

HOOSIER HOME COOKIN'

with Allison Meadows

For holiday side dishes that shine, you'll enjoy incorporating these new dishes to your tested and true stand-bys. Cheesy Asparagus Bake is a special occasion dish that is rich and creamy. Broccoli Casserole is loved by adults and kids alike and is a simple addition to the holiday buffet. Corn and Green Bean Casserole shakes things up a bit and steers clear of the common green bean casserole served on everyone's table. And, finally, make sure you try this version of Potato Casserole. The addition of French onion dip and cornflakes makes for a delicious combination.

Next week: We'll take a break from this series, for a few Thanksgiving favorites. Happy eating!

Cheesy Asparagus Bake
 1 (10.5-oz.) can asparagus spears
 1/4 C. red pepper, chopped
 1/3 C. mild cheddar cheese, shredded
 1/4 C. green onions, sliced
 1 egg white, beaten until stiff
 Drain asparagus, reserving a few pieces for garnish, if desired. Place remaining asparagus in shallow 1-quart baking dish with red pepper. Combine mayonnaise with cheese and green onions. Fold in egg white. Spread over asparagus. Bake at

350 degrees for 20 minutes or until heated through. Recipe may be doubled and placed in a 2-quart baking dish.

Broccoli Casserole
 2 packages frozen broccoli, chopped and thawed
 2 cans cream of celery soup
 2 C. Minute Rice, uncooked
 1 (8-oz.) jar Cheez Whiz
 3/4 C. celery, chopped
 3/4 C. onion, chopped
 1 stick margarine, melted
 Combine all ingredients and place in buttered baking dish. Bake 1 hour at 325 degrees.

Corn and Green Bean Casserole
 1/2 C. shredded Cheddar cheese
 3/4 C. onion, chopped
 1 C. celery, chopped
 1 (8-oz.) carton sour cream
 1 can whole kernel corn, drained
 1 can French-style green beans, drained
 1 can cream of celery soup
 1 stack round buttery crackers
 1 stick margarine
 Combine all ingredients except crackers and margarine. Mix well and place in buttered casserole dish. Crumble crackers and sprinkle over casserole. Slice margarine and place on top. Bake at 325 degrees for about 25 minutes.

Potato Casserole
 2 lb package hash browns, thawed
 1 can cream of chicken soup
 1 (8-oz.) carton French onion dip
 1 (8-oz.) carton sour cream
 1 (10-oz.) pkg. extra sharp cheddar cheese, grated
 salt and pepper to taste
 2 C. cornflakes, crushed
 1/4 C. margarine, melted
 Mix together first six ingredients and place in a 9x13 baking dish. Top with mixture of cornflakes and melted margarine. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 to 45 minutes.



Five generations
 Five generations of the Mildred Merkel family are pictured. Mrs. Merkel is seen holding her great-great-grandson, Ethan Jack Adkins. In back, l-r, are Ethan's mother, Jessica LeBegue, his grandmother, Stephanie LeBegue and great-grandfather Joe Merkel. Photo provided

Area agencies on aging offer assistance during Medicare part D open enrollment

Comet staff report

The program offering prescription drug coverage for people with Medicare will begin its second year in January. The Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging (IAAAA) has announced it will again offer assistance to those seeking a Medicare prescription drug plan that works best for them whether they are signing up for the first time or looking for a better plan.

"Area Agencies on Aging across Indiana will be assist-

ing older adults and persons with disabilities to enroll in a prescription plan that makes sense for each individual," said Melissa Durr, chief executive officer of the Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging. Appointments can be scheduled with the local Area Agencies on Aging by calling 1-800-986-3505.

Additionally, the agency will help determine if persons are eligible for Extra Help where 85 to 100 percent of their costs will be covered, including premiums for the coverage. This program is for persons with low incomes and limited resources. All enrollment assistance is confidential.

The IAAAA, founded in 1978, advocates for quality programs and services for older adults and all persons with disabilities. The IAAAA

NIPSCO receives two-year extension of winter warmth program

Comet staff report

Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) has announced that its Winter Warmth Program has been approved to run for two years, through May 31, 2009.

The Winter Warmth Program, which began in 2004, is an energy assistance program designed to help low-income NIPSCO natural gas customers with the payment of utility bills and natural gas deposits.

Since the program's inception, Winter Warmth has provided nearly \$14.5 million in bill and deposit assistance to 35,216 customers.

Under the program extension, approved by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC), enhancements have been made to the Winter Warmth program guidelines. Qualifying customers will be eligible to receive up to \$450 in annual energy assistance, and NIPSCO has expanded the qualifying eligibility requirements to include those cus-

tomers up to 200% of the federal poverty guidelines, in addition to those who have a financial hardship situation as determined by an administering Winter Warmth agency.

New this year, NIPSCO will increase its contribution amount toward the program from previous years. For the 2007-2008 winter heating season, NIPSCO will contribute 17 percent of total dollars collected from customers, and 18 percent for the 2008-2009 winter heating season. The average residential customer will contribute approximately \$0.63 per month toward the program.

Qualifying customers may begin applying for the Winter Warmth program on Nov. 19 by visiting one of 32 existing energy assistance agency sites located across NIPSCO's northern Indiana service area. Assistance sites in this area include:

- Carroll County**
 Area IV Agency
 700 N. Washington
 Delphi, IN 46733
 (765) 564-6466
- Cass County**
 Area Five Council on Aging
 1801 Smith St.
 Logansport, IN 46947
 (574) 722-4451
- Clinton County**
 Area IV Agency
 301 E. Clinton St.
 Frankfort, IN 46041
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- White County**
 Area IV Agency
 116 E. Marion
 Monticello, IN 47960
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works with all of the 16 Area Agencies on Aging. The Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) were created by state statute in 1973 to deliver services under the Older Americans Act.

AAAs are not-for-profit entities providing services to older adults and persons with disabilities of any age and their caregivers.

Historic resources group to hold second meeting

Comet staff report

Carroll County Historic Resources Task Force will meet Nov. 28 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Wabash & Erie Canal Interpretive Center on N. Washington St. in Delphi.

Sponsored by Carroll County Focus on the Future, the task force, having learned

about the many organizations concerned with Carroll County's history at the first meeting, will identify critical issues and unmet needs. Strategies to address those needs will be developed.

For further information, contact Bonnie Maxwell at (765) 564-2169.

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