



# The Torch

The official newsletter for Indiana state employees

## 2008 Governor's Public Service Achievement Awards

### Governor recognizes 64 employees for outstanding public service

Governor Mitch Daniels presented the fourth round of Governor's Public Service Achievement Awards to 64 state employees representing 12 agencies as part of the Public Employee Recognition Week activities. *See names of those honored on page 3.*

"Services have been streamlined, millions of tax dollars have been

saved and efficiency has improved in many places because of talented state employees who are proving they can compete with anyone," said Daniels. "Those who deliver measurably better results for taxpayers deserve better recognition and tangible rewards."

Some of the accomplishments being rewarded include:

- A team of employees from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles call center dramatically reduced customer call holding times and the number of abandoned calls.
- Two employees from the Department of Workforce Development set up a temporary Vincennes WorkOne field office in less than 48 hours after the office was destroyed by a weekend fire.
- An employee from the Department of Administration helped save the state more than \$2 million since January 2007 through negotiating state contracts that historically had not been negotiated.
- An employee from the Department of Insurance helped the state collect more than \$406,000 in back child support owed by insurance or bail agents licensed in Indiana.
- A Department of Correction employee assisted in the identification of more than 1,000 Indiana offenders who had escaped justice since 1950.
- A team of employees from the Public Employees' Retirement Fund made significant improvements in customer service including reducing by more than half the average number of days it takes to receive a retirement check.

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### Employees increase conservation acreage

The Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) is a federal Department of Agriculture program available to states to enhance financial incentives and support for landowners. The program allows state-employed conservations to implement conservation practices to reduce agriculture's impact on environment, wildlife, water and oil.

Indiana State Department of Agriculture employees Celia Tharp of Delphi, Chris Gardner of Rochester and Jerod Chew of Bloomington, teamed

together to implement conservation practices. The team not only developed the administrative process, but also worked side-by-side with landowners to plan, survey and employ the practices.

To date, Indiana's CREP acres total 3,959 – more than half the state's goal – bringing \$7.9 million to Indiana to assist in conservation implementation. The state's designed priority areas are in three watersheds, but plans call for adding five more watersheds near the Wabash River.



From left with Gov. Daniels are Celia Tharp, Delphi; Chris Gardner, Rochester and Jerod Chew, Bloomington. The three were honored at the Governor's Public Service Achievement Awards on May 8.

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## Gas prices call for changes in practices

The fact: gas prices are not pretty. The solution: slow down, tune up, maintain your vehicle and your cool.

According to Cris Dorman, of the Indiana Office of Energy and Defense Development (IOEDD), one of the ways to help save money on gasoline consumption involves the way we drive. Speeding, rapid acceleration and braking all waste gas.

### Drive efficiently

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) estimates that those activities can lower gas mileage by 33 percent at highway speeds and by five percent driving around town. If gas is \$3.51 per gallon, being a more efficient driver could save from 18 cents to \$1.16 per gallon. Driving within the speed limit can add savings, as well.

Gas tanks drain more rapidly at speeds above 60 miles per hour (mph).

As a rule of thumb, for every five mph driven over 60 mph it costs an additional 20 cents per gallon for gas.

Other suggestions to driving more efficiently include:

- Avoid unnecessary idling (go inside the restaurant, the bank or the cleaners, instead of using the drive-up lane).
- Remove excess weight from your vehicle. An extra 100 lbs. in the trunk can reduce gas mileage by two percent. Translated, that means four to seven cents per gallon.
- Use cruise control whenever possible.
- Avoid packing items on top of the vehicle. A loaded roof rack can reduce fuel economy by five percent.

### Maintain your vehicle

By keeping your vehicle in top condition, you can improve its fuel economy:

- Change your oil. Motor oil that reads “energy conserving” on

the performance symbol of the American Petroleum Institute contains friction-reducing additives that can improve fuel economy.

