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Looking to the future on Main Street

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As the Holiday season begins to wind down and we start looking towards the New Year I thought it would be a good time to write about an upcoming conference being held at the Vanity Theater that is 'looking towards our future.'

Frank Cicela, a resident of rural Montgomery County, is organizing the Indiana Energy Conference taking place 1-5 p.m. January 7, 14, 21 and 28 at the Vanity Theater in Crawfordsville

The conference will feature film screenings, DVD presentations by various knowledgeable speakers, discussion, live speakers, networking activities and opportunities to consider our culture's relationship with energy. Topics include: peak oil, utility bill reduction, transportation, sustainable living, agriculture, modern culture, human relationships to the land and community building among many other things.

Cicela's interest in energy began about two years ago when he read *The Last Hours of Ancient Sunlight* by Thom Hartman. He felt the book provided "profound insights with regard to human activity and the planet. The first half of the book provided details of what is happening globally on a variety of topics including: energy, resource depletion and ecology. The second half was inspiring and hope-

filled with ideas for understanding and healing the broken relationships between people and planet."

He was able to attend the Second U.S. Conference on Peak Oil and Community Solutions during September of 2005 and from this experience wanted to share what he had learned with his colleagues and community.


Admission to the conference is free. Two of several films being screened include *The*

End of Suburbia and *Kilowatt Ours*. Complete event details and descriptions of the sessions can be found by visiting www.indianaenergyconference.org on the web.

We are fortunate as a community to have such forward thinking citizens and to have local access to such relevant topics for our future.


The Vanity Theater is a member of Crawfordsville Main Street and is located at 122 South Washington Street.

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