



Briefs

RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

Tipton Hospital has lifted all visitor restrictions which have been in place since October 2009. The visitor restrictions were designed to ensure the safety of patients, visitors, and employees throughout the H1N1 pandemic.

ROAD CONDITIONS

Before heading out on the roads, call to find out what the road conditions are. Do so by calling the Tipton County Sheriff's Department at 675-1600 or the Indiana State Police at 1-800-261-7623.

FUNDRAISER PLANNED

Sigma Delta Pi, a local teacher sorority, will have a fundraiser from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Tipton's Pizza Hut.

FISH/CHICKEN FRY PLANNED

A benefit fish and chicken fry for the Tri-Central choirs will take place from 5 to 7 p.m. today at the Tipton Elks Club, 117 E. Madison St.

TCSC BOARD

Tipton Community School Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. today at the administration office.

GRIEF SUPPORT CANCELED

The Grief Support Group meeting scheduled for Tuesday has been canceled due to weather. The group normally meets the second and fourth today of each month at Tipton Hospital in the community classroom from 6 to 7:15 p.m.

TAC

Tipton Advancement Committee will meet at 7 p.m. today at the Tipton County Foundation Office, 1020 W. Jefferson St. in Tipton.

HEALING TOUCH SESSION CANCELED

The Healing Touch Group Session planned for 7 p.m. today at St. Joseph Church in Elwood has been canceled due to the weather.

Book Buddies Story Time

Children ages 3 to 5 can come to the Tipton County Public Library for a weekly story time. Book Buddies begins at 10 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Wednesday and continues for three weeks.

KEMPTON MEETING

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Lottery

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Here are the winning numbers selected Monday in the Hoosier Lottery:

- Daily Three-Midday: 2-4-7
Daily Three-Evening: 6-8-6
Daily Four-Midday: 0-0-6-0
Daily Four-Evening: 9-4-5-3
Lucky 5-Midday: 3-7-9-14-36
Lucky 5-Evening: 10-15-17-30-31

Estimated Hoosier Lotto jackpot: \$6 Million
Estimated Mega Millions jackpot: \$32 Million
Estimated Powerball jackpot: \$20 Million

Deaths

The complete obituary for the following is on page 2: Charles "Bud" Henry McDaniell, 73, Tipton.



Signs of a winter storm

Tipton County remains under a "Winter Storm Warning" throughout today and into Wednesday with the chance of up to 10 inches of snow falling, followed by high winds. Tipton and Tri-Central Schools were shut down, as were most schools in the neighboring counties.

JACKIE HENRY PHOTOS

Project in PARK

By JACKIE L. HENRY Managing Editor

The proposed new city hall building has been put in PARK. That was the message received at Monday night's Tipton Common Council meeting.

The meeting, which took place at the C.W. Mount Building, was well attended by several Tipton residents concerned that the city was spending too much money to construct a new city hall.

Tipton City Councilman Brett Curmutt stated that the building committee had agreed to put the building plans "in park."

Concerned that many citizens that would like to have their opinions heard but were unable to attend meetings, Curmutt and Councilperson Barb Cardwell approached other council members with thoughts of putting a questionnaire in The Tipton County Tribune asking those people who live in Tipton or pay taxes in Tipton what their thoughts were regarding the building.

The questionnaire will ask various questions, including the location of a new building, should a new building be built, should EDIT funds be used to help pay for the building, should the utility offices remain with the city offices, etc.

Putting the project in "park" stirred up questions regarding the cost of the contract with DLZ, the Indianapolis architecture firm that the city has contracted with to help plan the building.

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together," stated Council President Marty Bond.

Resident Jim Ashley asked if the council had any intentions of terminating the project. Delph stated, "No." Cardwell stated she would like to see the project canceled.

Bond explained he would like to see how the questionnaires do. "Getting the committee too big could bog it down," Bond stated.

Ashley explained that the questionnaire is a good thing; however, that it was easier for some people to express themselves one-on-one. Ashley did thank the council for listening to the people and putting the project on hold.

The questionnaire will be published in Friday's Tipton County Tribune.

Other business that came in front of the council was the two-hour parking in the downtown business district. Cardwell stated she had received several complaints from downtown businesses stating that the parking is not enforced on a daily basis.

Other council members did not agree with Cardwell and Curmutt and stated that the parking ordinance should remain. Delph stated that parking is a premium in the downtown area.

It was decided that a poll will be taken from downtown business owners to indicate what their feelings are regarding the parking issue.

Curmutt took a moment at last night's meeting to comment on the mayor's recent "State of the City" address. "I could not comment on the speech at the last council meeting due to work obligations.

Delph stated, "what do you want me to do when three buildings could not come in because we are being stone-walled by a private organization?"

"Well, it should not have come out in the State of the City speech," said Curmutt.

The city street department and other local people that plow snow were given kudos from the council for the good job with snow removal from Friday's snow storm.

The next council meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 22 at the city hall.

Another major storm headed to snowy Mid-Atlantic

WASHINGTON (AP) — Snow blew across the Midwest today on track for the hard-hit Mid-Atlantic region, where federal government offices were closed for a second day and utility workers struggled to restore power knocked out by a weekend blizzard.

