

**➔ TODAY'S VERSE**

Proverbs 1:7 *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

**➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY**

People who call our community their own.



Employees at Crawfordsville Teacher's Credit Union smile for our photographer. (Front row - Rachael, Cindy, Lacey. Back row - Brittany, Sydnee, Robby, Mike) Thanks for the smiles!

**➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:**

**1** Jay Ohrberg won the Guinness record for the world's longest car in 1986. The auto was originally 60 feet in length but, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC], Ohrberg, whose business was customizing automobiles, decided to extend it to 100 feet long. The super-limousine hadn't been seen in quite a while until another car buff, Michael Manning of Nassau County, NY, found it recently, apparently abandoned and in disrepair. "I first found the car at an auto-body show in New Jersey and it was garbage. It was covered in graffiti, the windows were broken, the tires were flat, but I fell in love with it anyway." Manning decided to rebuild it and the folks at Guinness, once again, declared it to be the world's longest car. If you're wondering how you find a parking space for an auto that long, don't worry; Manning has put it on display at the Dezerland Park Car Museum in Orlando, FL.

**2** It's no secret the NBA has dealt with some high-profile incidents of bad behavior, but some teams are guiltier than others. NBA fans across the country were surveyed to find out which fanbases, players, and coaches are the most notorious in the league for unruly behavior. The Indianapolis Pacers ranked #16 for worst behaved NBA fans. Although many still remember things getting physical at Malice at the Palace back in 2004, the study revealed that nowadays, Pacers fans have a reputation for using foul language towards the players.

**3** 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, Newton, Pulaski, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Warren, or White and are permanent residents of Indiana. For additional information about SAMI or to apply online, go to [www.sami-song.com](http://www.sami-song.com).

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### Wabash College's Jack Heldt Wins Elite 90™ Award For NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships

Jack Heldt, a junior at Wabash College, is the recipient of the Elite 90 award for the 2022 NCAA Division III Wrestling Championships. Heldt, a biology and rhetoric double major from Carmel, Indiana, currently carries a 4.0 GPA. He was presented with the award during the wrestling awards presentation Saturday evening in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The Elite 90, an award founded by the NCAA, recognizes the true essence of the student-athlete by honoring the individual who has reached the

pinnacle of competition at the national championship level in his or her sport, while also achieving the highest academic standard among his or her peers. The Elite 90 is presented to the student-athlete with the highest cumulative grade-point average participating at the finals site for each of the NCAA's championships. Eligible student-athletes are sophomores or above academically who have participated in a sport for at least two years with their school. All ties are broken by the number of credits



Jack Heldt

completed. For more information on the Elite 90 award winners, log on to <https://www.ncaa.com/elite-90>.

### Set Your Emergency Plan Now During Severe Weather Preparedness Week

Three months into 2022 and Indiana has already seen the effects of extreme weather. The Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) is encouraging you and your family to set up a plan now as the state recognizes Severe Weather Preparedness Week. Governor Eric J. Holcomb proclaims March 13-19 as Severe Weather Preparedness Week. IDHS has the tools you need to get your emergency plan together or to update your current plan. Follow agency social media pages beginning Sunday as well as visit [GetPrepared.in.gov](http://GetPrepared.in.gov). These tips and tricks will help keep you safe during any storm. "Currently, we have areas of

Indiana experiencing flooding. It's a common problem for much of our state this time of year. But just because it's common, it doesn't mean you shouldn't prepare for potential flood waters," said Mary Moran, IDHS director of emergency management and preparedness. "Homeowners need to know their resources, plans and have emergency kits on hand." Drivers likely have heard the phrase, Turn Around Don't Drown. It is an important phrase to keep in mind this time of year. A car can float in two feet of water and just two inches can move a car off the road. If you see standing water, take a route to avoid it. Don't test your luck.

As part of Severe Weather Preparedness Week, a statewide tornado drill is planned for 10:15 a.m. EDT/9:15 a.m. CDT on Tuesday, March 15. This is an opportunity for families, schools and businesses to practice severe weather emergency plans. Make sure your family, including children, know what to do and where to go. Emergency sirens will sound, but residents should not be startled by this test siren. This drill will be postponed to March 16 if weather conditions are not ideal on March 15. To learn more about preparing for severe weather, visit [GetPrepared.in.gov](http://GetPrepared.in.gov) or follow IDHS on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

