

Smith represents county on TAP's Lifelong Learning Taskforce

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With changes in workforce demographics anticipated as a result of the baby boomer generation, a Lifelong Learning Taskforce, under the umbrella of Tecumseh Area Partnership, Inc., has been conducting research to examine gaps and barriers to lifelong learning for adults. The 27-member taskforce includes educators, employers, social service and government agency representatives from the state and 14-county WIRED (Workforce Innovation in REGIONAL Economic Development) region.

Daryl Smith, Carroll County Economic Development Corporation executive director, has been appointed to the group to represent Carroll County. The taskforce is a part of the regional



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change effort initiated through the WIRED grant received by the North Central Indiana Transformation Network. Grant funding is from the Department of Labor and administered by Purdue University.

The geographical area being researched includes Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Fulton, Howard, Miami, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Wabash, White, and Warren counties.

The initial phase of research focused on organizations providing education and training to adults in the region. The second research phase currently in progress, gathers information related to existing gaps and barriers in lifelong learning from the employers' and employees' perspective. When combined, results of both studies will provide

a comprehensive picture of issues contributing to education and training disincentives for adults in the area. The completed study will provide foundational information to improve and enhance education and training opportunities for the region's

workforce. Additional information about Taskforce activities may be obtained from Tecumseh Area Partnership staff and Taskforce facilitators Kathy Burns and Susie Perkins at Tecumseh Area Partnership, Inc 765-477-1710.

Business Briefs

Carroll County Sheriff Sergeant **MARK S. BACK** and Major **TOBE H. LEAZENBY** recently attended a three-day seminar in



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Indianapolis about first line supervision, leadership, and management skills. The seminar was held at the Public Agency Training Council training facility.

Course topics dealt with the fundamentals of leadership, human behavior, leadership traits and principals, supervisory responsibilities, performance evaluations and supervisory liability. Instruction was provided by Randy King, certified public manager with the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy.

"Having our command officers attend this training is yet another example of our organization continuing to grow and improve so we can better serve our community," said



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Carroll County Sheriff Tony Burns.

JANICE ROE, Delphi City clerk-treasurer, joined other clerk-treasurers, clerks and deputy clerks from across the state in Muncie for professional education advancement at the 12th annual Indiana League of Municipal Clerks' Institute/Academy.

Classes at the academy included contract law, excel, IRS issues and capital asset accounting. Personal skills courses included CPR certification and discovering common ground among elected officials.

Upon completion of the sessions, Roe earned credit toward certification through the Indiana League of Municipal Clerks and Treasurers, the International League of Municipal Clerks and the Association of Public Treasurers of the United States and Canada.

KYLE GRONINGER, Delphi, agent with Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, has successfully completed the necessary requirements to become a registered representative with EquiTrust Marketing Services LLC, Indianapolis, a member of the National Association of Securities Dealers.

APC issues 9 permits

Nine permits were issued by Carroll County Area Plan Commission during February, for improvements amounting to \$13,271,000.

Residential permits with \$186,000 value were issued to persons in the following townships:

- Burlington** - Jeremy and Yolanda Mote, residence;
- Democrat** - Andrew Langston, residence;
- Jackson** - Alan and Dale McCracken, residence;
- Tippecanoe** - John and Teresa Riehle, residence.

Permits for remodeling and accessories were issued to persons in:

- Camden** - Michael Hartman, deck and roof line;
 - Jackson** - Alan and Dale McCracken, storage;
 - Washington** - Loren and Karen Hylton, pole barn.
- The total collected from permits issued was \$1,271, plus:
- Indiana Packers Corporation, addition;
 - Indiana Packers Corporation, office;
- Total collected from permits in february was \$1,331. Total collected for 2007 was \$1,759.

Flora egg hunt to be Saturday afternoon

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the 3 and under group.

Flora Kiwanis Club's sixth annual Easter Egg Hunt will be March 31 at 1 p.m., with registration beginning at 12:30. This is a time change from the traditional morning hunt.

The event will be held rain or shine at the Flora Community Park. If the weather is rainy, an Easter party will be held in the 4-H Building.

The hunt is for ages 2-9, and children should bring their own baskets or containers. There will be designated areas for various age groups. A total of 3,300 candy-filled eggs will be hidden at the park.

All participants will receive a toy, and there will be 27 special prizes. In addition, a boy's bike and a girl's bike will be given away in the 4-5-6 age group and the 7-8-9 age group, and a wagon will be given in

Parents can take pictures of their children with the Easter Bunny. The event is coordinated by Kiwanis and supported financially by local businesses.



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Delphi Quarry receives 'Excellence in Mining' honor



The Delphi Quarry of U.S. Aggregates, Inc. received the Indiana Mineral Aggregates Association 2006 Gold Award for excellence. Awards are presented annually to Indiana producer member companies who excel in environmental programs, safety activities, employee and community relations. Accepting the award from IMAA President Bill Silvers is Delphi Quarry office manager Beth Stephens. Photo provided.

Egg hunt hatches awareness



By Jenna Buehler
Comet writer-intern

National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Awareness Month can sometimes be overshadowed by Easter. The group, Prevent Child Abuse Carroll County, hopes to shine a light on egg hunting, child abuse and neglect prevention and large furry rodents by sponsoring the Carroll County Easter Egg Hunt on the courthouse lawn, April 7, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Many local volunteers and donors put countless hours toward the hunt. First Steps Council previously headed the event but, after disbanding last year, passed the honor on to PCACC. Vice-president Debbie Lowe is experiencing her first year in charge.

"You should see all the plastic Easter eggs I have in the back room," Lowe exclaimed. Lowe said the First Steps Council left the abuse prevention group fully prepared.

"We shadowed them last year, and some members met with us this year for remedial training. They even gave us money left from their treasury."

The many hours and volunteers have proved successful in adding several new appear-

ances to this Delphi tradition. New guests include: The Delphi Tri-township Volunteer Fire Department trucks and fire prevention trailer, Miss Flame, Sparky the fire dog, McGruff the crime dog, the DARE officer, jugglers, and the always photogenic, Easter Bunny.

Additional activities include face painting, bubble blowing, temporary tattooing and DNA identification testing kits.

Children between the ages of zero and nine will be awarded prizes after locating a "lucky egg." Bicycles, balls and hula-hoops are some of the many prizes to be won. Each child will receive a grab bag full of goodies, discount coupons, and child abuse prevention information.

The group is taking steps to secure the safety of all children hunting on the courthouse lawn. Parents are encouraged to provide adequate supervision to ensure a fun-filled experience.

Anyone interested in donating or volunteering is encouraged to contact Lowe at (765) 564-6073 or 491-8515.

"Everyone wants this to be a success," Lowe said. "The Easter Egg Hunt is a great family-based activity and we're really lucky to have the chance to put this on."

RAIN OR SHINE!

Join us for a hoppin' good time at the Kiwanis Club of Flora's **6th Annual Easter Egg Hunt** for ages 2 through 9 at the Flora Park on Sat., March 31st 12:30 am-Registration. The Hunt starts at 1:00 pm (Please bring your own basket to gather eggs). In case of rain come to the 4-H Building (in the park) for eggs & prizes. Candy & Prizes!

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