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Coleman Meet and Swap at Rochester

The 14th annual International Coleman Collectors meet and swap will be held June 23 and 24 at the Fulton County Historical Museum, Rochester. Hours will be 1 to 5 p.m. Friday, June 23, and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 24.

The Hiatt Coleman Museum, located four miles west of the Fulton County Historical Museum, will be open both days also. Friday hours at the museum will be 5:30 to 10 p.m. and Saturday hours will be 4:30 to 10 p.m.

Museum owner, Ernest L. (Ernie) Hiatt, believes he has the largest collection of Coleman items in the world, which now numbers over 4,000 pieces. He keeps his collection in a two-story makeshift museum at his farm, 3404 W 450 N, Rochester.

Ernie originally became interested in Coleman products through his work with the Boy Scouts. While attending a Boy Scout Jamboree in Alberta, Canada, he met a Coleman representative who gave him some parts to repair some of his Coleman lanterns that did not work. Things sort of mushroom from that point in time.

Ernie's collection includes lanterns, camp stoves, canoes, coolers, a coffee maker, kerosene lanterns made in both the U.S. and Canada, military items, an autoclave used to sterilize surgical tools and even dirt bikes. He is especially proud of one of his lanterns, one of the first made by Coleman in 1914. He also has hand-blown glass globe lanterns, made in 1914.

The dirt bikes, produced for only six months in 1971, are very unusual and Ernie has two of them.

His collection includes Canadian Coleman items, items made by Coleman but only available in Japan, and commemorative Coleman items made exclusively for the Philippines.

Ernie has traversed the United States and Canada adding items to his collection. He especially likes to find dealers who are going out of business so he can add their inventory to his collection.

Hiatt opened his museum in 1993 to display his extension collection of Coleman items. He also formed the Coleman Collectors Club which meets annually in Rochester. He is aware of at least 700 other Coleman collectors.

The museum boasts a trading section, just for collectors. Hiatt is also an authorized warranty service representative for Coleman items as he has an extensive collection of parts for older, out-dated Coleman products. He also manufactures the tools needed to work on the Coleman items, including vises and special inserts to hold lanterns, check valve tools and

Fulton Improvement Committee Seeking Recipes

The Fulton Improvement Committee is seeking recipes to incorporate into a community cookbook. Anyone living in the Caston School District, or who has ever lived in the district, alumni of Fulton, Metea, Twelve Mile or Grass Creek schools, is asked to send their favorite recipes to Nellie McGrew, P.O. Box 275, Fulton, IN 46931 or drop them off at the Fulton Post Office or Mary's Stitch and Knit by June 30.

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Breakfast/Lunch at Twelve Mile

The Twelve Mile Community Board will serve breakfast and lunch Tuesday, July 4, in conjunction with the Twelve Mile 50th anniversary. Serving will be from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the community building. The breakfast menu will include biscuits and gravy, pancakes and other items. Hot dogs, sloppy Joes, ham and beans and homemade pies will be served for lunch starting at 10 a.m.

Members from several local churches will provide the food, do the cooking and serve the meals. The Twelve Mile parade will begin at 12 noon with the lawnmower races starting shortly thereafter.

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Garden Tour, July 18

The Master Gardeners of Fulton County will host its annual garden tour Saturday, July 8, from 2 to 5 p.m., rain or shine, with proceeds going to Habitat for Humanity and other projects.

Garden hosts are the Krugmans at 2202 Poets Dr; Hatfields at 418 Jefferson St.; Dreibelbis at 1830 Sweetgum Rd.; McCalls at 2746 Wabash Ave., and Albrights at 2206 Wolf's Point Dr., Rochester.

Tickets are \$5 and are available from the Master Gardeners and The Bloomin' Corner, 424 E. 9th St., Rochester. Persons touring all five gardens and getting their tickets punched at each will be eligible to win a \$50 Bloomin' Corner gift certificate.

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AREA FIVE MENU Kewanna Fire Station

Sandwich, June 26 - Hamburger sandwich, stewed tomatoes, Italian blend, apricots and cookie

Wednesday, June 28 - Beef chopped steak with gravy, mixed vegetables, scalloped cabbage, wheat bread, mango and brownie delight

Friday, June 30 - carry-in

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extractors and an air pump release tool.

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Youth League Tourney Starts Friday

The Kewananna Youth League's annual Independence Day holiday tournament will start Friday, June 23, at the local park. Teams from Akron, Wheatfield, Wakarusa, Pioneer, Delphi, Camden, Rossville, Burlington, North Miami, Walton, Caston, Galveston, Rochester and Logansport will be vying to play in the championship game Monday, July 3.

Games are scheduled for 6 and 8 p.m. June 23; every two hours on June 24 beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at 8 p.m.; 10 a.m., 12 noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. June 25; 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. June 26; every two hours on Saturday, July 1, starting at 8 a.m. and the final game of the day at 8 p.m.; 12 noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, July 2; and 6 and 8 p.m. Monday, July 3. A fireworks display will be held after the championship game Monday evening, July 3.

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All-Conference Baseball Selections

Matt Turnpaugh and Dustin Swartzell of Caston have been named to the Midwest Conference baseball team for the 2006 season. Other all-conference team members are Christian Luck, Mathew Vosburgh, Chris Jeffers and Tim Hammer, Tri County; Scott Schnepf, Neal Brackett and Dustin Sterrett, Frontier; Grant Davis, Jake Fritz and Corey Howat, West Central; Josh Allred and Evan Howe, Winamac; Ryan Care and Marcus Schriener, South Newton; Derek Foster and Levi Bunch, North White; and Andrew Elburn and Adam Berry, Pioneer.

Elliot Rowe of Caston received honorable mention. Other honorable mention players include James Faulman and Trenten Hensler of Tri County; Nick Schnepf, Kyle Henson and Drew Burton, Frontier; Justin Nelson and Bryon Geyer, West Central; Matt Garling, Wade Shidler and Travis Berkshire, Winamac; Matt Winkler and Brett Morgan, South Newton; Mike Wertz, North White; and Adam Peppers, Pioneer.

Christian Luck of Tri County was named player of the year and Jeff Lebeau, also of Tri County, is the coach of the year. Tri County finished the season at the top of the standings with a 13-1 record, followed by Frontier and West Central at 11-3; Winamac, 8-6; South Newton, 4-10; and Caston, North White and Pioneer, 3-11.

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FULTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE HOURS
Mon. thru Thurs. 8 to 4
Friday, 8 to 5
CLOSED Sat. and Sun.

Jets Over the Heartland this Weekend

The Winamac Aero Modelers will host Jets Over the Heartland 2006 Friday through Sunday, June 23-25.

