

**➔ TODAY'S VERSE**

1 Corinthians 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

**➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY**

People who call our community their own.



Amanda Ellenberger (who was one of The Paper's roving photographer's elementary teachers) smiled brightly at her former student. Thanks for the smile, and the many lessons!

**➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:**

**1** The Arts Federation (TAF) is currently seeking nominations for the 2022 Suzanne Stafford Memorial Award. This year's recipient will be honored during a virtual presentation at TAF's Annual Meeting on March 28 at 6 pm. The Stafford Award seeks to recognize individuals who are lifelong contributors to the arts and outstanding volunteers. The ideal recipient is an individual with either several outstanding volunteer contributions in one discipline or in multiple arts disciplines. Nominators must be a TAF member artist, representative from a member organization, or donor and should use the form online. The deadline to submit a nomination is February 28.

**2** According to AccuWeather Global Weather Center, those on the road should prep their vehicles with an emergency cold weather kit in case of breakdowns on the road. Homeowners are recommended to take extra care to avoid pipes bursting as temperatures drop and heating demands rise. Frigid conditions are on their way to the northeastern United States this week after a powerful cold front sweeps through the region. Daily temperature departures overall across the Upper Midwest are forecast to dip 10-20 degrees Fahrenheit below normal on Monday, and gusty winds will allow conditions to feel even colder.

**3** LaPorte County is the latest Indiana county to be designated as an official Broadband Ready Community. The Broadband Ready Communities Program was created as a tool to encourage broadband development throughout Indiana. The certification was approved by the Indiana Broadband Office following the La Porte County Commissioners adoption of a Broadband Ready Community ordinance. Via 2020 legislation, the Broadband Ready Community Program was transitioned from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) to the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA). IBO began the day-to-day management of the Broadband Ready Community Program on July 1, 2020. For more information, visit [in.gov/indianabroadband](http://in.gov/indianabroadband).

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### WEEK in REVIEW

Two weeks into February and we've gotten through our first big snow fall of the winter and we're stuck with six more weeks of winter (thanks Punxsutawney Phil). Even though we were snowed in at home, The Paper was still here to bring you the newest stories and updates. Here's a recap of some of the most memorable stories of this last week.

**NUCOR ANNOUNCED** today a \$290 million investment to expand the product capabilities of its Crawfordsville, Indiana steel sheet mill by adding a construction grade continuous galvanizing line and prepaint line. This investment will create 80 jobs and is expected to take two years to complete. The County has offered an incentive package that includes the construction of the Nucor Road overpass over US 136 and tax abatement for real and personal property.

**WINTER STORM** Landon, a 2000-mile-wide snowstorm predicted to dump more than a foot and a half of snow and ice across wide swaths of the United States, blew through Montgomery County last. While the storm failed to live up to the calamitous predictions made earlier in the week, it has still brought the county to a frozen halt. The National Weather Service (NWS) office in Crawfordsville officially recorded 12 inches of snowfall from the storm. This snowfall is now the new record snowfall by Feb. 4 in Crawfordsville.



Photo courtesy of Tom Klein

**Winter Storm Landon dumped 12 inches of snow on Montgomery County last week**

**INDIANA-BASED** agricultural cooperative Ceres Solutions has announced it will pursue an investment in United Prairie LLC, an agricultural supply business operating in Illinois. Due diligence has begun, with the ownership investment to be finalized by the end of the

summer.

**SENATOR MIKE** Braun (Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety), Senator Richard Burr (Ranking Member

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### Where Oh Where Can Elizabeth Be?

Well, I hate to admit this – I failed. I have lots of those situations, but it is extremely rare in the genealogical world. However, I'm with many others as no one seems to be able to find what happened to George and Catherine (Stonebraker) Fruits' daughter, Elizabeth. I do have a theory about her, though and know some things.

Elizabeth would have been born about 1808 in Butler County, Ohio before coming with her parents to Montgomery County. Here on the 9th day of December, 1830, she married William Krout, who was the son of Michael and Catherine

(more on them below) he being born (likely) in Campbell County, Kentucky about 1804 and passed away not quite three years after their marriage. Passing 8 November 1833, he is buried in Weir Cemetery, Ripley Township.

