THURSDAY March 03, 2022

TODAY'S VERSE

Isaiah 30:21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.



People who call our community their own.



Ramona Moyes, manager of Eliza's Consignment Shop, shared a nice smile recently when one of our roving photographers happened by. Thank you for your smile, Ramona!

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

Join The Arts Federation and area grade school students for the annual Youth Art Month exhibition and Kickoff Celebration on March 4 from 5 - 7 pm. This exhibition joins celebrations happening all around the U.S. and showcases the work of students in grades K - 8. Artwork for this exhibition is selected by school arts teachers, and the exhibition will be on view March 4 - 25, 2022. If you'd like more information about Youth Art Month, contact Ann Fields Monical at TAF.

You never know what you are going to find at a yard sale; after all, as the saying goes, "one man's trash is another man's treasure." The maxim proved true for art collector Clifford Schorer, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. He was in a bookstore in Massachusetts. The store's owner asked him if he could find out the worth of a sketch that was purchased by a friend of his for \$30 at a yard sale in 2019. As it turned out, it was a genuine work of art by German Renaissance artist Albrecht Durer and is likely to fetch its anonymous owner more than \$10 million at auction. The DNR Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology (DHPA) is sponsoring the Historic Preservation Month photo contest again in 2022. The subject of entry photos must be in Indiana, be at least 50 years old, and be something that was designed/built by people. It can be a building that's been restored to perfection or one that needs some love. The idea is to show the value of historic preservation. Photos of exclusively natural elements are not eligible. The photos should be JPEG files (less than 10MB). Each photo and the required entry form should be emailed to aborland@ dnr.IN.gov as attachments. Photographers can submit up to three photos, but submit only one photo and entry form per respective email. For the complete rules and guidelines and the required entry form, visit our website. The contest deadline is Friday, April 1.



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Transparency In Our Schools

There's no doubt issues of transparency in the classroom are top of mind for many Hoosier families, and lawmakers have responded by offering House Bill 1134 this session.

This week, a new version of HB 1134 was unveiled that streamlines the bill's focus on curriculum transparency and empowering parents while addressing previous concerns raised by educators.

Among other items, the new HB 1134 outlines three divisive concepts that cannot be promoted in our schools. It also addresses parents' concerns by ensuring they have access to their school's learning management system and allowing them to review any other learning materials used in their child's classroom upon request. In addition, it empowers parents to be in control of decisions regarding ongoing mental-health services provided to their kids at school.

To address concerns from



Sen. Phil Boots

educators, the new HB 1134 removes overly proscriptive posting requirements and provides clarity on what mental-health services require parental approval. It also no longer requires schools to create curriculum advisory committees, though it does allow for the creation of these committees if

Fruits Saga – Meet Margaret, The Fifth Child

Margaret was one of the hardest of Alamo George Fruits' kiddos to discover but my genealogy buddy, Kim, pitched in and think we discovered quite a bit, albeit still questions regarding the Ms. Elusive Fruits.

Born in Butler County, Ohio 8 January 1817, her death record (Catlin, IL) on May 5, in 1909 tallied her at KAREN ZACH



the school and community think they would be beneficial.

I believe the vast majority of teachers do a great job educating students. At the same time, we cannot simply ignore the concerns of parents who have experienced instances when their child's education needlessly strayed from reading, writing and math into divisive concepts that have no place in our classrooms.

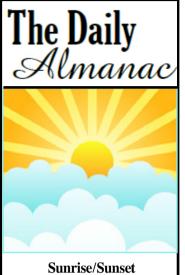
I am open to further changes to this bill as it moves through the legislative process, but I am pleased to see progress being made.

A list of frequently asked questions on the new HB 1134 can be found at https://www. indianasenaterepublicans.com/ new-hb-1134

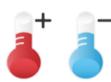
Sen. Phil Boots represents Montgomery, Fountain, Parke, Vermillion and Warren counties and a portion of Boone County. He is one of the shareholders of The Paper of Montgomery County.

Immigrant Allies To Participate In Rural Welcoming Initiative

The national nonprofit Welcoming America has chosen Immigrant Allies, a committee of Humans United for Equality (a non-profit organization in Crawfordsville, IN), to participate in their Rural Welcoming Initiative. Multiple communities



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KAREN ZACH Around The County

years 3 months 27 days thus following after her long-lived parents.

the age

of 92

However, her first husband, Robert Patterson (married June 4, 1835 in Montgomery County) died quite young (39) on 18 July 1854 (buried Bunker Hill), son of Joseph and Sarah (Stephens) Patterson. Three were in Robert's original family, he having a sister, Elizabeth and brother, Will as far as I can tell, the three born in Campbell County, Kentucky.