### Fruits Saga – Yep, Another George Or Lucky #7

George, one of the most popular names in the Fruits family brings us the third in a row (George, born 1736 in Germany died Brookville, Franklin County, Indiana in Sept 1811 – he is two of our grandsons' direct) #2 John "George" Fruits 1763-1876, the one dubbed Alamo George and Alamo George and wife, Catherine Stonebraker's son, George Fruits, the III, our subject today in the Fruits Saga. This George was born July



Photo courtesy of Karen Zach



**KAREN ZACH**  
Around The County

**George Fruits**  
21, 1822. Do want to give you a warning when researching this family, especially on Ancestry. So many mistakes. For instance, one census has Alamo George listed as Sary George and a huge batch of family trees have Sary as his first name. That came from one census, and granted the writing was

sloppy and Alamo George's name looks like Sary but checking the census itself vs. the index, it is definitely Sr George as George III and family is with Alamo George and Catherine and is listed as Jr George. Another mistake on many of the family trees has George III, born in Crawfordsville and I don't think any of them were born in Crawfordsville although several were born in Montgomery County. So, be careful and do your own research, double checking all the way. George the III was born in

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**➔ HONEST HOOSIER**

Happy St. Patrick's Day – and an Irish blessing on you all – and a special birthday wish to Indiana Hall of Famer Barry Lewis!



**➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

If you sit a lot at work, take walking breaks as often as you can to help keep your weight in check. 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**

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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**

"May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, The rains fall soft upon your fields, And, until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand."  
An Irish blessing

**➔ TODAY'S JOKE**

Where can you always, without fail, find a shamrock? In the dictionary! And that wraps up our St. Paddy's Day jokes for this year. Did we have you Dublin over with laughter?



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**WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST**

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**The Daily Almanac**



**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 7:55 a.m.  
SET: 7:56 p.m.



**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 75 °F  
Low: 46 °F



**Wacky Holiday Today**  
• St. Patrick's Day  
• Corned Beef and Cabbage Day  
• Oranges and Lemons Day



**What Happened On This Day**  
• 1941 The National Gallery of Art opens in Washington, D.C.  
• 1992 Apartheid in South Africa comes to an end



**Births On This Day**  
• 1919 Nat King Cole American singer, pianist, television host  
• 1948 William Gibson American/Canadian author

**Deaths On This Day**  
• 460 Saint Patrick Irish missionary, bishop  
• 2006 Oleg Cassini French/American fashion designer



## OBITUARIES

### Barbara Ellen Davidson

Feb. 14, 1932 - March 15, 2022

Barbara Ellen Davidson, 90, passed away on March 15, 2022 in Venice, Fla.

She was born Feb. 14, 1932 to Jewell L. and Mary E. (Lame) Jeffries.

Mrs. Davidson graduated from Ladoga High School. On March 25, 1950, she married Laverne Davidson. The couple and their four boys made homes in Indiana (Advance, North Salem, Ladoga and New Market) and Bartlesville, Okla.

After their sons went out on their own, Mrs. Davidson and her husband became interested in mission work. As a result, they met Illiana Giron, a 14 year old girl with big dreams. The couple invited Ms. Giron to their home in New Market. She became a nurse, married John and had three daughters and one son that the Davidsons loved just as much as their own family.

Barbara is survived by a brother, Phillip Jeffries, of Ladoga; sisters Betty Brennan of Lebanon, Ind. and Rebecca Jeffries of San Diego, Calif.; sons Randy (Debi), Denny (Judy), Jeff (Kathy) and Malcom (Jan); grandchildren Katie, Jeffrey, Chad, Adrienne, Nathan, Anthony, Andrew, Ryan, Aaron and Ethan; and ten great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her brothers James, Harvey, Robert, Ralph and Jerry.

Funeral services are scheduled to be held at 2 p.m. on Sun., March 20 at Hunt & Son Funeral Home with Tom Jeffries officiating. Visitation is scheduled for one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow at Roachdale Cemetery, Roachdale, Ind.

Online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.huntandson.com](http://www.huntandson.com).



Dr. Lisa A. Flores

## PDSS Returns to in-Person Events March 21 with Dr. Lisa A. Flores

The President's Distinguished Speaker Series (PDSS) at Wabash College is pleased to present Dr. Lisa A. Flores at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 21, in the Salter Concert Hall in the Fine Arts Center.

The presentation, "Toward a More Equitable, Inclusive, and Diverse Institution: Our Everyday Work," is open to the public. Tickets are free and can be reserved through the Fine Arts Center Box Office.

Flores is a professor in the department of communication and associate dean for diversity, equity, and inclusion in the College of Media, Communication, and Information at the University of Colorado.

