

OBITUARIES/NEWS

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Margie M. Baker

Margie M. Baker, 95, died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006, at the Indiana Masonic Home in Franklin.

Arrangements are pending at G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home.

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Betty Jane (Flagle) Clark

Betty Jane (Flagle) Clark, 88, died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at Indiana Masonic Home Medical Center in Franklin. She was a resident of Franklin and a former resident of Indianapolis and Morgantown.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Russell E. and Estella (Pape) Flagle; and her husband, Raymond E. Clark.

The Rev. Cleon Wright will conduct a memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday in the Kresge Chapel at the Indiana Masonic Home, 690 State St. in Franklin. Inurnment will be at Nebo Memorial Park Cemetery in Martinsville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Indiana Masonic Home Memorial Fund, 690 S. State St., Franklin, IN 46131.

Information: www.meredith-clark.com; (812) 597-4670

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Max Hudson

Max Hudson entered heaven on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

Max was born Feb. 21, 1947, to Dwight and Bertha Hudson. He is survived by his wife, Donna; his daughters, Ginger Liemohn (Michael) of Saline, Mich., and Penny Hudson of Huntsville, Ala.; a brother, Rex Hudson (Carol) of Bedford; a sister, Jeannie Hendrickson (Doug) of Franklin; two grandchildren, Derek and Annie Liemohn; and many nieces and nephews.

Max owned Max's Repair Co. for more than 20 years. He was a member of Tabernacle Christian Church for more than 35 years, was a member of American Legion Post 205 and served his country in the Air Force from 1966 to 1970.

He played drums in Johnson County and surrounding counties in various capacities for groups, churches, etc.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Max's name to the Ruth Lilly Hospice, Methodist Health Foundation, 1800 N. Capitol Ave., P.O. Box 7168, Indianapolis, IN 46207.

The Rev. Bill Horner will conduct a memorial service at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Tabernacle Christian Church, 198 N. Water St. in Franklin.

Forest Lawn Funeral Home in Greenwood is handling arrangements.

Information: 535-9003

INDIANAPOLIS

Robert A. 'Bobby' Hughes

Robert A. "Bobby" Hughes, 81, died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. He was a resident of Indianapolis.

Survivors include his wife, Mary (McDonough) Hughes; a son, Tim J. (Viv) Hughes of Indianapolis; a daughter, Kathy A. (Loren) Palencer of Indianapolis; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two brothers, Jim and Larry Hughes, both of Indianapolis; and two sisters, Marilyn Johnson of Dallas and Ruth Moore of Indianapolis. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert E. and Irene (Price) Hughes.

The Rev. Roger Gifford will conduct a service at 10 a.m. Saturday at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 1977 S. State Road 135 in Greenwood. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Greenwood.

GREENWOOD

Vera H. (Fry) Keene

Vera H. (Fry) Keene, 83, died Monday, Feb. 13, 2006, at her residence in Greenwood.

Survivors include five children, Shirley Kerr and Donna Kay Keene, both of Indianapolis, Sue Wassman of Greenwood, Rodney Jordan of Indianapolis and Michael Paul Keene of Cin-

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Robert A. Hughes, 81
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cinnati; nine brothers and sisters; 16 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents, John Henry and Nellie (Clyde) Fry; and her husband, Donald Keene.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Saturday at Jessen Funeral Home, Whiteland Chapel, 729 U.S. 31 North. Friends may call from 9 a.m. until service time Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Mount Pleasant Glens Valley Cemetery in Greenwood.

Information: 535-6880

INDIANAPOLIS

Letha I. Marple

Letha I. Marple, 92, died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2006. She was a resident of Indianapolis.

Survivors include her children, Marilynn Rider and David Marple; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Otis and Mary Lee; and her husband, Cleaver T. Marple.

A funeral service will be conducted at 1 p.m. Friday at G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Road 135. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Greenwood.

Obituary policy

The Daily Journal will publish free death notices for Johnson County area residents, former residents and close relatives of area residents.

A free death notice contains basic information, including details about visitation and services, memorial contributions and some survivors.

