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TODAY'S VERSE

Psalms 89:1 I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Tiffany Cosby smiles brightly on a beautiful Wednesday morning. Thank you for your smile, Tiffany!

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Sixty-year-old Floridian Rob Stirling shows that age needn't get you down. Stirling recently contested the Guinness World Record for doing the most pushups in one hour -- 3,264 pushups in sixty minutes, almost 54-and-a-half pushups per minute. Stirling is not done yet. He plans to set a new Guinness record for the most pushups in one minute. The current record holder earned his title by doing 144 pushups in the span of sixty seconds.

2 The Indiana Department of Transportation announces County Road 100 W. over I-74 will close on or after Monday, March 27 for bridge work, near Crawfordsville. This is about one-mile west of U.S. 231. Crews will also be restricting both driving lanes of I-74 at the bridge. It's expected to reopen after early October, weather permitting. The restrictions are also expected to end after that time. The detour follows U.S. 231 to Co. Rd. 400 N. to Co. Rd. 100 S. to N. 400 N. to U.S. 231 and back to Co. Rd. 100.

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Aaron Vancleave - Saga #2



KAREN ZACH
Around The County

Aaron Vancleave as was noted in the first Vancleave Saga and I share birthdays, ten days before Christmas his in 1768 Rowan County, North Carolina, oddly from where many of my ancestors hail. His parents were Benjamin Samuel Vancleave and Ruth L. Munson, Ben's father Aaron Vancleave and Rachel Schenck. Aaron married Elizabeth Vancleave whose grandparents were also Aaron and Rachel,



thus first cousins. Aaron was the oldest son, second child of what I have as 11 children but have seen up to 15 elsewhere. Aaron and Elizabeth married 4 March 1794 in Shelby County, Kentucky. Elizabeth's dates are sketchy but born about 1772 in NC and passed 1835 in MoCo. All six of their children were born in Shelby County. Most of the older Vancleaves have FindAGrave entries, but no stone photo but do love this one to use as a topper (thanks to Linda) for this article.

There were six original land grants here in Brown Township for Aaron Vancleave, but thinking some of those were likely for his first cousin,

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Professional Panel Weighs In On New Reproductive Health Laws



Dr. Joyce Burnette



Mr. Adam Burtner



Dr. Caroline Rouse

In the early summer of 2022, the Supreme Court of the United States in the Dobbs v. Jackson decision overturned the 1972 Roe v. Wade decision. This ruling brings major changes to Indiana's health delivery system and to our public health system (as it has for every state and county in our nation). The ruling will also affect our state's economy.

Whatever an individual thinks about the Dobbs decision, it is now the law of the land. No matter where one falls on the political or religious spectrum, the Dobbs decision's effects will touch each one of us whether we are of child-bearing age or not. All community

members are invited to learn more about what this ruling is and how it stands to affect reproductive health care in Indiana and our state's future wellbeing.

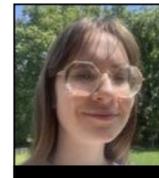
On Wednesday, March 22, a panel of regional leaders will discuss these issues from their professional perspectives. This program will be held in the Crawfordsville District Public Library (205 S. Washington) in the Donnelley Room from 7:00-8:30 pm. The public is cordially invited to attend the program.

Panelists are Dr. Joyce Burnette, professor of Economics

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Your Library And You

The public library is a repository of knowledge, freely available to everyone. At the Crawfordsville District Public Library, we strive to offer the most complete, up-to-date information possible on every subject, no matter how sensitive, so our patrons can be well-informed citizens of the world.



Susanna Howard
Fresh off the Shelf

We trust that our patrons can make their own decisions about whether or not an item is appropriate for them based on the details in the catalog or by asking our staff for recommendations.

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Selling Ben-Hur: The Novel, Marketing, And Material Culture

The General Lew Wallace Study & Museum is pleased to announce the opening of our 2023 exhibit "Selling Ben-Hur: The Novel, Marketing, and Material Culture"

The exhibit will open at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 21, in the Carriage House Interpretive Center at the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum.