Margaret and Robert were

Photo courtesy of Karen Zach

parents of eight children, with these following growing to adulthood (Nancy, Samuel, Sarah, Mary, George and Lucinda). With all these children to raise, I found it amazing that she did not marry for another eight years. In the 1860 census, she is found with her younger brother, Michael (more on him in a future column as the last Fruits' child) and his young wife. Two years later, she married Thomas Williams.

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from across the nation have been selected for participation in the initiative. Through a competitive process, Immigrant Allies was chosen because of its commitment to building a more welcoming and inclusive community.

Immigrants and refugees come to this country searching for safety and opportunities for education, employment, and ultimately, to be part of a thriving community. While some make their new homes in more populous cities, many follow opportunities in smaller cities and more rural parts of the country.

Rural communities often have much to offer these newcomers: steady employment, a reasonable cost of living, a sense of belonging, and for many, the chance to live in a place that is similar in size to where they come from. Immigrants and

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On This Day • 1991 Footage of LA police officers beating Rodney King causes a global outcry



Births On This Day • 1847 Alexander Graham Bell Scottish/American engineer, invented the Telephone • 1977 Ronan Keating Irish singer-songwriter, actor

Deaths On This Day

- 1987 Danny Kaye American actor
- 1703 Robert Hooke English scientist

HONEST HOOSIER

Two weeks away from one of my favorite holidays – and may the luck of the Irish be with you all!



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Walking at least six miles per week can help reduce age-related memory loss. 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.



OBITUARIES

James Lee Wilbur



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



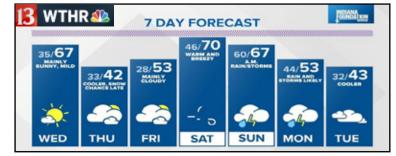
THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE Churches! Listen up!

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.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"I can't think of a case where poems changed the world, but what they do is they change people's understanding of what's going on in the world." Seamus Heaney **TODAY'S JOKE**

In honor of St. Paddy, we'll share some jokes for a bit that'll have you Dublin over with laughter! Why do frogs like St. Paddy's Day? 'Cause they're always wearing the green, of course!



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OBITUARIES

James Lee Wilbur March 7, 1952 - Feb. 26, 2022

James Lee Wilbur of rural Crawfordsville passed away Saturday evening at Franciscan Health Lafayette. He was 69.

Born March 7, 1952 in Crawfordsville, he was the son of Elmer Wilbur and Sarah J. Rice Wilbur.

He attended school at Alamo and graduated from Southmont. He was a jack-of-all-trades, working on the family farm, doing construc-

tion, building bridges, and many years for the State Highway Department, retiring from there. He was also a volunteer EMT and fireman for many years in Ripley Township. He also spent many years working at the Ben Hur Speedway, maintaining the track, and he loved to follow the racing careers of his son and grandson. He was a member of the Alamo Christian Church, where he had served as a deacon.

Survivors include his son, Travis (Sheryl) Wilbur; daughter, Bridget Wilbur (Denny Smith); six grandchildren, Levi, Sammi, Tiffany, Wesley, Trey and Sully; brother, John (Karen) Wilbur and their children, Jamie, Jason and Kris; sister, Mary (Danny) Meadows and their children, Suzy, Eddie and Patty; sister, Martha (Charlie) Billings and their children, Chuck, Sam and Peter; sister, Margrette France and her son, Bryan; sister, Lois (Bill) Hepburn with their children, Mallory, Reed, McKenzie, Morgan and Madeline; sister, Fawn (John) Turner with their children, Lindsey, Jessica, Jannett, Jack and James; seven great-grandchildren; several cousins on the Rice side and the Wilbur side.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a great-granddaughter and a nephew, Landon.

Visitation is scheduled from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 8th at Burkhart Funeral Home, 201 W. Wabash Avenue, Crawfordsville. A service is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., led by Pastor Kevin Howey. Cremation will take place after the services.

Online condolences may be made at www.Bur-khartFH.com.



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Photos courtesy of Kerri Simpson

Mr. and Mrs. Don and Elizabeth (Hockersmith) Simpson were married on March 10, 1972.

Don And Elizabeth Simpson 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Don and Elizabeth (Hockersmith) Simpson were married on March 10, 1972. They were wed at the Faith Missionary Baptist Church in Crawfordsville and celebrated with friends and family with a reception following at the home of their brother and sister, Austin and Lucille (Hockersmith) Simpson.