- Keep the engine tuned. A tuned up engine can increase gas mileage by four percent.
- Make sure tires are properly inflated and aligned. That can increase gas mileage up to three percent.
- Check and replace air filters regularly. Clogged filters can decrease gas mileage by 10 percent.

### Other tips

- Use the octane level needed for your vehicle. For most cars, regular octane is the recommended gasoline. Generally speaking, a higher octane gas offers no benefit. The FTC suggests that unless the engine is knocking, stick with regular level octane.
- Carpool. Sign up to be matched with a fellow commuter, browse the classifieds for a rider/driver or calculate the savings from carpooling. Log onto Central Indiana Commuter Services at: [www.centralincommuter.net](http://www.centralincommuter.net).
- Looking to buy a new vehicle? Check out the gas mileage estimates and information on vehicles from 1985-2008. According to the FTC, the difference between a car that gets 20 mph and ones that gets 30 mph is around \$878 annually. In five years’ time that’s an extra \$4,388 in fuel costs. Check out the comparisons at [www.fueleconomy.gov](http://www.fueleconomy.gov).

By incorporating these suggestions from the state’s Office on Energy and Defense Development, as well as from the FTC, drivers can save on fuel costs and wear and tear on their vehicles. Want more information on energy consumption? Log onto the IOEDD’s Web site at [www.in.gov/energy](http://www.in.gov/energy). From there you can also be directed to the FTC’s Web site, which offers even more cost-saving suggestions.

## Pharmacies expand low-cost prescriptions program

Central Indiana Kroger, Wal-Mart and Sam’s Club pharmacies now offer 90-day generic prescriptions for \$10. In addition, the pharmacies are boosting the number of women’s health medications offered and adding more prescriptions to the \$4 generic program.



Some of the new drugs offered include Pravastatin, a cholesterol-lowering drug; Tamoxifen, to treat breast cancer; combination estrogen/methyltestosterone for hormone replacement and Alendronate, generic to Fosamax.

Last fall Kroger, Wal-Mart, Sam’s Club and Target introduced \$4 program for a 30-day supply of more than 300 generic drugs. Meijer offers free generic antibiotics for children. Since the advent of Meijer’s offering, the retail giant has filled 150,000 free prescriptions for Indiana children. Wal-Mart believes its \$4 program has saved more than \$1 billion across the country.

The list of eligible drugs in the \$4 Prescriptions Program — available at Wal-Mart, Neighborhood Market and Sam’s Club pharmacies nationwide — can be found at [www.walmart.com/pharmacy](http://www.walmart.com/pharmacy). Information on the Kroger program is available at [www.kroger.com/generic](http://www.kroger.com/generic). Target pharmacies offer information at [www.target.com/pharmacy](http://www.target.com/pharmacy).

*More information about prescription drugs savings is available at [www.in.gov/spd/2468.htm](http://www.in.gov/spd/2468.htm).*

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## Public service awards

The governor created the Public Service Achievement Award in December 2005. State agencies submit nominations of individuals or teams for review and recommendation to the governor. Teams receive up to \$5,000 to be divided among team members while individual award winners receive a medal and \$1,000. In 2007, awards were presented to 47 state employees.

A list of award recipients and their accomplishments is available at [www.in.gov/gov/uploads/2008\\_Program\\_final.pdf](http://www.in.gov/gov/uploads/2008_Program_final.pdf).

Information on previous award winners is available at [www.in.gov/spd/2438.htm](http://www.in.gov/spd/2438.htm).



*Governor Daniels, a motorcycle enthusiast, examined a custom-built motorcycle owned by Dixie Chopper at a ribbon cutting event for Recycled Goods and Trucking Company's new Dixie Chopper Distribution Center in Montgomery County.*

## Governor's Public Service Achievement Award honorees

Following is a list of honorees of 2008 Governor's Public Service Achievement Awards.

