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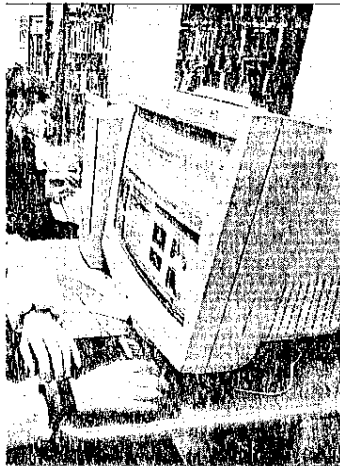
will be moved to a spot about a mile southwest of the Wabash & Erie Canal Conference and Interpretive Center. "It's connected by trails," McCain said. "You could

McCain said moving and refurbishing the bridge will be expensive, although he does not know an exact dollar amount. It may take about a year to complete the job.



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Red Cross is all about, Baughman said. Sandwiches, punch and dessert will be available for everyone. The meeting also is held to give the public the chance to address the board with any concerns they may have with the Red Cross. Joyce Bertram, who has been volunteering for the Red Cross for two to three years, says she will attend. "Most of what I do is to get the sandwiches and cookies out for the volunteers after they've given blood," she said. "I don't miss very many times." Gerlach hopes that the annual meeting may encourage more people to volunteer. "I'm 83 years old. I'm not always able to feel like I can do it," she said. "We need younger volunteers."

Worries fuel energy talks

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CRAWFORDSVILLE — The Indiana Energy Conference to be held here will be the first of its kind for West Central Indiana.

The conference, beginning Saturday and continuing each Saturday afternoon throughout the rest of the month, will look at an array of energy issues affecting the area.

"Each of the four meetings will be unique and look at energy from a different perspective," said Frank Cicela, organizer of the conference. He suggests that people review the conference's Web site to decide which sessions will best meet their interests if they can't attend all of them.

While some of the conference talks will be prerecorded, live speakers will be present at the Jan. 7 and Jan. 21 meetings. Some are local speakers and others will come from Indianapolis, Chicago, and Champaign, Ill.

Keni Washington, CEO of Earth-SOLAR Technologies Corporation in Indianapolis, a company that he founded, will speak Jan. 7 on renewable energy strategy. His company partners with the Purdue School of Engineering & Technology at IUPUI and is developing completely sustainable energy systems using solar power that would be effective in all climates.

"The Indiana Energy Conference promises to be an excellent event," Washington said. "Our future as a species may well depend on progressing beyond the use of fossil fuel as the primary fuel source."

If you go

Admission to the Indiana Energy Conference is free and open to the public. Donations are welcome. Participants are encouraged to register online at www.indianenergyconference.org. Registration is not necessary.

The conference will be held Jan. 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Vanity Theater, 122 South Washington Street in downtown Crawfordsville.

John Easton of Crawfordsville also will speak at the conference during the Jan. 21 meeting. Easton recently completed building a fuel processor to brew homemade biodiesel for the new diesel car he bought.

He plans to join two other speakers on the pros and cons of making your own fuel, which can be done for just 60 cents per gallon after start-up costs, according to Easton.

"I want to show that anybody can do this with a weekend's worth of time," he said.

The conference also will feature film screenings, DVD presentations by various speakers, discussion, networking activities and opportunities to consider modern day culture's relationship with energy.

"The purpose of gathering together is to discuss our experiences, share ideas, explore action, and build community," Cicela said.

CONFERENCE SPEAKERS: Energy challenges require new strategies, techniques

Keni Washington, who will speak at the first conference on Saturday, believes that the future of mankind depends on developing new fuel sources.

"This is not alarmist talk. All the signals around the globe from the Arctic, Antarctic, the Equator, the highest mountains, lowest coastal areas and in between, are flashing," Washington said.

Washington will talk about renewable energy strategy. "We believe that access to completely affordable energy is not a privilege of the wealthy but rather close to a human right," he said. "When energy becomes truly sustainable, it therefore by definition becomes available to everyone everywhere at a cost that is compatible with all cultures and lifestyles. We hope to help open up the

opportunity to remove it from political decision, central control and misuse."

One of the speakers on Jan. 21 will be Eric Lynch, technology manager for the Office of Technology Commercialization at Purdue Research Foundation, who will give a presentation on biomass gasification.

Jim Kirkhoff, product manager for Joyal in Fort Wayne, a division of Alliance Winding Equipment, who will speak on motor efficiency; John Easton, manager of new product development at Fairfield Manufacturing, will join University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign graduate students Cory Scanlon and Tim Richmond to give a presentation on biodiesel fuel.

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