The air show will feature turbine-powered scale jet models flying at more than 200 miles per hour, piloted by men from seven states and many other countries. Flying starts around 10 a.m. and lasts until sunset Friday and Saturday and until around 3 p.m. Sunday. There will also be a fireworks display Saturday evening. Admissions of \$2 per person or \$5 per car will be charged Saturday.

The air show will be held at the Winamac Aero Modelers Field located one mile west of Winamac on Pulaski County Road 100 W, just south of State Road 14.

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Small Business Counseling

Fulton County small business owners and entrepreneurs can learn more about operating their own business by attending confidential counseling sessions provided by the regional Small Business Development Center and SCORE.

Through an arrangement with the Fulton Economic Development Corporation (FEDCO), this service is free to Fulton County residents. A business counselor can help current and prospective business owners with business plans, marketing, arranging financing and growing a business.

A counselor is available the second Wednesday of each month at the FEDCO office, 822 Main Street, Rochester. To schedule an appointment for July 12, call 574-223-3326.

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Methodist Church Announces Bible School

The Kewananna United Methodist Church will host a Bible school for area youngsters July 24-28 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The theme is "SonTreasure Island". For more information, contact Janine Smith at 574-817-0519.

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To Reserve the Fire Department Community Room Call Bev Baldwin at 574-653-2622 Evenings

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Send In Your News

34th Annual Fiddlers Gathering

The 34th annual Indiana Fiddlers' Gathering will take place June 23-25 at the Tippecanoe Battlefield Park in Battle Ground. Held annually since 1973, the gathering is a nationally renowned three-day traditional acoustic music festival featuring some of the country's finest old-time, bluegrass, Irish and folk musicians on one stage.

Concerts will be held at 8 p.m. Friday; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday; and 2 p.m. Sunday. Adult admission to the Friday night concert is \$6 advance and \$8 at the gate. Adult admission to the Saturday concert is \$8 advance, \$10 at the gate. Saturday night adult tickets are \$9 advance, \$12 at the gate. Youth 13 to 18 can attend each concert for \$4 advance and \$5 at the gate. Sunday is family day with admission at \$5. Adult weekend passes are \$25 advance and \$30 gate; passes for youth 13 to 18 are \$12 advance, \$15 gate. Children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult.

Free events include a 10 a.m. Saturday children's concert; musician's workshops Saturday and Sunday at 9:30 a.m.; square and contra dance with Nightingale at 5:30 p.m. Saturday; and a gospel sing at 10 a.m. Sunday. The public can also sign up for open stage held Saturday and Sunday at noon.

Regional artists will display crafts and the Americus Quilters Club will show its work. The Tippecanoe Battlefield Museum will be open also.

Food and musicians' supplies are available on the grounds. Musicians are encouraged to bring their instruments. Lawn chairs should be brought for comfort. Concerts are held rain or shine. A limited number of primitive camping sites are available. Tent camping is \$5/night (weekend pass required to camp). The Tippecanoe Battlefield is located seven miles north of Lafayette, just off exit 178 of I-65. Advance tickets are available from Indiana Fiddlers' Gathering, Inc., P.O. Box 49, Battle Ground, IN 47920; phone 765-742-1419. Their website is <http://www.indianafiddlersgathering.org>.

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James F. Talbott VFW Post No. 1121 Activities

June 10 - Men's meeting, 8:30 a.m.

June 17 - Biscuit and gravy breakfast, 7 to 10 a.m.; fish and chicken nugget dinner, 4 to 7 p.m.; karaoke with Rockin Randy, 8 p.m. to 12 midnight

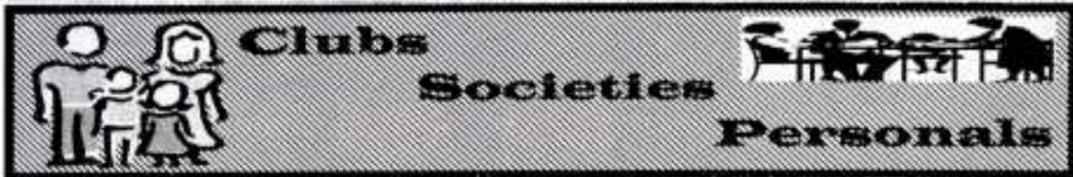
June 20 - Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 7 p.m.

June 21 - Ladies Auxiliary card drawing, 7 p.m.

June 25 - Open Sunday beginning at noon. Free food and euchre. Everyone welcome.

June 27 - Men's Auxiliary meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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Residents Invited to Paint the River

Residents are invited to "Paint the River" at the Tippecanoe River State Park nature center Saturday, June 24, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Participants will enjoy the scenery of the river as they paint along side local artists. Paint supplies will be provided. The painters will be divided into age divisions and awards will be presented at noon.

Pulaski Memorial Hospital Calendar

Cancervive, a support group for people who have a history of cancer or those currently being treated for cancer, their families and friends, will meet Tuesday, June 27, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the PMH conference center. This is a free service of PMH and is open to residents of any county. For more information, call 574-946-2147.

The next sibling class at PMH will be Saturday, June 24, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. EDT. Students will receive education on adjusting to a new baby in the family. Parents are encouraged to enroll their children so they can participate in the class about six weeks before the birth of the new baby. To register for the class, call 574-946-2193 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a free service of PMH.

PMH will sponsor a sports physical fair Saturday, June 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is open to athletes from all local schools. The athletes must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The cost of the physical is \$5. Call 574-946-2157 to schedule an appointment.

There is a walk-in immunization clinic from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Healthy Family Office on the third floor of the Pulaski County Building in Winamac. Vaccines available include DTaP, EIPV, Hib, Hep B, MMR and Td. Please bring any previous immunization records.

The Sweet Beginnings Prenatal Program at Healthy Families offers a walk-in clinic at the Pulaski County Building, Winamac, providing prenatal care coordination services. Services include free urine pregnancy testing, risk assessment and referral to other community services including medical provider and financial coverage. Services are offered during regular business hours, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call 574-946-6017 for information.

Families First offers a free smoking cessation program. The trained cessation therapist will provide counseling and support to those interested in quitting. Call 574-946-6017 to schedule an appointment.

EATING DISORDERS: SERIOUS & TREATABLE

Eating disorders are real and serious illnesses that can sometimes turn life-threatening. They are also very common with estimates of more than 5 million Americans affected each year.

Types of Disorders
 There are three major types of eating disorders. Approximately 1 to 3 percent of teenage girls and young women may be affected by these disorders.