### Individual Awards

Bureau of Motor Vehicles  
Libby Manship, Greenfield

Indiana Dept. of Administration  
Teresa Deaton-Reese, Mooresville

Indiana Dept. of Correction  
Willard Plank, Knightstown

Indiana Dept. of Correction  
Michael Dempsey, Pendleton

Indiana Dept. of Homeland Security  
John Buckman, Evansville

Indiana Dept. of Insurance  
Robert L. Hummel, Indianapolis

Indiana Dept. of Transportation  
Guy Boruff, Plainfield  
Jay Wasson, Zionsville

Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development  
Nancy Davisson, Vincennes  
David Todd, Vincennes.

Indiana Professional Licensing Agency  
Marty Allain, Indianapolis

### Team Awards

Bureau of Motor Vehicles  
Chris Landis, Carmel; Yvonne Gaines and Latosha Rice-Kelly, Indianapolis; Sharon Cooper, Danville; Sharon Hibbs, Greenwood.

Family and Social Services Administration  
Jessaca Turner Stults, Noblesville; Amanda Schipp, Speedway; Matt Schanz, Avon; Stephanie Baume, Carmel; Ted Feeney, Greenwood; Randy Miller, Anderson; John Michael and Zach Main, Brownsburg; Ryan May and Ginger Brophy, Plainfield; Anne Murphy and Sid Norton, Fishers; Lawren Mills, Peggy Novotny, Cindy Stamper, Megan Ornellas, Pat Casanova, Cathy Rudd, Jeff Wells and Liz Surgener, Indianapolis.

Indiana Dept. of Homeland Security  
Phil Brown, Kokomo; Rosemary Petersen, Paragon; Mara Snyder, Indianapolis; Robert Lagrange, Greenwood; George Thompson, Bloomington.

Indiana Dept. of Insurance  
Kim Brown, Brazil; Paul Hyslop, Zionsville; Mihir Nag, Montgomery; Bob Reeder, Brownsburg; Carol Cutter, Kate Kixmiller,

Karen Kennedy and Betty White, Indianapolis.

Indiana Office of Technology  
Charlie Sharp, Stilesville; Danny DelPriore, Bargersville; Shawn Henderson, Fishers; Brent Spencer and Brian Wallace, Indianapolis.

Indiana State Dept. of Agriculture  
Celia Tharp, Delphi; Rob Brown, Evansville; Chris Gardner, Rochester; Jerod Chew, Bloomington.

Public Employees' Retirement Fund  
Carol Perkins and Julae Johansen, Greenwood; Floyd Teamer, Linda Stahl, Susan Thompson and Terri Creal, Indianapolis.

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# June classifieds

## Please respect the following rules when submitting items:

- Ads are limited to state employees only.
- Contact information must include either a phone number with area code (home or cell, no state numbers) or a home e-mail address.
- Submit ads via e-mail to [spdcommunications@spd.in.gov](mailto:spdcommunications@spd.in.gov), information must be included in the body of the e-mail, no photos or attachments. No bold or italic type, no ALL CAPS.
- Limit one ad per employee per issue; each ad has a limit of three items.
- Deadline is the 10th of the month prior to the next issue.
- If garage sale, need to list times, date, street address and town.
- No selling of animals; but will list "free" animals.
- No real estate, for sale or rent, including mobile homes, manufactured housing, timeshares, etc.
- No Avon, Mary Kay, vitamins, etc.
- No businesses or professional services (i.e., tax preparation, car repair, etc.).
- Ads will run for one issue only.
- State Personnel Department staff reserves the right to edit and/or refuse any ads.

2 sewing machines (Singer & Kenmore); need minor repairs. \$50 for both. 1 tea-length lace ivory wedding dress; size 12. \$15. Call after 5 pm, 317-3341293.

1999 Ford Taurus SHO; bent "H" frame (not drivable), minor cosmetic damage, new tires, electric windows & seats, keypad lock, multi-CD player, moonroof, tan interior, will not part-out. 110Kmi. \$2,000 obo. Leave message at 812-605-0105.

