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Answer: Anyone who has suffered through an infestation of fleas knows these parasites are programmed for survival. In ideal conditions, fleas can complete their life cycle in just 12 days, adding thousands of new offspring. Understanding how to control this life cycle and killing adult fleas helps your pet - and your home - remain flea-free!

Flea Myth #1: Fleas go away during winter months. Although a good part of the country sees a decrease in flea cases during colder months, fleas can survive by taking advantage of our human comforts. Fleas thrive at temperatures above 65 degrees, making our homes a perfect winter refuge. The cocoon stage can actually survive up to five months in cooler temperatures - allowing the next generation of fleas to hatch and attack our pets in the spring!

Flea Myth #2: Natural remedies like brewer's yeast and garlic are safe and effective flea control methods. For many pet owners, avoiding man-made chemicals and "going green" is important. Garlic, for example, is purported to kill fleas, but the only study conducted showed no effect. Organic and natural remedy products are not only often ineffective at controlling fleas, but sometimes even cause illness in pets.

Flea Myth #3: Chemical pesticides are harmful to pets and to the environment. Historically, this is true! The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) banned products containing organophosphates like Diazinon due to cancer risks and environmental impact. Advances in pest control provide us environmentally safe products that can be used on pets. Your family veterinarian has both oral and topical products providing effective and immediate flea kill. Additionally, these products are harmless to both pets and children.

Flea Myth #4: Fleas are resistant to these new chemicals - even products my veterinarian carries. With stories of "super-bug" bacteria making headlines, it's easy to imagine a super flea shaking off pesticides like water. Veterinary products have a great track record of killing fleas and experts state resistance to these products has not occurred. Most perceived product failures are likely due to excessive numbers of fleas or inappropriate application. However, one ingredient - permethrin - does have a history of flea resistance. Many insects in North America are resistant to permethrin, a common insecticide found in over-the-counter medications.

Flea Myth #5: There is no difference between flea products purchased from grocery stores and your veterinarian. Unfortunately, this myth is the cause of many emergency room visits - and pet deaths. Grocery store products may contain older insecticides and chemicals like permethrin. This could mean that they are simply less effective, but in some cases, these products have actually killed pets - especially cats. In an attempt to save money, well-meaning owners have used dog products on their cats, causing the cat to seize uncontrollably - creating a potentially fatal emergency.

Your veterinarian can recommend what's best for your dog or cat.

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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Library

Flora-Monroe Twp.
 The library will be closed Friday, July 4, and Saturday, July 5, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.
 It's July, it's hot, and it's sticky outside. Cool off at our big Water Show on Tuesday July 8, at 10:30 a.m. In the show, water will disappear, reappear and magically move from one place to another - and we all get wet! Attendees should wear a swimsuit to the show and bring a towel.
 There will be a Dry Zone for those kids and adults who choose not to get wet. Younger children sit to the side so they can be hand sprinkled and still participate in the fun. The Water Show will be in the library's parking lot.
 There will be no storytime that day due to the program.
 The following Tuesday, July 15, we will end the summer reading storytimes with our favorite storyteller, Doyme Carson. Doyme will have stories appropriate for preschool and school aged children.
 Programming for our "Catch the Reading Bug!" summer reading program is provided by a donation from the Beta Alpha Chapter of Psi Iota Xi.
 There is a cool display at the main desk to go with the summer reading theme - an ant farm! Those ants have been very busy building their tunnels and hills. Make sure you let your little ones see how industrious our library reading bugs have been!

Reunions

Haworth Class of '77
 Haworth High School Class of 1977 will hold its 31-year reunion on July 18, 19 and 20. Anyone interested in attending the reunion should contact Cathy Stover at 765-419-0500.



ABIGAIL HUFFER of Delphi graduated with distinction from Valparaiso University, earning her Master of Business Administration degree, at annual spring commencement ceremonies.

CHRISTOPHER MILLER of Flora has been named to the spring semester dean's list at Oakland City University, Oakland City. He is majoring in business marketing and psychology.

Sport shorts

Shirar is All-Star
 Andria Shirar was recently named to the East/West Junior Kentucky All-Star softball team. The game was played the second weekend of June at the University of Kentucky in Lexington.

For the season, Shirar batted .437 while driving in 15 runs for her Corbin, Ky., team.
 Her coach Chris Hart said before the game that the junior will be able to show college scouts what she's capable of doing.
 "This is a great opportunity for her," Hart said. "She will be able to showcase her talent and it will be a good time for her to get the exposure."
 Shirar is the daughter of former Burlington residents Greg and Susan Shirar. The family moved to Corbin, Ky., in November 2003.

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Ivy Tech to offer enhanced manufacturing program

Comet staff report
 The Indiana Commission for Higher Education has granted approval for Ivy Tech Community College to split its manufacturing and industrial technology program into two new programs allowing the college to further expand its advanced manufacturing offerings as well as add two new certificate programs in mechatronics and manufacturing operations.
 The college will split its Manufacturing and Industrial Technology degree program into two separate programs: Advanced Manu-

facturing and Industrial Technology. The curriculum for the original manufacturing program was more heavily based in industrial technology. The split will allow Ivy Tech to offer additional coursework in advanced manufacturing, focusing on soft skills, lean manufacturing, quality systems, integrated manufacturing technology and project-based leadership skills.
 Students in the new Advanced Manufacturing program will become MSSC (Manufacturing Skills Standards Council) certified

within their first two classes. Students will also have to complete a 2-credit co-op with a manufacturing company at the end of the degree cycle.
 Employers will now have candidates that possess a nationally recognized certification, an associate degree and manufacturing experience.
 The change in the degree programs also means greater transferability to a four-year college or university with transfer programs for the Industrial Technology program already in place with Indiana State University and Purdue University.

Runner-up conference team



The Burlington Bulls Rookie team placed second in the Hoosier Heartland Conference Tournament held recently in Burlington. The Bulls were 5-2 in the tournament, defeating Rossville 1 (9-6) and Michigantown 2 (17-0); losing to Mulberry 1 (17-5); and beating Rossville 1 (17-14), Michigantown 3 (17-7), and Mulberry 1 (14-10) before losing the championship game to Rossville 3 (20-9). The Bulls finished regular season 14-1, and 18-3 overall. Team members pictured (l-r) are: Front - Avery Fisher, Kaleigh Goltz, Landon Lees, and Dillon Michael. Middle - Caleb Taber, Cameron Langston, Gannon Guinn, Austin Anthony, and Noah Nesbitt. Back - Coaches Jesse Anthony and Roger Guinn. Not pictured is Ben Pohlman. Photo provided

Service News

Baker returns home
 Kimberly Baker of Water Tower Place Apartments in Delphi recently welcomed home her son, FC3 Caleb N. Baker, Fire Control, 3rd class Petty Officer, stationed in Norfolk, Va. He has been away since last fall.

A graduate of Twin Lakes, High School, he is currently serving on the USS Truman. Water Tower Place residents made sure he had a special welcome home with red white and blue lights and flags.

Call Outs

Carroll open courts
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