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Health magazine

Southside Health magazine discusses the best way to protect yourself and your kids from the flu this season, what's going on with H1N1 and when you need to see a doctor.

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Let Santa hear from you

This holiday season, the Daily Journal will continue its tradition of publishing a special section of children's letters to Santa Claus.

We encourage Santa's fans to send their letters by e-mail to santa@dailyjournal.net.

Written letters or drawings may be submitted to: Letters to Santa, Daily Journal, P.O. Box 699, Franklin, IN 46131. The deadline is Nov. 13.

The section will be inserted into the Daily Journal on Dec. 2.

Information: 736-2701

Spread the word

Southside Family magazine and Southside Holiday Guide will both have calendars full of local holiday events, and we want to hear from you.

Family deadline: Oct. 16; holiday guide deadline: Oct. 23.

Information for all publications can be sent to the Daily Journal's special publications department, 2575 N. Morton St., Franklin, IN 46131, or e-mailed to phoffman@dailyjournal.net.

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Closing school rare option

Districts form contingency plans in case of flu outbreaks

Inside/A5

Is swine flu vaccine safe? Federal health official says risks from not getting vaccine are worse than possible side effects.

Q&A: Do you need a flu vaccine? If so, how many do you have to get? Answers to those questions and more.

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Local educators see closing schools as a last resort to prevent the spread of H1N1 flu.

Only 48 U.S. schools, including one in Indianapolis, have shut down because of sickness this school year.

In Johnson County, Edinburgh canceled kindergarten classes for three days, but no school has been closed.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention no longer recommends that schools shut down, even in cases of outbreaks, partly because H1N1, commonly called swine flu, is proving not as serious as originally thought and is not any more dangerous than the typical seasonal flu.

Instead, school officials should focus on educating parents to keep their sick children at home and continuing to stress the importance of hand washing and covering your mouth with your shirt-sleeve when you sneeze, said Dr. Craig

Moorman, county public health officer.

Ultimately, school officials are to use their own judgment to decide when closing a school is necessary. Each district has an idea about when to start discussing the possibility of closing a school because of sickness.

In Franklin, a school would need an absence rate of 30 percent before school officials would discuss closing it, said David Clendening, superintendent.

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Get your vaccine

The county has received 1,400 doses of H1N1 vaccine. More doses are expected each week.

If your family is a patient of a pediatrician: Contact your pediatrician's office to see if they are administering H1N1 vaccines.

If your family's pediatrician is not offering vaccinations, or if you do not have a pediatrician: Wait for one of the public health clinics expected to open in the coming weeks.

Web extra

Visit dailyjournal.net for answers to your questions about swine flu.

NFL WEEK 5: INDIANAPOLIS COLTS 31, TENNESSEE TITANS 9

TITANIC VICTORY



Above: Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning is pressured by the Titans' Jevon Haye during their game Sunday in Nashville, Tenn.



Colts receiver Reggie Wayne catches a short touchdown pass, the 343rd of Peyton Manning's career, during the first quarter. Tennessee's Ryan Mouton, back, defends. The touchdown moved Manning past Fran Tarkenton on the NFL's career TD list, behind only Brett Favre and Dan Marino.

Indianapolis, Manning dominate reeling Titans

From staff and wire reports

NASHVILLE, Tenn.

Peyton Manning and the NFL's best offense picked apart the league's worst pass defense as the undefeated Indianapolis Colts added to Tennessee's stunning decline with a 31-9 win Sunday night.

Manning, as he had been in the Colts' previous four games, was masterful, going 36 for 44 with 309 yards, three touchdowns and one interception.

Indianapolis (5-0) entered the game leading the league in passing with an average of 330.3 yards.

Manning threw two touchdown passes to rookie Austin Collie and another to Reggie Wayne.

Heading into the game, the Titans' defense was tied for 31st in the league, allowing opponents an average of 282.3 yards passing.

Tennessee (0-5) started William Hayes at end for the first time, was without cornerback Cortland Finnegan and lost cornerback Nick Harper to an arm injury in the third quarter.

Despite two Colts turnovers, the Titans could manage to score only three field goals.

Indianapolis hasn't lost a regular-season game since playing its AFC

South rival in Nashville a year ago. The Colts' 14-game winning streak is the league's best.