Her research and teaching interests lie in rhetoric, critical race studies, and gender/queer studies. Flores' current work explores the spatio-temporalities of rhetorical race making, asking how we consider the simultaneity of mobility, containment, space, and temporality.

Flores is the recipient of numerous awards, including three book prizes for "Deportable and Disposable: Public Rhetoric and the Making

of Mexican 'Illegality,'" (Penn State UP, 2020), the Douglas W. Ehninger Distinguished Rhetorical Scholar Award and the inaugural IDEA Award from the National Communication Association. Her new project, "Static Mobilities: Race, Gender, Sexuality and Containment," examines what it means to think race at the intersections of mobility and stoppage.

An advocate of service, Flores is co-chair of the CU Boulder IDEA Council, past president of the Western States Communication Association and the Organization for Research on Women and Communication, and a current member of both the Board of Directors of the Rhetoric Society of America and the Executive Committee of the National Communication Association.

The President's Distinguished Speaker Series was established in 2017 through the generosity of donors to the Giant Steps Campaign, the largest comprehensive campaign in Wabash College history.

In keeping with the College's COVID-19 mitigation strategies, face masks are required during the event.

## Crawfordsville Campground Now A KOA Journey

The Crawfordsville KOA has recently become a KOA Journey, one of three descriptive brands created to help campers select the right campground for their camping needs.

At Crawfordsville KOA Journey, pets will agree this is the place to be. Pets receive free treats at check-in, and the animal-loving staff offers a pet-walking service. Even if you don't bring a furry pal, you'll enjoy relaxing at your campsite in the peaceful country setting surrounded by trees and a kaleidoscope of flowers.

KOA Journey campgrounds are conveniently located near the high-

ways and byways of North America and are waiting for campers after a long day on the road. KOA Journeys offer long Pull-thru RV Sites that help make setup fast and easy, have well-lit after-hours check-in service, and offer a robust line of RV supplies.

The Crawfordsville KOA Journey offers multiple ways to stay, including long, shady Pull-Thru RV Sites and Camping Cabins. Amenities include a pool, game room, playground, and enclosed pavilion. You'll find canoe rentals, hiking trails, horseback riding and lovely state parks nearby.

The Crawfordsville

KOA Journey is one of more than 525 open-to-the-public KOA campgrounds in the Campgrounds of America system in the U.S. and Canada. Other brands in the KOA Family of Campgrounds include KOA Holidays, which serve as great base camps with lots of activities; and KOA Resorts, which include an abundance of activities led by dedicated recreation staff, on-site food service, group meeting space and more.

Located at 1600 Lafayette Road in Crawfordsville, the Crawfordsville KOA Journey received the 2022 KOA Founder's and President's award for achieving world-class

scores and meeting exceptional quality standards. It is open all year.

For more information, including any changes to operating procedures and available amenities in light of COVID-19, please visit [www.koa.com](http://www.koa.com) or call 765-230-0965. Reservations are available by going online, using the KOA App, or by calling 800-562-4191.

Kampgrounds of America is celebrating its 60th Anniversary in 2022. KOA, the world's largest network of family-friendly campgrounds, was born on the banks of the Yellowstone River in Billings, Montana in 1962

## Youth As Resources Gives Grants

In 2021 Youth as Resources (YAR) made grants to groups such as North Montgomery High School's Bowling Team and North Montgomery High School's FFA to make blankets for children at Riley Hospital and Ronald McDonald house. North Montgomery FFA also included other student-led groups at the High School to help make these blankets.

YAR holds fundraisers throughout the year to fund these grants. However, with COVID those fundraisers have been on pause. But we are looking



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forward to starting those up again soon. All of the money raised from these fundraisers are placed in the Youth as Resources grant pool and given out to local youth groups and organizations in need of

financial assistance with their youth-led service projects.

Youth, youth groups, and organizations that have youth-led projects are eligible to apply for YAR funds and support. Grants

range from \$25 to \$500. Approved projects must be youth-authored and youth-led, involve both youth and adults, impact the community in an important way, provide maximum services for a minimum cost, and teach youth both the long and short term value to the community.

If you would like more information on joining the Youth as Resources, or if you would like more information on how your group can apply for a YAR grant, please contact Cameron Cole at (765)362-0694 ext 114 or [cameron@mcysb.org](mailto:cameron@mcysb.org).

## The Middle Ages



RIX QUINN  
Quinn Summary

I've been reading old articles we've had around the house since the 1980s.

I keep a file folder near my desk that holds newspaper and magazine clippings. Some days I read about things that happened last year. Sometimes I read about inventions from 1975.

