

OBITUARIES/NEWS

www.thejournalnet.com

INDIANAPOLIS

Edna A. Dean

Edna A. Dean, 90, died Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006. She was a resident of Indianapolis.

Survivors include a daughter, Nina (John) Watt of Indianapolis; a granddaughter; two stepgrandsons; three great-grandchildren; and three great-stepgrandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Riley H. and Vella (Curtis) Shinkle; and her husband, Karl E. Dean.

A funeral service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center, 7602 Madison Ave. in Indianapolis. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Greenwood.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 9135 N. Meridian St., Suite B4, Indianapolis, IN 46209-7109.

Information: www.singletonmortuary.com

GREENWOOD

Elizabeth Ann 'Liz' Thompson

Elizabeth Ann "Liz" Thompson, 51, passed away Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006, at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Franklin surrounded by her family and friends. She was a resident of Greenwood.

Liz was born Jan. 8, 1955, to the late Harry and Mary Jo Davis. Survivors include a son, Jeremy Thompson of Greenwood; a daughter, Lara Thompson, also of Greenwood, and her son, Lincoln; Aunt Cheryl and Uncle

Edinburgh
Delores J. Wagers, 70
Franklin
Carol D. Watson, 68
Greenwood
Elizabeth Ann Thompson, 51
Indianapolis
Edna A. Dean, 90
Roberta C. Ventress, 75

Robert of Crosby, Texas, and their children, Sara and Gregory. Liz is also survived by her inner circle of friends, "the village."

She attended school in Houston, where many friends remain.

Liz was a longtime Realtor on the south side of Indianapolis.

A memorial service will be conducted at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Flinn and Maguire Funeral Home, 2898 N. Morton St. in Franklin. Friends may call from 5 p.m. until service time Tuesday at the funeral home.

Peace and love to you all.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.flinnmaguire.com.

INDIANAPOLIS

Roberta Colleen Ventress

Roberta Colleen Ventress, 75, died Friday, Jan. 27, 2006. She was a resident of Indianapolis.

Survivors include her brother,

Mike (Pam) Hargraves of Indianapolis; and sisters, Carol (Kenny) Keown and Sandy (Fred) Kelly, both of Indianapolis. She was preceded in death by her parents, Elwood and Dessie Hazel (Robinson) Hargraves; and her husband, Paul Frederick "Bill" Ventress.

A funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. today at Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center, 7602 Madison Ave. in Indianapolis. Burial will be at Washington Park East Cemetery in Indianapolis.

EDINBURGH

Delores J. (Kidwell) Wagers

Delores J. (Kidwell) Wagers, 70, died Friday, Jan. 27, 2006, at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Franklin. She was a resident of Edinburgh and a former resident of Indianapolis.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Wilbur D. and Cecilia M. (Ballard) Kidwell; and her husband, Dudley Wagers Jr.

The Rev. Robert Scott Russell will conduct a funeral service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Meredith-Clark Funeral Home, Cremation and Personalization Center, 179 E. Mulberry St. in Morgantown. Friends may call from 11 a.m. until service time Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at East Hill Cemetery in Morgantown.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gospel Chapel Church, 9323 S. County Road 825W, Edinburgh, IN 46124.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.meredith-clark.com.

Information: (812) 597-4670

FRANKLIN

Carol D. (Bingham) Watson

Carol D. (Bingham) Watson, 68, died Friday, Jan. 27, 2006, at Homeview Nursing Home in Franklin. She was a resident of Franklin.

She was born Dec. 3, 1937, in Indianapolis. Her parents were Remster A. and Joy D. (Reed) Bingham. She married Richard Watson, and he preceded her in death. Survivors include a son, Mark P. (Karla) Watson; two daughters, Mary (John) Singleton and Deborah (Jeff) Talbert; two sisters, Joy Elizabeth Seifring and Rosemary Ribelin; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by one son, Paul Watson.

Before retiring, Carol was employed by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for 20 years and Stones Stafford Stone for five years.

She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

A funeral service will be conducted at noon Tuesday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 900 E. Stop 11 Road, with calling from 11 a.m. until service time. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory, Greenwood Chapel, 481 W. Main St.

Online condolences may be sent to the Watson family at www.wilsonstpierre.com.



WATSON

• Gamers

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

graphic than what appears on television news or in R-rated movies.

"Some (games) out there are unnecessarily violent, but people take the violence out of context," said 19-year-old Ben Klingstein in Franklin. "Just because you're playing a war game, that doesn't mean I'm going to grab my dad's rifle and start shooting things up. It's a lesson."

Games teach hand-eye coordination and critical thinking and problem solving, but more importantly, they let gamers get inside a particular type of job or experience, he said.

For example, Klingstein said he wanted to learn more about World War II after playing war game "Call to Duty."

In the game, players take on military roles and are sent to World War II zones to drive trucks, shoot at enemies and protect civilians.

After playing, the teenager wanted to find out more about the war's battles and to ask his grandfather about his experiences.