Blessings come in strange ways as William did get to enjoy his first born, Jacob (11 May 1831) and Elizabeth had just birthed their second child, Catherine (assume she was named for both William and Elizabeth's mothers) 22 September 1833. Now, granted, their first born was shy of nine months, but Catherine was born just right.



**KAREN ZACH**  
Around The County

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**➔ HONEST HOOSIER**

OK folks, be sure to get your special someone something nice for Valentine's Day – and for heaven's sake, shop local!



**➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Smoking does not relieve stress – it actually reinforces it. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at [www.thepaper24-7.com](http://www.thepaper24-7.com).



**➔ OBITUARIES**

**Chester C Leatherman**

The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **MARYL RYDER** of Crawfordsville for subscribing!



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**➔ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION**

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**➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE Churches! Listen up!**

The Paper is offering any Montgomery County church a free ad to let folks know what time services are, sermon topics . . . or really, anything they want – something that is especially valuable as we all try to get people together in places of worship so that we can begin to find some common ground that unites us, instead of focusing on what divides us? If you represent a church and would like a free ad each week in our Faith section, just e-mail [ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com](mailto:ttimmons@thepaper24-7.com).

**➔ TODAY'S QUOTE**

Young love is a flame; very pretty, often very hot and fierce, but still only light and flickering. The love of the older and disciplined heart is as coals, deep-burning, unquenchable.  
–Henry Ward Beecher

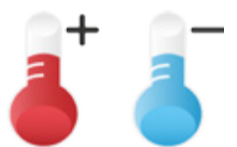
**➔ TODAY'S JOKE**

Why is Valentine's Day a skunk's favorite holiday?  
Because they're very scent-imental!

**The Daily Almanac**



**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 7:47 a.m.  
SET: 6:18 p.m.



**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 32 °F  
Low: 25 °F



**Wacky Holiday Today**  
• National Flannel Day  
• Umbrella Day  
• Teddy Day



**What Happened On This Day**

- 2009 Two satellites collide in space
- 1964 Bob Dylan's album "The Times They Are A-Changin'" is released



**Births On This Day**

- 1744 William Cornwallis English Admiral
- 1929 Jerry Goldsmith American composer, conductor

**Deaths On This Day**

- 1755 Montesquieu French philosopher
- 2005 Arthur Miller American playwright

**WTHR 13** 7 DAY FORECAST

34/43 RAIN, SNOW ENDS LATE	25/32 FLURRIES COLDER	22/46 BREEZY, RAIN TO SNOW LATE	21/28 FLURRIES, WIND FRESH	12/26 MOSTLY SUNNY	15/30 CHANCE OF SNOW	15/38 MOSTLY SUNNY
WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE





## OBITUARIES

### Chester C Leatherman

July 3, 1943 - Feb. 5, 2022

Chester (Chet) C Leatherman became an angel on Feb. 5, 2022 at 9:33 PM.

He was born on July 3, 1943, to Carl Leatherman and Loraine (Ball) Leatherman in Terre Haute, Ind.

He loved fishing, mushroom hunting, and hunting with bird dogs, and above all, shopping. Yes, a man that loved to shop! He graduated from Turkey Run High School. At Turkey Run he was known for being the top football player for his school. His family and friends have had many laughs about how he pinned an ape while enjoying a street circus. He enjoyed weight-lifting competitions at The Wright Weigh. He lived most of his adult life in Russellville, Ind.

He was the Russellville town marshal in his earlier years, he retired from RR Donnelley and Sons as a Press man after 30 years of service. He battled Alzheimer's for several years. He was a loving husband, dad, and grandpa. We love you Chet with all our hearts and will miss you always. May we meet again when God calls us home.

After 12 years of being together, he married his wife Shelly (Clare) Leatherman on Oct. 19, 2001. He has four children from a past marriage to Susan Cook; twins, Doug (Laura) Leatherman of Crawfordsville and Deborah (Tom) Carlson of South Carolina; sons, Greg (Susie) Leatherman of Indianapolis and Brent (Jessica) Leatherman of Avon. He was a great stepdad to Rebecca (Dave) Clouse of Crawfordsville and Janese (Jesse) Stevenson of Waveland. He has several grandchildren and step-grandchildren, including great-grandchildren. He is the oldest of five siblings, Karla (Ryszard) Panuszka, Connie (Larry) Davies, Shirley (John) Perry and Ed (Stephanie) Leatherman.

His parents preceded him in death.