Yesterday I read about the Middle Ages (not mine, but the world's). Those folks suffered nearly 1,000 years...and those were the rich ones.

What if you had no alarm clock? What if you had no toothbrush? What if you had no tooth?

How tough was it? Well, rich people owned the land, lived in a castle, and could afford to bathe once

a year.

Peasants farmed that land, and lived in houses made of wood, straw, and clay. Those dwellings had no windows, dirt floors...and sometimes farm animals slept inside. (That meant their wooden TVs had to remain at high volume.)

These people worked long hours, between sunrise and sunset. They had no wristwatches. Sundials were too heavy to keep in a pocket.

Many remedies were herbal. They were passed down from one generation to the next, mostly by conversation. (These were the first oral medications.)

Consequently, there were very few old people, because anybody over 30 with three or four teeth and most of his fingers was considered a geezer.

And nearly everybody had superstitions. Many believed in witches, and their ability to transform into werewolves at night. This made parties extremely risky, and curfew a lifesaver.

- Got a question to ask Rix? E-mail him at [rix@rixquinn.com](mailto:rix@rixquinn.com).

## Anniversary

### Anniversary Announcement at Crawford Industries

Crawford Industries, now a part of Spartech, is pleased to announce that Nina Cunningham will be celebrating 25 years of service this month. Nina began working for Crawford on March 31, 1997 in the Prelim Department as Preflight and Graphic Designer. Through the years her talents with the graphics used on Crawford's products make her an important part of our production process. Nina continues to work in Preflight as Art Director

in the Customer Service Department. Nina and her husband, Matt Cunningham live in Crawfordsville. Nina's time outside of work is also spent with the arts. She is a member of Main Street Crawfordsville, Athens Art Gallery and Calvary Chapel. She also is a volunteer for the community with her art and enjoys working in mixed-media as a fine artist in her spare time. She hopes one day to pursue fine art on a full-time basis.

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# Summer Fun And Opportunities With Parks And Recreation

The weather is warming up, and spring is just around the corner. Warm weather means more opportunities to get outside and discover all that Crawfordsville Parks and Recreation has to offer the community. Registration for summer programs and seasonal job opportunities are here!

Our youth programs give individuals the opportunity to try out and learn a new skill and get their bodies moving. The current summer programs are as followed:

- Summer gymnastic classes: A 7-week program for ages three and up. Classes will begin the week of June 6th and run through the last week of July. Participants will

learn to use the spring floor, balance beams, and uneven bars. Registration will begin on May 9. Class fees range from \$50-\$65. Classes take place at the Crawfordsville Community Center.

- Gymnastics private lessons: Four 30-minute sessions. Whether you need to perfect a cartwheel or work on your back tuck, one of our instructors can help you. Private lessons can be for anyone whose skill level ranges from beginner to advanced, and a one-on-one lesson helps those who need individual attention to overcome specific challenges. Classes are \$75 for individual participants, \$55 per participant for buddy sessions, and \$50

per participant for trios. Classes take place at the Crawfordsville Community Center.

- Swimming lessons: The Parks and Recreation Department will offer two, two-week swim lessons for children aged four and up this summer starting on June 20 and July 21. Classes teach skills ranging from water adjustment and flotation to locomotion, stroke development, and water safety. Lessons are \$40 per session, and registration will begin on May 2.

- Adult softball league: This summer we will offer both men's and women's league softball. The men's league informational meeting will be on April 26 and the women's league

informational meeting will be on May 10 at the Crawfordsville Community Center at 7 p.m. The meetings will be to discuss team fees, league schedule, and sponsorship recommendations. Team rosters and league fees will be due May 3 for the men's league and May 17 for the women's league.

Summertime also means time to break out your swimsuits and cool off in the Milligan Park Pool and Splash Pad. The summer hours for the pool will be 12-6 p.m. daily from May 28 to August 2, and hours are extended to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays. If you are wanting to rent out the pool for your summer birthday or sports team party, we have you cov-

ered. The pool is available for private rental on a first-come, first-serve basis for \$70 per hour with a two-hour minimum rental.

Another summer favorite for Crawfordsville residents is the Farmers' Market beginning the first Saturday of May from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. through the last Saturday of October. The first season of the farmers market began in 1993, with just a few farmers who asked to sell ears of corn up at the courthouse. Since then, the market has grown with each passing season and now accommodates up to 40 market stalls that host a wide variety of local vendors. The market has expanded over the years to include themed community

and family events, cooking demonstrations, fitness classes, food trucks, and live music. It is an event you don't want to miss.

