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## WEATHER



Today  
Skies: Partly sunny  
Temps: High 10; low 1

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## YOU SHOULD KNOW

### County schools delay start of classes for frigid weather

Classes at Clark-Pleasant, Edinburgh, Franklin, Center Grove, Greenwood and Indian Creek schools will be delayed two hours today because of frigid temperatures.

The temperature at bus stops this morning is expected to be 2 degrees below zero, with a wind chill of minus 16 degrees. Temperatures that low are hard on both the children and the buses, Clark-Pleasant Superintendent J.T. Coopman said.

A two-hour delay will give time for the sun to rise and to bring a little more warmth, he said.

"Little kids are going to be standing out, waiting on the bus in this cold weather, and that's not right," he said. In Franklin, Superintendent William Patterson said his transportation director told him some of the school buses wouldn't start Sunday evening.

Central Nine also will be on a two-hour delay.

The frigid temperatures, which are the coldest for February since 1996, are expected to continue until midweek. Snow is predicted for Tuesday, the National Weather Service reported.

— Annie Goeller

## WEB EXTRA

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## DEATHS

### Edinburgh

Kathleen L. Mitchell, 84

### Franklin

Homer Clayton Keesling, 99  
Peggy Elaine Waskom, 78

### Indianapolis

Joshua Nathan Littleton, 21  
Anthony Christian Reid, 21  
Mary Louise Thomas, 90  
Olmer Kenton Williams, 102

### Elswhere

Margaret Irene Bultman, 83  
David Roy Fishburn, 48  
Phyllis Fisher, 85  
Sgt. Ethan C. Hertler, 22

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# Champions.

## Indianapolis willed its way to NFL title

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### MIAMI

Performing on the NFL's grandest stage, Peyton Manning was never better. Neither was Joseph Addai, or Dominic Rhodes, or Reggie Wayne, or Marvin Harrison, or Tony Dungy.

Or the entire offense and defense.

You know where this is going.

On a miserably wet but gloriously triumphant night at Dolphin Stadium, the Indianapolis Colts did more

## COLUMN

than dream the impossible dream.

They made it happen in convincing fashion.

Erasing all doubt about their championship heart and capability, the Colts ran, passed, tackled, intercepted and essentially willed their way to a 29-17 win Sunday night against the Chicago Bears in Super Bowl XLII.

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AP PHOTO

Indianapolis coach Tony Dungy is doused in the final seconds of the fourth quarter of the Colts' Super Bowl XLI victory Sunday against the Bears.

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## FATAL ACCIDENT

# 2 BROTHERS KILLED IN SUV-TRAIN CRASH



PHOTOS BY BRYAN WOLFE, JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

A firefighter examines the scene of a vehicle-train collision on Stones Crossing Road near State Road 135 on Saturday in the Center Grove area. Two boys were killed in the crash.



Jacob Findley, 12, and Travis Findley, 9, suffered fatal injuries when the SUV they were riding in collided with a train. See more photos of the crash at thejournalnet.com.

## Neighbors: Crossing dangerous

By Annie Goeller  
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Two brothers, both students at Center Grove schools, died after the vehicle they were riding in was struck by a train Saturday.

Jacob Findley, 12, and Travis Findley, 9, suffered fatal injuries in an accident on Stones Crossing Road near State Road 135 about 5 p.m.

Three other people who were riding in the vehicle remained hospitalized Sunday with serious injuries.

Jacob was in seventh grade at Center Grove Middle School Central; Travis was a third-grader at Sugar Grove Elementary.

Counselors will be at the schools

today to help students cope with the loss.

The Findley brothers were riding in a sport utility vehicle with their friend, Zachary Alexander, 9, and his parents, Ted and Tina Alexander. Both families live in the Center Grove area. Zachary Alexander attends West Grove Elementary School.

Neighbors called the crossing dangerous and worry about teen drivers who cross it every day on their way to and from Center Grove High School.

Sheriff Terry McLaughlin said he likely will ask for changes at the crossing because of the accident but

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STAFF PHOTO BY ANNIE GOELLER

A memorial sits near the railroad crossing where two boys suffered fatal injuries when the vehicle they were in collided with a train.

## Boys remembered as funny, polite, eager to help

By Annie Goeller  
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Two brothers killed in an accident Saturday always said "please" and "thank you" and had a rivalry brewing for the Super Bowl, the boys' teachers said.

Travis Findley, 9, was a big Bears fan, a secret bond he and his third-grade teacher Linda Gallman shared.

His big brother, Jacob "Jake" Findley, 12, was rooting for the Colts and often sported a jersey or a blue shirt on Fridays, his seventh-grade math teacher Debbie Burton said.

Travis was a student at Sugar Grove Elementary School. Jake attended Center Grove Middle School Central.

The brothers received fatal injuries when the vehicle they were riding in was struck by a train Saturday after-

noon on Stones Crossing Road, west of State Road 135.

Both boys were polite, knowing when it was time to concentrate on their studies, but also were well-liked by their friends and had infectious smiles, the teachers said.

Travis was a big sports fan. He loved to play basketball and loved to read books about sports. His eyes twinkled, and he had a certain spunk and a good

sense of humor that people could see once they got to know him, Gallman said.

"He's the kind of little guy that people are proud their son turns out to be," she said.

Jake had dimples that showed when he flashed a smile. He worked hard at school, excelling in his honors classes, said Jennifer Taylor, who taught Jake

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