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Temps: High 24; low 7

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YOU SHOULD KNOW

Thursday forum to include tax impact for C-P school

Residents of the Clark-Pleasant school district can get an idea of what a proposed middle school will cost taxpayers at a forum at 6 p.m. Thursday.

The forum will also discuss a timeline for construction of the middle school.

A presentation by school officials and architects is scheduled to take place in the large-group instruction room at the current middle school, 222 Tracy St. in Whiteland.

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Man faces federal child porn charges

Greenwood resident already charged in county, accused of possessing illegal images



HUNTER

Daily Journal staff report

A Greenwood man faces federal charges for possession and distribution of child pornography.

A grand jury indicted Robert Hunter, 37, 2497 Long Leaf Drive, on two federal charges after an investigation showed he distributed three images and possessed more than 80

images and two videotapes of child pornography, according to Susan W. Brooks, U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Indiana.

The grand jury indictment is an allegation only. An initial hearing was conducted Tuesday, and a detention hearing is set for Friday.

Hunter, a former school volunteer and city of Greenwood employee, has

already been charged with one count of child exploitation and three counts of possession of child pornography in Johnson County.

The investigation started in June when an FBI agent downloaded some of the files Hunter was sharing through the Internet, according to police. Of nine images, the agent determined seven were child pornog-

raphy, according to the police report.

The work is part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative started a year ago to combine efforts of the U.S. district attorneys and federal, state and local police to find and prosecute people who exploit children over the Internet.

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FATAL TRAIN ACCIDENT

Tragedy's impact

Deaths prompt cry for better warnings



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A school bus crosses the railroad tracks Monday at Stones Crossing Road, which was the site of a fatal accident Saturday. Two Center Grove students, brothers Jacob and Travis Findley, were killed in the accident. Many area residents want warnings for drivers who approach the crossing.

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People who witnessed a fatal vehicle-train accident Saturday and concerned residents are crying out for change.

They want signals, cross arms and more warning for drivers who approach railroad crossings in Johnson County, including the crossing where two boys were killed and three other people were injured in an accident.

But the county still needs to figure out who is responsible for getting the improvements authorized, paid for and installed. The county highway department is studying the issue and plans to report back this month.

INSIDE: A LOOK AT CROSSINGS

A breakdown of 20 railroad crossings in Johnson County, how frequently they are used by both trains and motorized vehicles, and what kind of safety features each of them have, **Page A8**. For an expanded list of all of the railroad crossings in Johnson County along with the aforementioned statistics, visit our Web site, thejournalnet.com.

Many county residents have said the focus should be on crossings in the Center Grove area, which has grown from rural farmland to the most highly populated part of the county in recent years.

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Police still investigating moments before fatal accident

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Police are trying to determine whether the sport utility vehicle struck by a train Saturday was rear-ended before the accident that killed two brothers.

Tina Alexander, who was a passenger in the vehicle, told police her husband stopped at the sign before the railroad tracks and then she heard a noise behind her. The next thing she remembered is being in the vehicle after it had been struck by the train.

Investigators are trying to determine what that noise was and whether the Alexanders' SUV was rear-ended before it was struck by the train, Johnson County Sheriff's Maj. Randy Werden said.

Deputies interviewed the driver who was behind Ted and Tina Alexander. The driver said he did not hit the vehicle, and there was no damage to the car, Werden said.

So far, there is nothing to confirm Tina Alexander's statement, he said.

Investigators interviewed witnesses a second time Monday and will continue to talk to people until they can determine what



A makeshift memorial sits by the intersection where an SUV was hit by a train Saturday.

happened Saturday afternoon, he said.

Alexander's vehicle was struck at a railroad crossing on Stones Crossing Road just after 5 p.m.

Two boys, Jacob "Jake" Findley, 12, and Travis Findley, 9, suffered fatal injuries in the accident.

Ted Alexander, 60, was released from Wishard Memorial Hospital in Indianapolis on Tuesday.

His wife, Tina, 41, and son, Zachary, 9, were both taken to Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. Tina was in serious and

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Firefighters battle flames in the Knollwood Farms subdivision in Franklin on Tuesday night. For more photos, visit thejournalnet.com.

Blaze destroys home

Seven escape fire; house next door also damaged

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What a Franklin man thought was a noise coming from his washer turned out to be a fire that destroyed his home.

Four adults and three children escaped the flames that destroyed the house and two vehicles in the Knollwood Farms subdivision.

The fire started about 7:30 p.m. Craig DeBoor was watching television with his wife, Emily; his brother, Kyle DeBoor; his brother's wife, Jodi, and the couples' children.

He left the family room to check on a popping sound that appeared to be coming from the side of his house.

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First snow surprises motorists

Driver slides into pond; crews clearing roads

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A driver slid into a pond, after-school detention was canceled, and there was a rush on sleds.

The season's first heavy snow put police on standby and had school officials considering ways to keep students safe.

City, town and county road crews worked overtime to keep main roadways as clear as possible before rush hour.

A total of 3 to 5 inches of snow fell between noon and 6 p.m. Tuesday.

At Franklin Community High School, a hall sweep meant to cut down on tardies for late students delayed the inevitable for one group of teens. Their after-school detentions were postponed.

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Farmers get advice on pipeline

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A proposed natural gas pipeline likely will follow the proposed route through Indiana whether landowners like it or not, Indiana Farm Bureau representatives said.

The bureau is helping affected Hoosier landowners get protections and negotiate the best deal possible for the land they'd have to yield to the pipeline company.

However, many farmers and other landowners left a Monday meeting convinced it's still a raw deal despite an agree-

ment the farm bureau negotiated.

Several landowners worried the company won't respond to their concerns, that they won't be able to later sell their property to residential developers and that heavy construction equipment would put too severe a strain on country roads.

Others chafed at restrictions on what they could build on their property, questioned whether future pipeline owners could build more utilities along the line and fretted at the risk of an explosion.

"I had planned to build a barn this

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STAFF PHOTO BY JOSHUA MARSHALL

Brookville resident Tim Bown asks representatives from Rockies Express Pipeline about the company's plan to build a pipeline through Johnson County. Indiana Farm Bureau representatives say they are helping landowners get the best deal possible for their land.