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Partly sunny
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They're going to Disney World

■ Unemployed Elkhart mom claims \$6.5 million state lottery prize.

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INDIANAPOLIS — A college student said Monday she'll use \$1.9 million in Hoosier Lotto winnings to take her three children to Disney World and to spend the summer with them.

Shantay Britman, 35, of Elkhart said she was due to start a job next month but instead will take the summer off before re-summing classes toward a general studies degree at Indiana University-South Bend.

Other than using the money for the Disney World trip and putting money toward her children's college education, Britman said she and her husband, Kendrick, have no plans for the money.

She admitted they were overwhelmed by their good fortune.

"Right now, it's all just brand new — like not eating for two years and now someone gives you a buffet," she said during a news conference at the Hoosier Lottery headquarters in Indianapolis.

Britman bought the winning ticket at an Elkhart convenience store. The Hoosier Lotto jackpot had reached \$6.5 million, but she took the cash option of \$2.7 million before taxes, or \$1.9 million after.

She worked as a certified medical assistant at a clinic before it closed last September, and she used the opportunity to go to



SHANTAY BRITMAN, center, laughs as her husband, Kendrick Britman, looks at a \$6.5 million check at the Hoosier Lottery headquarters in Indianapolis Monday. Britman will collect \$1.9 million after winning the Hoosier Lotto jackpot. Kathryn Densborn, the executive director of the Hoosier Lottery, is at right.

classes full-time. She plans to eventually attend nursing school and become a registered nurse.

Kendrick Britman, also 35, works as a host and a busser at

a restaurant. Their children are ages 14, 8 and 5.

"We're like other families, just trying to make it," Shantay Britman said.

As for Kendrick Britman, he was eager for his time in the limelight to end. Asked how he felt, he said, "Ready to be over with (it)."

RV INDUSTRY

Better, but still lagging

■ Shipments increase in February, but still far below last year.

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The news is good — sort of. February RV shipments to retailers were reported at 10,300 units, according to figures released by the Recreation Vehicle Industry Association. That marks an increase of 40 percent over January but is still 63 percent less than February 2008 levels.

Towable RV shipments totaled 9,600 in February, up 45 percent from January's 6,600. Motorhome shipments totaled 700 in both January and February.

"As the current recession is expected to affect all sectors of the economy, RV shipments are expected to be lower in 2009 as well," according to a projection from RVIA. "Credit restrictions are causing RV buyers to delay purchases and RV dealers to keep inventories low. Sales in 2009 will be affected by stringent credit standards, falling employment and continued declines in household wealth and home prices."

Richard Curtain, director of consumer surveys at the University of Michigan, predicts 2009 RV shipments will total 130,100.

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It's official: Purl Street to close

■ Access to Fifth Street will be by new connector road.

By **JESSE DAVIS**
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One Goshen thoroughfare is about to change forever.

The permanent closure of Purl Street between Main and Fifth streets in front of the Goshen Public Library will occur Monday.

The closure was announced Monday at the Board of Public Works and Safety meeting. Once the street is closed, access to Fifth Street from Main Street will be the new connection recently constructed just south of the library.

The closure, originally approved by the City Council in exchange for the land used to build the new connection, is part of the library's ongoing parking lot expansion project. The final version of the parking lot plan was approved last year. The new parking lot will include 49 new regular parking spaces and four new handicap-access parking spaces, as well as featuring multiple rain gardens and some sections of pervious pavement. The parking lot is under construction.

Parking issue

The board members once again took up the issue of parking on New Street. The issue was originally raised at a February meeting, when they approved a Traffic Commission suggestion to install "No Parking" signs



THIS SECTION OF PURL STREET between Main and Fifth streets will be closed Monday.

along its west side between Wilkinson and Pike streets. The issue was brought back in March, after several residents complained that insufficient parking existed for at least one home on the street. Several people spoke at that meeting, some in favor of and some against the signs.

A new request brought to and approved by the board calls for the removal of the signs and the installation of two "No Parking Here to Corner" signs, one each at approximately 50 feet north of Pike Street and approximately 50 feet south of Wilkinson

Street.

Ind. 4 to close

An Indiana Department of Transportation request to close Ind. 4 (Lincoln Avenue) at the Norfolk Southern Railroad between Eighth and Ninth streets brought up some discussion when Mayor Allan Kauffman disagreed with INDOT's choice of a detour.

As written, the request laid out a detour from Ind. 4 to Logan Street, Monroe Street, U.S. 33 and ending at Main Street. After some conversation, the request was passed with an amended

detour path of Ind. 4 to Eighth Street, Monroe Street, Logan Street and ending back on Ind. 4.

A contract to complete Phase II of the Crescent Street reconstruction was awarded to Niblock Excavating of Bristol, which submitted the lowest bid at \$429,184.75.

Board members approved an agreement with Rock Run Repairs of Millersburg to provide maintenance repairs, including sandblasting and painting, for 20 Goshen Street Department sander trucks, plow trucks and leaf vacuums. Cost for the service will be \$22,740.

Injured softball player dies

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MISHAWAKA, Ind. — A member of a men's slow-pitch softball team has died after he was taken off life support, two days after he was hit in the neck by a ball.

Teammates say 24-year-old Alberto Naranjo of Elkhart was sliding into home plate during a game Saturday morning when a throw struck him below his left ear. He started to get up, but collapsed.

Paramedics took Naranjo to Memorial Hospital in South Bend from Rose Park in nearby Mishawaka after attempts to revive him failed.

St. Joseph County Coroner Michael O'Connell says a neurosurgeon pronounced Naranjo brain dead early Sunday. O'Connell said Naranjo remained on life support until Monday so his organs could be used for transplants.

Hospital spokeswoman Ruth Linster said Monday afternoon that Naranjo had died.

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(and help the hungry in our community)

AND THERE'S MORE...
Sign up for a chance to win great prizes and we'll offer snacks and drinks

SPRING SALE ...
The donation sale
Bring canned food items for The Faith Mission of Elkhart and the LaGrange County Clothes & Food Basket.

50% off certain close-out items
20% off crafts, plants & accessories
15% off storewide sale
And even **15% off** of custom orders

Bring 3 or more canned food items and receive an additional discount.

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Two Miles South of SHIPSEWANA
Monday-Friday 9-5
Saturday 9-4

At CR 17 & CR 14 in ELKHART
Monday, Tuesday, Saturday 9-5
Wednesday-Friday 11-7