Manning passed Fran Tarkenton to sit alone at third on the career touchdowns passing list with 343. He passed Tarkenton with a 3-yard toss to Wayne in the corner of the end zone on fourth-and-1, giving the Colts a 7-0 lead with 7:28 left in the first quarter.

Brett Favre (469) and Dan Marino (420) are the only players ahead of Manning.

Vince Young, benched by the Titans last season in favor of journeyman Kerry Collins, came in with about 7 minutes to go. He was 0 for 3 in two meaningless series.

Manning also marked another milestone, becoming the third player in NFL history with five consecutive 300-yard passing games to start the season. Steve Young had six consecutive 300-yard passing games in 1998, as did Kurt Warner in 2000.

Manning was 7 for 7 on an 81-yard drive in the second quarter capped by a 1-yard touchdown run by Joseph Addai.

Indianapolis also drove 93 yards in 47 seconds just before halftime, and Manning elicited boos from fans of Tennessee, which was 13-3 last season, when he hit Collie in the end zone.

Former market site still eyesore

Whiteland officials want new life for Mr. D's building

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A recent coat of paint covers part of the empty building, and barricades stop drivers from turning into the pothole-scarred parking lot.

But the awnings at one of the best-known buildings in Whiteland are torn, weeds grow through the asphalt, and residents wonder when or if another business will go there.

Since closing in 2002, the Mr. D's site at Whiteland Road and U.S. 31 has been a concern for local residents.

Town council members said the building is brought up at nearly every town council meeting.

Recently, a survey of residents identified that site as one of their top concerns.

Town officials want to see a business there, possibly a grocery store, that would bring life back to the property.

But there is little they can do about the vacant building, since it is not in bad enough shape to be condemned and the town doesn't have enough money to buy it, town officials said.

And even if they could step in, some officials said they don't believe they should.

Until the owners decide to sell it, the building and property at the town's most visible intersection likely will stay empty, officials said.

The grocery store was once an anchor in the town's main intersection but has been a concern raised repeatedly by residents and town officials since Mr. D's closed seven years ago.

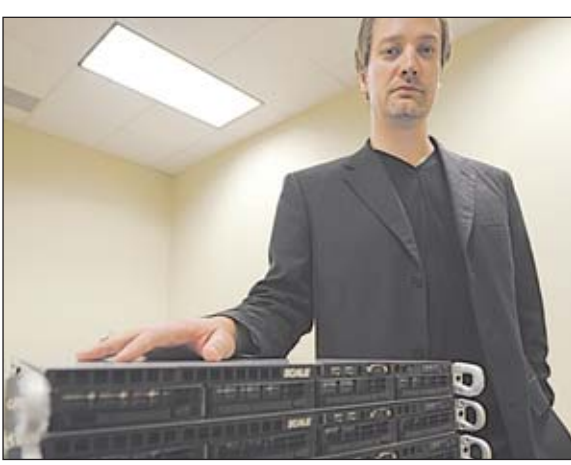
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Center Grove area businessman earns national acclaim

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Jeff Ready with the stackable computer storage devices he created.

Companies can purchase the amount of data storage they need and increase space as it is needed instead of buying a new system.



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A Center Grove area man helped found a high-tech firm, which Forbes Magazine recently listed as one of America's most promising companies, by listening to what potential customers wanted.

Start-up entrepreneur Jeff Ready talked with past clients about ideas he had for new software products and kept hearing the same refrain: The idea sounds great, but they'd have to buy more data storage,

which is already too expensive.

So Ready and his business partners launched Scale Computing, which uses a new technology to offer a more affordable option for data storage that doesn't require major investments in new hardware.

The company recently has received an outpouring of national media attention, including the Forbes honor and a profile in the New York Times.

Scale Computing uses technology that stacks low-cost storage nodes together like Lego blocks to operate as a single system.

Ready and his colleagues developed the technology during their most recent business venture. It fell victim to the economic downturn because they weren't able to raise the venture capital needed.

They planned to develop an artificial intelligence system that would predict stock prices and built a supercomputer that stacked 400 processors on a custom-built rack in a warehouse garage housed next to a lawn care service and a business owner who made cabinets.

The computer had to process

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