Don and Liz (as many know her) spent many years living on their family farm outside of Waveland, IN. They now reside in Crawfordsville. They have numerous nieces and nephews, as well as many more great niece and nephews. They have attended Eastside Baptist Church for number of

years.

A private cake and punch celebration will be held for family only, due to Covid. Friends, please join us in celebrating by sending a card. They would love to hear from you.

On My Way Pre-K Applications For '22-'23 Now Available

Indiana's Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning is now accepting applications from families statewide who may be eligible for grants for their children to receive free, high-quality, pre-kindergarten education through the On My Way Pre-K program for the 2022-2023 school year. Information about the program and the link to apply can be found at OnMyWayPreK.org.

"We are always happy to enroll new students in On My Way Pre-K, but this year is especially exciting since we recently released results of a Purdue University longterm study showing that children who attend On My Way Pre-K are better prepared for school and that the benefits continue well into elementary school," said Nicole Norvell, director of FSSA's Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning. "We are eager to enroll a new group of young Hoosiers to benefit from the great early start this program provides for their learning." For the 2022-2023 school year, a child is eligible for an On My Way

Pre-K voucher if they will be 4 years old by Aug. 1, 2022, and plan to start kindergarten in the 2023-2024 school year. An eligible child must live in a household with an income below 127% of the federal poverty level and have parents or guardians who are working, going to school, attending job training or searching for employment.

A limited number of vouchers is available for children who will be 4 years old by Aug. 1, 2022, live in a household with an income up to 185% of the federal poverty level, and have:

A parent/guardian who is working, attending job training or an educational program, looking for employment OR A parent/guardian who receives Social Security Disability Insurance or Supplemental Security Income benefits An easy-to-use, online application called "Early Ed Connect" serves as the application for both On My Way Pre-K and child care assistance provided in Indiana via the federal Child Care Development Fund or "CCDF." Early Ed Connect offers the benefits of easier attachment of documents and notification of successful submission. A Spanish version is also available as well as support for any technical issues.

On My Way Pre-K awards grants to 4-yearold children from low-income families so that they may have access to a high-quality pre-K program the year before they begin kindergarten. Families who receive a grant may use the grant at any approved On My Way Pre-K program throughout the state.

Once the family has met eligibility requirements and has been awarded a grant for their child, they may choose from any of the approved On My Way Pre-K programs. Families can search approved providers at www.ChildCare-Finder.IN.gov. Approved pre-K programs may be located in a public or private school, licensed child care center, licensed home or registered ministry as long as that program meets the quality requirements and is registered as an On My Way Pre-K Provider. Families may choose from a program that is full-day or part-day, as well as from programs that end with the school year or continue through the summer. Families who need help finding an approved pre-K program can also call 800-299-1627 for assistance from an early learning referral specialist.

More than 15,000 Hoosier children have attended pre-K through a grant from the On My Way Pre-K program since it began in 2015. The program, which started as a five-county pilot and then expanded to 20 counties in 2017, became a statewide program in 2019. OECOSL also updates the Indiana General Assembly every year on the program. The most recent report can be found here. The Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning is a division of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration. Families may call 800-299-1627 for assistance from an early learning referral specialist or for other questions about On My Way Pre-K.



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BBB Warning: Beware Of Charity Scams When Looking To Donate To Ukraine

As the Russian invasion of Ukraine continues, many people are looking to help out in any way possible. For a lot of us, that involves wanting to donate money or other items to be sent to Ukraine, through a charity or crowdfunding platform.

Better Business Bureau[®] and BBB[®] Wise Giving Alliance want to remind you to watch out for crowdfunding and other charity scams.

"Unfortunately, scammers love to use times of tragedy and unrest to take advantage of kind-hearted people, said Melanie Duquesnel, President & CEO of Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula. "We know that everyone wants to help as much and as quickly as they can, but it is so important to take a pause and do your research, so that you do not fall victim to a scam."

Here are some tips to keep in mind when looking for ways to give to

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Ukraine:

• Can the charity get to the impacted area? Not all relief organizations will be positioned to provide relief quickly. See if the charity already has a presence in Ukraine.

• Should you send clothing and food? Local drives to collect clothing and food to send overseas may not be practical as the logistics and timing to deliver and disperse such items will be challenging. Relief organizations are better equipped to obtain what is needed, distribute it effectively and avoid duplication of effort.

• Does the relief charity

meet BBB Charity Standards? You can verify a charity's trustworthiness by viewing an evaluative report completed by BBB Wise Giving Alliance. See the list provided below of charities that that are soliciting for relief assistance for Ukraine and that also meet the BBB Standards for Charity Accountability.

