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### ➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Micah 6:8 He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

### ➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Jerry Doyle smiles for one of our roving photographers. Thank you for your smile, Jerry!

### ➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

**1** The Indiana Department of Transportation announces a public information meeting will be held Wednesday, March 22 for the ongoing major pavement improvement project on U.S. 231 in Greencastle. The meeting will be held at the Putnam County Fairgrounds, located at 191 U.S. 231, Greencastle, IN 46135. The meeting will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. This project includes three phases. INDOT construction contractor Rieth Riley will hold public information meetings before work starts on U.S. 231 at the beginning of each construction season.

**2** Calling all owners of ugly dogs: this year's annual The World's Ugliest Dog Contest will be held in June at California's Sonoma-Marin Fair, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. The fairground authorities' invitation notes that "while the World's Ugliest Dog contest is a celebration of the imperfections that make our dogs lovable, a good many of them are rescues from shelters and puppy mills, so we use the fun and notoriety of this competition to raise awareness for dog adoption." Last year's contest winner was Mr. Happy, a Chinese crested Chihuahua mix.

**3** Sagamore News Media is looking for talented sales people. Whether you sell by phone or in person, we want to talk with you. Hourly rates begin at \$15 per hour and only go up from there. If you have good sales skills, this might be the job you have been looking for. There is no cap on earnings and multiple people in the past have earned \$50,000, \$60,000 and beyond - all the way into six figures. Sagamore News Media owns newspapers in Noblesville and Crawfordsville and feature award-winning work every day. Come be part of our team! Apply today by e-mailing resume to jobs@thepaper24-7.com. We can't wait to talk with you!

## Vancleave Saga One



**KAREN ZACH**  
Around The County

Trying to figure where and how to tackle one of the most prominent and prolific families in our county was not an easy task but finally decided we would start with Benjamin Samuel Vancleave who was born in New Jersey (or possibly the Staten Island area of NY) on 15 November 1741 and passed in Shelby County, Kentucky 27 July 1819. In Salisbury (Rowan County) NC he married his wife of 54 years and a few days (at the time of his passing). Ruth Munson Vancleave (daughter of Samuel and Mary Allen Munson) was probably



born in Salisbury but a few family trees say Morristown, NJ. She passed 5 December 1823. I would assume they are buried in Shelby County but did not see them on FindAGrave, sadly but did find a cool overall one there (photo by Linda - thanks muches).

The first five of their children were born in Salisbury (as Ruth and Ben were married there in the summer of 1765) but the majority entered the world in Shelby County, Kentucky. According to the Gosney Family Records (Georgia Wisda), Benjamin along with brothers Aaron, William, John and their families went along when Daniel Boone and his brother Squire moved to (Ft.) Boones-

➔ See KAREN Page A5

## Durham Home, Inc. Continues Scholarships For Montgomery County High School Seniors



Scholarship applications are now available for Montgomery County high school seniors, sponsored by Durham Home, Inc. One scholarship per county high school district will be awarded to a female accepted as a freshman to a college or university in the state of Indiana. Applications are available from guidance counselors at the three Montgomery County high schools. Home schooled students should complete an application from the high school district in which they reside.

"We are thrilled to offer this scholarship for another year and to award each in the amount to \$2,500," said Lucy Moody, Executive Director of Durham Home. "The Sarah Durham Scholarship will provide finan-

cial assistance to three deserving young women in Montgomery County who desire an academic degree. It is an honor to carry on Sarah Durham's legacy of helping women of all ages, especially high school senior girls who want to learn, grow and achieve higher goals for themselves and create a better world for others."

Durham Home in Crawfordsville offers exceptional living in a historic residence for active and independent women. Residents enjoy private bedrooms, prepared meals, and housekeeping in a beautiful, quiet home. Durham Home is the former residence of civic leaders Sarah E. and George T. Durham. Sarah had a vision of providing a luxury residence for women, and therefore left provisions for her home to become Durham Home after her death. The home opened to residents in 1944 and is currently managed by Moody, along with Director Emeritus Shirley O'Neill. More information about Durham Home, Inc., may be found at www.durhamhome.com.