Anorexia Nervosa is a disorder where people intentionally starve themselves and weigh at least 15 percent below their normal body weight. Those with the disorder constantly exercise and always feel cold or tired. One in ten cases leads to death, with cardiac and other medical complications present in the remainder.

Bulimia Nervosa is the disorder where those affected consume large amounts of food and then rid their bodies of the excess calories by vomiting, abusing laxatives, diuretics, taking enemas or exercising constantly. Some telltale signs include tooth decay (from stomach acids present when vomiting) to cuts on the backs of hands to induce vomiting.

Binge Eating Disorder resembles bulimia and is characterized by episodes of uncontrolled eating. Binge

disorder differs from bulimia in that individuals do not purge excess food from their bodies. Estimates reveal that up to one-third of binge eaters may be males.

Why Do Teens Develop Eating Disorders?

There may be more than one reason a person develops an eating disorder. A person's self image, the need to be perfect, a stressful personal life, societal or family pressures, and even the body's own chemistry can influence the development of and recovery for eating disorders.

It is not uncommon for those with eating disorders to be diagnosed and treated for other mental illness at the same. Known as co-occurring disorders, depression, anxiety, post traumatic stress disorder, and substance abuse disorders may also appear.

Treatment Options
 Eating disorders are most successfully treated when diagnosed early. The first step is a complete physical examination to rule out any other illnesses.

Once an eating disorder is diagnosed, the doctor will decide if the person is in immediate medical danger and should be treated in a hospital. The tools to treat eating disorders include cognitive behavioral therapy, psychotherapy, nutritional counseling, and medication. While most people can be treated on an outpatient basis, some may need hospital care.

The Mental Health Association in Indiana is the state's oldest and largest nonprofit organization addressing all aspects of mental health and mental illness. The Association works to improve the mental health of all Hoosiers through advocacy, education, research and service.

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HOSPITAL NOTES....

WOODLAWN HOSPITAL

June 12

Admissions - Donna Berry, Logansport; Debra Johnson, Rochester; Raymond Weller, Kewanna

Dismissals - Heather Pickett and son, Bourbon; Ronald Guisinger, Rochester

Births - Lynnette Hall, Rochester, a son

June 13

Admissions - None published

Dismissals - Debra Johnson, Rochester

Births - Amanda Kleespie, Tippecanoe, a daughter

June 14

Admissions - Glen Tucker, Mentone

Dismissals - Raymond Weller, Kewanna; Lynnette Hall and son, Rochester

June 15

Admissions - None published

Dismissals - Donna Berry, Logansport; Amanda Kleespie and daughter, Tippecanoe

Births - Joe and Melinda Navara, Rochester, a daughter

June 16

Admissions - None published

Dismissals - None published

PULASKI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

June 9

Admissions - None

Dismissals - None

June 10

Admissions - None

Dismissals - Elenor Enyart, Kewanna

June 11

Admissions - Lewis Thomas, Winamac

Dismissals - None

June 12

Admissions - Clara Button and Valrae Fritz, Winamac

Dismissals - Randy Miller, Medaryville

June 13

Admissions - Wayne Bortell, Winamac; Richard Warkentien, Kewanna

Dismissals - None

Births - Jeremy and Valrae Fritz, Winamac, a son, Elijah Daniel Fritz

June 14

Admissions - Nancy Taylor, Medaryville

Dismissals - None

June 15

Admissions - Betty Foster, Patrick Guthrie and Thomas Tryon, Winamac; Dolly Minarik, Monterey; Carol Lapcek, Francesville

Dismissals - Lewis Thomas and Valrae Fritz and son, Elijah Daniel Fritz, Winamac; Jimmy Mitchell, Monterey

Births - John and Nancy Taylor, Medaryville, a daughter, Emma Louise Taylor

June 16

Admissions - None

Dismissals - None

Congress Has Duty to Pass Flag Amendment

by Stephen B. Presser

This summer, Congress will have one more opportunity to further popular sovereignty by passing, in both chambers for the first time, the flag amendment. The flag amendment is a simple and elegant addition to the Constitution, providing, in pertinent part, that "The Congress shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the Flag of the United States." The need for the amendment flows from the Supreme Court's misconstruction of the Constitution in the 1989 case of *Texas v. Johnson*. In that case, overturning more than a century of American tradition, a five-person majority of the Court declared that desecration of the flag - the act of maliciously destroying the flag by such acts as tearing, burning, defecation or urination, in a manner calculated to cause outrage among any person observing the act - is speech protected by the First Amendment.

Until 1989, even the greatest champions of the First Amendment - men such as Justices Earl Warren and Hugo Black - understood that desecrating the flag was a noxious act, and not a form of speech. Indeed, in his powerful dissent to *Texas v. Johnson*, then-Chief Justice William Rehnquist observed that flag desecration is more like an "inarticulate grunt" than any form of coherent speech. Some acts - wearing a black armband, for example - may well qualify as protected speech, but other acts, such as threatening the president or scrawling graffiti on federal buildings, might well have some expressive content but would still not be recognized as speech protected by the First Amendment.

It is curious that a majority of the U.S. Supreme Court finds it difficult to understand these

truths, which are obvious to most Americans. In 2003's *Virginia v. Black*, the Supreme Court ruled that cross burning is not necessarily protected speech but rather can be criminally punished when it is intended to intimidate and create fear of physical harm among a group of citizens. Flag desecration, of course, is a similar act of defiance and intimidation, but perhaps the Court, in its marble palace on Capitol Hill, has lost the sense of the effect of flag desecration on ordinary Americans. Opinion polls show that up to 80 percent of Americans believe it is appropriate to punish those who desecrate the flag and that a constitutional amendment that accomplishes that is a worthy undertaking. Indeed, with unanimity unprecedented in U.S. history, 50 state legislatures have indicated their support for such an amendment.

The real issue with the flag amendment is what our guiding national philosophy should be: whether there are some things that ought to be sacred and revered, and whether the American people and their representatives have the power and the duty to declare what those things are. The real issue, in other words, is nothing less than popular sovereignty itself. To some Americans, committed probably in good faith to a society in which the maximization of individual will and expression is the only good, the flag amendment might seem an unwise burden imposed on free expression. To most Americans, however, who understand, as did our framers, that some things are more important and enduring than individual self-actualization, who understand that duty, respect, self-sacrifice and service to the community ought to take precedence, the passage of the 28th Amendment, the flag amendment, will be celebrated as a wise return to our traditions and to the original understanding of the Constitution.

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Pre-Registration or
or 5:45 PM July 24th

WARM WEATHER INCREASES BAT ACTIVITY, RABIES RISK

INDIANAPOLIS--- Spring temperatures are getting warmer, and state health officials say that means more bat activity. As bats become more active, there is an increased risk for rabies transmission through human and pet contact with bats.