• Is the charity experienced in providing emergency relief? Experienced disaster relief charities are the best bet to help deliver aid as soon as possible. New entrants may have difficulty in following through even if they have the best of intentions.

• Are you considering crowdfunding appeals? If engaging in crowdfunding, it is safest to give to someone you personally know and trust. You should also review the platform's policies regarding fees and distribution of collected funds. If the crowdfunding request is from a charity, check out the group by visiting Give.org. Keep

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in mind that some crowdfunding sites do very little vetting of individuals or organizations that decide to post for relief assistance. Sites that take security measures will usually provide descriptions of these procedures.

• Does the appeal make exaggerated financial claims such as "100% will be spent on relief?" Charities have fundraising and administrative expenses. Any charity claiming otherwise is potentially misleading the donating public. Even a credit card donation will have a processing fee.

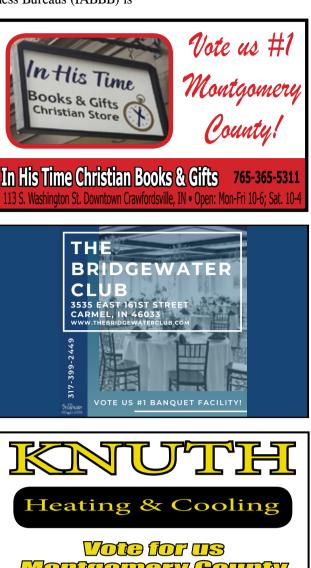
For more information on finding reputable charities or to report a scam, visit bbb.org.

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Learning How To Read



RIX QUINN Quinn Summary

Do you remember the books you read in first grade?

I sure do. And I fondly recall spelling tests, recess, flavored milk, and a girl name Lynne. I still drink flavored milk, but my wife tells me a recess with Lynne today is unacceptable.

The best part of school was the "Dick and Jane"

stories that taught us to read.

If you grew up in the 1950's through the 1970's, you may remember Dick and Jane. I'm not sure they had a last name, which would make them quite trendy today. They lived in a little house somewhere in America...we just didn't know where.

They had a puppy called Spot, and a cat named Puff. (I once had a girlfriend named Puff, but that's another story.)

One of the books' writers - Sterl Artley -died in 1998. A famous reading teacher, Sterl began his stories with basic words, gradually building vocabulary.

It's hard to find these readers today. I guess a few educators chose different teaching methods,

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for reasons unknown to me or my friends, many of whom read quite well.

Sadly, there will be no new Dick and Jane adventures for future generations. Oh my, oh my. Did someone say, "Baby Boomers getting older?" Goodbye, Dick, Goodbye, Jane. Goodbye, childhood.

Hello, Arthur Ritis.

Rix Quinn is a former magazine editor who appear here each week. Quinn is a native of Fort Worth, Texas and appears in about 140 newspapers across the nation. Got a story idea for Rix? E-mail it to rix@ rixquinn.com



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refugees feel welcomed when communities have created programs, partnerships, policies, and opportunities that engage them.

Welcoming America will provide Immigrant Allies with technical assistance, coaching, and access to ongoing peer learning opportunities to increase their capacity to create and implement more welcoming policies and practices. Participants

- will also be granted membership to the Welcoming Network that includes over 300 local government and nonprofit members. Rural Welcoming Initia-
- tive participants: • City of Gunnison -
- Gunnison, CO
- City of North Liberty - North Liberty, IA
- City of Owatonna -
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- Scottsbluff, NE
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- Mansfield, CT • Welcome BG - Bowl-
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- Fergus Falls, MN YMCA at Virginia
- Tech Blacksburg, VA About Immigrant Allies
- Immigrants play a crucial role in the vitality of our town. As of 2019, 5.3% of Indiana residents

and 3.06% (more than 1000 people) of Montgomery County residents were foreign-born. Immigrant Allies aspires to be a bridge connecting the diverse immigrant community with existing residents so that common ground and shared leadership can be realized. We provide translation services, arrange legal aid and transportation, and assist in fundraising for urgent needs of immi-

grants who do not have access to other resources. Chaired by Agata Szczeszak-Brewer, Immigrant Allies has several other core members and volunteers who work with local communities. About Welcoming

America

Welcoming America is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that leads a movement of inclusive communities becoming more prosperous by en-

suring everyone belongs. We believe that all people, including immigrants, are valued contributors and vital to the success of our communities and shared future. Through the Welcoming Network, we work to help communities develop the roadmap they need to create welcoming policies and share new approaches to inclusion to create an environment where everyone can truly thrive.