## Champion Of Character Awards

The CHARACTER COUNTS! Board in Montgomery County is currently seeking nominations for the 2023 Champion of Character Awards. They will honor individuals and organizations who, through daily strivings or in singular events, live up to and demonstrate the CHARACTER COUNTS! Pillars of Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. Please join them in recognizing those who exhibit outstanding character by nominating a person or organization you believe meets the award criteria outlined below. At this time they are working on a plan to celebrate the honorees safely. More information to come! Business/Industry Award: A business or industry that has demonstrated the Six Pillars of Character (Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, or Citizenship) in

➔ See AWARDS Page A5

## Help Make A Difference For Kids

Looking for a way to make a positive impact on the lives of children in your community and beyond? Look no further than Crawfordsville Kiwanis! The organization is dedicated to serving the children of our community through a variety of service projects and fundraisers.

At their weekly lunches, you'll have the chance to connect with like-minded individuals who share your passion for making a difference. Their members come from all walks of life, but they all have one thing in common: a commitment to improving the world for children, one project at a time.

Here are just a few of the ways they've helped kids recently:

Hosting Operation ToyBox to benefit local children in need during the holiday season  
Providing school supplies to students in the area to help them succeed in the classroom

➔ See KIDS Page A5

## The Daily Almanac



**Sunrise/Sunset:**  
RISE: 7:03 a.m.  
SET: 6:45 p.m.



**High/Low Temperatures:**  
High: 47 °F  
Low: 32 °F



**Today is...**

- Barbie Day
- Get Over It Day



**What Happened On This Day:**

- 1959 The Barbie doll goes on sale. The American toy company Mattel claims that more than one billion Barbie dolls have been sold so far, with about 3 dolls being sold every second.
- 2011 Space Shuttle Discovery completes its final mission. The shuttle touched down at Kennedy Space Center in Florida after its journey to the International Space Station



**Births On This Day:**

- 1943 Bobby Fischer American chess player
- 1934 Yuri Gagarin Russian pilot, astronaut

**Deaths On This Day:**

- 1997 The Notorious B.I.G. American rapper
- 1994 Charles Bukowski American poet

### ➔ HONEST HOOSIER

On this date in 1945, Allied Forces firebomb Tokyo, killing 100,000 and destroying the capital city. That's as many or more than were killed in Hiroshima and more than died in Nagasaki. Yet we never hear much about this. Wonder why?



### ➔ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

Obituaries.....A2  
Service Directory.....A4  
Classifieds.....A4

### ➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you're trying to lose weight, keep a food diary and calculate what you're actually eating each day - there are apps for that! 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

None



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### ➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

**Spring Forward!**

Beginning Saturday night, Sunday morning, remember to set your clocks forward an hour. Daylight Savings Time may be annoying and rough, but it does signal that we will be looking forward to better weather, cookouts, outdoor sports, and family fun!

### ➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Worst damn-fool mistake I ever made was letting myself be elected vice president of the United States. Should have stuck with my old chores as Speaker of the House. I gave up the second most important job in the government for one that didn't amount to a hill of beans." John "Cactus Jack" Garner, 39th Speaker of the House

### ➔ TODAY'S JOKE

How can you tell if a potato is not from Ireland?  
When it's a French fry.

**WTHR 13** **7 DAY FORECAST**

45 PM SUNSHINE	31/47 RAIN, SNOW CHANCE NORTH	40/40 MAINLY RAIN, BREEZY	34/43 MAINLY DRY AND QUIET	30/42 WINDY MIX POSSIBLE	34/45 CLOUDY	35/43 CLOUDS AND SUN
WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE



➔ Meeting Notes

**Board of Works and Public Safety Meeting**

The City of Crawfordsville Indiana

March 8, 2023 at 10 a.m.

City Building 300 E Pike St Crawfordsville, IN 47933

I. Approval of the minutes from March 1, 2023.

II. Approval of the claims for the week of March 6, 2023.

III. Old Business

A. Discussion of the bids received for the construction of the Alley Activation Project

IV. New Business

A. Leann Parish, Wabash College, requesting to close Pike Street at Pike Place on April 1

from 10-4

B. Derek Griggs requesting to place a dumpster at 602 S. Green Street beginning today thru the 18th (10days)

C. Discussion of the quotes received for a Chevy Equinox for the Crawfordsville Fire Department

D. A Resolution Approving Acceptance of Donation of Certain Real Property under Indiana Code § 36-1-4 and Designating "Constitution Row" a Public Way and Street of City of Crawfordsville

E. Agreement between the City and Ballfield Renovations LLC

F. Emergency tree removal at 718/720 South Grant Avenue

V. Department Heads

VI. Adjournment

➔ Meeting Notes

**Crawfordsville Community School Corporation**

Board of Education - Regular Meeting

Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 6 p.m.