All of these wonderful programs and events mean that we need qualified individuals to help make them happen. Seasonal job opportunities are available for girls' softball umpires, lifeguards, pool admissions concessions cashiers, pool concessions manager, and the Farmers' Market manager. Anyone interested in these positions can apply at the parks and recreation office at 922 E. South Blvd. Crawfordsville, IN 47933 or through the Parks and Recreation page on the City of Crawfordsville's website at [www.crawfordsville.net](http://www.crawfordsville.net).

## 5 Ways To Keep Your Digital Possessions Safe

There were 4.66 billion active internet users worldwide in 2021 (almost 60% of the global population) who are said to have created 74 zettabytes of data. A zettabyte is a billion terabytes or a trillion gigabytes — in other words, an incomprehensible amount of information. In that immense pool of data also falls our private and even confidential information.

“Our lives have become paperless as physical possessions have been increasingly moving to the virtual world, such as photographs, books, tax forms, and various certificates, with the help of passwords, electronic signatures, and online banking,” says Oliver Noble, a cybersecurity expert at NordLocker, an encrypted cloud storage solution. “Even though it's become easier to store your data and have access to it whenever you want, the risk of it being stolen, compromised, or exposed is higher than ever.”

Cybercriminals launch new malicious software every day and target both big companies and average users. As a study of a nameless malware that stole 1.2 TB of private data from 3.25 million devices has shown, data

protection must be made a priority.

5 steps to keep your digital possessions safe

1. Protect your data with strong passwords. Use a password manager to help you create complex and unique passwords and store them in a safe vault. Never use the same password for different online accounts to avoid losing data to credential stuffing attacks.

2. Always back up your files. Back up your data to a portable hard disk or cloud-based storage so you can recover your information if it ever gets lost. Regular data backups are the ultimate defense against losing your digital valuables forever.

3. Encrypt your sensitive data. Encrypt the sensitive files you store on your computer, smartphone, and in the cloud. There are user-friendly file-encryption tools that turn all your files and information into uncrackable codes that even skilled hackers can't read without your permission. Better yet, store your files in an encrypted cloud. In many cases, an end-to-end encrypted cloud is the ultimate security tool to protect your

data from malware and provide a backup in case your system is infected with ransomware.

4. Protect your data when browsing the web. Start using a VPN (virtual private network), which encrypts all communications passing between your device and the internet so no outsider can intercept your traffic.

5. Install antivirus on your computer. Antivirus software remains one of the most reliable tools to protect your system. It detects and removes viruses and infected files from your device.

### ABOUT NORDLOCKER

NordLocker is the world's first end-to-end encrypted cloud with a file encryption tool. It was created by the cybersecurity experts behind NordVPN — one of the most advanced VPN service providers in the world. NordLocker is available for Windows and macOS, supports all file types, offers a fast and intuitive interface, and guarantees secure sync between devices. With NordLocker, files are protected from hacking, surveillance, and data collection. For more information: [nordlocker.com](http://nordlocker.com).

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# Governor Holcomb Announces Site Selections for Two Capital Projects

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb today announced that sites have been selected for a new state archives building and a co-located site for the Indiana School for the Deaf (ISD) and the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (ISBVI).

The archives building will be constructed in downtown Indianapolis, adjacent to the Senate Avenue Parking Garage on the canal. The current home of the Indiana School for the Blind and Visually Impaired will become the home for both schools.

"These are two projects that play crucial roles in our state's future," said Gov. Holcomb. "The location of the archives building will bring further opportunities to showcase our state's history and provide new partnership opportunities with the Indiana State Museum, Indiana State Library, Indiana War Memorials and other entities all in the same area."

The state owns the archives site which will offer easy access for visitors, staff and other government entities. The new building will be approximately 59,000 square feet and will provide proper storage, maintenance and restoration capabilities for archival documents. The General Assembly appropriated \$35 million toward building a new facility.

The Indiana Department of Administration will move forward with a feasibility study to determine the future of the former Indiana Department of Correction Indianapolis Re-Entry Facility (IREF), located at New York and Randolph Streets on Indianapolis' near east side, which also was considered as a site for the archives facility. The first step will be to demolish a number of buildings on the site.

"The modernization of both schools are long overdue. This new campus will have facilities

that promote safer and positive learning experiences for future ISD and ISBVI students," said Holcomb. "I couldn't be more excited about what will become a signature, state-of-the-art campus."

