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A roundup of notable quotes

"THAT LEADS us to believe that smaller events that don't suck up time and resources, like New Growth Arts Festival, and serve folks' interests and needs are better ways for us to go as an arts council."

Sandy Trimble, president of the Indiana Arts Council, which voted to suspend the New Growth festival this year and reconsider sponsoring it in 2008

"I THINK it should be done in a better manner, but it's an activity that a lot of people in Indiana look forward to having. A lot of artists (come) even from outside Indiana. If they have any other manner to develop such an activity, they should. If not, what are they going to do? It's a shame."

Kamal Youssef, an artist in Dayton, on the suspension of the New Growth Arts Festival

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"THE PURPOSE of White's Woods Nature Center is recreation, conservation and historical preservation. Selected timbering doesn't mesh with the purpose of the land."

Andy Davis, who spearheaded a hike in White's Woods by more than 50 community members opposed to a forest stewardship and management plan

"THAT'S PART of the plan. That's not the whole objective."

Dave Babyak, a local forester, who said removal of trees is a component of the forest stewardship and management plan but its primary goal is to protect and enhance the natural resources of the forest

"DO YOU think we're trying to ruin a forest for \$16,000 a year? It's a management program we're talking about."

Eugene Gemmell, a White Township supervisor, who said the township would receive about \$16,000 a year over a 10-year period from timber removed from White's Woods under the plan

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"THE COUNTY really has done one heck of a job in moving this project forward."

Dave Reed, Republican state representative from Indiana, at a groundbreaking ceremony for construction of a new \$25 million Indiana County Jail

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"WE RECOGNIZE an arrest is not going to bring him back, but closure is a magical thing."

Dennis Vaughn, a college friend of Blairsville dentist John Yelenic, during a vigil to mark the one-year anniversary of Yelenic's slaying, which remains unsolved