Crawfordsville Middle School 705 Wallace Ave. (LGI Room)

AGENDA

I. Roll Call

II. CHARACTER

COUNTS! Corporation - Caring

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes, Construction Accounts Payable Claims Vouchers, Register of Accounts Payable Vouchers, and Surplus Items

V. Building Principal Report - Brent Bokhart - CMS Principal

VI. Old Business

a. Consider JUUL Litigation

VII. New Business

a. Consider Bus Purchases for 2023-24 School Year

b. Consider CHS Handbook for 2023-2024 School Year - Susan Albrecht

c. Consider Elementary Handbook for the 2023-2024 School Year - Monte Thompson

d. Consider 2024-2025 Calendar

e. Consider 8th Grade 2023 Springfield Trip

f. Consider Memorandum of Understanding between the CCSC and MCYSB

g. Consider Memorandum of Understanding between the CCSC and Hendricks Regional Health - Sports Medicine Agreement

h. Consider Policy 1305 - Board Meeting Participation - First Reading

i. Consider Policy 1103 - Board Member Compensation - First Reading

j. Consider Policy 1310 - Electronic Participation by Board Members in Board Meetings - First Reading

VIII. Personnel

a. Consider Resignation of Brandy Ferguson - Hose Aide

b. Recommend Wako Greiner as Japanese Teacher at CHS

c. Recommend Samantha Raspopovich as Special Education Teacher at CMS

d. Recommend Molly King as Special Education Teacher at CMS

IX. Associate Superintendent Report

X. Superintendent Report

XI. Other

XII. Board Member Communication

XIII. Patron Comments

XIV. Adjournment

# Dear Earthtalk: What Are The Benefits Of Planting More Trees In Urban Areas?



Planting more trees in urban areas has numerous health and environmental benefits. Trees are essential to human health, and they provide environmental benefits by reducing air pollution, conserving energy, mitigating the urban heat island effect, and reducing stormwater runoff. According to the Arbor Day Foundation, a single mature tree can absorb up to 48 pounds of carbon dioxide (CO2) annually and release enough oxygen for two people to breathe comfortably all year.

Trees play a crucial role in improving air quality in urban areas. A study by the U.S. Forest Service found that trees in urban areas remove 711,000 metric tons of air pollution annually, saving the United States \$6.8 billion in air quality-related health care costs. Trees absorb pollutants such as sulfur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide and ozone, which can cause respiratory problems and other health issues. Trees also absorb fine particulate matter (PM2.5), which is associated with asthma, heart attacks, and premature death. Urban forests also help reduce the urban heat

island effect, which is when urban areas are significantly warmer than rural areas due to human activity and infrastructure. Trees provide shade, which helps to reduce surface temperatures, and they also release water vapor through transpiration, which cools the air around them. According to a study published in the journal Landscape and Urban Planning, increasing tree canopy cover in cities can help reduce temperatures by up to two degrees Celsius.

In addition to their health benefits, trees also provide environmental benefits by reducing energy consumption. Trees provide shade, which reduces the amount of energy needed to cool buildings in the summer. According to federal researchers, properly placed trees can reduce a building's air conditioning needs by up to 30 percent. Trees also act as windbreaks, which can reduce heating costs

in the winter, helping to achieve up to a 50 percent decrease in annual heating costs. In fact, just three properly sited trees could save homeowners up to \$250/year overall.

Trees are also essential in managing stormwater runoff. When it rains, stormwater runoff can cause flooding, erosion and water pollution. Trees absorb rainwater through their roots and help to reduce the amount of runoff. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency calculates that a single mature tree can absorb up to 100 gallons of water per day.

Furthermore, planting more trees in urban areas can improve mental health and well-being. Studies have shown that exposure to nature and green spaces can reduce stress, anxiety and depression. A study published in the Journal of Environmental Psychology found that people who live in areas with more trees and green spaces report better mental

health than those who live in areas with less greenery.