After an extensive search for potential new locations for the combined campus, a feasibility study of the two existing campuses was conducted, leading to the decision to use the current ISBVI site. The site can support each school independently yet allow for sharing of resources while maintaining their unique identity. ISBVI is located on 67 acres near North College Ave. and East 75th St. Current facilities will be renovated, and new buildings added with dedicated programming for each entity. \$225 million was appropriated for this project.

The projects were authorized in the biennial budget passed by the General Assembly during the 2021 legislative session

# Lt. Gov. Crouch, IHCD Accepting Applications for the Indiana Homeowner Assistance Fund

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCD) today announced the state's mortgage assistance program, the Indiana Homeowner Assistance Fund (IHAF). The portal is accepting applications for mortgage assistance for Hoosiers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As part of the American Rescue Plan Act, the U.S. Department of Treasury awarded Indiana with \$167,921,663 to be used for assistance with the mortgage payments, property taxes, homeowners insurance and homeowner/condominium fees of eligible Hoosiers.

"The Indiana Homeowner Assistance Fund (IHAF) is designed to promote housing stability and prevent foreclosures across the Hoosier state," Crouch said. "We are pleased to work with our network of program partners and participating lenders to provide this assistance."

Applications are being accepted through 877gethope.org. Accommodations can be made for homeowners who would prefer non-electronic applications or who would prefer assistance in completing their online application by calling 877-GET-HOPE.

To qualify for IHAF, as determined by the U.S. Treasury, at the time of application you

must:

- Be a homeowner who is defined as the owner-occupant of a single-family home, condominium, 2-, 3-, or 4-family dwelling or manufactured homes permanently affixed to real property. The home must be located in Indiana and be the homeowner's primary residence
- Have an income equal to or less than 150% of Area Median Income, adjusted for household size or 100% of the National Median Income, whichever is greater
- Have experienced a financial hardship after January 21, 2020, associated with the COVID-19 pandemic

The maximum per household IHAF assistance amount is capped at \$35,000 and is limited to one time per household. This assistance is paid directly to the mortgage lender and is not considered taxable income.

"IHCD remains committed to allocating funds from the federal government to Hoosiers in need," said Jacob Sipe, Executive Director of IHCD. "Housing stability continues to be one of our top priorities as we recover from the pandemic. We look forward to administering this mortgage assistance Hoosiers across the state."

The following documents may be required in the application:

- Income documents: Acceptable income documents may include paystubs or other wage statements, depository institution (or bank) statements demonstrating regular income, or a statement of income from an employer
- IRS Form 1099s and tax filings (for self-employed applicants only)
- Social security, child support, unemployment, and other income statements as applicable
- Mortgage statements or other mortgage documents

- Property tax statements from your city, town or county
- Homeowner's Insurance statements
- Homeowner or Condo Association fee statements

In addition to the IHAF program, IHCD has additional resources for Hoosiers in need of assistance:

Rental Assistance – The Indiana Emergency Rental Assistance Program provides up to 18 months of rental and utility assistance to those who self-attest to having been impacted by COVID-19.

Utility Assistance – The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Low-Income Home Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) helps Hoosier homeowners and renters pay their heat, electric and water bills: eap.ihcd.in.gov.

# Governor Holcomb Continues to Strengthen Indiana with Key Agenda Accomplishments

Governor Eric J. Holcomb today is continuing the steps of strengthening Indiana's economic, education, and health foundation after his 2022 Next Level Agenda was adopted by the Indiana General Assembly.

"I am pleased that we will now have the tools we need to help build and grow businesses, nurture a healthy environment for infants and children and make gains in our critical early education offerings," Gov. Holcomb said. "At the same time, we are putting money back into Hoosiers' pockets, and these efforts combined will continue to result in a robust state with a thriving economy. I look forward to our next steps in implementing these Hoosier priorities."

The Indiana General Assembly approved key components of Gov. Holcomb's Next Level Agenda, including:

- Cutting Indiana's individual income tax for years to come while maintaining the state's reserves and guaranteeing the maximum number of Hoosiers receive the upcoming

automatic taxpayer refund of \$125

- Modernizing the Indiana Economic Development Corp. toolkit to make Indiana better positioned to compete in attracting transformational economic development opportunities

- Strengthening Indiana's early learning efforts by establishing an Office of Kindergarten Readiness at the Indiana Department of Education, which will partner with the early learning team at the Family and Social Services Administration and a revised Early Learning Advisory Committee