The storm hit the Midwest early, closing schools and greeting commuters with slick, slushy roads from Minneapolis and Chicago to Louisville, Ky. Powerful winds and snow were expected to hit Mid-Atlantic states by the afternoon, and could leave as much as 20 inches of new snow in Washington and 18 inches near Philadelphia — a Northeast travel hub — by Wednesday night.

Parts of the region were already buried under nearly 3 feet of snow. Airlines that shut down flights to

Washington over the weekend warned that more would be canceled and that travelers who didn't depart by tonight were likely out of luck. Washington resident Chris Vaughan was fortunate enough to land a seat.

"I'm done with city, urban snow life," said Vaughan, who was going skiing in Utah. He dodged a \$100 taxi "snow fare" by having a friend drop him off at Reagan National Airport — in exchange for a bottle of wine.

Others were filling their pantries in case they get stuck at home again.

"Getting around is a pain right now as it is, so slushy and sloppy," said Meghan Garaghan, 28, as she stocked up on staples and sweets at a supermarket in Philadelphia, which got 27 inches of snow. "I don't want to think about what it's going to be

like with another foot and a half of snow dumped on top of this mess."

Some spots, including parts of Maryland, had nearly 3 feet of snow from the earlier storm. One scientist said if all that fell on the East Coast were melted, it would fill 12 million Olympic swimming pools or 30,000 Empire State buildings. Philadelphia and Washington each need about nine more inches to give the cities their snowiest winters since 1884, the first year records were kept.

Jerry Bennett, manager of the Strostrinders hardware store in Silver Spring, Md., said he sold 500 snow shovels in two hours Friday. Since then, customers have been stalking shipments.

"Every third question is, 'Do you have shovels?'" Bennett said. "Every three hours, we can answer 'yes,' and then they're gone."

The storm that began Friday closed schools, and some 230,000 federal workers in Washington had Monday and today off. Power was still out for tens of thousands of homes and businesses, and utilities said deep snow was hindering some crews trying to fix damaged power lines before the next storm hits.

The snowbound U.S. Senate met only for a few minutes Monday, and the House called off floor votes today.

Majority Leader Harry Reid, wearing a V-neck sweater over his usual shirt and tie, said it was difficult to make it to work on snow-clogged streets and the subway system was running on a limited basis.

Planes weren't the only way out of town. Union Station was bustling with long lines as many passengers decided to try Amtrak after flights

were canceled. Manuel Bernardo, 30, of Bethesda, Md., was on his way to Barcelona, Spain. He bought a ticket to New York and was hoping to make it there in time to catch his flight to Madrid.

"Until this morning, I was happy as pie, because I love snow," he said.

In Falls Church, Va., a Washington suburb, Jeff Patmore, 43, was trying to get his Jeep out. The State Department employee's family was running low on supplies — particularly milk for his three young children.

Patmore attempted a grocery run Saturday, but didn't make it far.

"I thought my car could do anything, and I was wrong," he said.

"My wonderful neighbors dug me out, and I limped back with my pride injured but everything else intact."

Toyota recalls 437,000 Priuses, hybrids globally

TOKYO (AP) — Toyota says it is recalling about 437,000 Prius and other hybrid vehicles worldwide to fix brake problems — the latest in a string of embarrassing safety lapses at the world's largest automaker.

"I don't see Toyota as an infallible company that never makes mistakes," President Akio Toyoda said at a press conference Tuesday in Tokyo. "We will face up to the facts and correct the problem, putting customers' safety and convenience first."

With the Prius announcement, the number of vehicles recalled globally

by Toyota Motor Corp. has ballooned to 8.5 million, including for floor mats which can trap gas pedals and faulty gas pedals that are slow to return to the idle position. The 2010 Prius wasn't part of the earlier recalls.

There have been about 200 complaints in Japan and the U.S. about a delay when the brakes in the Prius were pressed in cold conditions and on some bumpy roads. The delay doesn't indicate a brake failure. The company says the problem can be fixed in 40 minutes with new software that oversees the controls of

the antilock brakes.

"Let me assure everyone that we will redouble our commitment to quality as the lifeline of our company," Toyoda said.

Toyota officials went to Japan's Transport Ministry earlier today to formally notify officials the company is recalling the 2010 Prius gas-electric hybrid — the world's top-selling hybrid car. The automaker is also recalling two other hybrid models in Japan, the Lexus HS250h sedan, sold in the U.S. and Japan, and the Sai, which is sold only in Japan.

The 223,000 cars being recalled

in Japan include nearly 200,000 Priuses sold from April last year through Monday, according to papers the automaker filed with the ministry. The Prius is Japan's top-selling car.

In the U.S., Toyota will recall 133,000 Prius cars and 14,500 Lexus HS250h vehicles. Nearly 53,000 Priuses are also being recalled in Europe. Toyota is suspending production of the Sai and Lexus HS250h in Japan until the updated software for those models is ready.

If drivers experience a delayed

reaction when depressing the brakes in any of these models, they should keep pressing, according to Toyota and the transport ministry.

The Prius repairs will start in Japan on Wednesday. U.S. owners will start receiving letters about the recall next week.

Toyoda, the president, has been criticized for being largely invisible during the two weeks after the company announced Jan. 21 the gas pedal recall in the U.S., Europe and China.

He apologized at his first public

