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The season's success so far isn't enough for IU fans, who still expect bigger things from Davis.

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WEATHER



Today
Skies: Partly cloudy
Temps: High 52; low 41

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COMING UP



Hail to Geena Davis

Actress Geena Davis of ABC's Golden Globe-winning "Commander in Chief" dishes about living her dream life: hot career, hot husband, cool kids.

Menus by e-mail

Save time in the kitchen: Hire an online service to plan your meals.

Amazing heart news

New science says cheese and alcohol aren't so bad for your health, in moderation.

Lost in translation

How to decipher your gas bill. USA WEEKEND

FYI

Congressman's mobile office to visit county

U.S. Rep. Mike Pence's mobile office will visit Edinburgh and Trafalgar today.

People having problems with a federal agency or who have questions or comments about federal legislation are invited to meet with a member of Pence's staff.



PENCE

The mobile office will be at Edinburgh Town Hall, 107 S. Holland St., from 1 to 2 p.m. today; and at Trafalgar Town Hall, 800 S. Indian Creek Drive, from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. today.

DEATHS

Franklin
Myla Dee Smith, 70
Greenwood
Rita Mae Jean Boas, 59
Indianapolis
Gerald M. Gottlieb, 64
Elsewhere
Edward Long, 84
Katherine B. Neese, 84
Richard J. Stockrahm Sr., 82

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Weather contributes to fatal crash



STAFF PHOTOS BY SCOTT ROBERSON/sroberson@thejournalnet.com
Jerry L. Johns of Lafayette died after his car collided with a jackknifed semitrailer just before 5 a.m. on Interstate 65.

Motorist hits semi on I-65 near Greenwood

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Speeds too fast for slippery roads caused a crash that killed a Lafayette man on Interstate 65 Wednesday morning, police said.

Jerry L. Johns, 66, died of internal and head injuries when his vehicle struck a jackknifed semitrailer just before 5 a.m.

The accident closed the southbound lanes of I-65 at the Greenwood Main Street exit until about 9 a.m. Police sent motorists on a detour off the interstate, forcing many onto U.S. 31, Indiana State Police Sgt. Ray Poole said.

Johns' dog was also injured in the crash. The animal was taken to a local animal hospital with minor injuries.

Police believe Johns and the

semitrailer driver, Vincent Pipkin, were going too fast for the slick road conditions, which caused the crash. Ice formed on the roads after rain was followed by 1 to 3 inches of snow Tuesday night and Wednesday morning in the Indianapolis area, Poole said.

Johns' vehicle struck and then slid underneath the back of the

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INSIDE

The owner of a car dealership in Morgantown died in another crash.

Also, a look at other weather-related problems on the roads.

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CENTER GROVE SCHOOLS

Another alternative

CG program focuses on younger high school students



Center Grove student William Taylor, 18, takes notes in teacher Casey Tedrow's English class. Taylor, a sophomore, finds it easier to focus and understand the details of his assignments at Center Grove's new alternative school.

Small classes make it easy for students to know teachers

AT A GLANCE

The program

Students come to Creating Alternative Redirected Education every other day for the first half of the school day. After a time of discussion and/or presentations from community members, they take a math class and an English class. The other half of the day is spent at the high school, taking other classes.

The program targets freshmen and sophomores who've had some trouble being successful at the high school.

Students stay in the program one semester and then go back to the high school full time.

The staff

A director, a math teacher, an English teacher, a classroom assistant and a social work intern work as a team to help students. They teach, tutor, talk with and mentor students. Parents are encouraged to come to meetings and be involved in their children's education.

Want to help?

Leaders of Center Grove's new alternative school are looking for adults in the community who can mentor students in the program.

If you can spare time between 7:30 and 8:15 a.m. two mornings a month, call Walt Aldoriso at 881-9326.

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Students at Center Grove's new alternative school said they have no choice but to pay attention.

With only eight students in a class, it's impossible to hide, students said.

That's the point.

Creating Alternative Redirected Education, Center Grove's new alternative school for freshmen and sophomores, is designed to serve small groups of young high school students who need help getting credits and getting organized.

The goal is to intervene before students are so far behind that dropping out of school seems to be their only option.

The small environment also helps stu-

dents connect with an adult they can trust, said Casey Tedrow, who teaches English to the students.

Teachers check students' homework, meet with them to evaluate how their week went and poke them on the shoulder when they doze off during class.

The program meets every other morning in the high school's outdoor locker room.

The 16 students grab a breakfast bar and some juice and spend the first 30 minutes of their day talking as a group or listening to a guest speaker.

They will hear from leaders of community

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Efforts fill needs; cooperation among districts stressed

Center Grove's alternative school opened this month, the second in the county to open this school year.

Clark-Pleasant Academy opened in August for Whiteland Community High School students who either had dropped out or didn't have enough credits to graduate.

The programs are organized differently. At Center Grove, the idea is to intervene with younger students, giving them a semester to get connected to some adults and earn math and English credits. Then they are

sent back to the high school full time.

Clark-Pleasant Academy is a final stop for Whiteland students. They finish the credits they need to graduate by doing courses online and earning credits for working or doing community service. They can't go back to the high school.

Both kinds of programs and something for middle school students are needed across the county, local educators said.

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STAFF PHOTO BY SCOTT ROBERSON

Center Grove sophomore Dillon Etter, right, discusses his experiences in advanced placement classes with middle school students.

If I had known then ...

Teens share wisdom with middle schoolers

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Even the best and the brightest of middle school students worry about going to high school.

Like most students, they wonder about finding rooms and lockers, managing longer class times or getting more homework.

But the Center Grove students also want to know how much reading they'll have to do during summer breaks, how soon they can take entrance exams and how the next level of school will prepare them for careers.

On Wednesday night, nine high school students enrolled in advanced-placement and honors courses answered questions from an audience of about 70, mostly eighth-graders and their parents.

This was the second year the meeting was put on by the Center Grove group Parents Supporting Academic Enrichment. It allows older students to help younger students understand what they

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Accidents thwarting volunteer

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A familiar face to Greenwood Community High School athletes has been missing from school halls for a couple of days after being hit by a car while riding his bicycle.

Charles "Chuck" Moser, 54, was struck by a car on his way to work about 6:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Now recuperating with a cracked pelvis, minor concussion and fractured spine, Moser is eagerly awaiting his return to the school.

And the school is just as eager to get him back.

Greenwood students and teachers miss Moser, who works with

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INTO THE REAL WORLD

Part of an occasional series

Edinburgh grad navigating IUPUI life, Indy streets



SWALLOWS

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Life in the big city is becoming easier for a girl who thought she'd never be able to maneuver dozens of one-way streets.

Heather Swallows, 18, has learned how to get to restaurants in downtown

Indianapolis, found some good parking spots and figured out where to hang out away from her dorm room.

She's even figured out how to get more space in her tiny, two-person dorm room.

The Edinburgh Community High School graduate got off to a rough start at IUPUI. A cramped dorm room in a non-air-conditioned building was a

shock to a girl who couldn't sleep without blankets piled on top of her.

At first, she wasn't sure she could stand a month in her new life, let alone the next four years. But now that she's met new friends and learned her way around, she's beginning to like life in Indianapolis.

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