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Nancy Ann Patterson's obituary states she was born in Adams, Indiana. 99.99% sure that would be Alamo and married local boy, Abraham Britton the 10th day of December 1862 as the Civil War peaked. Although I found his registration for the Civil War don't think he was ever in the war, although he had brothers who served. Abraham was a farmer but fairly well educated. She could read and write but was marked in a couple of census records as reading only. Nancy Ann was very involved in her church in Junction City, Geary County, Kansas where they went about 1875. The Brittons had five children, four growing to adulthood, although one of them passed at the age of 40 leaving eight children, six still at home. This was Nettie. They also had Albert, Dora, and Edie. Altogether the Brittons had at least ten grands. Their whole family is buried in Junction City.

Samuel Patterson passed away just as the flu

epidemic began to sweep

America, even in Kansas where he had gone to Burlingame. He lived alone (but fairly close to a son) and would walk uptown to visit friends about every day right up to the last of his life when he had quite poor health. Samuel was born in Montgomery County 24 July 1836 and died on the 23rd of July, the next day being his 82nd birthday. He served in the Civil War as a wagoner from 23 May to 29 Sept 1864, his second time around in Co B, 10th Indiana having also served from 18 Sept 1861 through 11 November 1862 that time in the infantry proper, thus he would likely have been with local general, Mahlon Manson. In two different records, he was listed as disabled but did not tell in what capacity. He was involved in the GAR Sheldon Post at Burlingame. He married in Montgomery County Rachel Emaline Morey who passed away several years before him. She was born in Indiana 8 Dec 1841 and married Oct 16,

1859 to Samuel. They had 7 children, six living at his death, including his daughter, Margaret named for his mother. Sam lived in Cloud County, Kansas then to Burlingham 17 years before his passing. Rest in Peace Sam K. Patterson.

Sarah Jane Patterson was born 9 August 1843 in Alamo and married James A. Driskell 8 Jan 1865. She seemed to be very close to her mother, moving to Catlin, Vermilion County, Illinois following along with Mom. Sarah died 16 November 1917 there. Upon Driskell's passing, Sarah married William Franklin Elgin. Don't believe they had children, but the Driskell's had George and Charles and raised a granddaughter, Laura. George and Charles remained extremely close, travelling the West, raising stock in Wyoming. opening and running the first movie theater in Ogden, Utah and with quick success, opening another elsewhere. They homesteaded in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Charles was

also a school teacher and he and his wife had seven children whereas George did much carpentry work and became the father of two daughters and a son. Mary Patterson (born 5

March 1847) was young at death. On 17 Oct 1866 Mary married Squire Johnson Pate. Sadly, she passed 17 April 1883 and is buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Cloud County, Kansas. Squire lived for many years afterward. Mary and Squire had at least one son, Samuel, assumedly named for her brother who lived in the area as did brother George for awhile.

George W. Patterson is up next. Born 19 Sept 1849 in Alamo he took after Gpa' George Fruits and lived to tally old age. He and wife Sarah Elizabeth were parents of four children: Elmer Hawkins Patterson; Zella Belle; Nellie Augusta and Genevieve. Passing just shy of a month after his 93rd birthday he is buried in Oakridge Cemetery in Catlin, Vermilion County, Illinois where his mother and many other

relatives are resting. He did farming in the area.

Lucinda peaked out into the world on August 22, 1853 in Montgomery County, her father passing just a year after her birth. My father-inlaw's father passed when Bill was a little boy and he definitely (probably rightfully so) felt cheated not to have a father's love as his mother never remarried. He did have two single uncles (brothers of his mom's) who treated him like a son, but likely not the same. Lucinda was close to ten years old when her mother remarried Thomas Williams. She passed away in Casey, Clark County, Illinois 23 Feb 1913. Thomas Williams had been born in Cornwall, England 1804 and was married three times, Margaret his last wife. He was the father of four daughters and a son, but none with Margaret. He passed away 15 March 1889 and is buried in the same cemetery as Margaret. Lucinda on March the 2nd in 1869 (Vermilion IL) married Francis

Marion Pate, a local farmer. She passed away at age 60 buried in Casey, Clark County Illinois with Francis and two of their children, Alma and Victor Clyde. Their others were: Harley, Everett, Delbert and Verne.

Margaret passed away 5 May 1909 and is buried in Oakridge (Catlin, Illinois) – thanks to Lewis Holcomb for the FindA-Grave photo showing us her stone. Thus, you have now read about Margaret Fruits Patterson Williams, fifth child of Alamo George and Catherine Stonebraker Fruits who was the mother of eight, grandmother of 25, wife of two and a good, Christian woman. However, she led a semi-allusive and definitely intriguing life – thus, rest in peace.

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