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## WEATHER



Today  
Skies: Partly sunny  
Temps: High 44; low 25

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## COMING UP

### Rare interview of country legend in weekend section

The man with more No. 1 hits than anyone (yes, even Elvis) almost never talks to the press, until now. Country music legend George Strait shares sweet memories about his family and his career.

USA WEEKEND

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## DEATHS

- Greenwood  
Candy Lynn McNicholas, 39  
Mineveh  
Cheryl D. (Hughes) Vaught, 55  
Elsewhere  
Elder M.V. Hammack, 77  
Shirley Edward Little, 83  
Amelia E. Schneeman, 96

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# Time to speak up on beltway plan

## Sessions in Franklin, Indianapolis scheduled to gather comments from public



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People living near a proposed toll road will get a chance to give state officials an earful on the same day the project could receive its first legislative approval.

Two meetings concerning the governor's proposed Indiana Commerce

Connector will be conducted Tuesday. That morning, legislators will take a first look at the bill proposing the beltway be built and maintained by a private company that collects tolls. In the evening, Johnson County residents will get a chance to tell state officials what they think about the proposed beltway that would cut through five central Indiana counties. By the end of the day, the bill could

be making its way to the full Senate for a vote.

At both meetings, concerned residents will have a chance to ask questions or express their opinions on the beltway.

Members of the Senate homeland security, transportation and veterans affairs committee will listen to public

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## FRANKLIN MEETING

A meeting is planned at Franklin College about the Indiana Commerce Connector.

**When:** 6 p.m. Tuesday

**Where:** Branigin Room, Napolitan Student Center

**What:** State officials will hear public comments and share information.

**Inside:** Details about the meeting in Indianapolis. **Page A8**

## ROAD TO THE SUPER BOWL

# CRAZY FOR BLUE

## From doughnuts to lingerie, Indy fans come down with playoff fever



Left: Daylight Donuts in the Center Grove area will offer face painting for Colts fans wanting to go blue. Center: The window at Cuttin Loose Hair Design in New



Whiteland is one of many area businesses painted in support of Indy's playoff run. Right: XO Paradise in Greenwood offers blue Colts-inspired lingerie.

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**A** surgery scheduled for Friday is off the books because a Center Grove woman won't risk feeling sick and missing the Colts game.

Fans can satisfy their hunger for football before Sunday with Colts-inspired pastries being sold at two doughnut shops.

Even the lingerie has gone blue. Downtown Indianapolis will become a sea of blue with Colts videos projected onto buildings and searchlights reaching into the sky.

Superstitions are in full force, and fans are finding ways to cheer on the team well before Sunday's kickoff.

Staff at Dr. Donald Darbro's orthodontics office in Center Grove plan to wear their Colts scrubs today, but everyone knows lab technician Linda Hire will show everyone up. The biggest fan in the office, Hire wore a

## COMING FRIDAY

Special section on Sunday's AFC Championship Game between the Colts and Patriots.

Colts pin on her scrubs to show her support Wednesday.

Today she'll wear the scrubs along with her Colts earrings, bracelet and necklace, she said.

But it's Saturday night and Sunday when she will really get in gear. That's when the Colts face the New England Patriots in the AFC title game in Indianapolis.

When Hire goes to bed Saturday night, she'll be wearing her Colts T-shirt. On Sunday morning, she'll drink out of her Jim Harbaugh coffee mug. The longtime Colts fan can't help but be superstitious. She thought about buying a new Colts shirt to wear when she goes to the game Sunday but decided against it. Too risky.

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## EVERYTHING COLTS

### The Game

Patriots at Colts for AFC Championship

**When:** 6:30 p.m. Sunday

**Watch:** WISH-Channel 8

**Listen:** WFBQ-94.7 FM

### Events

#### Blue Friday

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Circle Centre Mall food court

Listen to live music, get autographs from Colts Alumni players, meet the Colts cheerleaders and Blue the Colts mascot. Free AFC Championship Game posters and team posters will be available.

#### Rally in the Alley

5 to 6:30 p.m. Friday, 12th Man Alley south of the RCA Dome at South and Senate streets

Live music, autographs from Colts Alumni players, Colts cheerleaders and Blue the Colts mascot and free posters. The event will end with a fireworks display presented by the Colts. Parking for the event will be available at Victory Field.

### Indianapolis Zoo

Wear blue to the Indianapolis Zoo Friday through Sunday and get 20 percent off the admission fee. The Zoo will have blue lights on the trees along Washington Street and a display at the entrance. The dolphins will do a special Colts tribute at 12:30 p.m. each day.

### Spotting blue

• Banners will be hung at the RCA Dome, downtown business and poles to welcome the AFC Championship game.

• All downtown businesses are being asked to leave their lights on Sunday night to light up the sky. Some businesses will be illuminated in blue, and the Indianapolis Power and Light building will leave lights on in the building to form the Colts horseshoe shape.

• Colts highlight videos and the Colts horseshoe will be projected on the Indiana State Museum and other downtown businesses.

• Fans flying into the Indianapolis International Airport will be greeted with banners and welcome signs.

# It's full speed ahead for Clark-Pleasant building push

## New elementary will open, no matter what

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Parents: If your children are supposed to attend Clark-Pleasant's newest elementary school in the fall, don't be surprised if they end up going to class in a portable classroom and eat a cold lunch.

That is the warning being sent to the parents, the public and the school board by district officials. There is a possibility that when school starts in the fall, none of the classrooms or the lunchroom in the building will be completed.

The more than 400 students expected at Pleasant Crossing Elementary would be taught inside about 16 connected

portable classrooms.

They would eat sack lunches delivered from other elementary schools.

Students would see the principal, nurse and secretaries in offices packed into the same small classroom units at the start of the school year.

The construction project, which has been delayed several times due to late supplies and bad weather, is close to schedule, operations director Jay Wise said. But heavy rain or snow in the next few months could keep workers from getting the building under roof in time. That would mean classrooms and the cafeteria would not be finished before

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STAFF PHOTO BY JOSHUA MARSHALL

A construction worker looks around at the future site of Pleasant Crossing Elementary School.

## High school curriculum faces renovation, too

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Whiteland Community High School is about to get an academic face-lift.

Elementary and middle school students will help with the makeover.

The children will be ready to enter high school when a renovation and expansion of the building is finished in 2015.

The way the superintendent sees it, they should have a hand in redesigning how its curriculum is delivered.

Of course, they are going to have some help from a few adults: parents, community mem-

bers, local business leaders, teachers and administrators.

About 30 people in all will receive invitations next month to take part in what the district is calling the Whiteland High School Re-Design Initiative.

The committee will take an in-depth look at current teaching methods and the structure of the high school and explore how students can earn credits in non-traditional settings.

They will find ways for students to build more relationships with adults, increase the challenge of their coursework and find ways to make it more relevant.

Principal Tom Galovic hopes

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