Visitation is scheduled from 1-3 p.m. at the Russellville Community Church with services immediately following the visitation. Pastor Josef Lee will be officiating the services and burial.



## New Market Elementary 3rd Six Weeks Honor Roll

Kindergarten  
 Character Counts (Responsibility): Noah Fruits, Cole Boyd, Elijah Hester, 1st Grade

Character Counts (Responsibility): Charlotte Stull, Briley Malone, Addie Lindsay

High Honor Roll: Tyberius Anglin, Syllis Barnett, Alden Bray, Peyton Doss, Hudson McCandless, Audrey Porter, Amariah Pyle, Charlotte Stull, Lucille Fishero, Karleigh Johnson, Henry Jones, Elyse Langevin, Mallory Morphew-High, Nora Stetler, Oliver Vice, Derrick Ward, Vera Carrell, Eli Brown, Ace Charles, Sawyer Cohee, Sutton Cohee, Oliver Cook, Avelyn Gleason, Beckett Jones, Addie Lindsay, Henley Surface, Gage Van Dorn, Colton Watson

A/B Honor Roll: Levi Badillo, Cale Cunningham, Maxine Hartman, Reyna Hernandez, Liam Howard, Carley Meseraull, Brent Rector, Conner Sexton, Kaison Steiner, Zane Turner, Roran Alesi, Isla Beach, Audri Cohee, Briley Malone, Josh Rosenbaum, Nolan Rothrock, Jackson Surber, Paislie Barnes, Harmony Cheesman, Lux Highland, Stella Hughes, Sawyer O'Neal, Levi Rhodes, Katana Willhite  
 2nd Grade

Character Counts (Responsibility): Marlaina Halstead, Holly Priddy, Dot Cotten

High Honor Roll: Branch Blakley, Brogan Blakley, Noah Carr, Mackenzie Bullock, Baine Franklin, McCoy Gomez, Autumn Hunt, Stella Livingston, Quinn Badertscher, Koltan Collins, Dot Cotten, Cayson Hester, Hunter King, Toby Lacy, Maribelle Marine, David Mobley, Avalyn Simpson, Dylan Simpson, Evy Stephens, Libby Stull

A/B Honor Roll: Marlaina Halstead, Elizabeth Parker, Jackson Parrish, Isaiah Smith, Riley Thompson, Eli Van Dorn, Klaeton Caudill, Caden Clark, Alexis Howard, Alex Langevin, Julien Ogle, Coree Perez, Holly Priddy, Adelle Shannon, Cyrus Cooper, Paaije Guyton, McLaren Mason, Braxton Whitlow  
 3rd Grade

Character Counts (Responsibility): Anna Lindsey, Karsyn Charles, Hillary McCandless

High Honor Roll: August Ashment, Mila Barsotti, Ryan Gilliland, Jolene Kappel, Anna Lindsey, Elouise McGaughey and Sully Roark, Kaitlyn Burkhardt, Aaleeah Carrell, Karsyn Charles, Ruger Foster, Ryder Fruits, Zayden Gross, Aiyanna

Haslam, Thomas Fishero, Hillary McCandless

A/B Honor Roll: Abigail Badillo, William Boots, Jett Cummins, Tori Frazier, Joslynn Gray, Kinzie Price, Remy Stetler, Rayleigh Thomas and Addilynn Wood, Phoebe Buckler, Adalyn Caswell, Raylan Hester, Jason Lairson, Karter Maddock, Lainey Sheldon, River Eller, James Ethington, Adalyn Hood, Colby Kessler, Presley Sering, Charlie Moore, Corynne Morris, Rachel Reimondo, Logan Rosenbaum, Harrison Simmons, Angel Waddell  
 4th Grade

Character Counts (Responsibility): Kailyn Howard, Alexa Whitlow, Charles Maddock

High Honor Roll: Lea Gregg, Kailyn Howard, Ryder Kessler, Taylor Sering, Judah Smith, Kenzie Turner, Gunnar Williams, Grant Albertson, Brolin Burriss, Maddox Clark, Molly Cregger, Emily Needham, Marilyn Prado, Eli Endicott

A/B Honor Roll: Keiara Archer, Hudson Beach, Ailise Bradshaw, Abigail Brown, Harper Cornelius, Cole Fullenwider, Carter Harshbarger, Lorelei Hoskins, Ethan Langevin, Ryder Newkirk, Jagger Rector, David Rhodes, Andrea Allen, Maci Epps,

