

Share the fun



Renegades are awarded

The Rock Creek Renegades 4-H Club presented Life in the Ozarks at the Share the Fun Contest. They won a first place in the 'group' category. Pictured in the front row from left to right, are Stefanie Fuller, Jackie Hensley, Dakota Veach, Vivian Haley, Lily Anderson, Valerie Haley and David Haley. In the back row, l-r, are Tami Veach, Chris Haley, Megan Veach, Sam Anderson, Chloe Fivecoate, Robyn Haley and Susie Haley. Photo provided



Musical winners

At the Share the Fun Contest, the Neon Dove band performed "Indescribable" and won first place in the musical category. Members, pictured from left to right, are Valerie Haley playing the djembe, Robyn Haley on bass guitar, Chris Haley on lead guitar and Susie Haley on violin. The first place acts will compete in the Area 8 Share the Fun Contest on May 12 at the Miami County 4-H Fairgrounds in Peru. Photo provided



Non-musical winners

The annual 4-H Share the Fun Contest talent show was held April 28 at Delphi Community High School's Little Theater. Sixty-eight 4-Hers participated in 13 acts, which were divided into the categories of group, musical and non-musical. First place winners in the non-musical category, pictured from left to right, were David Haley and Valerie Haley, who performed The Buffalo Davey Show, a ventriloquist act. Photo provided

Project Aftermath work continues

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Indiana Project Aftermath is a federally funded outreach program that provides counseling and emotional support to victims of disasters who have evacuated to Indiana. In the weeks following the Gulf Coast hurricanes last year, an estimated 5,000 people moved to Indiana and currently about 2,500 remain in 69 counties.

Project Aftermath staff is involved in a variety of projects in an effort to reach evacuees who may be in need of emotional support. Staff members work closely with other agencies and organizations serving these families. In Marion, Lake, and Tippecanoe counties, where there are larger concentrations of evacuees, reunion events are being scheduled as opportunities for sharing, reminiscing, and

renewing of old friendships. Project Aftermath representatives will also be attending other community activities at which they hope to interact with evacuees.

Project Aftermath provides a hotline (1-866-679-4631) staffed by crisis counselors and outreach workers from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The hotline hours may expand to 24 hours as need dictates. Additional information is available at www.projectaftermathindiana.org.

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Senator asks students to submit essays about fathers

U.S. Senator Evan Bayh invites children across Indiana to take part in an effort to pay tribute to Outstanding Hoosier Dads by writing essays about what makes their father an outstanding dad. Bayh, a long-time leader in promoting responsible fatherhood, hopes to use the essays to recognize Hoosier men working hard to be good fathers while also encouraging other men to play a role in their children's lives.

"Collecting essays from children across the state will help honor dads who go the extra mile to spend time with their kids and

show them how much they care," Senator Bayh said. "As a nation, we have far to go to reverse the trend of absentee fathers, but there are millions of men who are already doing their part to help raise their children, and they deserve our thanks this Father's Day. At the same time, I hope these essays will serve as a reminder to all men to play an active role in their children's lives."

Senator Bayh will enter three of the top essays he receives into the Congressional Record of the United States Senate. Participants whose essays are

selected for the Congressional Record will receive a letter from Senator Bayh and a framed copy of the winning essay as entered into the Congressional Record.

All Hoosiers under the age of 18 are encouraged to submit essays. Essays should be 150 words or less and sent to OutstandingDads@bayh.senate.gov or faxed to 202-228-2117. All essays must be turned in no later than June 4. Participants should include their name, age, home address, phone number and the name of their father with their essay.

Indiana Tourism announces Visit Indiana savings promotion

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Lt. Governor Becky Skillman announced Monday a new way Hoosiers can save money on their summer travel. The Indiana Office of Tourism Development (IOTD) is teaming up with Kroger to offer residents and non-residents incentives to travel in the state this summer. The Visit Indiana Summer Savings

promotion includes the Visit Indiana card, which offers discounted admission, food and goods at tourism hot spots across the state.

Now through Sept. 4, travelers can use the Visit Indiana card at nearly 300 Indiana attractions, hotels and restaurants.

Visit Indiana cards are FREE and available at all Indiana Kroger, Owen's and Payless

stores; convention and visitors bureaus; welcome centers and the IOTD office in downtown Indianapolis. A complete listing of Visit Indiana Summer Savings participants is available at VisitIndiana.com. Indiana trip ideas, outdoor recreation attractions, travel discounts, festival and events information and free brochure offers are also available on VisitIndiana.com.



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