"We're entering the time of year where we're seeing a lot of bat to human contact including individuals finding bats in their living spaces," said James Howell, D.V.M., veterinary epidemiologist with the Indiana State Department of Health. "We've already had three rabies positive bats that had potentially exposed a human or a pet. For the past 5 years, Indiana has identified an average of 20 rabies positive bats a year."

Rabies is a virus that attacks the brain and nervous system of humans and other mammals. It is transmitted through a bite, or - very rarely - saliva entering a person's mouth, nose, eyes, or open wound. Although rabies is fatal, preventive measures are available if a person is bitten. State health officials recommend that if bitten by a bat or other suspected rabid animal, seek medical attention immediately.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, rabies can only be confirmed in a laboratory. But any bat that is active in the day, is not able to fly, or is found in a place where bats are usually not seen, is very easy to approach, and far more likely to have rabies. As a result, bats should never be handled. Bites by bats are considered high risk.

"People need to take precautions to prevent bat bites," said Dr. Howell. "The first step is to bat-proof your house. Second, don't handle bats."

Other precautions include:

- If you or other family members are awakened by a bat or a bat is seen in the room of a child or disabled person, try to capture the bat in a sealable container. If caught, do not release the bat. Submit it to your local health department for rabies testing.
- To capture a bat, you will need leather work gloves, a small box or coffee can, a piece of cardboard, and tape. When the bat lands, place the box or can over it, and slide the cardboard under the container to trap the bat inside. Tape the cardboard to the container and punch small holes in the cardboard to allow the bat to breathe. Contact your local health department to submit the animal.
- If you are bitten, or come in close contact with a bat, immediately discuss it with your physician to determine whether or not you should receive treatment.
- If you believe your pet has been bitten, contact a veterinarian.
- Contact a pest control specialist, for assistance in bat-proofing your home. Bats can enter through a hole as small as one-quarter inch.

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RURAL INDIANA HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS "R.I.S.E." UP AGAINST TOBACCO USE

EVANSVILLE, Ind. - Nine Indiana healthcare providers today received statewide recognition for their adoption and enforcement of a comprehensive smoke-free policy at their facilities.

For the second consecutive year, the Rural Indiana Smoke-Free Environment (R.I.S.E.) awards were presented to the providers as part of the 9th annual Indiana Rural Health Association (IRHA) conference this week in Evansville. The theme of the three-day conference is "Rural Health Goes Hollywood."

"Many healthcare providers serving the rural populations of our state continue to be leaders in the arena of public health," said Shawna Girgis, executive director of IRHA. "We hope these awards will recognize the progress being made in rural areas on important health issues like tobacco use."

The honor represents a collaborative effort involving IRHA and Indiana Tobacco

Prevention and Cessation (ITPC). Intended to recognize smoke-free health care facilities serving all rural areas of the state, the award signifies a commitment from ownership, management and staff to take the necessary steps to lead Hoosiers toward a healthier Indiana.

"These facilities represent the frontlines in a battle to protect Hoosiers from the harmful effects of tobacco use, and this progress deserves to be rewarded," said Karla Sneegas, executive director of ITPC. "Hopefully these awards will serve as additional motivation for leaders throughout Indiana to adopt effective smoke-free policies."

In order to qualify for the award, the applying facility must show evidence of a 100 percent smoke-free policy in all buildings, on all grounds and in all organization-operated vehicles. The facility must also submit an explanation of the process through which the policy was achieved and documentation of signage or other forms of enforcement. The awards honor facilities in Indiana that serve significant rural populations.

Recipients of 2006 Rural Indiana Smoke-Free Environment (R.I.S.E.) awards are:

Award Recipient City/Town County

- Bloomington Hospital Bloomington, Monroe
- St. Mary's Health System Evansville, Vanderburgh
- Daviess Community Hospital Washington, Daviess
- St. Vincent Clay Hospital Brazil, Clay
- Johnson Memorial Hospital Franklin, Johnson
- Memorial Hospital & Health Care Center Jasper, Dubois
- Deaconess Hospital Evansville, Vanderburgh
- Perry County Memorial Hospital Tell City, Perry
- Woodlawn Hospital Rochester, Fulton

The R.I.S.E. awards will be presented annually to all newly qualifying facilities in Indiana continuing in 2007. Applications for the 2007 R.I.S.E. awards will be available early next year. The application deadline for the 2007 awards is April 13, 2007. The application will be posted at www.indianaruralhealth.org and www.itpc.in.gov.

The ITPC Executive Board was created to oversee funding from Indiana's share of the 1998

Master Settlement Agreement from the tobacco companies. The board oversees the entire comprehensive program, which includes media components, special youth features, enforcement, cessation initiatives and community programs reaching every county in Indiana. Learn more about ITPC's efforts at www.whitelies.tv or its youth movement at www.voice.tv.

The Indiana Rural Health Association is a not-for-profit corporation developed for the purpose of improving the health of all Indiana citizens in rural settings. The Indiana Rural Health Association is a member-driven organization composed of a diverse membership. The Association is committed to recruiting a diverse, grassroots membership with intrinsic strengths important to the task of providing meaningful forums. The forums provide opportunities for assessing the strengths and weaknesses of the health care systems; identifying needs/problems within the rural settings; and assessing and developing leadership resources. For more information, visit www.indianaruralhealth.org.

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UNIQUE GIFT IDEA: GET DAD TO QUIT SMOKING

INDIANAPOLIS □ Whether it's breakfast in bed or a round of golf, Father's Day was the perfect time, for most kids, to show "Dad" for some well-deserved appreciation. It's also the perfect time to help them to be "tobacco-free" by the time Father's Day rolls around next year.

"Celebrating Father's Day with a pledge to stop smoking is a terrific way to bring together a family because all of us can use the kind of support, encouragement and information it takes to stop smoking," says Karla Sneegas, executive director, Indiana Tobacco Prevention Cessation.

In Indiana, a toll-free hotline □ 1-800-QUIT-NOW □ is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for those wanting help to break their addiction.

In the United States, 24.1 percent of all men currently smoke¹, putting them at risk for everything from heart attacks and strokes to lung cancer, emphysema and other life-

threatening illnesses. In Indiana, the smoking rate for men is even higher -- at 29.7 percent². There are more than 600,000 men who smoke in the Hoosier state³.

Of those, 5,900 men in Indiana die annually⁴. As a result, more than 4,700 children in the state have already lost their Dads to smoking and 660 new kids will be added to the list this year⁵. The total yearly state health care cost for treating male smokers in Indiana is \$ 1.172 billion⁶.