We also need trees to absorb all that excess CO2 we have spewed into the atmosphere that is causing global warming. Trees have always been essential to the survival of humans and other organisms, but maybe never so much as the present given the existential threat posed by human-induced climate change.

CONTACTS: Air pollution removal by urban trees and shrubs in the United States, fs.usda.gov/research/treesearch/14743; Using Trees and Vegetation to Reduce Heat Islands, epa.gov/heatislands/using-trees-and-vegetation-reduce-heat-islands.

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## Attorney General's Office Checking 'Youth Gender Clinics'



Attorney General Todd Rokita

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is seeking answers from several medical facilities in Indiana about possible sterilization procedures performed on vulnera-

ble children in order to "transition" them to a gender other than their biological sex.

Doctors, clinics and hospitals are increasingly prescribing puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and even surgeries to children without disclosing the known risks.

"Our kids are precious gifts from God," Rokita said. "We should all be concerned about the physical and chemical procedures being performed upon these minors, which in most

cases are irreversible."

In a letter, Rokita asked medical-facility administrators to provide answers to a series of questions.

Although some children may express a desire to adopt a different gender, they are not mature enough to address such an impulse by making such life-changing decisions that will forever alter their bodies.

"We all love our children and want nothing more than to keep them healthy and safe," Rokita

said. "But every parent knows that our kids' brains are not fully developed until adulthood, and they can change their moods and their minds daily."

To permit minors to undergo gender transition surgeries, Rokita added, could legitimately be considered child abuse.

"The state has a very compelling interest in protecting these young Hoosiers and their parents," Rokita said. "And that's why we're collecting this data."

## Franciscan Health Lafayette East Earns State Maternal Care Designation

The Indiana State Department of Health has announced Obstetric and Neonatal Level III certification of Franciscan Health Lafayette East, signifying the steps that the hospital has taken to provide specialty care to patients with more complex maternal and fetal conditions and complications.

The hospital was notified of its designation after satisfying the requirements for an Obstetric Level of Care III and Neonatal Level of Care III facility. Those requirements include 24-hour in-house availability of a neonatologist and obstetrician, along with other support services. Franciscan's obstetrics

unit collaborates actively with the maternal-fetal medicine care team in the management of all pregnant women and those in the postpartum period who are in critical condition or have complex medical conditions.

"Franciscan Health Lafayette East is proud of the multi-disciplinary, family-centered model

of care that we provide for our expectant moms and babies," said Marcia Cherry, MSN, RN, director of Franciscan's Family Birth Center in Western Indiana. "This certification further demonstrates our commitment to excellent care and best outcomes for our patients and supports our mission to Continue Christ's ministry in our Franciscan tradition."

Indiana's Perinatal Levels of Care rating system was signed into law in 2018 by Gov. Eric Holcomb as part of the state's effort to reduce infant mortality. The system designates four levels of care to provide patients with information to help decide the best hospital for their delivery.

The certification is effective for three years and is posted on the hospital premises to be viewed by patients.

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# Southmont Junior High School Honor Roll Marking Period 4 & Trimester 2

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# Dear Earthtalk: Is It Bad For The Planet To Upgrade My Phone Every Two Years?

Smartphones have certainly become ubiquitous, with some 85 percent of Americans and 67 percent of adults worldwide possessing one. Manufacturers sell almost 1.5 billion of them per year. And every year these manufacturers come out with upgraded models to lure customers into trading in their old models to get the latest technology at their fingertips. According to the Consumer Electronic Association the average lifespan of a smartphone is 4.7 years, but the average American user replaces their smartphone within three years. This can be, in part, attributed to planned obsolescence by manufacturers. As new smartphones are manufactured, new software updates accompany them; these updates can lead to older phones becoming unusable if they do not have the capacity to accommodate the new software.

Regarding pollution created by the industry, 95 percent of emissions come from the production phase. A culture that requires constant replacements results in ongoing growth of manufacturing emissions. In addition, continuously replacing phones creates e-waste in the form of the phones themselves. In 2019, 50



million tons of waste came from smartphones which constitute about 10 percent of e-waste globally.