"It's like a bridge and made me interested enough to want to learn about the battles," he said.

Friends of his have played the game "Ladder 49," which allows players to take on roles of firefighters, learning in a safe way what it is like being a first responder to a burning building.

Players must go through training, learn how to handle different scenarios and even make sure they run through red lights correctly, Klingstein said.

"If nothing else, it gives you a respect for the job they're doing," he said.

Franklin teenager Ross Rucker, 16, said one of his favorite games is "SimCity," where players have to build cities and communities to win.

YOU SHOULD KNOW

Video game retailers are encouraged to check identifications to make sure certain age requirements are met when customers rent or buy games.

Here's a look at the rating system created by the Entertainment Software Rating Board for video and computer games:

EC (Early childhood): Games have content suitable for ages 3 and older and do not contain material that parents might find inappropriate.

E (Everyone): Titles have content suitable for ages 6 and older and may contain minimal cartoon, fantasy or mild violence or infrequent use of mild language.

E 10+: Games with this rating have content suitable for youngsters 10 and older and may contain more cartoon, fantasy or mild violence, mild language and some suggestive themes.

T (Teen): Games for children 13 and older that have violence, suggestive themes, crude humor and some bloody scenes or use of strong language.

M (Mature): Games for players 17 and older that contain intense violence, blood and gore, sexual content and/or strong language.

AO (Adults only): Games for adults 18 and older that contain prolonged scenes of intense violence or graphic sexual content and nudity.

RP (Rating pending): Titles have been submitted to the game rating board and a final rating has not been assigned.

SOURCE: Entertainment Software Rating Board

Gamers can sculpt mountains or rivers as creator, or play mayor by constructing buildings and schools and dispensing police and firefighters to a scene, he said.

Players can also follow characters, called Sims, to work and home, and experience life in the big city, including traffic and shopping, Rucker said.

"Some games are violent at times, but they don't affect me personally," he said. "You have to have enough sense to say they're games, not reality."

He added, "But you can take lessons from these games and learn how to be a better person in society."

• Offenders

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

Franklin Community High School and Northwood Elementary School had the highest number in the county. Thirty-seven offenders live or work within two miles of the adjacent schools.

Keeping parents and students aware of anything that happens and reporting anything suspicious to police is the best way to keep students safe, high school principal Leighton Turner said.

The number is surprising, but other than reporting problems or issues to police, the school has no

way to get rid of the offenders, he said.

Parents should check the Web site and be aware of what's around them so they can protect their children, said Scott Chambers, principal at Southwest Elementary School.

Eleven offenders work or live around the Greenwood school.

School officials work to be sure their staff are aware of the registry so that students are watched at recess and before and after school.

At Sugar Grove Elementary School, 15 offenders work or live in the area. Principal Linda Bayne was fully aware of that number and said most of her teachers know it, too.

The Center Grove school hosted a parent program last spring to warn parents and their children about abduction and how to be safe.

Teachers and staff report any suspicious activity to police, such as a van that was parked near a bus stop recently.

There is no such thing as being too careful when it comes to students, Bayne said.

The school performs background checks on any volunteers who work with students. Visitors are checked when they enter the school, which is the policy at most schools.

All visitors check in at the front office, which is the only door unlocked during school hours.

Parents and volunteers have to tell office staff why they are visiting the school, and then teachers are called to verify if the visitors are supposed to be there, she said.

Debbie Yates, principal of Edinburgh's East Side Elementary School, said a school's most important task is to be sure students are safe, regardless of whether offenders live within a mile or 20 miles.

But no one can be tracked all the time.

People are driving in their cars or walking around.

Regardless of where offenders live, parents, teachers and students should always be cautious, she said.

Electric vs. Gas

You make the call...

When it comes to electric water heaters, there are definite advantages.



Consider this:

- No open flame
- No dangerous by-products produced
- Competitive operating costs
- No need to penetrate structure for venting
- Lower installation costs

Rebates available on qualifying installations.

Give us a call.
(317) 736-6174

Johnson County REMC
A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

Open A Free Checking Account And Get This Free Gift.



Free Royal® Home - Office Personal Paper Shredder

- Starts and stops automatically
- Fits all standard wastebaskets
- Perfect for home or small office
- Shreds up to 5 sheets at a time into 1/4" strips

Seems like putting "free" and "checking account" together in the same sentence is always a good thing. And it gets even better when it's HomeFederal Free Checking.

That's because with HomeFederal Free Checking, there are no monthly fees and minimum balance requirements. Plus, you get free Online Banking and Bill Pay, a free ATM/Check Card, 24-hour telephone banking, and unlimited check writing.

Which for something that's free, sure adds up to a lot. Especially since it also includes a free Royal® Home - Office Personal Paper Shredder.

So stop by any HomeFederal office and find out more. Because when it comes to checking accounts, we know better than anyone what your favorite word is: "free."

HomeFederal BANK
www.homf.com 877-626-7000