"I vividly recall when my Dad quit smoking," adds Sneegas. "I was in the fifth grade. As a 10-year old I was more excited about the smokefree car than concerned about his health. Today, though, I am thankful he quit and he is here to share time with me and my two children."

"My grandfather was a different story, unfortunately. His cigarette and pipe addiction stole too many golden years from his life and he did not get to enjoy some of the greatest events of his granddaughter's early adulthood," adds Sneegas, lamenting the fact that her grandfather passed away at the age of 72.

Another lasting tribute would be to support new public and private tobacco-control initiatives that will not only help fathers who smoke to quit, but also prevent their sons and daughters from becoming another statistic in an already-terrible toll.

"When men quit smoking, they improve their health, as well as the health of the people around them. And, fathers who stop smoking improve the likelihood that their children will grow up to be tobacco-free and lead longer, healthier lives," adds Sneegas.

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SPRING BRINGS THREAT OF TICK-TRANSMITTED DISEASES

INDIANAPOLIS—Warmer weather is bringing Hoosiers outdoors, which means they may encounter disease-carrying ticks. State health officials advise Hoosiers to take precautions when they plan outdoor activities in order to avoid contact with ticks. These tiny pests may carry Lyme Disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, or Ehrlichiosis.

"Ticks become active as soon as the weather begins to warm up," said James Howell, D.V.M., veterinary epidemiologist at the Indiana State Department of Health. Each year, Indiana has an average of 21 cases of Lyme Disease, 5 cases of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, and 2 cases of Ehrlichiosis.

Exposure to tick-borne illnesses is unnecessary, according to Howell, if people follow a few precautions. Ticks need to be attached for up to 12 hours before

they can infect an individual.

"We know that in order to become ill, a person has to be bitten by an infected tick, and that means a tick must be able to reach exposed skin," Howell said. "A little care can prevent that from happening."

Health officials recommend that if individuals plan to enter a grassy or wooded area, where ticks are often present, the best way to prevent tick-transmitted diseases is to wear a long-sleeved shirt and light-colored pants, with the shirt tucked in at the waist and the pants tucked into socks. The use of repellents provides even more protection.

Howell says that insect repellents containing DEET or picaridin can be sprayed on both skin and clothing following label directions to repel ticks and other insects. For individuals who expect to be exposed to tick habitat for extended time and desire additional protection, Howell says that there are products containing permethrin that can be used on clothing. Permethrin is an insecticide that kills ticks and other insects on contact.

Howell recommends that after leaving a grassy or wooded area, individuals should check for ticks on clothing and skin.

"If a tick is attached to your skin, it can be removed with either tweezers or forceps by grasping the tick as close to the

skin as possible," Howell said. "Ticks should not be removed with your bare fingers, but if tweezers or forceps are not available, you can use tissue paper or a paper towel to prevent the passing of any possible infection."

The symptoms of Lyme Disease include a persistent, slowly expanding blotchy red rash that is paler at the center than at the edges. Other symptoms are joint pain or swelling, especially in the knees; fatigue; difficulty in concentrating; headache; stiff neck or weakness of the facial muscles; dizziness; and an irregular heartbeat.

The symptoms of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and Ehrlichiosis are similar. They include a moderate-to-high fever, coupled with fatigue; muscle aches and pains; severe headaches; and chills. A rash also develops, which usually first appears on the arms, legs, palms of the hand and soles of the feet before spreading to other parts of the body.

If these diseases are diagnosed promptly, all three of them can be successfully treated by a physician.

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Looking Back.....

FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

June 22, 1951

Dana Shull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shull, Kewanna, was taken to Riley Hospital in Indianapolis June 8, for observation. On June 19, she had an operation to release a cramped tendon in her paralyzed leg.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hogan are the parents of a daughter born Sunday afternoon, June 17, at St. Margaret's Hospital in Hammond. She weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces at birth.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harper, Kewanna, are the parents of a son born June 19 in Woodlawn Hospital.

Nedra Zellers celebrated her 10th birthday Tuesday at a party given by her mother, Mrs. Arthur Zellers. Friends present to help her celebrate were Mary Ruth Anderson, Mary Ann Chizum, Caroline Larkin, Jeannie Brown, Susan Seidel, Joy Watkins and Patty Larkin.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith took their daughter, BeeAnn, to Syracuse Sunday, June 10, where she attended twirling camp.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

June 21, 1956

Roy Blausser announced this week that he would retire from his job as night watch in Kewanna July 1. Mr. Blausser held this position for the past 12 years. Willard Clark will take over as the new night watch. He has been relief man for Blausser for some time. Aubrey Zellers will act as relief man for Clark.

Shirley Zartman has announced the opening of her new beauty shop in the Scheer building on Saturday, June 23. Miss Zartman is a graduate of Kewanna High School and the Kokomo Beauty College.

Final rites were held Sunday afternoon in the Delong Methodist Church for Mrs. Paul Hoover, Rt. 4, Rochester. She died Wednesday in a Cincinnati, Ohio, hospital. Mrs. Hoover taught school at Leiters Ford and Delong for a number of years. Survivors include

her husband; three stepchildren, Bonnie Hoover of Hines, Illinois, Pauline Hoover, a teacher in Maine, and Harry Hoover, a member of the U.S. Army; and two brothers, Harley Guise of Leiters Ford and Joe Guise of Cincinnati.

The wedding of Martha Lee Overmyer to Terry Mishler was solemnized at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Zion Methodist Church northwest of Kewanna. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Overmyer of Leiters Ford and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mishler of Culver.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

June 22, 1961

A farewell supper sponsored by the Kewanna Methodist Evening Fellowship was given Sunday evening in the church annex for Rev. and Mrs. Charles Cook and family who moved to their new parish at Oxford Monday.

Stephen Skersick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Skersick, Kewanna, graduated June 11, from Rose Polytechnic in Terre Haute with a bachelor of science degree. The chemical engineering major has accepted a position with Koppers Co., Inc. in Pittsburg, PA.

James McKinney, township trustee, announced this week that a new principal has been hired to replace Leo Marshall who resigned this spring. Estil Cleon Ginn, 39, will take over this fall.

FORTY YEARS AGO

June 23, 1966

Kewanna High school classes chose their candidates for Harvest Festival queen just prior to the dismissal of school for the summer. Candidates are, Judy Wilson, Carla Conrad and Janet Evers, freshmen; Karla Garner, Debbie Cessna and Joy Urbin, sophomores; Susan Farris, Nedra Hunter and Randy Weller, juniors; and Brenda Farris, Beth Ann Reason and Barbara Nickels, seniors.