- Empowering the Department of Health to take more steps to reduce Indiana's infant mortality, by requiring healthcare providers to offer universal lead testing for children at 12 and 24 months of age and conducting investigations into Sudden Unexplained Infant Deaths using a process that will result in a better understanding of the causes so that future deaths can be prevented

- Implementing specific

changes to the membership of the Indiana Law Enforcement Training Board

Additionally, the Governor's 2022 agenda includes these priorities, which are underway:

- Reviewing the state's public health infrastructure by the Governor's Public Health Commission, which will issue recommendations this summer
- Partnering with local communities to bring to fruition their Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative projects with \$500 million awarded by the state

- Collecting and disposing of certain firefighting foam that contains PFAS, which poses a risk to firefighters' health and safety and the environment

- Building and maintaining the state's capital project priorities, including roads, bridges, trails and broadband

More details are available on the Bill Watch page, which can be found at <https://www.in.gov/gov/newsroom/2022-bill-watch/>.

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# Indiana American Water Helps Educate Homeowners



## INDIANA AMERICAN WATER

Indiana American Water is leveraging the nationwide awareness campaign taking place during the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Fix a Leak Week to advance local water conservation goals as well as provide a savings to homeowners, property owners and businesses in the communities it serves. The annual Fix a Leak Week (March 14-22, 2022) is a national campaign led by the EPA each year that helps raise awareness about leaks and

other water issues that contribute to water waste within homes.

"As part of American Water's commitment to help better serve customers, we utilize Fix a Leak Week to help people understand where and how to spot common problematic leaks to improve home safety and support water efficiency and conservation," said Indiana American Water President Matt Prine.

According to the EPA, the average U.S. residence loses 10,000 gallons of

water per year thanks to seemingly minor leaks. With more than 110 million households in the U.S., this equates to more than one trillion gallons of water lost every year due to leaks in the home. Moreover, it is estimated that the average homeowner can reduce his or her water bills by 10 percent simply by addressing leaks.

"Many people may not realize that even the smallest leaks can waste thousands of gallons per year," said Prine. "A leak

of just one drip per second from a faucet can waste more than 3,000 gallons of water each year. Fortunately, most common leaks are easily detectable and correctable."

Indiana American Water is committed to fixing leaks by replacing or upgrading water infrastructure to provide safe, clean, reliable, and affordable drinking water to customers, investing more than \$250 million in infrastructure improvements across the state over the past two years.

Indiana American Water also offers these starter tips for detecting leaks:

- Watch the water meter and your water bill. If you notice a spike, it might be because of a leak
- Test your meter. If you suspect you may have a leak, turn all water appliances off, then go check your meter. If it's still changing, you might have a leak

- Test your toilet. Leaks can occur in your toilet. Test for one by putting a drop of food coloring into the toilet tank. After 10 minutes, if any color shows up in the bowl, you have a leak

- Listen. One of the simplest ways to watch out for leaks is to listen for dripping from your faucets or showerheads and running water from your toilet

To further assist customers with at-home leak repairs and prevention, Indiana American Water has also produced a helpful infographic including tips on finding and fixing common, and some not-so-common, indoor and outdoor water leaks. A downloadable leak detection kit is also available through Indiana American Water's website, [www.indianaamwater.com](http://www.indianaamwater.com).

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American Water (NYSE:AWK), is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality and reliable water and wastewater services to approximately 1.3 million people. With a history dating back to 1886, American Water (NYSE:AWK) is the largest and most geographically diverse U.S. publicly traded water and wastewater utility company. The company employs more than 6,400 dedicated professionals who provide regulated and regulated-like drinking water and wastewater services to more than 14 million people in 24 states. American Water provides safe, clean, affordable and reliable water services to our customers to help keep their lives flowing. For more information, visit [amwater.com](http://amwater.com) and follow American Water on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

# BBB Scam Alert: Home Improvement Scammers Take Money, Don't Complete Work



Use caution when hiring a home improvement contractor especially following a major storm, flood, or other weather event when many homeowners are trying to repair their homes. However, contractor scams can happen any time, so be wary of high-pressure sales tactics, upfront fees,

and fly-by-night businesses. Con artists will take homeowners' money and deliver (or not deliver) less than quality work.

Within the last year BBB Serving Central Indiana has received numerous Scam Tracker reports from consumers losing more than \$10,000 to home improvement scams. One Noblesville consumer reported losing \$1,225 last month after an independent contractor began a project then disappeared.

How the scam works: Home improvement scams can start with a knock on the door, a flyer or an ad. The contractor may offer a low price or a short timeframe. One common hook is when

the scammer claims to be working in your neighborhood on another project and has leftover supplies.