1994 Chrysler LeBaron convertible; tan. \$1,200. Contact Trish, 317-894-0963 or [prbatey@sbcglobal.net](mailto:prbatey@sbcglobal.net).

2 seat black iron dining room set. \$50. Couch, love seat w/ coffee & end tables. \$300. Call 317-543-9098 or e-mail [tammyred35@yahoo.com](mailto:tammyred35@yahoo.com).

White Wicker set; 2 seat settee, 2 standard chairs, 2 rockers, coffee table w/ glass & end tables; like new cushions. \$250. Contact Sue, 765-962-3674.

1992 Rockwood XL-pop-up camper; excellent condition, sleeps 4-6, AC 3 yrs old, sink, 3-way fridge, 2 in/out tables, in/out stove, lots of extras. \$2,300 obo. Call 317-856-3502.

DirecTV hardware; 2 dishes, receivers & remotes; user & self-installation manuals. \$50. Call 812-829-1614 or e-mail [dickpigati@hotmail.com](mailto:dickpigati@hotmail.com)

Rainbow water filter vacuum cleaner w/ shampooer & attachments. \$600. Call 812-448-3340.

Window fan; 3 speed, squirrel cage blower by Holmes. \$20. Minn Kota trolling motor; 35-lb thrust, 12V, 5 speed w/ reverse. \$110. Large dog kennel/play pen; 17x17x4 ft, aluminum frame & fence, double door. \$350. Call 317-738-2991.

Diamond wedding set; oval solitaire in 14k white gold semi-bevel set horizontally; .71Ct solitaire, VS1 clarity, H color, no visible inclusions, color is very white, wedding band w/ 7 round diamonds adding .47 ct., lifetime clean, polish & original appraisals from Shane Co. \$3,500 obo. Call 317-469-3363.

2001 Road King Classic Harley Davidson; lots of chrome, passenger & driver backrests, luggage rack, 28K mi; \$12,900. Call 317-933-9329 or 317-432-2356.

Wedding dress; white w/ red bead accents, size 8, never worn, undergarments, veil & tiara. \$600. Call 317-893-2304 after 5 pm or e-mail [shellann4971@yahoo.com](mailto:shellann4971@yahoo.com).

Wedding dress; Alfred Angelo, size 8, never worn. \$150. Call 931-217-0706 (North Vernon area).

Solid wood dining room table; 2 leaves & 6 chairs, claw foot design, excellent condition. \$750 obo. Call 317-536-1801 or e-mail [Danielle@ericsson1.com](mailto:Danielle@ericsson1.com)

2007 Yamaha PW 50; used 5 hours, \$850 obo. 2004 Haulmark; 6x12, enclosed trailer, \$2,500 obo. Call 812-498-2829 or e-mail [rf\\_dtr1@hotmail.com](mailto:rf_dtr1@hotmail.com)

Dyson canister vacuum; excellent condition. \$250. Call 219-741-1946.

Community yard sale; 8 am – 2 pm Saturday June 7. Scarborough Village (Castleton area, SE corner of 75th/Hague).

## Meet the authors

Two local authors will be on hand Saturday, June 28 for book signings as part of the Indiana Historical Bureau's (IHB) Meet the Authors program. Andrew Stoner and Julie Young will be signing their latest works from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The new books are now available at the Historical Bureau's book store for 20 percent off.

If you plan to attend, notify IHB by Friday, June 6 by phone at 317-232-2535 or by e-mail at [ihb@history.in.gov](mailto:ihb@history.in.gov). Parking is \$3 at the Senate Avenue parking facility, whose entrance is off New York Street.

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## State Employee Night at Victory Field July 12

To order your tickets, contact Matt Guay at 317.269.3545 ext. 250, e-mail [mguay@IndyIndians.com](mailto:mguay@IndyIndians.com) or print ticket form at [www.in.gov/spd/files/indians0712.pdf](http://www.in.gov/spd/files/indians0712.pdf).