"My God, did I set all of this in motion?" When Lew Wallace spoke these words in 1899 after seeing the staged production of Ben-Hur on Broadway, he could not have imagined all that he had actually set in motion. Ben-Hur has commanded the nation's attention for over 140 years. The book is a presence in both popular and material cultural unlike any other work of fiction before it. Scholars continue to study Lew Wallace and Ben-Hur for the impact the book and its many iterations have had on Christianity and world religion. Beyond scholarly interest, this work of fiction has changed the course of modern material culture, becoming a commercial

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The Daily Almanac



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What Happened On This Day:

- 1988 A poison gas attack kills 5000 civilians in the Kurdish town of Halabjah. The war crime was in all likelihood executed on the orders of Iraqi despot Saddam Hussein.
- 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:

- 1986 Daisuke Takahashi Japanese figure skater
- 1954 Nancy Wilson American singer-songwriter, guitarist, producer, actress

Deaths On This Day:

- 2003 Rachel Corrie American activist
- 37 Tiberius Roman Emperor

HONEST HOOSIER

Almost time for one of my most favorite holidays - St. Paddy's Day! (Yes, I know that's not really a word - that's what happens when an Honest Hoosier starts celebrating a wee bit too early!)



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Twenty percent of kids between the ages of two and five are overweight - get them out of the strollers and turn off the TV! 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.



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THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE
Spring Forward!

The library board of the Ladoga-Clark Twp. Public Library will hold a special meeting today at 4 p.m., at the library, 128 E Main St. Ladoga. The subject under discussion is renewing the library's internet service.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"May the Irish hills caress you.
May her lakes and rivers bless you.
May the luck of the Irish enfold you.
May the blessings of St. Patrick behold you."
- Irish Blessing

TODAY'S JOKE

Two Irishmen talking:
I'm marrying an Irish lass on St. Patrick's Day.
Oh, really?
No, O'Reilly!

OBITUARIES

None

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Meeting Notes

Montgomery County Master Gardeners

Monthly Meeting
 March 6, 2023
 Sixteen eager-for-Spring Master Gardeners gathered on March 6 at the 4-H Fairgrounds with Purdue Agriculture Educator Tricia Herr. President Sheri Bethard called the meeting to order. Vice President Nancy Bowes introduced the invited speaker, Levi Brush.

Levi is a Purdue University Student, and the first recipient of the Master Gardeners \$500 scholarship which is available to Montgomery County residents attending an accredited Indiana college or university and pursuing a degree in a field related to horticulture or plant sciences, such as botany, agriculture, landscape design, forestry, or others. In the second semester of his freshman year at Purdue, Levi is majoring in Agronomy and currently taking courses in chemistry, agronomy, and botany. As a Dean's Scholar, Levi is able to work alongside upper-level researchers investigating biofortification methods in many species of plants.

While Levi may be immersed in all things agricultural in his studies, he assured us that he did not come from an agricultural background and indeed described his family as having the opposite of a "green thumb." He was interested in herpetology at an early age and frogs are still his favorite animal. He joined the FFA club in Jr. High School and after completing several courses found his niche in crop judging, winning 3rd in the state in crop judging and subsequently in other categories including soils and floriculture.

After trying his hand on a home garden with his new-found skills, Levi now tends a 10x10' garden filled with tomatoes, cucumbers, cabbage, broccoli, dill, Hungarian wax peppers, black tomatoes, and very tasty pear tomatoes. Now sold at his small farmstand are these fresh products, pickled beets (from a 4th generation family recipe) and dill pickles from a recipe he developed.

Levi's goals are to continue building on his "side gig", selling homemade produce, while continuing to focus his studies to pursue work in soil and water sciences, especially in irrigation and erosion mitigation. He sees this need here in the community where he grew up as erosion continues to degrade the natural beauty and habitat at Turkey Run State Park and nearer to us on Sugar Creek.

The business meeting

continued with a review of 2023 financials and approval of the February meeting minutes. Certificates of Recognition were awarded to our 2022 officers, Pam Mahler-Treasurer, Denise Ducharme-Vice President, Karen Thada-Secretary and Susan Smith-President. Tricia also recognized two Master Garden Interns, Sean Grady and Janella Numan, on the completion of their volunteer commitment of at least 40 hours to achieve Certified Extension Master Gardener status.

