.

Survivors include his daughter, Bobbie Jo (Bill) Tranter of Franklin; a brother, Roger Hoskins of Sebring, Fla.; a sister, Nancy Atwood of Fishers; and two granddaughters.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at Buxton Funeral Home Chapel, 110 NE Fifth St., Okeechobee, Fla. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until service time Saturday at the funeral home.

## EDINBURGH

### Omer Johnson

Omer Johnson, 84, died Thursday, Feb. 22, 2007, at Columbus Regional Hospital. He was a resident of Edinburg.

Services are pending at Eskew-Eaton Funeral Home in Edinburg.

## BEDFORD

### Norma June (Johnson) Luallen

Norma June (Johnson) Luallen, 78, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2007, at Bloomington Hospital. She was a resident of Bedford.

Survivors include a son, Bill Luallen of Greenwood; a daughter, Polly Ann Luallen of Washington; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elda and Alma (George) Johnson.

The Rev. Gregg Burris will conduct a funeral service at 1 p.m. Saturday at First Baptist Church in Bedford. Friends may call from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the church and from 11 a.m. until service time Saturday at the church. An Eastern Star service will be conducted at 7:30 p.m. today at the church. Burial will be at Cresthaven Memory Gardens in Bedford.

## Edinburgh

### Omer Johnson, 84

## Greenwood

### Donna Marie Hill, 68

## Nineveh

### Ralph V. Simpson, 65

## Indianapolis

### Ralph L. Hoagland, 68

## Elsewhere

### Bobby Hoskins, 67

### Norma June Luallen, 78

Online condolences may be made at [www.daycarter.com](http://www.daycarter.com).

Day & Carter Mortuary in Bedford is handling arrangements.

## NINEVEH

### Ralph V. Simpson

Ralph V. Simpson, 65, Nineveh, passed away Monday, Feb. 19, 2007, after a brief illness.

He was born June 18, 1941, near Plainfield to Ralph Simpson and Eula (Hubbard) Simpson. He married Judy Wright on Jan. 9, 2002, in Las Vegas.

Ralph was vice president of operations at Milestone Construction, retiring in 2002. He had worked in the paving and construction industry since 1965. He also owned Ralph Simpson Inc.

Ralph's hobbies included travel, gambling, fishing, golfing and parading with his Mini-Mystics family. During his high school years at Decatur Central, he was known as "Bear" on the football team.

Preceding him in death were his parents; and a brother, Arthur "Jack" Simpson.

Ralph is survived by a sister, Phyllis Clark and her husband Bill; two daughters, Melissa Radde and her husband Benny of Sterling City, Texas, and Angela Hammons of Louisville, Ky.; a son, Ralph Simpson Jr. of Austin, Texas; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and several cousins.

Ralph was a very giving individual and belonged to numerous organizations including Moose Lodge 398 of Columbus; Valley of Indianapolis Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite; Knights of the Sea; Johnson County Shrine Club; Johnson County Mini-Mystics; Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana-Nineveh No. 317; Murat Shrine; Murat Motor Corps; Murat Yacht Club; Kachina Klub; Sons of the American Legion Squad 0205; Elks USA 1818 of Franklin; and the Royal Order of Jesters.

Visitation will be from 4 to 7 p.m. today at Carlisle & Son Funeral Chapel, 39 E. High St. in Mooresville, with a Masonic ceremony from 7 to 8 p.m. There will be a service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with calling from 10 a.m. until service time. Burial will follow immediately at White Lick Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607; or Murat Transportation Fund, 510 N. New Jersey St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.

## Obituary policy

The Daily Journal will publish free death notices for Johnson County area residents, former residents and close relatives of area residents.

A free death notice contains basic information, including details about visitation and services, memorial contributions and some survivors.

Families who want to include more information or include a photograph can purchase a custom obituary.

The Daily Journal takes obituary information from funeral homes. All obituaries must be verified with funeral homes before publication.

The deadline for submitting obituaries to the Daily Journal is 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Sundays, the deadline is 1 p.m.

# Lilly debuts insulin device

## New pen includes chip to help diabetics track injections

By TOM MURPHY

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## INDIANAPOLIS

Katy Folven never leaves home without her insulin pen, but the busy Boston social worker sometimes forgets to track her doses.

When that happens, she must prick one of her already-calloused fingertips to measure blood sugar. That can mean as many as 10 punctures in a day.

Eli Lilly and Co. is introducing a unique insulin pen Thursday that could prevent some punctures. The Indianapolis drug maker's Memoir pen, the first on the market with a memory device, is for use with its top-selling insulin, Humalog.

The battery-operated pen, called the "Lexus" of insulin pens by one doctor, uses a computer chip to remember the past 16 insulin doses delivered.

Lilly says Memoir could reduce hassles for some of the 21 million Americans who live with diabetes, but others question whether it will catch on.

"The concept is beautiful," said Dr. William Hsu of the Joslin Diabetes Center, also in Boston. "Now the issue is, is it practical?"

Some predict U.S. insurers and patients might be hesitant to pay \$100 for the pen and a separate fee for the insulin cartridges.

AP PHOTO  
Eli Lilly on Thursday introduced a new insulin device, called Memoir, that tracks injections.