Art King, 19, son of Mr. and

Mrs. Lyman King, Rt. 6, Rochester, was in Indianapolis recently with his Caston ag teacher, Phil VanMeter, to complete arrangements to attend the National FFA convention in Kansas City, Missouri, in October. King, a 1964 graduate of Caston High School, was selected recently to represent 10,000 Hoosier FFA members in the star farmer contest. Art works with his parents on the family farm south of Fulton.

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Magazines & Catalogs

- Only magazines & catalogs made of slick, glossy paper
- Slick newspaper insert

Scrap Metal

- Small amounts of any type of scrap metal are accepted
- Aerosol cans - remove lids

Miscellaneous

- AAA-D, hearing aid, watch and rechargeable batteries
- Inkjet and laser cartridges
- Items containing mercury
- Florescent bulbs
- Motor oil
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- Styrofoam packing peanuts - must be contained

Newspaper

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- Remove glossy inserts and put with magazines

Do not pack in plastic bags

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TIRE TOPICS

How Inflation Can Save You Money

(NAPS)—Many Americans suffering from sticker shock at the gas pump could get an additional 10 miles out of every fill-up. In fact, American motorists could save more than \$1.1 billion in unnecessary fuel costs.

One of the fastest, easiest and least expensive ways to improve a vehicle's gas mileage is through proper tire inflation. An underinflated tire doesn't roll as smoothly and the increased resistance requires more energy, robbing the vehicle of fuel efficiency. Yet one in every three cars in the U.S. has at least one underinflated tire, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Underinflated tires cost the country more than 3.5 million gallons of gasoline each day. The average driver could improve gas mileage by 3.3 percent by simply keeping tires inflated to the proper pressure. For the average 15-gallon fuel tank, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) statistics suggest, that's a savings of about \$1.50 on every fill-up.

To help, the experts at The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company have developed a few more easy gas-saving tips:

- Replacing a clogged air filter can improve mileage by as much as 10 percent.

- Don't overload your car. An extra 100 pounds reduces fuel economy by 1 or 2 percent, says the DOE.

- Use the grade of motor oil recommended by the vehicle manufacturer. That can improve gas mileage by a percent or two, the DOE adds.

- Keep your car properly tuned. That can improve gas



Only 19 percent of drivers properly check their tire pressure and more than half of all motorists do not even know their proper inflation number or where to find it.

mileage an average of 4.1 percent.

- Make sure your gas cap is on tight and not damaged. Some 17 percent of the vehicles on U.S. highways have either misused or missing gas caps, causing 147,000,000 gallons of gas a year to vaporize into the atmosphere, reports Service Tech Magazine.

- Avoid quick or "jackrabbit" starts and stops. Aggressive driving wastes gas and can reduce your gas mileage by 33 percent on the highway and 5 percent in the city. Observe the speed limit; gas mileage decreases rapidly above 60 miles per hour.

- To maximize fuel economy and also improve tire performance and efficiency, Goodyear is offering free inspection of tires—regardless of brand—at any of its 750 company-owned and at participating independently owned and operated Goodyear locations across the country. If tires are underinflated, they will be filled at no charge. No appointment is necessary.

You can learn more at www.goodyear.com.

Hints For Homeowners

Heating and Cooling Without Extra Ductwork

(NAPS)—There's good news for homeowners who want to keep their homes cool while improving indoor air quality. Thanks to a new development in HVAC technology, they can do it without tearing apart walls to add ductwork or sacrificing space to noisy window units.



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To learn more about the systems and Mitsubishi Electric, visit the Web site at www.mrslim.com.

ENERGY MATTERS

Light Your Home Without Lightening Your Wallet

(NAPS)—There's good news for homeowners concerned about rising energy costs. You can save hundreds of dollars in taxes, and even more in lower power bills, by taking steps to reduce the amount of energy you use at home.

The Energy Tax Incentives Act of 2005 provides federal income tax credits for installing equipment upgrades, including qualifying energy-efficient exterior doors, windows and skylights. According to David Westbrook, a Charlotte, North Carolina, CPA and CFP® (Certified Financial Planner), the regulations are quite specific but researching and purchasing qualifying products can be worth the effort for the tax breaks, not to mention ongoing energy bill savings.

"Residential tax credits, which are dollar-for-dollar reductions in your federal income tax, can be realized for heat pumps, central air conditioners, water heaters, furnaces or boilers and even insulation improvements such as sealing ducts," Westbrook says. "Exterior doors, windows and skylights also qualify," he says. He advises homeowners to do their homework prior to making purchases or improvements to be sure that specific government guidelines are met and the expenditures qualify. "A good starting point is www.energy.gov/taxbreaks.htm."

Joe Patrick, senior product manager with VELUX America, agrees that qualifying energy-efficient skylights, either replacements or new installations, can help to reduce power bills by bringing more balanced natural light and ventilation



Energy-efficient skylights can earn tax credits while helping to reduce power bills.

into homes.

"And there is a model and price range for every home," Patrick says. "Available skylights include electric or manual venting; fixed with or without a ventilation flap; and fixed for replacing faded plastic bubble skylights with clear, energy-efficient glass. There are also models specially designed to meet code for use in hurricane-prone and other high-wind areas, as well as models with electrochromic glass that can be lightened or darkened by remote control and that don't restrict the view to the sky," he says.

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Did You Know?

(NAPS)—Consumer advocates are urging Americans to contact their members of Congress and ask them to oppose legislation that experts say would deny consumers the rights they have under existing state laws to freeze their credit reports. Learn more about how you can protect your personal financial information at www.handsoffmycredit.com.

Instead of letting the kids watch DVDs during your next road trip, use those long hours in the car to sharpen their minds. That's the advice from Dr. Katherine Wiesendanger, an education professor at Longwood University in Farmville, Va. She says simple activities, such as having children play navigator or simply listening to a book on tape, can help keep kids from taking a vacation from thinking.

Brawny® paper towels recently packed eight husbands off to Brawny Academy—a training camp for husbands who require domestic guidance—where their training in the ABC's of pitching in at home will be captured in a reality show created for the Web. For more information and to view the webisodes, visit www.brawnyacademy.com.

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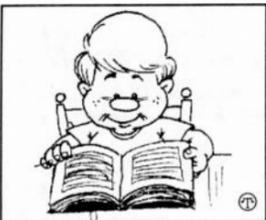
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Many people are first told that they have depression or anxiety when, in fact, they actually have a different medical condition. Of these people, 1 in 2 will first be told they have depression, 1 in 4 will be told they have anxiety. To learn more, visit www.sayhowyoufeel.com.