McKinzie Stoner, Abigail Thomas, Ayden Thomas, Alexa Whitlow, Delilah Amstutz, Gracie Brown, Boltzen Hagenow, Arabella Jackson, Carter Kessler, Emery Light, Tracy Long, Charles Maddock, Hadley McArthur, Oliver Pattengale, Hunter Tallman

5th Grade  
 Character Counts: (Responsibility) Clay Sering, Briellah Halstead, Brody Tolliver

High Honor Roll: Andrew Badertscher, Elijah Badillo, Hayleigh Boots, Chance Brock, Jamie Buckler, Kasen Bushong, Cassidy Dittmer, Hailey Douglas, Eli Hannum, Kirra Hopkins, Kai Lewin, Eliana Korhorn, Emily Mohan, Emma Plemons, Lanie Ramsey, Kember Redman, Clay Sering, Emily Simpson, Skyler Strickland, Jimmy Stumph, Jaron Swick, Danika Ward, Cheyenne Bachmann

A/B Honor Roll: Silas Lewis, Easton Phipps, Gabriel Becerril, Reese Bullock, Briellah Halstead, Jace Hart, Janice Hudson, Colton Kendrick, Paxton Moore, Austin Parrish, Bentley Chapman, Ryan Ebert, Ryannah Faulk, Jackson Halstead, Olivia Myers, Acelyn Starceovich, Emma Stephens, Brody Tolliver, Jayce Wagoner

## Letters

### Thank You For The Help

Thank you to everyone that worked during last week's snow storm. We had a heavy snowfall in the County that created many challenges for the snow plow drivers and emergency responders. The Central Communications Center and the Emergency Management Agency-Homeland Security

staff also played an important role in communicating with everyone that was working the snow storm and also with the public. We appreciate the team work displayed by everyone involved with the snow storm.

Tom Klein  
 Montgomery County Administrator

## State's Largest Safety And Health Conference Returning

Safety tactics, substance abuse, leadership and cybersecurity will be among the hot topics at the state's largest safety and health event. The 2022 Indiana Safety and Health Conference & Expo, which takes place February 28 - March 2, will feature more than 70 educational sessions to keep Hoosier workers safe on the job.

The three-day event is presented by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and Central Indiana Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals, in partnership with INSafe Indiana and the Coalition for Construction Safety. Gibson is the lead conference sponsor.

"We're always thrilled to host this largescale event and it will be fun to meet new attendees and see those friendly faces who attend annually," relays Kerri Begley, vice president of business education and events for the

Indiana Chamber. "We have an esteemed group of speakers tackling many topics and conferencegoers will leave with much more knowledge in their arsenals."

The conference's two keynote speakers are Manley Feinberg II of Vertical Lessons, Inc. and retired FBI Special Agent John Iannarelli, also known as "FBI John," who will speak on cybersecurity.

Through Feinberg's address, "Reaching Your Next Summit," attendees will gain tools they can use immediately to develop a leadership mindset that equips them and team members to step up and lead, regardless of their title.

New this year is the Forklift Rodeo, hosted by ASSP Central Indiana Chapter and the Indiana Chamber, along with ProLift Toyota Material Handling. Forklift

operators will showcase their driving abilities in an obstacle course March 1 and complete challenges as quickly and efficiently as possible. (All forklift rodeo participants must be certified to operate a lift.) Forklift operators will be scored individually and a grand prize of \$250 will be awarded along with a trophy and bragging rights as the 2022 Indiana Forklift Rodeo Champion.

On day three of the conference, the 2022 Governor's Workplace Safety Awards (GWSA) will be presented during the lunch hour.

Visit [www.insafetyconf.com](http://www.insafetyconf.com) or call (317) 264-6885 to register to attend or for more information. Registration options and costs can be viewed at [www.insafetyconf.com/registration](http://www.insafetyconf.com/registration).

A virtual option is available for those who cannot attend in person. The educational sessions,

both general sessions and GWSA luncheon recordings, will be available to view from March 8 until June 1. Of note: Virtual attendees will not have access to sessions during the live conference Feb. 28 - March 1. Some educational sessions will not be provided on-demand at the request of the speaker.