## One Care Street offers convenience, consistency, help



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“The program ended up being more useful than I thought it would,” the long-time state employee confessed. “I am a full-time employee and college student, as well as a Mom. I can juggle work and school, but when I added a major injury to my already full load, it was almost more than I could take.” Her foot injury meant no weight on her foot for six to eight weeks. “It was the most confining, horrible experience I had had in years,” she said.

Donna was preparing to go on medical leave and was concerned about her job. “I really care about my work,” she said. And she wanted to leave everything in order. However, the person hired to replace her did not start to work until the Monday after Donna left for medical leave. That meant that Donna had to do a lot of training over the phone. About the same time, she had to re-up for One Care Street. This time, One Care Street selected her for an initial health coaching call.

**If you have a One Care Street coaching story you would like to share, send an e-mail to [spdcommunications@spd.in.gov](mailto:spdcommunications@spd.in.gov) and someone will contact you.**

She scheduled an appointment with her coach and then spent the suggested 15 minutes discussing her situation. “The experience for me was really great because it let me talk to someone who did not have an opinion, and that person then pointed out the stresses I was experiencing,” she said. Donna recognized that the program provided value in another area: “I just did not have the time to schedule an appointment with a counselor or doctor, take time off work to travel to that office and return to work,” she explained. “One Care Street is convenient because I can make the call over lunch or during the evening, or whenever time works best for me.” Health coaches work around the employee’s schedule.

In her opinion, One Care Street has another advantage in that it actually provides a service to the person in need and does not offer cookie cutter answers. “One Care Street is a program that focuses on the individual. Maybe you are not selected for coaching, but still, you can call them. They will give you the attention you need.”

She added that working with the counselor provided the consistency she needed. “My counselor really pays attention to what I say. She remembers things from previous conversations and often will remind me, helping me to re-address and re-focus on issues I have to deal with,” said Donna. Like all employees who utilize One Care Street’s health coaches, Donna calls the shots. She can stop using the coaching service whenever she wants to, and likewise, she can start it up again.

Overall, Donna gives One Care Street a thumbs up: “I found the program to be convenient and I’d recommend it to all state employees. I would encourage all state employees to take advantage of the program, and start by completing your survey.”



## The Torch Mailbag

Hello all,

I know this may seem a bit out of place coming from a lower-level employee, but I need to get this out. The evening of March 25th I managed a public hearing regarding a proposed landfill in one of our rural counties. It was attended by 300+ county residents and several members of the local media. The meeting went extremely well for its size. No major incidents to report. However, I had some time to think on the long road home about what transpired that evening.

A host of common individuals got up in front of their peers to denounce the landfill and its potentially negative impacts to their community. They did so with sincerity and controlled passion. They told stories about the land and what it has meant to them and their families for many generations.

I left with an intense understanding that what we do here in state government has a very real impact on people’s lives. Our decisions can affect people today as well as far into the future which often gets lost in the mundane nature of office work.

The fact that our jobs make a difference should be what drives us to come to work everyday! Government work is often thankless, but can be rewarding if looked at in this light.

My hope is that you will take time to get out to a public meeting or into the field every-so-often to meet the people whose lives are impacted by our daily activities. You’ll get a clearer understanding of the beneficiary role you play. It may be that bit of enlightenment that gets you past all of the office politics that often cloud our work environment. Thanks for listening and for the work that you do!

Travis Murphy  
Environmental Manager  
IDEM -- Office of Land Quality

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SATURDAY, JUNE 28, 2:30 PM  
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Made possible with support from the Indianapolis Cultural Development Commission and RW Armstrong.



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**Orquesta Bravo!**



SATURDAY, JULY 26, 6 & 8 PM  
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2:30 PM  
**Shakespeare on the Canal  
 Merchant of Venice**



SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2:30 PM  
**Asante Children's Theater**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2:30 PM  
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