One way to combat e-waste is to recycle. However, according to the World Economic Forum, only about 20 percent of global e-waste is recycled. The Basel Action Network used radio tracking to verify where shipments of e-waste were sent. They found that nearly 40 percent of e-waste from the United States was exported illegally to developing nations where it was unsafely processed or even burned in the open air.

There are steps manufacturers can take to alleviate the environmental burden, one being to introduce "repairable" phones. Currently manufacturers hamper smartphone repair with very high repair prices and restricting third parties from having access to the needed parts. Europe is leading the charge on embracing a circular economy surrounding smartphones that en-

courages repairs, refurbishments and upgrades instead of replacement. Various European countries have instituted programs to address the problem. France maintains a publicly accessible phone repairability index to help consumers there make smart choices about their smartphone purchases. Meanwhile, Sweden and Austria both offer financial incentives for device repairs to encourage fixing instead of junking old smartphones and other electronics.

Whether or not such programs exist in your neck of the woods, you can be part of the solution by simply waiting longer to upgrade your phone, which will help reduce the demand on production while lowering your environmental footprint. While it may not seem like much at first glance, keeping your phone for an extra year can reduce your lifetime device usage by 25 percent. When it is finally time to get a new phone, an eco-conscious consumer can turn to companies like Fair-

phone and SHIFT that offer easily changeable parts and support software upgrades throughout the phone's lifespan.

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# Rep. Shannon Negele Supports Bill Expanding Work-Based Learning

The Indiana House of Representatives recently advanced legislation supported by State Rep. Sharon Negele (R-Attica) that would expand work-based learning opportunities in high schools around the state.

Negele said House Bill 1002 would create Career Scholarship Accounts for Hoosier students to pay for career training, apprenticeships, certifications and internships. The legislation would also allow quality, work-based learning to count toward high school graduation requirements and create a framework for students to earn a post-secondary credential.

"Internships and apprenticeships can provide valuable hands-on experiences for Hoosier students," Negele said. "These opportunities can offer insight into potential careers and more quickly prepare participants for the workforce."

Negele said Career Scholarship Accounts could be used by sophomores, juniors and seniors to enroll in earn-and-learn opportunities, as well as to pay for items like transportation and uniforms to remove barriers to accessing these experiences. The Indiana Department of Education would approve available courses and tracks, and accounts would be awarded \$5,000 under the recently pro-

posed House Republican budget.

According to Negele, the proposed legislation could also incentivize schools and career centers to embrace more earn-and-learn partnerships. It would also task the State Board of Education with re-examining high school diploma requirements in order to provide more flexibility in a student's schedule so they can pursue apprenticeships, applied learning experiences, work-based learning and credentials.

The legislation would also allow post-secondary scholarships, such as the Frank O'Bannon Grant and the 21st Century Scholarship, to be used for trainings provided by intermediaries, employers or a labor organization. Negele said this would provide additional opportunities for Hoosiers, who may not be interested in college, to use these funds to skill up and be prepared for the modern workforce.

House Bill 1002 now heads to the Indiana Senate for further consideration. For more information about this legislation, visit [iga.in.gov](http://iga.in.gov).

*State Rep. Sharon Negele (R-Attica) represents House District 13, which includes all of Benton and Warren counties, and portions of Fountain, Jasper, Montgomery, Newton, Tippecanoe and White counties.*

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# Family Caregivers In Indiana Provide \$10.8 Billion In Unpaid Care To Loved Ones

The unpaid care provided by the 790,000 family caregivers in Indiana is valued at \$10.8 billion, according to new state data available in the latest update to AARP's Valuing the Invaluable series. This is more than a \$1.5 billion increase in unpaid contributions since the last report was released in 2019. The report highlights the growing scope

and complexity of family caregiving and highlights actions needed to address the many challenges of caring for parents, spouses, and other loved ones.

"Family caregivers play a vital role in Indiana's healthcare system," said Sarah Waddle, AARP Indiana State Director. "Whether they care for someone at home, coordinate home health services,

or help someone who lives in a nursing home, the care they provide is invaluable both to those receiving it and to their community."

AARP Indiana has fought and will continue to fight for family caregivers and their loved ones. Over the past year, AARP Indiana has helped advance legislation that cuts red tape for physicians by

having the state join the interstate medical licensure compact; expands the list of healthcare providers that can participate in telemedicine; and ensures that Indiana gets serious about reforming a long-term care system that is falling short.