Families who want to include more information or include a photograph can purchase a custom obituary. Additional information may include memberships, employment, education and additional survivors.

The Daily Journal takes obituary information from funeral homes. All obituaries must be verified with funeral homes before publication.

The deadline for submitting obituaries to the Daily Journal is 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Sundays, the deadline is 1 p.m.

Looking for some breathing room

Indiana one of dozen-plus states in running for relaxed school rules from feds

By JULIA SILVERMAN
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SALEM, Ore.

About 15 states are vying to be chosen as one of the few that will be allowed some leeway in how student progress is measured under the No Child Left Behind Act, the federal education law criticized by some as overly rigid.

Applications are due Friday, three months after Education Secretary Margaret Spellings announced that states would be allowed to seek some flexibility.

Under the current law, schools are expected to show year-to-year

improvement in test scores, for example, this year's third-grade scores are compared to last year's. Under the pilot program, however, schools will be allowed to chart how individual students are doing on standardized tests from one year to the next.

The idea is the latest move by the Bush administration to allow more breathing room in the No Child Left Behind law. The administration is also giving rural teachers more time to become "highly qualified" and allowing more exemptions for severely disabled students.

The 2001 law is set for a tough

reauthorization battle in Congress next year, and even some Republicans are calling for more flexibility. The results of the experimental program could affect the debate.

The applications are coming from states urban and rural, red and blue, including Florida, Ohio, Arizona, Alaska, Hawaii and Oregon. Other states planning to apply include Indiana, Colorado, Delaware, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Tennessee. A maximum of 10 states will be chosen by spring.

Under No Child Left Behind's

current incarnation, schools must bring all students up to grade level in reading and math by the year 2014. Schools that fail to get increasing percentages of students up to scratch face a series of consequences, from having to pay for after-school tutoring to a state takeover.

Because of the tough standards, thousands of schools across the country have been listed as needing improvement.

Some teachers, principals, superintendents and state officials have long backed the idea of tracking the progress of individual students from year to year.

Do calcium, vitamin D really help?

The Associated Press

BOSTON

For years, doctors have been telling older women to take calcium and vitamin D tablets to protect their bones as they age.

Now, the biggest study ever to examine the value of that time-worn advice suggests the supplements convey only limited protection. Calcium and vitamin D failed to protect against most fractures in the mostly low-risk women.

At the same time, the supplements did seem to offer some benefit against hip breaks among women older than 60 and those who took the pills faithfully.

The study is "not as ringing an endorsement of calcium as one might like," said one of the researchers, Dr. Norman Lasser at New Jersey Medical School.

Even so, he and other experts are urging women to stick with government advice to keep taking the supplements anyway.

"We don't want to send the message to people to throw away their calcium pills, which was my wife's first reaction," Lasser said.

"We still do believe ... that maintaining an adequate calcium intake will lay the foundation for bone health," added lead author Dr. Rebecca Jackson at Ohio State University.

For women older than 50, federal guidelines recommend 1,200 milligrams of bone-building calcium and 400 to 600 international units of vitamin D daily from diet and, if needed, supplements.

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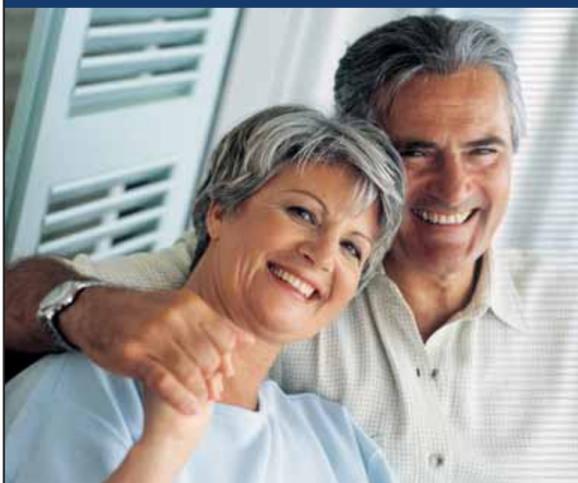
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