BOOK NOTES

(NAPS)—To help people better understand their place as spiritual beings within the universe, essays from experts have been collected into "Spiritual Information: 100 Perspectives on Science



and Religion," edited by Charles L. Harper Jr. (Templeton Foundation Press, \$39.95). You can learn more about the book online at www.templetonpress.org.

The holy passion of Friendship is of so sweet and steady and loyal and enduring a nature that it will last through a whole lifetime, if not asked to lend money.

—Mark Twain

Kitchen Design

Cool Ways To Save On Hot New Looks

(NAPS)—The age-old obsession with status symbols has found a welcome home in the kitchen, which is now a hotbed for name-brand appliances, luxury materials and custom work. No matter your budget, making your kitchen look like a million is all in the know-how.

To that end, consider this list of today's most popular kitchen status symbols and the snazziest alternatives.

Countertops. Real stone is the belle of the ball, with pricey granite reigning supreme. While granite is too rich for many budgets, new WilsonartHD high definition laminate is not. Complex layers of color and the high definition technology—which combines high performance and optics—create the crisp, elegant dimension of natural stone. The subtle, tactile nature of the finish gives it the feel of real stone. There are three WilsonartHD series to choose from—Bella, Sedona and Deepstar.

Cabinetry. Custom cabinets steal the show—and the budget. To get the same look for less, you can install oversized crown molding on top of stock cabinets to make them "pop." Also, get creative with the layout. For example, don't place all your cabinets flush against the wall. Instead, bring the cabinets above the sink and stove out a few extra inches from the wall.

Appliances. High-end name-brand appliances are de-



Making your kitchen look like a million is in the know-how. WilsonartHD high definition laminate provides the look of stone at a fraction of the cost.

rigueur in some kitchens. Fortunately, many affordable lines offer similar looks and performance. Doubling up on less costly appliances is another way to achieve a high status look. For example, kitchens with two sinks or two refrigerators say luxury and can still be had at half the price of a single name-brand model.

Sinks. Let's say you don't have \$1,500 to spend on a trendy oversized farm-style sink; consider a commercial one. Many manufacturers produce lines for a range of commercial applications and you may find one that suits your needs for a fraction of the price.

Hardware. Highly popular glass or decorative nickel knobs and pulls can run as much as \$16 apiece. For a look with impact that's easy on the wallet, consider oversized hardware—eight to 12 inches long as opposed to the standard four to five inches.

To learn more, call (800) 433-3222 or visit www.countertop.com.



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Large Print Christian Fiction— *The Night Stand* (#4 of The Heirs of Acadia series) by T. Davis and Isabella Bunn.

Nonfiction— *Reflections* by Barbara Bush and *Astronomy* by Ian Ridpath.

JUVENILES:

Preteen Fiction— *Black Beauty* adapted by Caryn Jenner.

Ages 7-10 Fiction— *Prairie School* by Avi; *Minnie and Moo meet Frankenswine* by Denys Cazet; *Rafi and Rosi* by Lulu Delacre; *T-Rex is Missing* by Tomie DePaola; *The Animal Rescue Club* by John Himmelman; *Buzby* by Julia Hoban; *Grizzold* by Syd Hoff; and *Horrible Harry takes The Cake* (from the Horrible Harry

series) by Suzy Kline.

Preschoolers Fiction— *Oh, Cats* by Nola Buck; *Biscuit and The Baby* and *Biscuit's Big Friend* (from the Biscuit series) by Alyssa Satin Capucilli; *I Love You, Mama* (from the Winnie the Pooh series) by Isabel Gaines; and *Big Brown Bear goes to Town* by David McPhail.

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WHAT I READ DURING MY SUMMER VACATION

By Bill Stanczykiewicz

Now that the school year is coming to an end, Hoosier students need to stay off of "the summer slide." Especially when we consider what is happening with the most fundamental of all academic skills.

The "summer slide" does not refer to playground equipment or the latest attraction at a water park. Instead, this term is used by educators to describe how students fall backward in their learning skills, especially reading, during the summer months. And when it comes to reading, Indiana's youngest students already are moving in the wrong direction.

Over the last 13 years, the

number of Indiana fourth graders achieving a "basic" reading level on a standardized national exam has declined by 11 percent. Only 64 percent of Hoosier fourth graders are reading at a "basic" level, and less than one-third are "proficient" readers. Yet, on the same exam during the same time period, the number of Hoosier fourth graders scoring "basic" in math on the national exam increased by 40 percent.

Why are reading scores down while math scores are up? While schools obviously are responsible for teaching both math and reading, schools can have a greater impact on math. Very few parents spend time at the kitchen table with their kids reviewing algebra equations or the

Pythagorean Theorem. Reading, however, is different. Beyond what is happening at school, children are heavily influenced by the vocabulary skills of their parents and by how often they observe their parents reading. Reading skills also are affected by how often parents read to their children as well as by the access children have to books they can read on their own.

Much more is at stake than a grade on a test. Most students who have difficulty reading in third grade will struggle with reading in high school. As a result, those students are at far greater risk of dropping out and living in poverty. In addition, 85 percent of juvenile offenders have reading problems.

Fortunately, we do not need to read between the lines to help parents and community youth organizations find the resources they need to help children read, including during summer vacation.

One of the best places to start is your local public library. Every public library in Indiana has a summer reading program, and most of those programs offer fun incentives - such as coupons for ice cream and other treats, tickets to local attractions, art supplies and so forth. The national advocacy organization Reading is Fundamental offers Target store gifts cards to students who complete various amounts of reading during the summer months (www.rif.org).

Youth organizations also can

make a difference by incorporating reading activities into their summer and after-school programs. According to research conducted by Public/Private Ventures (P/PV), the most successful programs have a staff person dedicated to literacy activities. These activities include reading to the children, talking about books that have been read and working on phonics and writing skills. The most important activity, though, is providing kids with time to independently read books of their choosing at their level of ability.

P/PV assessed youth centers where these activities were consistently implemented four days a week, 75 to 90 minutes per day. According to this study, students who were two grade levels behind in their reading skills improved by a full grade level over a six month period. Importantly, even children who are learning English as a second language improved by half of a grade level.

Meanwhile, a fun resource has been developed by the Heartland Film Festival (nationally headquartered here in Indiana) in

partnership with the National Collaboration for Youth (NCY) - an association of the nation's larger youth-serving agencies. Heartland and NCY have developed F.I.L.M. (Finding Inspiration in Literature in Movies) which encourages kids to read the book associated with a feature film. Movies have included "Because of Winn Dixie," "Dreamer," "Glory Road" and "Hoot." F.I.L.M. (www.nassembly.org/film) also suggests service-learning projects related to those stories.