Sheri reviewed the 2023 proposed budget with the membership and highlighted some important changes and updates. The budget was approved as presented.

Master Gardeners will be involved in many community events over the next months. The new Seed Library has opened at the Crawfordsville Public Library and all patrons are invited to visit and take some seeds home to grow. The return of in-person 4th Grade Ag Days will be on April 10th and 11th from 9:00a-1:45p. We are expecting 220 children each day. Montgomery County Master Gardeners will be at the "Info to Go" booth at the Indiana Flower & Patio Show in at the Indiana State Fair Grounds on Thursday, March 16th to answer your horticulture questions. Plans are underway for our annual April 29th Spring Plant Sale in conjunction with the Nucor Free Tree Giveaway at the 4-H Fairgrounds. Meetings with Nicholson Elementary School teachers and administration signal the start of our yearly "Growing Better Together" garden and we're eager to meet the new students learning to love plants. Planning also continues for the Master Gardener Butterfly Garden at the fairgrounds.

Internal activities include a new MG Training Class with 4 Montgomery County participants. We are hoping for a volunteer from our membership to fill the vacant Outreach Director position. The Scholarship Committee, Nancy, Karen, Ellen, and Esther report that they have received no applications so far this year for the annual scholarship. Promotions have included e-mails, contacting FFA educators at our county high schools, and submitting articles to both newspapers.

After a door prize drawing was presented, the meeting was adjourned.

If you are interested in becoming a Master Gardener, please contact Tricia Herr at the 4-H Extension Master Gardener Program, 400 Parke Avenue, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 or e-mail us at montcoinemg@gmail.com.

Dear EarthTalk: What Is Former President Jimmy Carter's Environmental Legacy?



Standing at the presidential lectern, in front of what looked like a series of oversized plastic deckchairs, Jimmy Carter prophesied that "[a] generation from now, this solar heater can be a curiosity, a museum piece, an example of a road not taken, or it can be a small part of one of the greatest and most exciting adventures ever undertaken by the American people." The year was 1979, and then-President Carter was talking about the environmental imperative of weaning America from its dependency on non-renewable energy, much of which was being imported from abroad.

During his presidency, Carter amassed an impressive number of conservation achievements. He more than doubled the area conserved under the National Parks System and added 104 million acres to Alaska's protected land areas—over 57 million of which were named "wilderness" zones and safeguarded under the highest level of federal protection. More Than Just Parks, an organization for the protection of nature conservation, named this "the single greatest protection of public lands in our

nation's history."

In the first year of his presidency, Carter signed the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act which banned mining in national parks. Previously, as Georgia's governor, he vetoed the building of a dam on the Flint River, which would have flooded scenic valleys and threatened native Cahaba Lily and Shoal Bass which thrived on its banks. As President, he would go on to veto 16 similar water reclamation projects. The wins Carter scored for the environment have helped him go down as one of the greenest presidents in history. But after a series of eco-unfriendly presidents, what remains of his environmental legacy today?

For one, the solar panels that held such symbolic weight have indeed become "museum pieces" after his successor in the White House, Ronald Reagan, dismantled them in 1986. The panels are shared between the Smithsonian

Museum, the Carter Library and the Science and Technology Museum in China. Carter's panels, along with his mission to move America's energy consumption to 20 percent renewables by 2000, have been significantly downgraded.

Since Carter left office in 1980, his Alaskan conservation work has also come under threat. A Trump-era trading of public lands granted permission for a commercial road to be built across the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, one of the zones protected under Carter's extension of the national park system during his presidency. With petitions from Carter and other environmentalists, the decision has since been overturned. The incident remains, however, a pressing reminder of the fragility of conservation wins.

"He showed us what it means to be a public servant, with emphasis on servant," Joe Biden said, and as Carter's leg-

acy ages, and the climate crisis continues to rage, it will be interesting to see how his environmental advocacy continues to influence U.S. leaders. The green legacy of Jimmy Carter is vast and important but, like the American landscapes he championed, it is in need of protection.

