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## WEATHER



Today  
Skies: Not as cold, snow  
Temps: High 22; low 9

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## YOU SHOULD KNOW

### Low temps force another day of school delays

For a second straight day, Johnson County students will have the chance to sleep in a little.

Classes will be delayed for two hours this morning in Center Grove, Clark-Pleasant, Edinburg, Franklin, Greenwood and Nineveh-Hensley-Jackson school districts.

The National Weather Service is forecasting a low temperature near zero at 7 a.m. today, about the time many bus routes will begin.

The low temperature was minus 4 in Franklin on Monday. The forecast low for today is 4 above.

Temperatures are projected to rise into the 20s, but snow is expected to fall today, according to the National Weather Service. It is supposed to start snowing in central Indiana this morning and there could be 2 inches on the ground by late afternoon.

An accumulation of 3 to 5 inches of snow is expected in the next 18 hours.

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## DEATHS

- Franklin  
Peggy Elaine Waskom, 78
- Greenwood  
Jacob Allen Findley, 12  
Travis Matthew Findley, 9  
Harold E. Ogden, 81  
Carole Anne Rueff, 63
- Indianapolis  
J. Clark Stuart, 89
- Elsewhere  
Maurice K. Baker, 67  
Dorothy Porter, 87

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# Warm reception

## About 40,000 fans welcome home NFL champs

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Fans waited as long as four hours to see the Indianapolis Colts and to celebrate Sunday's 29-17 victory against the Chicago Bears.

Players and coaches were chauffeured into the dome in the beds of pickups, and the expressions on their faces as they saw the crowd ranged from disbelief to utter awe.

"We had no idea this was waiting for us," said Kelvin Hayden, whose interception return for a touchdown helped seal the Super Bowl victory. "This is more than we could have ever imagined. It just shows us what we already knew: Colts fans are the best in the world."

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Colts safety Bob Sanders dances to one of the many songs during Monday's Super Bowl championship rally at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. See more photos from Monday's celebrations at [thejournalnet.com](http://thejournalnet.com).

STAFF PHOTO BY SCOTT ROBERSON



Inside: More coverage of Monday's celebration, Pages A2, A3, A7, A8, B1, B3 ■ Coming up: Special commemorative section, Saturday

## FATAL TRAIN ACCIDENT

Jacob Allen Findley

1994-2007



Travis Matthew Findley

1997-2007



# 'NIGHT, BUD, I LOVE YOU'

## Parents of boys killed in crash say they're not angry



Above: Chuck and Becky Findley reminisce as they look through photos of their sons, Jacob and Travis, who suffered fatal injuries when the SUV they were riding in collided with a train Saturday. Top: Chuck, Jacob, Travis and Becky Findley enjoying time together.

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The two brothers filled their Center Grove home with chatter about sports, laughter and roughhousing.

Every Friday night, they'd have an indoor campout complete with games, staying up late and sleeping in the next morning.

When they thought their parents weren't looking, they'd punch each other or steal an extra turn on video games, as siblings do.

Travis Findley, 9, and Jacob "Jake" Findley, 12, were best friends and couldn't live without each other, their parents said.

Chuck and Becky Findley believe

that's why God took their only children at the same time.

Travis and Jake Findley suffered fatal injuries in a vehicle-train accident Saturday. Jake died shortly after the accident, and Travis died early Sunday morning.

Travis was in third grade at Maple Grove Elementary School, and Jake was a seventh-grader at Center Grove Middle School Central.

The two will be remembered for their smiles, their caring nature and their love for their family, their parents said.

"They both had to be together, so that's why they both went. I don't know how they would have handled living without each other," Chuck Findley said.

The Findleys aren't angry and said blame is not one of the emotions they

are feeling.

They will lean on their faith and family to help them survive the loss.

"God will get us through all of this somehow," Chuck Findley said.

Though the boys fought as siblings do, they stood up for each other and were best friends. They spent every Friday night together in what they called a campout, where they stayed in one boy's room, played games and slept in on Saturday.

"One minute they were punching each other, but the next minute they were hugging and kissing on each other," Becky Findley said.

Their parents enjoyed hearing the boys say, "Love you, Mommy. Love you, Daddy," and then saying it to each other five or six times a day. As a pre-teen, Jake stopped wanting hugs in

public, but both boys still kept some of their childhood traits.

"That's one thing about this. We'll never hear, 'Mom' and 'Dad.' We'll always remember 'Mommy' and 'Daddy,'" Becky Findley said.

Memories they can share about the boys, their quirks and their differences will help carry them through, they said.

They will remember Travis' giggle, which would ring through the house when the boys watched a favorite show. Jake was dedicated to helping his brother, slapping Travis and his teammates high fives at baseball and basketball games and never watching a game from the bleachers.

Jake's nightly sentiment to his brother, "Night, bud, I love you," will be

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# Quick-acting officer uses cruiser to corral truck

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A Franklin police officer acted quickly when he saw an unoccupied truck rolling backward toward the Circle K gas station on U.S. 31 late Saturday.

The truck rolled onto U.S. 31 and looped around on Adams Street toward people and gas pumps.

Officer James Hoeing hit the gas and braced himself, ramming the truck with his police car. He succeeded in stopping the truck before it hit anyone or damaged anything.

Johnson County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Doug Cox, who investigated the accident, credits Hoeing with preventing a serious incident. If the truck had hit the gas pumps, it could have started

a fire or caused an explosion, Cox said.

Hoeing spotted the truck rolling onto the highway about 11 p.m. Saturday while driving north on U.S. 31. He pulled lengthwise across the highway to block traffic and prevent an accident.

The truck rolled through the Vandivier Spirits parking lot across Adams Street before veering back toward the gas station.

Several customers were outside. Franklin Police Chief John Borges praised Hoeing for quick thinking.

"He took a lethal situation and put a stop to it," he said. "He did exactly what the department would expect of him."

The truck rolled up onto the cruiser's bumper. The impact tore off the police cruiser's grill and right headlight and crunched the front bumper. Police estimate

the accident caused up to \$10,000 of damage.

Edinburgh resident James Haddock had pumped gas at the Circle K and left the truck running and unattended while he went inside to pay. He had pulled up to the pump with the front tires at an angle, which is why the truck circled around, Cox said.

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