Additional 2022 Indiana Safety & Health Conference sponsors include: platinum sponsors Indiana Safety & Supply and ClearPath Mutual; gold sponsors Board of Certified Safety Professionals and Martin Supply; and silver sponsors: Advanced Rescue Solutions, Healthy Roster, Honeywell PPE, Intelix, iReportSource Safety Management Software, KHA Online-SDS™, KPA, OraSure Technologies, Peak Performance, Safety Management Group, Sentinel Safety Group and Work Comp Management Services.

Thanks for reading The Paper!



# Hoosiers With Disabilities Can Save More And Experience Lower Fees

Because of recent changes to existing law, Hoosiers with disabilities are now able to save even more under the state's INvestABLE Indiana program.

Beginning January 1, 2022, the annual contribution limit for ABLE accounts increased from \$15,000 to \$16,000. This increase of over 6% will allow savers to deposit even more into their accounts and experience lower fees. The contribution limit is tied to the annual gift tax exclusion limit, which saw an in-

crease this year.

ABLE plans have been making headlines across the country, too. The National ABLE Alliance, of which Indiana is a proud member, recently crossed a significant threshold, exceeding \$250 million in program assets. That automatically reduced the Program Management Fee from 30 basis points (0.30%) to 28 basis points (0.28%), bringing further savings to the program and Hoosiers.



"I'm thrilled to announce that INvestABLE Indiana account owners can now not only contribute more annually toward their savings goals but also experience lower fees," said Amy Corbin, Executive Director of the ABLE Authority. "The lowering of fees comes

as a direct result of more individuals enrolling in ABLE and saving for their or their loved one's future. As INvestABLE Indiana continues to grow, it is heartening to see more individuals with disabilities achieving increased financial independence and economic empower-

ment."

INvestABLE Indiana offers seven investment options, including a checking account option with a debit card. Up to \$16,000 per year can be saved in an account, with a maximum account balance of \$450,000. For individuals receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI), they can save up to \$100,000 in their INvestABLE Indiana account and not risk losing their monthly SSI benefit. Money can be withdrawn

and spent on qualified expenses or INvestABLE Indiana account holders can choose to grow their finances and create long-term savings with tax-free earnings. Contributions and earnings in INvestABLE Indiana accounts are not subject to federal or state income tax if spent on qualified expenses. Contributions are made with post-tax dollars.

More information about INvestABLE Indiana, including how to open an account, can be found at <https://in.savewithable.com>.

# BBB Warning: Watch out for romance scams this Valentine's Day

Online dating and social media have made it easier than ever to meet new people and find dates. Unfortunately, it has made scammers' work simpler, too. Con artists create compelling backstories, and full-fledged identities, then trick you into falling for someone who doesn't even exist. This form of deception is known as "catfishing."

Sometimes a catfisher is simply a lonely person hiding behind a fake persona. But often it is the first step in a phishing scheme to steal personal information or a romance scam to trick you out of money. In some cases, victims have been tricked into moving illegal money from other scams ("money mule"), which is potentially a crime.

Behind many dating profiles lurk scammers who are ready to dupe users into believing they have found love. According to the 2020 Risk Report, those who fell victim to Romance Scams were

adults age 55 - 64 years old, the majority of those scammed being women.

Read more in "Online Romance Scams: A BBB Study on How Scammers Use Impersonation, Blackmail, and Trickery to Steal From Unsuspecting Daters."

How the Scam Works: Most romance scams start with fake profiles on online dating sites created by stealing photos and text from real accounts or elsewhere. Scammers often claim to be in the military or working overseas to explain why they can't meet you in person. Over a short period of time, the scammer builds a fake relationship with you, exchanging photos and romantic messages, even talking on the phone or through a webcam.

Just when the relationship seems to be getting serious, your new sweetheart has a health issue or family emergency, or wants to plan a visit. No matter the story, the



request is the same: they need money. But after you send money, there's another request, and then another. Or the scammer stops communicating altogether.

Tips to Spot This Scam:

- Too hot to be true. Scammers offer up good-looking photos and tales of financial success. Be honest with yourself about who would be genuinely interested. If they seem "too perfect," your alarm bells should ring.
- In a hurry to get off the site. Catfishers will try very quickly to get you to move to communicating

through email, messenger, or phone.