CONTACTS: More Than Just Parks, <https://morethanjustparks.com/public-lands-granted-permission-for-a-commercial-road-to-be-built-across-the-izembek-national-wildlife-refuge>; Georgia Conservancy, <https://www.georgiaconservancy.org/president-carter-environmental-legacy>; Yale Climate Connections, <https://yaleclimateconnections.org/2023/02/the-forgotten-story-of-jimmy-carters-white-house-solar-panels/>.

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CenterPoint Energy Encourages Customers To Set Up Billing And Payment Arrangements As Winter Heating Season Ends

CenterPoint Energy would like to remind customers Indiana's winter regulatory moratorium, which temporarily suspends disconnections of customers who meet low-income guidelines and have received federal and state utility heating assistance, expires today. Customers who have received a disconnect notice should contact the company at 1-800-227-1376 to make payment arrangements and avoid potential disconnection.

"Throughout the winter heating season, we have been communicating with customers who may be experiencing financial hardships on the options available to manage their accounts," said Ashley Babcock, Vice President, Indiana and Ohio Gas. "We encourage customers experiencing financial challenges to contact us as soon as they receive a disconnection notice to make arrangements to avoid a disruption in service."

With the expiration of the moratorium, those

customers currently under a disconnect order who have failed to make arrangements with the company will be subject to disconnection. Customers can choose from the following free billing and payment options, as well as energy efficiency programs:

- Energy Assistance Program (EAP): State and federal utility assistance dollars are available for income-eligible customers. Those that fall within 60 percent of state median income should visit their local community action agency to sign up for the EAP. To apply for the EAP, customers should call 1-800-872-0371 to locate their nearest community action agency. Customers may also apply any time at the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority website at www.EAP.ihcda.in.gov.

- Universal Service Program (USP): All eligible natural gas heating customers who apply and qualify for EAP will au-

tomatically be enrolled in the USP, which provides additional gas bill reductions that range from 15 to 32 percent of the total bill received (not including EAP benefits) in the months of December through May. The USP, which has been in place since 2005 is the result of a collaborative effort by CenterPoint Energy, Citizens Energy Group, the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor, Citizens Action Coalition and a group representing industrial customers.

- Due Date Extension and Payment Arrangement: These are two free offerings which are available to customers in need of a special payment plan on a temporary basis in order to keep service connected and manage energy costs.

- Energy efficiency resources: CenterPoint Energy offers energy efficiency tips, appliance rebates and energy-saving tools to help customers lower their natural gas bills. All Indiana residential and small com-

mercial natural gas customers are eligible. Visit www.centerpointenergy.com/smartsavings or call 1-866-240-8476 for a list of rebates, qualifying appliances and energy efficiency tips.

- Budget Bill: Under this billing plan, a customer's estimated costs for a year of gas service are spread in equal monthly bill amounts for the year. This leveling of monthly bill amounts reduces the need to pay the full amount in the winter and spreads some of those higher bill charges into the non-heating months. Amounts are adjusted each summer for actual costs, and the customer's credit or amount due rolls into the next Budget Bill payment for the next 12-month period. Customers can enroll for free on www.centerpointenergy.com or by calling 1-800-227-1376.

Additional resources may be available through the township trustee offices and community partner organizations.

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Sugar Creek Chimney Sweep

The Crawfordsville / Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce gave Sugar Creek Chimney Sweep a warm welcome with a ceremonial ribbon cutting at Fusion 54 since the business does not have a brick and mortar.

Sugar Creek Chimney Sweep was originally founded in 1979 by

Chip Libka, Isaac and Kimberly Weliver, also owners of Francis & Mount, purchased Sugar Creek Chimney Sweep in 2022. They offer chimney repairs, cleaning, inspections, restorations, gas fireplace makeovers and more.

Keep your family and home safe with preventative inspection and

maintenance. To have your home serviced, you may call 765-376-1002 or book an appointment on their website <https://www.sugarcreekchimneysweep.com/services>. For any questions regarding the Chamber, please get in touch with Stacy Sommer at ssommer@crawfordsvillechamber.com.

EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: What's New With The De-Extinction Movement?

De-extinction, the concept of resurrecting extinct species, has long been a topic of debate among scientists and the general public. In recent years, scientific advances have made it more feasible to bring back extinct species, leading to a renewed interest in doing so. The non-profit Revive & Restore was created in 2012 by Stewart Brand (founder of the Whole Earth Catalog) and Ryan Phelan to help usher in a new age of conservation based on the implementation of de-extinction strategies.

One of the most significant developments has been the successful cloning of extinct species, such as the Pyrenean ibex and the bucardo, both wild goat species. In 2009, scientists successfully cloned a Pyrenean ibex, but the newborn goat died shortly after birth due to respiratory failure. In 2021, researchers successfully cloned a black-footed ferret, an endangered species that was declared extinct in 1979. The cloned ferret, named Elizabeth Ann, was born in a lab and has since been released into the wild to help boost the population of the species.

Another development has been the use of genetic engineering to recreate extinct species. Scientists can extract DNA from fossils, museum specimens or frozen tissue samples and use

it to create an embryo of the extinct species. In 2013, scientists successfully created a hybrid elephant-mammoth embryo using DNA from a woolly mammoth and an Asian elephant. The embryo was not brought to term, but the research demonstrates the possibility of using genetic engineering to create extinct species.

The de-extinction movement is not without its critics, however. Many argue that the focus on de-extinction takes resources and attention away from conservation efforts aimed at protecting and preserving endangered species. Others worry about the ecological implications of reintroducing extinct species to the environment. The ecosystem may have changed since the species went extinct, and reintroducing them could have unintended consequences, such as disrupting existing relationships between organisms and the environment or spreading disease.

Despite these concerns, the de-extinction movement continues to move forward. The for-profit Colossal Biosciences has raised \$225 million over four rounds of venture capital investment to fund its efforts to bring back Dodo birds, Tasmanian tigers and woolly mammoths, among other extinct species, using genetic engineering. In

the case of the mammoth, the company is working on the creation of an elephant-mammoth hybrid embryo that could be carried to term by an elephant surrogate. The researchers hope to release these Frankenstein mammoths into the wild in the Arctic tundra, where they would help restore the ecosystem by grazing on the grasslands and helping to prevent permafrost from melting.

There are many challenges that must be overcome before extinct species can be successfully brought back. In numbers. However, advances in genetic engineering and cloning technologies have made it increasingly feasible to resurrect extinct species, and the possibility of bringing back species such as the woolly mammoth has captured the public's imagination. As the de-extinction movement continues to evolve, it will be important to balance the potential benefits with the ecological and ethical considerations involved.

CONTACTS: Revive & Restore, reviverestore.org; Colossal Biosciences, colossal.com.

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Indiana Abortions Drop Significantly, Despite Pause On Statewide Ban

By Casey Smith and Whitney Downard

Abortions in Indiana spiked in the months following the Dobbs ruling, but the number of procedures happening across the state has since dropped nearly 50%, according to newly released state data.

The first three months after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, Indiana clinics submitted an average of 1,048 terminated pregnancy reports each month, according to Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) data obtained by the Indiana Capital Chronicle.

But those abortion reports dropped sharply between October and January, averaging just 552 terminations per month. That is well below monthly averages for previous years.

State lawmakers passed a near-total abortion ban in August, but the procedure remains legal in Indiana while the law is being challenged in court. Under an injunction, the state's previous abortion law stands — allowing abortions up to 20 weeks.

Still, providers say patients are confused about what's allowed and what's not, adding that such bans create a "chilling effect" and discourage people from seeking out the procedure in Indiana.

Staff shortages are additionally limiting the ability of Hoosier clinics to provide abortions.

Planned Parenthood's Indianapolis clinic — that provided the largest number of abortions in 2021 — hasn't performed abortions since at least the end of February. The organization didn't respond to requests about the matter but the website for the Georgetown Road location says it is providing only "abortion referrals."

