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YOU SHOULD KNOW

Railroad safety is focus

People concerned about Center Grove area railroad crossings will have a chance to get involved next month.

A group of residents, a school board member and local officials are planning a meeting for the first full week of March.

The group will organize a fund-raiser and other ways for the community to get involved.

The date, time and location of the meeting will be announced soon.

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Area dining options growing

Half-dozen new restaurants to open on southside or hunting for space

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For southside residents, deciding where to go for dinner will be more challenging.

At least six new restaurants either have found a spot in Greenwood and plan to open or are looking for a southside home.

Ruby Tuesday, Fox and Hound, Old Chicago, Paradise Bakery and Café, Bravo and California Pizza Kitchen all are looking to start up on the southside.

Three restaurants plan to open at Greenwood Park Mall, one will move near the mall in August, and two more are looking for locations.

With the new 125,000-square-foot center opening at the mall,

several restaurants are looking at the southside, said Steve Delaney, a partner with the Carmel-based real estate firm The Linder Co. Simon Properties previously announced the center including a bookstore, restaurants and specialty shops would open at the end of 2007.

Higher income, a more dense population and more regional

trade areas have long attracted restaurants to the northside first, he said. Restaurants that started on the north side of Indianapolis are looking to move south, he said.

A pizza restaurant and upscale pub are looking for sites on the southside now, Delaney said. Locations for both restaurants should be identified by summer, he said.

Old Chicago is a pizza restaurant with a full menu and more than 100 beers, he said. The restaurant has one location in Indiana, in Evansville, but is looking to open multiple eateries in the Indianapolis area, Delaney said.

Bar and restaurant Fox and Hound already has two locations

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YEAR IN AFGHANISTAN

Time to readjust

Educator back after running overseas base



Lt. Col. Tim Lavery and his wife, Carol, talk about his year-long deployment to Afghanistan.

Director prepares to return to post at Central Nine

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The memory of two girls in an Afghan field describes the poverty a Johnson County soldier witnessed.

One child was covered in refuse. She had spent the day making cakes out of the manure of field animals. Her family would dry and burn the cakes for heat.

The other girl was using her shoe to drink water from an irrigation ditch.

Lt. Col. Tim Lavery said the year he spent in Afghanistan illustrated for him the progress the United States made in helping the war-torn country rebuild.

He returned from a year of duty Feb. 14. While in Afghanistan, the 55-year-old National Guardsman oversaw base

operations and construction of schools, roads and a hospital.

Now he faces adjustments, such as not having to constantly look over his shoulder, seeing a more vibrant American landscape and preparing to return to his job as director of Central Nine Career Center.

Being a school administrator helped prepare him for his job overseas, he said.

His duties included managing a multimillion-dollar operation, preparing budgets, supervising groups of personnel and hiring contractors.

"It was the perfect marriage for this job," he said.

Soon he'll return to Central Nine. But he is not sure when.

First he wants to visit with family, adjust to simply being in America and get through a to-do list his wife, Carol,

has made for him, he said.

"For a year, my life has been turned upside down. Now, I need to get used to not having to look around every time I go out," he said.

Lavery said he also has to get used to the colors of buildings and the terrain.

The Afghan landscape is mostly sandy and bushy, especially in the mountains, where he spent most of his time.

He looks forward to getting back to the world of education and overseeing the building projects and other work going on at the vocational school.

"But I still feel like I have one boot in Afghanistan," he said.

Lavery said he has been watching the news to see how work is continuing and updates on his friends.

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Lt. Col. Tim Lavery,

On readjusting to life in the United States after a year-long deployment to Afghanistan

Daniels' economic plan: Indiana Inc.

Governor uses lease agreements, private contracts to help cash-strapped state



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INDIANAPOLIS

Like the auto industry, the computer programming field and the customer-service business, the state of Indiana is outsourcing.

In the two years since Republican Gov. Mitch Daniels took office, the state has leased the 157-mile Indiana Toll Road to an outside company for the next 75 years for \$3.8 billion, hired vendors for \$1.16 billion over 10 years to process welfare applications, and brought in a company to process food at a mental hospital.

And now Daniels wants to lease

the Indiana lottery for at least \$1 billion over 30 years and put the money toward education.

Daniels is leading the way among cash-strapped governors who are contracting out services states historically have handled themselves. The primary goal of these deals: saving tax dollars, or generating quick cash that can be used to fix roads, reduce debt or provide college scholarships.

"All over America, leaders of both parties are now undertaking projects like Indiana did, to solve their crises and their own shortfalls without raising taxes," said Daniels, who was nicknamed "The

Blade" for cutting taxes and spending as President Bush's first budget director.

But some legislators and government-watchers warn that some of these privatization deals have yielded shoddy service. And some fear that in leasing toll roads and lotteries, politicians are signing away a reliable, long-term stream of revenue for a big lump sum of money they might squander on some short-term ideas.

"There's a real danger you end up mortgaging your future," David Schulz, an infrastructure expert at

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A truck enters the Indiana Toll Road at the Portage entrance in northwest Indiana on Jan. 25. Gov. Mitch Daniels put the toll road out for bid, collecting \$3.8 billion upfront for a 75-year lease.

Project on I-70 to slow traffic

Eastside Indy stretch to be rebuilt during nine-month blitz

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Some Johnson County commuters will add time to their drives to and from work starting Sunday.

Commuters who take Interstate 70 east from downtown Indianapolis to Interstate 465 should look for alternate routes now or be ready to wait in traffic.

I-70, built in the mid-1970s, will be rebuilt for the first time this year. Congestion and interchange closures will mean more time stuck in traffic or spent on city streets for many commuters.

Nearly 30,000 Johnson County commuters head to Indianapolis for work every day. Reduced lanes and closed interchanges will force more drivers onto eastside city streets.

Five lanes will stay open for rush hour during the construction from March through November. Ramps to Shadeland, Emerson and Keystone avenues and Rural Street will be closed. The eastbound ramp from I-70 to Shadeland Avenue will remain open.

Contractors will work around the clock.

Repairs are critical and long overdue, state officials said.

"This road has outlived its

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WORK TO BEGIN

Construction on Interstate 70 from downtown Indianapolis east to Interstate 465 begins Sunday.

Here's a look at closings through July:
Keystone and Emerson avenues: All ramps closed

Shadeland Avenue: Westbound ramps closed; eastbound ramp from I-70 open; ramp to eastbound I-70 closed; ramp from southbound I-465 closed

Interstates: Ramp from southbound I-465 to westbound I-70 open; ramp from northbound I-465 to Shadeland/westbound I-70 closed