- Moving fast. A catfisher will begin speaking of a future together and tell you they love you quickly. They often say they've never felt this way before.

- Talk about trust. Catfishers will start manipulating you with talk about trust and how important it is. This will often be a first step to asking you for money.

- Don't want to meet. Be wary of someone who always has an excuse to postpone meeting because they say they are traveling or live overseas or are in the military.

- Suspect language. If the person you are communicating with claims to be from your home town but has poor spelling or grammar, uses overly flowery language, or uses phrases that don't make sense, that's a red flag.

- Hard luck stories. Before moving on to asking you for money, the scam-

mer may hint at financial troubles like heat being cut off or a stolen car or a sick relative, or they may share a sad story from their past (death of parents or spouse, etc.).

Protect Yourself From this Scam:

- Never send money or personal information that can be used for identity theft to someone you've never met in person.

Never give someone your credit card information to book a ticket to visit you. Cut off contact if someone starts asking you for information like credit card, bank, or government ID numbers.

- Ask specific questions about details given in a profile. A scammer may stumble over remembering details or making a story fit.

- Do your research. Many scammers steal photos from the web to use in their profiles. You can do a reverse image lookup using a website like [tineye.com](https://www.tineye.com) or [images.google.com](https://www.images.google.com) to see if the photos on a profile are stolen from somewhere else. You can also search online for a profile name, email, or phone number to see what adds up and what doesn't.

To report a scam, go to BBB Scam Tracker.

To learn how to protect yourself, go to "10 Steps to Avoid Scams".

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**Meeting Notes**

**Board of Works and Public Safety Meeting**

The City of Crawfordsville Indiana  
February 9, 2022 at 10:00 AM  
City Building 300 E Pike St Crawfordsville, IN 47933  
I. Approval of the minutes from February 2, 2022.  
II. Approval of the

claims for the week of February 7, 2022  
III. Old Business  
A. Discussion of the bids received for Vehicular & Pedestrian Wayfinding Signage Project  
IV. New Business  
A. Tom Klein requesting to place a directional sign for the new Government Center in the right away on 100 west  
B. A request from the home owner at 410 E.

College to place a dumpster on the sidewalk on Thursday for one day  
C. Jon Anderson requesting to place a dumpster behind the Ben Hur building for approximately 2 months beginning asap - they will contact surrounding businesses and the bank will still have access  
V. Miscellaneous  
VI. Department Heads  
VII. Adjournment

**Meeting Notes**

**Crawfordsville Community School Corporation**

Board of Education - Regular Meeting  
Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.  
Crawfordsville Middle School, 705 Wallace Avenue  
Crawfordsville, Indiana  
AGENDA  
I. Roll Call  
II. CHARACTER COUNTS!SM Corporation - Pillar of Citizenship  
III. Pledge of Allegiance  
IV. Spotlight on Excellence

V. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes, Board of Finance Minutes, Construction  
Accounts Payable Voucher, Payroll Claims Vouchers, Register of Accounts Payable Voucher and Surplus Items  
VI. Building Principal Report - Jennifer Hall, Preschool Director, Willson Elementary  
VII. Old Business  
VIII. New Business  
a. Consider 2023-24 Calendar  
b. Consider Agreement to Purchase Real Estate - John Beard  
c. Consider COVID-19 Mask Policy

IX. Personnel  
a. Consider Resignation of Brooklynn Alley - Teachers Aide at Hose  
b. Consider Resignation of Misty Browning - Teachers Aide at Hose  
c. Consider Resignation of Shawnda Cornelius - Teachers Assistant at CMS  
d. Consider Resignation of Karen Jurkowski - School Nurse at Willson  
X. Assistant Superintendent Report  
XI. Superintendent Report  
XII. Other  
XIII. Board Members Communication  
XIV. Patron Comments  
XV. Adjournment

**AAA Vacation Expo Returns To JW Marriott February 12**

Following a hiatus in 2021, AAA is excited about the return of their signature event the 2022 AAA Vacation Expo. The annual event will take place Saturday, February 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the JW Marriott in downtown Indianapolis. Visitors will be able to plan a single-day road trip, a weekend getaway, a cruise tour, or all-inclusive travel package during the 2022 AAA Vacation Expo.

The AAA Vacation Expo, a free event open to AAA members and non-members alike, provides attendees with access to multiple exhibitors, including representatives from the world's best-known and top-rated cruise lines, tour companies, hotels, and attractions.

