

Babies

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Leap Year baby. His birth made the front page of the newspaper in Goshen in Northern Indiana as the rare, once-a-presidential-term birthdays often garner local news coverage.

Kinney, who lived in Crown Point and practiced law in Merrillville for many years, loved having a Leap Year Birthday, said his daughter and Carly Dobin's mother, Kathy O'Connor of Hebron.

This Leap Day, Methodist Hospitals had one birth at its Southlake campus in Merrillville and two at its Northlake campus in Gary, spokesman Brad Lukas said.

Sawya Younger gave birth to Antawan Jr., and Jahmya Moore gave birth to Da'Karri Hicks. Both those Leap Day births took place at Methodist Hospital Northlake Campus on Grant Street in downtown Gary. The swaddled babies slept peacefully in the maternity ward in their hand-knit frog caps.

"Methodist Hospitals' staff made special leap year hats for the babies born today," Lukas said.

Northwest Health-La Porte had two deliveries of Leap Day babies and expected a third as of Thursday afternoon, spokeswoman Kelly Credit said. Northwest Health-Porter in Valparaiso had one Leap Day baby and expected to deliver three more before the day was done.

It's estimated there's only a



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Carly and Matt Dobin of DeMotte welcomed their daughter, Molly Grace, at Franciscan Health Crown Point on Leap Day.

.068% chance of being born on a Leap Day.

Only about 5 million people across the globe, or less than 0.1% of the total population, were born on a Leap Day.

Franciscan Health Family Birth Centers in Crown Point, Dyer, Michigan City and Olympia Fields marked the special occasion by giving the Leap Day babies knitted frog hats and matching onesies. Lindsay and Todd Norton of Lowell also had a son at Franciscan Health Crown Point on Leap Day. Born at 7:54 a.m. Thursday, Norton weighed 7 pounds 15 ounces and measured 20 inches.

T'Anda and Caleb Harris of

Hammond had the baby girl Mahla Harris at 5:22 a.m. Thursday at Franciscan Health Dyer. She weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces and measured 20 inches long.

Julia Hendricks and Ty McCurdy of Michigan City had a daughter at 1:31 a.m. on Leap Day at Franciscan Health Michigan City. The baby girl Layanii McCurdy weighed 5 pounds 12 ounces and measured 18.5 inches long.

Sara and Jacob Faso of Dyer had the baby girl Penelope Faso at 1:52 p.m. Thursday at Franciscan Health Crown Point. She weighed 8 pounds and measured 19 inches long.

Health

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The former Navy fighter pilot worked to bring advanced health care to Northwest Indiana after his wife was diagnosed with cancer and they traveled hundreds of miles to get specialty care. He wanted to ensure others would be able to stay closer to home.

Today, Community Healthcare System offers specialty and advanced care in cancer, heart, neuroscience, orthopedic, rehabilitation and stroke care. Community, for instance, offers transcatheter aortic valve replacement, endovascular aneurysm repair, total hip and knee replacements and advanced spine surgery, as well as running Northwest Indiana's only Joint Commission-certified comprehensive stroke center.

Community Hospital, St. Catherine Hospital and St. Mary Medical Center will retain their names. Community Stroke & Rehabilitation Center will become Powers Health Rehabilitation Center, Community Care Network will become Powers Health Medical Group and all health centers will become Powers Health Outpatient Centers.

The system employs around



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8,000 people, maintains 833 hospital beds and operates Fitness Pointe, Cancer Research Foundation, Cancer Resource Centre and Hartsfield Village, a continuing care retirement community.

For more information, visit COMHS.org/PowersHealth.

Tornado

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The weather service confirmed 11 tornadoes in northern Illinois, including 10 in the Chicago area.

Yack said that February tornadoes periodically touch down in the five counties of Northwest Indiana that the weather service's Chicago office covers.

"It's not terribly common, but it's not super rare, either," he said.

Robert Trapp, professor and director of the School of Earth, Society & Environment at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, said that February torna-

does in Illinois are "rare, but not unprecedented."

According to records dating back to 1955, four EF1 tornadoes touched down in the state on Feb. 28, 2017, while an EF2 tornado was recorded on Feb. 28, 1974, Trapp said.

Tornadoes in Michigan have been reported rarely in the first week of March, occurring only in 1956, 1961, 1976 and 1983. They are more common in the entire month of March.

The weather service office that covers southwestern and central Ohio has recorded winter tornadoes almost every year since 2012.

The Fujita Scale of Tornado Intensity ranges from zero to five.

"The lower limit is the beginning of hurricane wind speed; peels surface off roofs; mobile homes pushed off foundations or overturned; moving autos pushed off the roads; attached garages may be destroyed," the weather service says of the strength of EF1 tornadoes.

Tuesday's storms produced large hail, tornadoes and some wind damage.

Temperatures also plunged with the storms from a record-setting high in the Chicago area near 70 degrees on Monday and 74 on Tuesday down to 32 on Wednesday.

— The Associated Press contributed to this report

Trial

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Detective Daryl Gordon testified that he was granted a search warrant for Burns' vehicle and found remnants of blood upon spraying a chemical agent designed to show evidence of a cleaned bloodstain. A DNA specialist testified the blood belonged to White.


Burns was arrested almost three weeks after the homicide when he was found hiding in an abandoned house. The state played a clip from the first phone call he made after his arrest in which his first words are, "well, they got me." Prosecutors said these factors demonstrate his guilt.

Defense attorney Scott King

said the witnesses in the case who were at the house the day of the killing were not credible because they had been drinking copious amounts of alcohol that day, a fact that one of the witnesses admitted to.

"Someone under the influence of alcohol might be questioned about the accuracy of what they heard, what they saw," King said.

King urged the jury to consider other possible reasons for Burns' actions: He might have avoided police and hidden in the abandoned house out of fear, King said. Burns previously said he did not "mess with" police. King also told the jury that there is a possibility someone else was driving Burns' vehicle because no one actually saw Burns in the car.




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