And while insulin pens are popular in Europe and Asia, only about 800,000 of the 4 million U.S. diabetics who need daily insulin injections use a pen. Most use syringes and insulin vials.

Matt Beebe, the company's U.S.-brand team leader for Humalog, predicts that will change once Memoir enters the market. He said Lilly is debuting Memoir in the United States and may branch into Europe and Asia.

Hsu said the pen's price will keep him from prescribing it.

"I think it's expensive," he said.

Lilly plans to offer coupons that let patients buy one of the new pens for \$45.

"Patients helped us develop it

and gave us the idea to bring it to market, and we want to make sure they have access to it," Beebe said.

The new pen could boost Lilly's diabetes product portfolio, which took a hit last month when the company announced it was halting the construction of a Virginia insulin plant. Company officials have said they expect worldwide demand for Lilly's insulin products to grow, but not at levels projected when plans for the site were developed in 2003.

Lilly's diabetes portfolio accounted for nearly one-fifth of the company's \$15.7 billion revenue in 2006, and analysts have predicted that figure could double in the next four years.

Lilly spent seven years develop-

ing the pen in partnership with Battelle Medical Device Solutions of Columbus, Ohio. It is one of three that Lilly plans to introduce this year, part of a strategy to increase Humalog demand, said Lehman Brothers analyst Tony Butler.

Memoir answers a call for more patient-friendly products, said Miller Tabak and Co. analyst Les Funtleyer. But he doubts it will lead to a noticeable revenue increase for the drug maker.

"That could change if everybody says they have to have it, like the next Tickle Me Elmo," he said. But he said the pen was "a step in the right direction for Lilly, and it certainly is where the world is going."

# Lawmakers debate 'fire-safe' cigarettes

By BRUCE SCHREINER

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## BARDESTOWN, Ky.

Debbie Coulter said she supports the right to smoke at her restaurant, but the 52-year-old shudders when she recalls a recent incident in which she fell asleep smoking and her night-gown caught fire.

"It scares me to death," said Coulter, whose husband helped extinguish the fire. "I could have lost everything. My husband would have had to bury me."

But 10 others at a recent house fire in the town died after, inves-

tigators believe, a lit cigarette set a chair aflame.

That fire has sparked calls from fire prevention advocates to require all cigarettes sold in the state to be "fire safe," or made to extinguish when dropped or not inhaled for a period.

"We should act quickly to make sure we don't have those kinds of tragedies in the future," said Lorraine Carli, a spokeswoman for the National Fire Protection Association, which is supporting measures in the Kentucky House of Representatives and Senate.

The state Senate passed a measure that would require the con-

version to fire-safe cigarettes Tuesday, and a similar one has cleared a state House of Representatives committee.

Persuading smokers to quit would be a tough proposition in Kentucky, where tobacco has deep cultural roots. The state has traditionally been one of nation's leading producers of burley tobacco, an ingredient in cigarettes. And Kentucky's 2005 adult smoking rate of 28.7 percent ranked first in the United States.

But Carli says the push to switch to fire-safe cigarettes is not anti-smoking, it is to improve public safety.

"It has little to do with smoking and has everything to do with saving lives," she said.

Nationally, 700 to 900 people die each year from fires caused by smoking materials such as cigarettes, according to the fire prevention group.

In Kentucky, about a third of fire deaths are caused by blazes sparked by cigarettes or other smoking materials, according to State Fire Marshal Rodney Raby.

In 2004, New York became the first state to require fire-safe cigarettes to be sold, and fire officials there have noticed a difference.

# Stricter inspections of beef, poultry set for April

By LIBBY QUAD

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## WASHINGTON

Stepped-up inspections at some meat and poultry plants are set to begin in April, according to an Agriculture Department official overseeing the first overhaul of food-safety inspections in a decade.

The new policy, announced Thursday, is designed to increase scrutiny of processing plants

where the threat of E. coli and other germs is high or where past visits have found unsafe practices. Plants with fewer risks and better food-handling records will be inspected less often.

The Agriculture Department proposes switching to the new system at about 250 locations, or about 5 percent of the nation's estimated 5,300 processing plants.

"We will do this for a long time in these locations until we've had a chance to evaluate how well it's

going, where the bumps in the road might be, what we might need to do differently and how training needs to change," said Richard Raymond, the Agriculture Department's top food-safety official.

Food-safety critics weren't pleased. Carol Tucker Foreman, director of food policy for Consumer Federation of America, called the policy reckless and illegal. She said the new policy was the result of the White House's desire to reduce spending and "will almost

surely result in more illnesses and more deaths from food poisoning."

Raymond said the changes were not money-driven and that the goal was to reduce illness from food poisoning.

Other critics say the idea has merit, but they fear the department is rushing a complex new system into place. The new system will start before officials have finished ranking the levels of risk posed by various meat products.

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The family of Elzada Badger would like to thank the Doctors, Nurses in the ER and on the 3rd floor in CCU & 3T at Johnson Memorial Hospital for going beyond the call of duty and for being so helpful in the loss of our Mother. Again, thank each and everyone for all of your help and support.

-The family of Elzada Badger