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Skies: Partly sunny
Temps: High 35; low 29

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Tell us your Colts story

Colts fans, we want to know how devoted you are.

Tell us why you adore the Colts and how you show them the love.

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If you are going to Miami, let us know.

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- Franklin**
Lenora E. Kleingartner, 82
Greenwood
Merrill I. Abell, 94
Barbara A. Green, 71
Diane Jones, 58
Martha Jane Pepper
Indianapolis
Francina Anne Ballard, 65
Jim S. Harris, 76
Elsewhere
David R. Cline Jr., 94
Dorothy "Dot" Hercamp, 85

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ROAD TO THE SUPER BOWL



Morwick in Miami

Daily Journal sports editor Rick Morwick is packing his bags and heading to Miami to bring you all the hype and hoopla that is the Super Bowl.

Look for his daily dispatches starting Tuesday.

Divided loyalties?

The Grossman family has had Colts season tickets since the team moved to Indianapolis in 1984. But there's no doubt who they'll be rooting for: Their son Rex, the Chicago Bears' quarterback. **Page B1**

Saturday and Manning

Keep the first in a series of special commemorative pages featuring key Colts players. Today's spotlights quarterback Peyton Manning and center Jeff Saturday. Look for a solo Manning page and one featuring wide receiver Marvin Harrison coming up. **Page B10**



Ford's year of discontent

Motor company lost more than \$24,000 a minute in 2006

By TOM KRISHER
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With big red numbers on its balance sheet that amount to \$1.925 for every car and truck it sold last year, one has to wonder if Ford Motor Co. has the money to keep the doors open long enough for its restructuring plan to take hold.

On Thursday, the 103-year-old

industrial icon reported a staggering \$12.7 billion loss for 2006, that's more than \$24,000 per minute. And it warned that losses would continue this year and next.

The loss was the largest in Ford history, driven by slumping North American sales and \$9.9 billion in special items, including restructuring costs tied to the planned closure of 16 plants.

Chief Executive Alan Mulally,

who is leading the massive remodeling of the storied automaker, is confident in its plan to return to profitability by sometime in 2009.

But some industry analysts, while impressed by Ford's cost-cutting efforts, are skeptical that its new product lineup can carry the company that invented the assembly line back into the black.

"We know where we are. We are dealing with it, and we're on plan,"

Mulally told reporters and industry analysts in a conference call after the numbers were announced.

Although huge, Ford's losses were far from the largest annual corporate deficits on record; Time Warner Inc. reported a \$97.2 billion loss in 2002, largely due to new accounting rules about how to value assets. Ford could not rely

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AT A GLANCE

Founded: June 19, 1903

Headquarters: Dearborn, Mich.

Products: Ford, Aston Martin, Jaguar, Land Rover, Lincoln, Mercury

2006 loss: \$12.7B (\$5.8B in final quarter)

The future: Company on target to cut \$5B in annual costs by 2008.

INDIANA COMMERCE CONNECTOR

Where they stand

Local officials are for, against and not sure about proposed toll road cutting through Johnson County



Charles Canary

Johnson County Council

Frustrated that county officials and landowners have little information



R.J. McConnell

Johnson County commissioner

"If we're doing this just to build truck stops, we're wasting our money."



Ron West

Johnson County Council

Believes the beltway will bring truck stops and restaurants but not a lot of jobs



John Price

Johnson County Council

Not against project; wants to know how many interchanges it could have



Anita Knowles

Johnson County Council

Worries about loss of land and unsure if trucks will use it; isn't sure if she agrees with route



Josh McCarty

Johnson County Council

Hopes state will provide more information: "There's just a lot of unanswered questions."



Jessie Reed

Greenwood City Council

Supports project; it would take care of trucks that drive through residential areas.



Mitch Ripley

Johnson County commissioner

Wonders if businesses will relocate to route, if county could get toll money



Bruce Armstrong

Greenwood City Council

Undecided: "I could take it or leave it. I really don't care."

By ANNIE GOELLER
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Nearly half of local officials in Johnson County support a proposed toll road through the area or view the project as beneficial for traffic or economic development.

Many city and county council members and commissioners wouldn't officially say how they feel about the project because they still have questions, such as whether the county will get money from the tolls; what services, such as police and fire protection and maintaining nearby roads, the community will have to provide; and whether the road will bring the jobs the state has promised.

Gov. Mitch Daniels has proposed building a toll road to run from Interstate 69 near Pendleton south and west around Indianapolis, ending at Interstate 70 west of Mooresville. It most likely would run through Johnson County between State Roads 44 and 252.

Daniels also has proposed that the road be built by a private company, which also would operate it and collect the tolls.

The Indiana General Assembly is considering a bill that would give the governor authority to negotiate a tollway deal.

Local officials said they hadn't received much feedback from residents about the proposed beltway so far.

Some think the lack of calls, letters and e-mails is because residents believe state officials will approve the beltway and local leaders can't do anything about it. Others, especially in Greenwood, said no one's calling because the toll road doesn't affect them.

At least two local leaders said they would like officials to discuss the topic. County council member John Price said he plans to bring the toll road up for discussion at the

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More views: Find out where other local officials stand on the proposed toll road.

PR anyone? INDOT hires public relations firm to help promote beltway.

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No foul play in woman's death

Autopsy shows no reason to suspect homicide involved

By CANDACE BEATY
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An autopsy of a woman found dead in her Center Grove home showed no evidence of foul play or that she was murdered, Johnson County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Doug Cox said.

Diane Jones, 58, was found dead in her home on Melrose Lane in Fair Oaks subdivision Wednesday morning.

The cause of death has not been determined and won't be until toxicology test results are back. The tests could take weeks or months, he said.

Jones was last seen by her husband, who was with her until 5 p.m. Tuesday, Cox said.

Jones died at about midnight or 1 a.m., Johnson County chief deputy coroner Dan Meagher said.

A neighbor called 911 about 10:25 a.m. Wednesday after finding Jones lying across her bed. The neighbor went to check on the homeowner after seeing her dog loose outside.

Investigators found Jones on the bed with a bloody knife and a phone near by.

Superficial wounds from the knife were found on the victim but did not cause her death, coroner David Lutz said.



STAFF PHOTO BY SCOTT ROBERSON
Detectives investigate the Center Grove area home where Diane Jones' body was found Wednesday.

Social service groups seeking to count local homeless

By CANDACE BEATY
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"Is your family currently homeless?"

Franklin College student Laura Marcou felt a little uncomfortable asking a couple who came into the InterChurch Food Pantry that question. She was there to help count how many people are homeless in Johnson County.

The man quickly replied they are not homeless. They have an apartment. He said he used to be homeless, though.

Another family, consisting of an adult and two children, told a food pantry employee they were homeless, but they wouldn't talk to Marcou or other AmeriCorps volunteers. Marcou and other Franklin College students waited at the food pantry in Whiteland

on Thursday to get a sense of how many people are homeless in the county as part of a nationwide survey.

The federal Department of Housing and Urban Development requires a 24-hour homelessness count during the final week of January in order to secure some federal funding to address the issue, said Cindy Helmich, Johnson County Homeless

Alliance and AmeriCorps program director.

Fourteen social service organizations participated in the survey, and volunteers will call them today to find out how many homeless people they served. Among the organizations were Christian Help, Human Services, Salvation Army, CareNet Pregnancy Center, Turning Point and United Way, she said.

Johnson Memorial Hospital will provide information about any homeless people who sought help Thursday, she said.

Pleasant Township Trustee Mary Ann Powell and some of the police departments will report on how many homeless people they came in contact with Thursday, Helmich said.

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