

# Special tax break available for new vehicle purchases this year

The Internal Revenue Service has announced that taxpayers who buy a new passenger vehicle this year may be entitled to deduct state and local sales and excise taxes paid on the purchase on their 2009 tax returns next year.

"For those thinking about buying a new car this year, this deduction may give them a lit-

tle more drive to make their purchase this year," said IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman. "This deduction enables taxpayers to buy now and get cash back later on their tax returns."

The deduction is limited to the state and local sales and excise taxes paid on up to \$49,500 of the purchase price of a qualified new car, light truck, motor home or motorcycle.

The amount of the deduction is phased out for taxpayers whose modified adjusted gross income is between \$125,000 and \$135,000 for individual filers and between \$250,000 and \$260,000 for joint filers.

The vehicle must be purchased after Feb. 16, 2009, and before Jan. 1, 2010, to qualify for the deduction. The special deduction is available regardless of whether a taxpayer itemizes deductions on their return. The IRS reminded taxpayers the deduction may not be taken on 2008 tax returns.

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## Business Briefs

**LEE W. HOARD** of Delphi, employed with the Indiana Department of Corrections, Program Review Division, completed *Detention Facility Inspector Training* held March 16-20 in Aurora, Colo.

The training covered ten modules: Introduction, The Job of the Inspector, Expectations of the Inspector, Trends and Issues, Providing

Technical Assistance, Building Your Information Base, Building Your Consultation Skills, Conducting Inspections, Ethics for Jail Inspectors, Basics of Construction Plans Review, Keeping on Track, and Closure and Evaluation.

During the training, inspectors conducted a mock inspection of the Denver County, Colo., Jail which

holds approximately 2,500 offenders.

The training was sponsored by the United States Department of Justice, National Institute of Corrections in Aurora.

Amedisys Home Health Care has announced the opening of its newest location in Lafayette. The agency will service Tippecanoe, Benton, Carroll, Clinton, Fountain, Montgomery, Warren and White counties.

The agency, located at 938 Mezzanine Drive, Suite A, will operate under the leadership of **ALICE BENSON**, Flora, and will offer a complete menu of home care services by physician order, including skilled nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, medical social work and home health aides.

**BREWSTER INSURANCE AGENCY** was named the 2009 Agency of the Year by Indiana Farmers Mutual during its annual Cooper Club meeting on March 10.

The Burlington agency was selected for the honor based on its growth, profitability, and customer service. This is the third time the local agency has received this prestigious company award.

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**DONNA J. SHOCKLEY** has recently been named First Financial Bank in Delphi's new officer/manager.

Shockley joined First Financial in 1990. Prior to serving as banking center manager she was a supervisor in mortgage lending, a consumer lender and a business banking lender. She has a total of 25 years of experience.

Shockley, a Delphi resident, is a Delphi High School graduate and earned an accounting degree from Indiana Business College.

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*Friday*- Inspirational service with special music provided by Jill Schroer, worship leader at First Baptist in Kokomo, accompanied by video clips from the movie, "The Passion of the Christ."  
*Sunday, 10:30 a.m.*- Resurrection Day; "He First Loved Us."

Sharon Baptist will have their traditional breakfast on **Palm Sunday at 9:30 a.m.** The public is welcome.  
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