"Whether your travel dreams take you around the world or a short car ride away from home, the 2022 AAA Vacation Expo is the place to explore and plan any vacation for this year, next year, or beyond," said Gary Burkart, senior vice president of marketing for AAA Hoosier Motor Club. "This year attendees will have the chance to learn

about our new AAA Adventure & Mystery Travel offerings as well as the opportunity to take advantage of outstanding show-only specials with savings on vacations, shipboard credits, extra amenities and more."

Highly-trained travel agents will be on-hand to provide professional advice and book trips while saving would-be travelers both time and money.

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**WEEK** From Page A1

of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions) and Representative Virginia Foxx (Ranking Member of the House Committee on Education and Labor) and Representative Fred Keller (Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Workforce Protections) sent a letter to Department of Labor Secretary Marty Walsh calling for “robust public engagement” before proposing any new overtime pay requirements, which the Department of Labor has stated it intends to issue in April 2022.

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**CARESOURCE**, A nationally recognized nonprofit health plan, announced the CareSource Foundation has completed the last round of 2021 funding in Indiana for a total of \$672,900 to organizations focused on improving health outcomes for Hoosiers. The CareSource Foundation awarded a total of \$3.9 million to 106 nonprofit organizations across the country.

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**THE INDIANA** House of Representatives recently advanced a bill supported by State Rep. Sharon Negele (R-Attica) to protect pregnant Hoosier women and their unborn children from coerced abortions. Under House Bill 1217, it would be a felony in Indiana to coerce a woman into having an abortion. The bill also holds abortion clinics accountable for failing to report coercion to law enforcement. If passed into law, Indiana would join 18 other states that provide protections to women and babies from coerced abortions.

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**IVY TECH** Community College Lafayette has introduced a new horticulture class. The course is currently open for registrations. The eight-week course begins March 23.

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**CONGRESSMAN JIM Baird** (IN-04) introduced the VA Same-Day Scheduling Act to ensure Veterans get the timely attention and treatment that they deserve when

contacting the VA. “Veterans and service members make tremendous personal sacrifices to defend our great nation, and our appreciation for their service shouldn’t end when they complete active duty,” said Congressman Jim Baird. “As a fellow Veteran, I know firsthand how difficult it can be to receive timely medical care and secure medical appointments. Reports that the VA is not prioritizing our Veterans’ time as they should is not only unacceptable, but in serious cases, can have a profound impact on our Veterans’ health. Our Veterans have sacrificed so much in service to our great nation; it’s time that the service they receive at the VA better reflect this country’s gratitude.”

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**THE AMERICAN** Lung Association’s 20th annual “State of Tobacco Control” report finds that Indiana had mostly failing grades on passing policies to reduce and prevent tobacco use, including e-cigarettes. The “State of Tobacco

Control” report evaluates state and federal policy-makers on actions taken to eliminate tobacco use, the nation’s leading cause of preventable death. The report also recommends proven-effective tobacco control laws and policies to save lives. Here in Indiana in the last 20 years, lawmakers have made significant strides to reduce tobacco use, like the decline in smoking rate from 2003 to 2020, however, there is more work to be done. The adult smoking rate is still 19.4%, and the high school tobacco use rate is 22.9%.

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**THE SONGWRITERS’** Association of Mid-north Indiana (SAMI) is accepting applications for the 2022 Shirley Martin Scholarship for young songwriters, in addition to the Mike Lane Horizon Award. The scholarship and awards are for songwriters aged 14 to 19, who live in any of these Indiana counties: Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Howard, Jasper, Montgomery, New-

ton, Pulaski, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Warren, or White and are permanent residents of Indiana.

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**ENTRY FORMS** are now available for anyone interested in participating in the Strawberry Festival Queen Program or the Jr. Royalty Program. The queen program is open to any high school girl in grades 9-12 and the Jr. Royalty contest is open for boys and girls ages 6-10. All contestants must reside or attend school full time in Montgomery County. Entry forms are now available by sending a request to sfestqueen@gmail.com. This year’s program will be held on April 16th. The program is a scholarship program with the queen and court receiving scholarship money. The queen and her court, along with the Jr. Royalty winners will reign over the annual Strawberry Festival, which is slated for June 10-12.

