

New teaching tool



Carroll Elementary PTO recently purchased a promethean board for the elementary's computer room. The promethean board is a 78" interactive whiteboard which teachers can use in various ways with their classes. Kara Burrous, a fifth grade teacher, uses the board for lab work, while Malinda Blocher uses it with all the second graders. Nancy Sabatini has been working on a test over the story, "My Side of the Mountain," and fourth grade teachers, Carrie Pickard and Jenelle Gish, use the board for webquest. PTO wants to purchase another board, at a cost of \$5,000, as soon as funds are available. Pictured above is Judy McCracken, left, who is training three second graders on how to use the board. Photo provided

Poster contest winners



Carroll Elementary sixth graders participate in a year-long program, learning about the importance of community service. The sixth grade class divided into groups of four for a poster contest. The winners of the contest, with a theme of "How to Volunteer in Your Community," are pictured l-r - Reno Gray, Kate Hickner, Elizabeth Klein, Iccesis Feasel. The contest was sponsored by Flora Kiwanis Club. Twenty posters will be displayed in downtown Flora until after Easter, with the first, second and third place posters displayed at Center Street Grill. Photo provided

Associate degree in education to be offered at Ivy Tech

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education has given approval for Ivy Tech Community College-Lafayette to offer an associate of science degree in education with a concentration in elementary education, beginning in the Fall 2006 semester. The program will also be offered at fourteen other Ivy Tech campuses including Kokomo.

College's associate of science in education program will have a dramatic impact on economic and workforce development in Indiana," said Dr. Marnia Kennon, Ivy Tech Community College Vice President of Academic Affairs. "The Indiana Department of Workforce Development predicts that in the period of 2002-20012 there will be a total of 9,840 openings for elementary teachers and 9,560

openings for teacher assistants in Indiana."

The associate of science in education degree, being offered at most campuses beginning this fall, will prepare graduates to serve as teacher assistants or as elementary education teachers by transferring at the completion of the associate degree to an institution offering a bachelor's degree.

More information is available at www.laf.ivytech.edu.

Business Briefs

RUDAE'S SALON AND SPA is now open in Burlington.

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Spring forward, fall back

By Darice R. Sheiss
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I always try to take the optimistic approach to change. Those who really know me know that I don't always care for or adjust to change very well. However, I have learned that looking at the cup half full has its benefits.

I try to insert the word "improve" where the word "change" might be mentioned. The same goes for this new time change. Again, I was a bit pessimistic at first, and then I did a little research and found there are several benefits to the time change, or should I say improvement.

Daylight Saving Time saves energy. Energy use and the demand for electricity for lighting our homes are directly connected to when we go to bed and when we get up. This means that less electricity would be used for lighting and appliances late in the day.

We also use less electricity because we are home fewer hours during the longer days of spring and summer. Most people plan activities during the daylight hours. While the amounts of energy saved per household are small, adding them up can be very large.

Daylight Saving Time saves lives and prevents traffic injuries. Traveling from work, school and evening events is safer in daylight than in darkness. The Department of Transportation estimated that 50 lives were saved and about 2,000 injuries were prevented in March and April of the study years. The department also estimated that \$28 million was saved in traffic accident costs.

There doesn't seem to be sufficient evidence at this time to support the claim that Daylight Savings Time prevents crime. But again we are looking at time "change" as an "improvement," so let's be optimistic.

"Seize the daylight" and enjoy the benefits to this improvement effecting Carroll County.

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Answer: Housebreaking a pup is one of the most important first lessons. It sounds like your puppy has decided to be a little different and cause you some problems.

She is probably holding part of her urine so she can mark her territory in the house. It is not uncommon for dogs to save half the urine in the bladder for this purpose, whether outside or indoors. It is their way of telling other animals that the territory is theirs. It is good that you had her spayed, but apparently this didn't help.

Here are a few suggestions for solving your problem: first, only give her water 15 minutes at feeding time. Her stimulus to eat and drink also will stimulate urine production. After eating, take her for a walk. Take her on long walks, even out of the yard, to get her to urinate repeatedly to empty her bladder. Walks between feedings also will help. Give her a lot of praise, perhaps even a treat, every time she urinates. This positive reinforcement is important.

To break her habit of urinating indoors, you need to control her and keep her close to you. This close proximity will deter her from running away and urinating in the house. When you leave her alone in the house, confine her. Instinct tells her not to urinate or defecate where she is lying so either leave her in cage or crate or small room. You'll want to continue these practices until you feel she has gotten out of the habit of going to the bathroom in the house. You also should avoid rubbing her nose in the mess and then sending her outside. If you catch her in the act of urinating, it is appropriate to say a stern "no" as negative reinforcement. Then take her outside.

Housebreaking a puppy is not that difficult. It begins the day the puppy arrives home. Exercise her frequently - as often as every two to three hours - in one selected area outdoors. You should exercise her as soon as she awakens from sleep or rest, immediately after meals, just before bedtime and a few times in between. At first, eliminating and being outdoors will be coincidental. With time, it will become a habit. This routine usually trains most dogs in 7 to 10 days. It is also important to use the same door each time you take her out.

If you have a question, write Dr. Wise, Indiana Veterinary Medical Association, 201 S. Capitol Avenue, Suite 405, Indianapolis, IN, 46225, or www.invma.org.

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