Encouraging kids to spend time with Curious George and Encyclopedia Brown, or to explore the wonder of Narnia and the wizardry of Harry Potter, will add fun to their summer months while helping those students grow, maintain and strengthen their reading skills for life-long learning.

And they will still have plenty of time for that slide on the playground.

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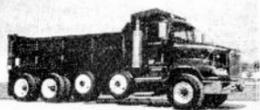
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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF FULTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Fulton County Public Library, of Fulton County, Indiana, that the governing body has established a Capital Projects Fund and adopted a plan under IC 36-12-12. The following is a general outline of the plan:

	2,007	2,008	2,009
Current Expenditures			
(1) Planned construction, repair, replacement, or remodeling	100,000	100,000	100,000
(2) Site acquisition	0	0	0
(3) Site development	0	0	0
(4) Emergency allocation	0	0	0
(5) Purchase, lease, repair and maintenance of equipment	10,000	10,000	10,000
(6) Purchase, lease, maintenance & repair of computer hardware & software	10,000	10,000	10,000
Subtotal Current Expenditure	120,000	120,000	120,000
(7) Allocation for future projects	15,852	9,230	7,135
Total Expenditures and Allocations	135,852	129,230	127,135
Sources and Estimates of Revenue			
January 1, Cash balance (for each year of the plan)	26,827	15,852	9,230
Less encumbered appropriations	0	0	0
Cash balance available for current plan	26,827	15,852	9,230
Property tax revenue	99,202	103,170	107,297
Auto excise, CVET and Financial Institutions tax receipts	9,623	10,008	10,408
Other (interest)	200	200	200
Total Funds Available for Plan	135,852	129,230	127,135
The projected tax rate for the Library Capital Projects Fund	0.0133	0.0133	0.0133
The projected tax rate is based upon an estimated assessed value of	745,884,657	775,720,043	806,748,845

Ten or more taxpayers in the Library District who will be affected by the plan may file a petition with the Fulton County Auditor, not later than 10 days after the publication of this notice, setting forth their objections to the plan. Upon filing the petition, the County Auditor shall immediately certify the same to the Department of Local Government Finance, which Department will fix a date and conduct a public hearing on the plan before issuing its approval or disapproval thereof.

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE

Michael C. Dart, General Counsel

Dated this 15th day of JUNE, 2006

LOCALS

Ruth Cogdill drove to the home of her son, Tim Cogdill, Tuesday morning. Around noon, Ruth, Candice, Kristy and Shawn Ousley accompanied her daughter-in-law, Deb, to Kokomo to visit Ruth's granddaughter, Gennifer Baker, Eric and new great-granddaughter, Alexandria. They had a wonderful afternoon visit. Lots of pictures were taken and all were able to hold the new baby and welcome her into the family. Upon returning to Tim and Deb's, all enjoyed a spaghetti dinner and homemade garlic bread prepared by Tim. Ruth returned to her home here around 7 p.m. after a very special day with three generations of her family.

Kevin Whiteman was a Thursday evening visitor of his mother, Helen Whiteman.

Karen Rice of Indianapolis returned home Friday after spending several days with her mother, Helen Whiteman.

Helen Whiteman attended the Winamac High School alumni banquet Saturday evening.

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Kewanna, IN 46939; fax to 574-653-3418 or email to jkgood@rtcol.com.

Persons celebrating birthday this week include: Nicki Miller, Beulah Milliser, David Urhausen and Tom Davies, June 26; Grant Boldry and Andrea Kamp, June 27; Julie Birge, Amelia Lowry and Jim Newgent, June 28; Tom Mitchell and Bo Scott, June 29; Tim Cogdill, June 30; and Ruth Ann Anderson, Barbie Baldwin, Laurie Baldwin, Steve Baldwin, Andrea Hines, Kim Shroder and Scott Wilson, July 1. Anniversary couples include: Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Webb, June 27; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown, June 28; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moon, June 29 and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Green and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Evers, July 1.

Summer Savings at the Pump

Attorney General Steve Carter
Whether you plan on traveling across the country or driving across town to the nearest community pool, gas prices are probably forefront on your mind as you make your summer vacation and travel plans. Despite the high prices, there are steps you can take to reduce the pain at the pump by driving more efficiently.

- Drive sensibly. Aggressive driving such as

speeding, rapid acceleration and braking wastes gasoline. It can lower your mileage by 33% at highway speeds and by 5% around town. Sensible driving is also safer for you and others, so you increase safety in the process.

- **Observe the speed limit.** Gasoline mileage decreases rapidly at speeds above 60 mph. Each 5 mph you drive over 60 mph is like paying an additional ten cents per gallon for gasoline.
- **Avoid excessive idling.** Idling gets 0 mph. Cars with larger engines typically wastes more gas at idle than do cars with smaller engines.
- **Use cruise control.** Using cruise control on the highway helps you maintain a constant speed, which in most cases, will save gasoline.
- **Use overdrive gears.** When you use overdrive gears, your car's engine speed goes down. This saves gasoline and reduces engine wear.
- **Keep your engine properly tuned.** Fixing a car that is noticeably out of tune or has failed an emissions test can improve its gas mileage

by an average of 4.1 percent, though results vary based on the kind of repair and how well it is done. If your car has a faulty oxygen sensor, your gas mileage may improve as much as 40%.

- **Check and replace air filters regularly.** Replacing a clogged air filter can improve your car's gas mileage by as much as 10%. Your car's air filter keeps impurities from damaging the inside of your engine. Not only will replacing a dirty air filter save gas, it will protect your engine.
- **Keep tires properly inflated.** You can improve your gas mileage by around 3.3% by keeping your tires inflated to the proper pressure. Under inflated tires can lower gas mileage by 0.4% for every 1 psi drop in pressure of all four tires. Properly inflated tires are safer and last longer.
- **Use the recommended grade of motor oil.** You can improve your gas mileage by 1-2% by using the manufacturer's recommended grade of motor oil. For example, using 10W-30 motor oil in an engine designed for 5W-30 can lower your gas mileage

by 1-2 percent. Using 5W-30 in an engine designed for 5W-20 can lower your gas mileage by 1-1.5%. Also, look for motor oil that says "Energy Conserving" on the API performance symbol to be sure it contains friction-reducing additives.

Consumers should also be skeptical if confronted with "gas additive" products such as automotive devices and gas and oil additives. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) claims that the few gas-savings products that have been proven to work yield only small savings. Some companies may imply that their product received endorsement from the federal government, but no government entity endorses gas-savings products for cars.

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