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**THE INDIANA** Family and Social Services Administra-

tion announced that it is accepting applications for a second round of Build, Learn, Grow Stabilization Grants, intended to support child care, early care and education and out-of-school time programs that have faced increased costs and challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds awarded in this round will cover five months of providers’ operating expenses, allowing them to stabilize their operations and invest in their businesses to build capacity for the future.

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**ATTORNEY GENERAL** Todd Rokita today filed a lawsuit with 26 other states and a federal agency against Safeguard Metals, a business that schemed to trick elderly victims into investing in wildly overvalued precious metals. At least 16 Indiana residents invested a total of more than \$860,000 into silver coins and other products offered by Safeguard Metals. Nationally, at least 450 investors paid more than \$68 million to the company.

**KAREN** From Page A1

were easy to fall into, diseases around, and just so many things, that imagine it was some such – not old age, for sure. Anyway, I really feel that she passed from one of the items above as well not too long after her child was born, maybe even having women problems thereafter. She has an entry on findagrave in Weir cemetery (as does William neither with stones so no picture today and I have no thought he’s not there) but no information other than she is said to be buried there, as well.

The Krout family has so many fabulous stories. William was the eighth and last child of Michael, who was born in 1755 in Orangeburg County, SC and was in the War of 1812. He and his wife Catherine moved from Campbell County, Kentucky to Montgom-

ery County where he passed away 15 March 1830, Catherine May 1854 and both are buried in the Weir Cemetery with their son, William. Michael was the son of Jacob (born in Saxony, Germany and was a well-educated cotton/indigo plantation owner who died in the Battle of Brier Creek when a Continental Soldier (3 March 1779). His beautiful home was destroyed and his wife, Catherine took their children and the family bible to a nearby swamp and hid-out until all was clear. Inside the bible it had Kroutwell, which was likely the original family name in Germany. After hiding away, Catherine took her family to Campbell County, Kentucky. At adulthood, Michael purchased 62 acres of land basically where Covington, Ken-

tucky is now. His War of 1812 duty was fairly short, serving from May 14th to July 9, 1814. Local writer, Mary Hannah Krout did much research on this family, noting her grandfather Jacob Krout son of Michael and Catherine ran a river boat ferry from Covington, Kentucky to Cincinnati then decided to head our way.

Krout descendants I have known (Mabel Weir Grimes, Harold and Ruth McCormick and Archie and Alberta Krout) had great interest in their family history and well they should – fascinating family!

Young Catherine was said to have been raised by her aunt, Margaret Fruits Patterson, her mother’s sister and her brother, Jacob by Alexander and Margaret Krout Weir, her father’s

sister. I saw no guardianship for Jacob but Catherine’s uncle Jacob Krout was her guardian and after Catherine’s marriage to William Philpott when she wasn’t yet 16, the guardianship was wrapped-up with the Philpott’s receiving \$100 from the “monies, rents, and profits in hand assessed at the settlement of her father’s estate.” William Philpott and Catherine were married close to 35 years before his passing and were parents of four children, Maryetta, Rachel, Elliot Manson and Albert Philpott. After her husband’s death she married Samuel Blakley who passed away 20 years before her passing which was an odd one. She had attended her granddaughter, Ada Lowe Myers husband’s (Deward Myers) funeral and at the burial, she,

herself just fell over dead. In the only small obituary I found it does not say if she has a brother. Now, that would have helped the situation a great deal.

Catherine’s brother, Jacob married Harriet Reeder (Dec 1851) or at least I think so, although some have a different Jacob married to her. My first thought was that he may have died young since I did not find him in the Guardian dockets and that may be true but fairly certain he was in Ripley Township in July 1863 and middle initial was F. and believe he died 8 March 1895 with a tiny obituary saying he had been sick, was well liked and passed away. If this is the correct Jacob (please let me know if not) then they had six daughters and two sons (Elizabeth, Rosetta, Alice

Margaret, Mary, Laura, Rebecca, John and Abijah. In the 1860s, they lived in Gallatin, Missouri for a time where some of their children were born. Do believe they were divorced (Harriet married David Fruits – ahhh, keep it in the family) in Howard Co in 1880 and they returned to Clinton County.

Certainly, Jacob remains somewhat of a mystery and his mother a definite one – where oh where could you have gone to Elizabeth Fruits Krout?

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