

# Health & Hospital plans central district office

### Better service to area is the goal of project

**By STEVEN POCCASSI**  
The Indianapolis Health & Hospital Center will be broken Thursday for a Marion County Health & Hospital Center central district office in the 2700 block of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive.

Lawrence Buehl, executive director of Health & Hospital, said the reason we're there is to provide services. Buehl said in addition to that, building this center in a place where we had one of our oldest types of buildings, we will be representing the area.

City officials have described the 4.5-square-mile area bounded by 26th Street on the north, Meridian Street on the east, White River on the west and 10th Street on the south as "highland."

Three other district offices are in progress of the old city boundaries, Buehl said. There currently is no office on the New Westside.

The facility will have more than 100,000 square feet of space, Buehl said. The cost is \$1 million, which will be funded through an already-completed bond issue and a \$500,000 federal grant.

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### THIRD ALLIANCE GROUP HERE

## Families, friends of mentally ill organize

The West Indianapolis Alliance for the Mentally Ill will become Marion County's third affiliate of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill and the Indianapolis Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

The group provides support and education for families and friends of the mentally ill, explained Cindy Kroy, organizer of the Westside group.

The group plans two other groups providing similar support services. Alliance for the Mentally Ill in Northwest of Greater Indianapolis and Southwest Alliance for the Mentally Ill. They are among about a dozen similar groups statewide.

The Westside group will hold its first meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 9, at Spoutway Christian Church, 3110 W. 14th St., Kroy said. Once the group becomes established, she hopes to hold meetings on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.



Students (from left) Nola Hunt, Kristina Hobson, Tamara Hobson and Charmika Jones at balloon launch.

## School launches project up, up and away

The annual Stuffed Stocking Bazaar of John Knox Presbyterian Church, 3000 N. High School Road, will be Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The school's Senior High groups will offer lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The sale will feature hand-drawn items, food and other gifts.

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### Coping with grief, loss

A Coping with Grief and Loss workshop will be from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Business/SPEA Building on the campus of Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis.

### Fall Fantasy Bazaar

St. Luke's United Church of Christ, 5300 W. 16th St., will offer holiday decorations, craft items and baked goods at its annual Fall Fantasy Bazaar Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### Decatur PTA Craft Fair

The fifth annual Decatur PTA Craft Fair will be Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Decatur Central High School, 5251 Kentucky Ave.

### Zion Church fall festival

Zion Church's annual fall festival will be Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. The event will feature homemade candies and baked goods, crafts, a trash-treasures booth and both lunch and dinner menus.

### Event raises \$27,379

More than 600 friends and members of Wright-Warriors of Central Indiana raised \$27,379 for a nutritional learning center at Riley Hospital.

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### Bazaar at Speedway

Members of the Ben Davis High School band will stage their annual community craft show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

### Community craft show

More than 75 vendors will display their handmade wares in the school cafeteria, 1300 N. High School Road. Admission will be 50 cents.

## City Lighthouse Mission to be razed, rebuilt

Lighthouse Mission will be torn down in April and rebuilt in about six months.

The work is being done because the current facility is falling apart and more bed space is needed, said Lighthouse Superintendent Mike Flabback.

The facility has 72 beds, but provides shelter for about 100 people a night, Flabback said.

The new, two-story building, he said, the project will cost \$700,000, half of that still needs to be raised.

Lighthouse first located on Christianity and then works with people to get them back into society, Flabback said.

The fact three nights a transit stay each month are free. The cost then goes to \$2 a night. During the coldest days of the winter, there is an unlimited stay and no cost, he said.

The mission is looking for a temporary location to house people while the new building is erected, Flabback said.

## Success of parade leads to bigger plans next year

The parade started and ended at the high school, 5037 W. 25th N. Much of the route went through the nearby Speedway Shopping Center.

Speedway Police Chief Bill Morgan estimated attendance at 2,000. "I probably could have been better if it were held earlier in the month," he said.

Headrickson agreed. Even so, both men were impressed by the turnout.

"I thought it went great," Headrickson said. This year's parade served as a trial run for next year, when the Lions Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary. The club hopes to link next year's parade with the high school homecoming.

That should lead to increased publicity and community support, as well as warmer weather, Headrickson said.

With the publicity from the high school and the whole community involved in it, I think it will definitely be a huge success.



A jolly cruises down the streets of Speedway as part of the Lions Club parade.