Once started, a rogue contractor may "find" issues that significantly raise the price. If you object, they threaten to walk away and leave a half-finished project. Or, they may accept your upfront deposit and then never return to do the job. Following a natural disaster, scammers persuade homeowners to sign over their insurance payment.

Tips to Spot This Scam: Watch out for "red flags." Say no to cash-only deals, high-pressure sales tactics, high upfront payments, handshake deals without a contract, and on-site inspections.

Not all "storm chasers" are con artists, but enough are that you should be cautious any time a home contractor contacts you first...especially after a natural disaster.

Ask for references and check them out. Bad contractors will be reluctant to share this information and scammers won't wait for you to do your homework. If you can, get references from past customers, both older references to check on the quality of the work and newer references to make sure current employees are up to the task. Check them out at [bbb.org](http://bbb.org) to see what other customers have experienced.

And always be sure to get a written contract with the price, materials and timeline. The more detail, the better.

Know the law. Work with local businesses that have proper identification, licensing and insurance. Confirm that your vendor will get related permits and make sure you know who is responsible for what according to your local laws and that your vendor is ready to comply.

To report a scam, go to [BBB.org](http://BBB.org). To learn how to protect yourself, go to "10 Steps to Avoid Scams." Go to [BBB.org](http://BBB.org) to look up business profiles, file a complaint, or write a customer review. Visit

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Butler County, Ohio, lived in the Alamo-Waynetown area for several years while he and his wife took care of the older couple. Three children were born here: Ambrose, Jonathan and George IV, of course! Their mother was Eliza Barlow (married Dec 17, 1846) and passed away after the 1860 census before his second marriage in 1864. These three would return to Montgomery County after spending some time with their father in North Judson (Starke County, Indiana). While here, George III gave up farming and began a carpenter trade.

Son Ambrose was George III (and Lizzie Barlow's) first born on Feb 27, 1848 and mar-

ried Jerusha Moss in 1871. They were active members of the Christian Union Church and lived in the Waynetown area the majority of his life. They had three daughters, Bertha, Cora and Emma (Alta). Several grandchildren blessed their lives. Ambrose and various family members rest in Waynetown Masonic. Jonathan was born 23 April 1854 (died 1930 - buried where his brother is). He and wife Rozilla Keys had three sons, Walter, Ollie and Vern E. who was a well-loved minister who died young leaving a wife and two daughters. Then, there's George IV born January 15 in 1850, coming in as George A (sorry no clue what the A represents)

who married Alice Royalty. Parents of: Ed, Nettie, Ora, Charles. At Rozie's death, he married Amelia (Mellie) Romine and they were parents of Marvin. Beginning as a farm laborer, he eventually owned a fairly big farm, employing others in Troy Township, Fountain County. He passed away in Central Hospital, Indianapolis 14 Dec 1936 and is buried with Amelia in Oak Hill Cemetery.

George, our subject today, remarried Mary Eleanor Lewis 5 May 1864 in Marshall County, Indiana where they lived for a few brief years, moved back to Montgomery for some time and then dwelled for the rest of their lives in North Judson. Three children

blessed their home, Martha A who passed away at the age of 61 years 3 months and 11 days from persistent anemia. She, her sister, Serepta and their brother, Ezekial Al"bert"us all lived together for many years, Bert a merchant in North Judson was killed by a C&E Railroad car running him over, dragging his vehicle for very close to a mile down the track. His wife, Sarah Sanford sued the railroad for negligence, although not sure how that came out. He is the only one of these three to have any children, marrying when he was 42 years old, Sarah about the same age, they having one daughter, Dorothy, who was quite an independent young lady, joining the

service during WWII as a Nurse, even being transferred by actor Tyrone Power, a pilot during the war. She tallied the rank of Lt. doing much of her stint in the Headquarters Squadron, El Centro, California. After active service, moving to Spokane, Washington, she was involved with a National Nursing Organization.

(Catherine) Serepta born in 1872 when her father was 50, used her 8th grade education wisely, becoming a practical nurse (in Chicago) after Bert married and sister Mattie (1926) passed away. Serepta died in 1947 and they are buried together in the Pioneer Cemetery where their parents rest (thanks to Jackie and Ralph for the

FindAGrave photo).

So, as you can see, George III was the father of three children by each of the two wives, had grand children, but not a great amount, was well-liked and passed away 3 Nov 1909 of heart troubles. George, what a popular name who lived here there and everywhere - lucky #7; thus, stay tuned for George's sister, Catherine next week!

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