Resources and information on family caregiving are available at [aarp.org/caregiving](http://aarp.org/caregiving).

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## KAREN

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borough, Kentucky in the Fall of 1775. During the Revolutionary War, they defended the fort through several sieges and were said to have aided in holding Bryant's Station when Simon Girty attacked it. Squire Boone laid claim to Ben's tract of land (on Clear Creek known as Painted Stone a branch of Salt River) and noted that VanCleave had a right to 400 acres, thus a certificate was given for that. Upon his death of cancer, his will showed he had left land to his children.

First child was Mary born slightly less than a year (22 May 1766) after their marriage and at age 17 married Jonathan Ryker. They were parents of three children, Rachel, Ruth and Jeradus and are buried in the Old Ryker's Ridge Cemetery (Jefferson County, Indiana), she passing 8 March 1838 and he 22 Nov 1848.

Aaron was born (the day I was born 181 years later) Dec 15, 1768, married his cousin, Elizabeth VanCleave, parented six children and came to Montgomery County. They will be featured in Saga #2. Their son Enoch #3

Samuel Munson "Preacher Sam" was born in Mocksville NC 25 February 1770 and died in Montgomery County 24 August 1843 to Elizabeth Woods,

parented ten children and will be our Saga #4.

HELP on the next one, Rachel 7 May 1772 whom I had married Hugh Connaway (he died 1810 Gallatin Co, Tenn) but her tombstone in Old Union Cemetery, Brown Township says "wife of Henry Smith, sister of Ralph VanCleave" age 77 years 2 months 26 days (died 3 Aug 1849) and should have appeared on the 1850 Mortality Schedule, but I can't find her. Any help on Rachel would be appreciated especially if she lived here with any children.

John H. was born 5 April 1775 in Shelby County and passed in Montgomery County 23 July 1833, married Marjorie Kerns (born in Ireland) and passed earlier the same year as John. Buried here, parents of six daughters and a son named for John's father. This family will be Saga #5.

Eunice born at Fort Boonesborough 15 Nov 1779 married her cousin "Big John" VanCleave (son of John and Mary Shepherd) and had at least three children: Lydia; Sarah Jane (who also married a VanCleave cousin, David son of Aaron and Elizabeth Griffin) and Squire Heavich. Believe Eunice and John passed in Orange County, Indiana, but Sarah Jane and David lived and died here

as well as his parents. Hopefully, will catch them in the next big VanCleave saga (haven't figured out how many will be coming your way but probably three anyway. Sure I'll miss someone in this humongous family!)

Exciting Sarah was also born on my birthday (1781 Shelby County, KY) and passed in Parke County after losing her husband (her 1st cousin) John Brent VanCleave in Washington County, Kentucky then going with her son to Parke. This family lived near the Putnam, Parke, Montgomery line and although I have a lot of work to do on it, they will be Saga #6.

#6 will be centered on an amazing fellow, Ralph born 18 March 1784 and married Elizabeth Stubbins 25 Feb 1805 in Shelby County, Kentucky. Their two sons and most of the daughters came here. Looking forward to writing this one - loved 'ol Ralph in Saga #7.

Benjamin born 9 Sept 1787 in Jefferson County, Kentucky, I don't believe came to MoCo but most of his children did. Thus Benjamin (called Cross-eyed Ben) will be our #8 and final saga of this round of VanCleave's anyway!

As I was preparing for the monumental task I decided I need to

do because we have so many VanCleave folks here, I did notice something I'd not noticed before and that is that Ben and Ruth's daughter, Jane who was never here and married Adam Wible (both buried Wible Family Cemetery, Washington County, Indiana) then produced 14 children. It is the names of two of her children that caught my attention and answered part of her sister, Rachel's life, I believe. Her first born son was Joseph Connaway Wible and her last, Hugh Connaway Wible.

The last child, William must have passed young, as I have him married to Mary Mount with two children, Elijah and Elvira, then Mary married his brother, Cross-eyed Ben mentioned above. So, hopefully I can find out more - anyone know - and will include him with Ben and Mary.

Oh, boy, looks like I have a big (fun) task ahead and this is only one of the VanCleave families who came our way! Hmmm, this might last all year - lol!

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