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Happy Halloween!?

Dear **Fiend**—Woops!—I mean, Dear Friend;

Ghouls, zombies and creepy crawlies!! It's all part of the fun associated with the fall festival we know as Halloween. However, for those poor unfortunates addicted to drugs, it's not a laughing matter. Drug addiction ultimately results in a mental and physical state resembling that of the stereotypical Hollywood zombie.

Can you imagine? Your mind controlled by the constant urge to seek out your next 'fix'? Your skin under attack by thousands of invisible insect invaders which you scratch and scratch until your skin is nothing but bleeding sores? Your teeth rotting out right before your eyes? The loss of your health, wealth and life?

This is no ghoulish make-believe, but a cruel reality you can help end by joining the Drug-Free Council in its efforts to reduce and prevent substance abuse in our communities.

Won't you please make that commitment right now?

Jackson County Drug-Free Council, Inc.

Board and Officers 2007

*Elections Held in
October and November*

**The Drug-Free Council is
pleased to announce its
Board and Officers for 2007**



2007 Officers

President, Brenda Turner
Polarity Counseling

Vice President, J. Eric Turner
Polarity Counseling

Secretary, Unfilled
We need a board member to step
forward and volunteer for this
most essential task.

Treasurer, Beth White
Jackson County Alcohol and
Drug Court Services

2007 Board Members

Mary Beavers Medora Schools

Roger Marling Indiana Excise Police

Andy Wayman Jackson County Sheriff's
Department

Chris McNeely Bloomington Meadows
Hospital

Carl Lamb Seymour Police Department

Gary Hess Concerned Citizen

Libby Roberts Concerned Citizen

Mark Williams Concerned Citizen

CONGRATULATIONS!!
and
THANK YOU!!
For Your Dedication and Service

WOMEN'S HEALTH FAIR



Saturday, October 28
Jackson Elementary School
Sponsored by
Schneck Medical Center

The Jackson County Drug-Free County Council, Inc. again participated in Schneck Medical Center's annual Women's Health Fair held Saturday, October 28th at the Jackson Elementary School Cafeteria in Seymour.

Council President, Brenda Turner and Board member, Myra Mellencamp were on hand at the Council's booth to greet visitors and distribute substance abuse informational materials. A special thanks goes out to Myra for braving the crowds for the entire fair.

The Council also distributed its awareness 'giveaways,' pens, hi-lighters, sticky notepads and its spongy 'brain shaped' stress relievers bearing our logo, web address, www.drugfreecouncil.org and the 'Drug Activity Tip Line' number—524-7442.

Unfortunately, attendance was down this year. However, crowds were still good and steady throughout most of the morning's activities. Several factors may have contributed to the decline in attendance this October. Due to daylight savings time and an overcast sky, it was still rather dark when 8:00 rolled around. The threat of morning rain and a scheduling conflict with the Senior's Fair were also contributing variables. It is hoped that next year we will not face as many obstacles, and the crowds will once again see the growth the Women's Health Fair has experienced in the past.



**Governor's Commission
for a
Drug Free Indiana
Hosts Regional
Council Conference**

Scottsburg, IN —
December 11, 2006

Over 50 people from Drug-Free Councils located throughout Southern Indiana convened at Jeeves and Company on the square in Scottsburg to network, share ideas and hear presentations pertinent to achieving the shared goal of reducing and preventing substance abuse in our communities.

Jackson County was represented by Brenda Turner, Council President, and Judy Smith, Media/Public Relations Committee member, along with the coalition director and Community Consultant, Lin Montgomery.

The day began with an 'icebreaker' exercise. Attendees were instructed to go on a 'scavenger hunt' to find members from other coalitions whose councils had achieved certain goals or activities indicative of a successful coalition.

After brief introductions of those present, Sonya Cleveland addressed the group on the topic, "Partners for a Drug Free America Media Opportunity."

Next, short presentations demonstrating 'best practices' by local

LCCs (Local Coordinating Council) were delivered. Topics included:

- "Federal Drug Free Communities Grant"
- "Lunch and Learn"
- "Web Site Development and PR"
- "Youth Programs"
- "Just Say No Club"

Following the 'Best Practices' presentations, Brad Campbell of "Arrive Alive" demonstrated his new product an inexpensive alcohol sensor designed to assist parents in monitoring alcohol consumption by their minor children. The device costs only \$15.00 and is available through his website www.arivealiveonline.com

The final presentation of the day was given by Mann Spitler, a parent who lost his teenaged daughter to a lethal dose of heroin.

His daughter's story is available online at www.mandasstory.com Spitler is a retired podiatrist that speaks before high school convocations and other venues to explain the threat of heroin addiction in the average, middle class home.

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PARTNER PROFILE



*Lin Montgomery—Community Consultant
Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana*

PARTNER PROFILE is new feature of our newsletter. Each quarter, we will offer information on one of our members or member organizations and their contributions to the mission of the Council to "Reduce and Prevent Substance Abuse in Jackson County.

This issue we will visit with Lin Montgomery, our Community consultant with the Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana, and former Director of our coalition.

The Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana, a division of the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, has contracted with Community Consultants to work throughout the 92 Indiana Counties, giving direction and technical assistance to the Local Coordinating Councils working on alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues in their communities.

Jackson County resident, Lin Montgomery, who has worked as a Community Consultant since 2002, has recently been assigned to Jackson and surrounding Counties. Lin has been active with the Jackson County Drug-Free Council since the early 90's as a volunteer, officer and previously as the Coordinator, replacing Brenda Turner. With her assignment of Jackson

County, Lin resigned that position.

Montgomery received her BS in Sociology from IUPUC while serving as Executive Director of the Big Brothers Big Sisters agency in Jackson, Scott and Washington Counties. She served that agency from 1988 – 1999 after which she accepted a grant-funded position with the Brownstown Central School Corp as Student Advocate, working with students and their families. At the end of the grant funded projects, Lin accepted the Community Consultant position with the Governor's Commission in the Southeast Region.

Montgomery has gained certification as a Prevention Professional, SASSI Assessor, and Conflict and Anger Management. Lin is also the youth representative from the SE Region, assigned to the Youth Subcommittee that works with the Governor's Point of Youth and conducts the Youth Summit, the Youth Legislative Day, and regional youth activities throughout the year.

Montgomery continues to be involved as a volunteer with several local agencies and her family.