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## Former first lady Nancy Reagan dies

### Her best-known project was 'Just Say No'

BY CHRISTOPHER WEBER  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES – Nancy Reagan, the helpmate, backstage adviser and fierce protector of Ronald Reagan in his journey from actor to president – and finally during his 10-year bat-

tle with Alzheimer's disease – has died. She was 94.

The former first lady died Sunday at her home in the Bel-Air section of Los Angeles of congestive heart failure, assistant Allison Borio told The Associated Press.

Her best-known project as first

lady was the "Just Say No" campaign to help kids and teens stay off drugs.

When she swept into the White House in 1981, the former Hollywood actress partial to designer gowns and pricey china was widely dismissed as a pre-feminist throwback, concerned only with fashion,

decorating and entertaining. By the time she moved out eight years later, Mrs. Reagan was fending off accusations that she was a behind-the-scenes "dragon lady" wielding unchecked power over the Reagan administration – and doing it based on astrology to boot.



Nancy Reagan

All along she maintained that her only mission was to back her "Ronnie" and strengthen his presidency.

Mrs. Reagan carried that charge through the rest of her days. She served as a full-time caretaker as Alzheimer's melted away her husband's memory. After his death in June 2004 she dedicated herself to tending his legacy, especially at his

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## HANDBELL FESTIVAL

### Kokomo tradition celebrates its 33rd year

BY CARA BELL  
KOKOMO TRIBUNE

The 33rd annual Kokomo Handbell Festival brought out seven handbell choirs and a large crowd Saturday for an evening of spiritual celebration.

"It's a way to worship the lord through a musical means," said Susie Killingbeck, the children's handbell director at First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, and co-founder of the festival.

"We can express ourselves and our love for the lord and have a worship service," she said.

The event began because church handbell choirs were venturing outside of Kokomo for festivals, Killingbeck said. So she and a few other directors decided to start their own festival here in Kokomo instead.

"It started back in 1984," Killingbeck said. "We said we can have our own festival, and so we did it one year and it just went so well ... we decided to just do it again, and again, and again. And we haven't stopped for 33 years."



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**BELLS:** Faye Cossell (center) of the First Friends Ringers plays the handbells in the 33rd annual Kokomo Handbell Festival at Bible Baptist Church on Saturday.

Since 8 a.m. Saturday morning, the handbell choirs had been practicing a variety of songs, some more difficult than others. But the group of performers managed well for just one joint practice before the big event, said Mike

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### THE 2016 HANDBELL FESTIVAL PARTICIPANT CHOIRS

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| Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, Jubilate Bells & Redeemer Handbells | First Friends Meeting House, First Friends Ringers           |
| Circle City Ringers - Indianapolis                                   | Grace United Methodist Church, Vesper Handbell Choir         |
| First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, Stockdale Ringers             | Main Street United Methodist Church, Jubilation Bells - Peru |
| Westminster Handbell Choir   |  |

## Feds halt slaughter multiple times

### Tyson inspectors reported inhumane treatment

BY SARAH EINSELEN  
FOR THE KOKOMO TRIBUNE

LOGANSPORT – Federal inspectors have halted slaughter operations at Tyson Fresh Meats pork processing plant in Logansport multiple times recently over reported instances of inhumane animal handling.

Officials with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service suspended inspection activity in the local pork plant three times from August through December 2015, according to the agency's quarterly report released in February.

Letters notifying the plant's manager of the suspensions described instances in which inspectors found hogs that showed signs of consciousness, like normal eye movement and pulling away when an FSIS inspector grasped an ear, after the hogs were supposed to have been stunned into unconsciousness.

Each time, the suspension effectively stopped activity in the plant's slaughter area because federal law requires inspectors to be on site at all times. The suspension was lifted the same day all three times after FSIS officials were satisfied with

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## Youth, adult archers flock to Kokomo

### Indiana Field Archery Association state indoor tournament held

BY GEORGE MYERS  
KOKOMO TRIBUNE

Within a largely individual sport, the Waltz family has turned competitive archery into a regular group outing – one they've learned to share with a growing number of Hoosiers.

This weekend, Sean Waltz, Kim Waltz and their daughter, Kaylin Waltz, joined 258 archers – the largest turnout since 2005 – at the Kokomo Event Center for the



**ARCHERS:**

Jonathan Mize, from Fortville, lines up with other archers on Saturday to shoot their bow and arrows during the Indiana Field Archery Tournament at the Kokomo Event Center.

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Indiana Field Archery Association state indoor tournament.

The association's only indoor state shoot, Kokomo served as a centralized location for many of the area's competi-

tive archers, especially those traveling to compete in both the individual and team competitions, according to Denver

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## Ivy Tech hopes to revamp Kokomo college campus

### College plan would aim to keep programs at Morgan Street site

BY LAUREN SLAGTER  
KOKOMO TRIBUNE

Ivy Tech Community College is in the process of planning upgrades to its Kokomo campus, which could include a new building and extensive renovations in the coming years.

At a meeting Thursday, the Kokomo region board of trustees approved spending approximately

\$100,000 to have Scholer Corporation, a Lafayette-based architect and engineering firm, draw up plans for what the new developments could look like. Developing that master plan is the first step in submitting a capital project request to the General Assembly in 2017, which would need to grant approval for Ivy Tech to finance the project.

"We would like to bring everyone here to this center core," said Chancellor David Bathe, referencing Ivy Tech's health and computer science programs that are housed at other

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