

Our 175th Year · 1833-2008

1878-1879

As we celebrate 175 years, we take a look at our history and the world around us through News-Sentinel archives.

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE PAST

1878

- ◆ Fort Wayne City Hospital opens; later known as Parkview Hospital.
- ◆ New iron bridge built across St. Marys River at Main Street; site rumored to be haunted by "The Lady in White" ghost.
- ◆ Edison Electric Light Co. founded.
- ◆ Masked burglars take \$3 million at Manhattan Savings Institution in New

York City.

- ◆ American Bar Association founded in Saratoga, N.Y.

1879

- ◆ Fort Wayne obtains its original waterworks plant.
- ◆ First telephone service installed in Fort Wayne.
- ◆ First city telephone directory publish-

ed; was a one-page listing with 54 typed names and 17 handwritten names. A switchboard operator connected all calls.

- ◆ New York City's Madison Square Gardens opens.
- ◆ Frank W. Woolworth begins opening five- and 10-cent stores.
- ◆ Wabash is the first city in Indiana to be completely lit by electricity.

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