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WEATHER



Today
Skies: Mostly cloudy, rain
Temps: High 55; low 46

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WEB EXTRAS

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COMING UP

It's nearly tourney time

Is an early January county boys basketball tournament an indicator of who the best local team will be in March? Last year, Center Grove beat Franklin in a championship final squeaker but had the tables reversed by the Grizzly Cubs in the sectional final.



Do single-sex classes work?

Teachers at a Johnson County school say some of their students have become more focused, discipline problems are almost nonexistent, and the teenage pressure for attention from the opposite sex has been eliminated by splitting up boys and girls.

COMING SOON

DEATHS

- Franklin
 - Louvina Hamm, 76
 - Opal H. Kelley, 99
 - Conner D. McCain, 80
- Indianapolis
 - Harlene Baker, 72
 - Margaret Louise Key, 74
- Morgantown
 - Melvin E. Ratliff, 82
 - Phyllis J. Swopes, 72

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AT A GLANCE

The developer has revised plans for a housing development named Riverwalk planned for 237 acres at State Road 37 and Olive Branch Road.

SOURCE: COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT



STAFF GRAPHIC BY STEPHEN JENDRASZAK

New plan: 763 homes

Businesses dropped from CG area proposal, along with trails, parks

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Developers tired of trying to accommodate nearby residents changed plans for a Center Grove area neighborhood, putting more homes in and dropping space for parks, walking trails and businesses.

The company developing Riverwalk, planned for 237 acres at

the northeast corner of State Road 37 and Olive Branch Road, resubmitted plans for the subdivision last week.

Gone are the businesses, apartments and townhomes near State Road 37 that neighbors worried would change the atmosphere of their community.

With it went the parks, walking trails, playgrounds and plans for larger custom-built homes.

Now, a 763-home subdivision with fewer amenities and less diversity in housing is the plan, a spokesman for developer Indiana Land Development Corp. said.

Because the developer is proposing to build exactly what the zoning of the property allows, fewer approvals are needed and neighbors who have fought against the development for more than a year have few options.

Homes will be closer together

in the development, with little green space except eight retention ponds. The price of homes also is likely to go down, from as high as \$400,000 for custom-built homes to an average of about \$150,000, said Ernie Reno, a spokesman for the developer. Developers said they scrapped the original development, which included about 800

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CANCER FIGHT

Rediscovering normal

Leukemia treatments reorder family's life



STAFF PHOTOS BY JOSHUA MARSHALL

Tyler Genneken has been undergoing treatment for leukemia. As part of a program at Riley Hospital for Children, the 11-year-old earns a different bead or charm for each step in his treatment, including shots, chemotherapy and ICU visits.

Young patient braces for next, tough round of therapy

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The holidays for the Genneken family seemed normal. Almost.

Drew and Joyce Genneken and their sons, A.J. and Tyler, were able to spend time with relatives. They went out to eat.

But some days, Tyler and his family slipped away to Riley Outpatient Center in Indianapolis, where Tyler continued getting doses of chemotherapy to treat leukemia diagnosed during the summer.

The treatment was considered mild, and the 11-year-old was able to play



Tyler Genneken, 11, spends much of the time between treatments for leukemia playing his Xbox 360.

outside, visit school and have friends stay the night.

Today, that ends. Tyler begins the next, more intense round of cancer treatment.

Starting today, he will

have to stay home most of the time, except for weekly trips to the Riley center, which the Genneken's affectionately call, "The Rock," for Riley Outpatient Center (ROC).

All of his meals will be prepared at home. Salad, one of his favorites, is off limits because lettuce and spinach can carry bacteria.

When Tyler leaves home, he will have to wear a mask so he does not breathe in potentially harmful germs.

His tutors, who probably will have to visit less often, also will wear masks so they don't bring in illness.

His chemotherapy will include daily doses administered orally, more intravenous treatments taken at Riley, and steroids. The one guarantee is that Tyler will feel run down, his mother said.

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"Every little thing will feel like a major case of the flu."

Drew Genneken

On the effect treatment for cancer is having on his son Tyler

Pardon me, is it really winter?

Warm spell has plants, gardeners saying it's more like springtime

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For many gardeners, January is time to pore over seed catalogs, not work outside.

But the balmy temperatures and lack of snow have tempted gardeners like Sandy Hughes to start her outdoor gardening.

"It feels like springtime, and I should be out there," the Franklin resident said.

The weather reminds Hughes of California, where she was raised and spent much of her life. But while she said she would be happy to skip winter weather altogether, it's not good for her garden.

Already her shrubs and other plants are starting to bloom.

"They aren't going to sleep this winter," Hughes said of her plants.

In December, the average daily high temperature was 47.0 degrees, according to the National Weather Service. The average low was 30.5. The daily average temperature for the month was 38.8, 7.2 degrees above normal.

Early blooming plants could mean a drab spring, said

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THE FORECAST



Today
High: 55
Low: 46



Friday
High: 57
Low: 41



Saturday
High: 52
Low: 31

INSIDE

The mild winter is a boon for local golf courses.

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STAFF PHOTO BY SCOTT ROBERSON

Unseasonable warmth is causing several plants, like this Mediterranean pink heather at the home of Sandy Hughes in Franklin, to bloom.

High-tech conversion planned for Guard training site



UMBARGER

The Associated Press

BUTLERVILLE

Purdue University and the Indiana National Guard are planning to add high-tech equipment to the former Muscatatuck State Developmental Center as work continues on its development as a homeland security training site.

Purdue President Martin Jischke

and Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger, adjutant general of the Indiana National Guard, are to sign an agreement on the \$1.65 million project today.

The contract calls for Purdue to develop a system that will allow small-unit exercises at the southern Indiana training center to be tracked and recorded for evaluation purposes.

The National Guard took over the former state mental health center in 2005

with plans to transform it into a training site for civilian and military organizations.

The Muscatatuck Urban Training Center is in Jennings County, about 40 miles southeast of Camp Atterbury. The proximity of Muscatatuck was listed as one of the reasons the Army chose this year to make Atterbury a permanent training and mobilization site.

When the Army's decision was announced in November, Umbarger said the Muscatatuck center would be upgraded.

Purdue's Homeland Security Institute is to oversee a project incorporating wireless systems, sensors and visual analysis that will help military units, police agencies and others

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