Even for the folks who are following this and are aware of the injunction, it's still confusing.

— Dr. Katie McHugh
Dr. Katie McHugh, a licensed gynecologist in

Indianapolis who provides abortion care, attributed much of the decline to uncertainty surrounding Indiana's laws and whether the ban is still in effect.

"We still have patients coming in or calling into the clinic saying, 'Where do I go? Can you refer me to a place out of state?' And we're like, 'Sure. But we can also see you here,'" she said. "Even for the folks who are following this and are aware of the injunction, it's still confusing."

McHugh said she and other abortion care providers operate in a sort of legal limbo, where the anticipated decision from the Indiana Supreme Court could alter their practice indefinitely.

"It's very complicated when you're trying to schedule patients, when you're trying to place supply orders (on medicine) ... if you don't know if you can literally provide care tomorrow," McHugh said.

Katie Blair, advocacy and public policy director for the ACLU of Indiana — who has filed two lawsuits against the state ban — said "Although abortion remains legal, in the past decade, the Indiana General Assembly has enacted more than 50 abortion restrictive laws. These laws, combined with the looming ban that is now held up in the courts can make it more challenging for providers to offer reproductive care, and more difficult for women to access the care they need."

By the numbers
In July, August and September, seven abortion care providers licensed in Indiana reported more than 1,000 pregnancy terminations each month, while abortions over the same time period in 2021 averaged just under 700 per month.

The state health department hasn't yet released its full 2022 report, meaning the latest comparable numbers are from 2021.
The newest data provided by IDOH also only reflect when reports were

submitted — not necessarily when the procedures were performed. But providers have 30 days to file the paperwork.

In the late summer months, part of the demand came from neighboring states with restrictive laws on abortion, McHugh said. As laws changed, so has the demand.

Indiana Department of Health received the following terminated pregnancy reports:

- July 2022 – 1035
- August 2022 – 1081
- September 2022 – 1030
- October 2022 – 446
- November 2022 – 605
- December 2022 – 755
- January 2023 – 405

"Other states that were previously banned now have injunctions in place so that care is accessible," McHugh said, highlighting Ohio.

Most abortions were illegal in Ohio as soon as the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v Wade in late June. Several Ohio clinics challenged the law, which started once embryonic cardiac activity could be detected around six weeks. A court issued an injunction on that ban in October.

Over the summer, Indiana made national news after a 10-year-old rape victim from Ohio sought abortion care in the Hoosier State. The child was one of potentially hundreds of Ohioans who left their home state to seek abortion care providers.

As Indiana grappled with its own new restrictions, reported abortions fell to half the previous month's reports, from 1,030 in September to 446 in October — even though abortion in Indiana was only illegal for about a week.

The 405 terminated pregnancy reports submitted in January 2023 is roughly half of the 793 terminations reported for January 2021.

IDOH doesn't have February numbers yet, prolonging uncertainty about the impacts of the temporary closure of

the Planned Parenthood location on the north side of Indiana in late February. That clinic alone performed more than one-quarter, or 29%, of all the state's abortions in 2021.

Planned Parenthood, which operates four of the seven clinics providing abortion services, did not respond to multiple Capital Chronicle requests for comment.

Women's Med Group Professional Corporation of Indianapolis, the clinic performing the second highest number of abortions in Indiana, performed 27% of the state's procedures in 2021. The location similarly told the Capital Chronicle it needs to train more staff but declined to give an interview before publication.

Both clinics, along with Whole Women's Health Alliance, were part of the lawsuit that paused the state's near-total abortion ban.

Those bans, according to Whole Women's founder and CEO Amy Hagstrom Miller, only kept people from accessing safe abortions in their communities.

"The same amount of people still need access to safe abortion; abortion bans don't change the number of people that have unplanned pregnancies," Hagstrom Miller said. "It's not reducing the need, it's just making people have to travel farther and oftentimes pushing them further into their pregnancy."

Meanwhile, Indiana Right to Life CEO Mike Fichter said his group "suspect(s) Indiana briefly became an abortion destination in the months following Dobbs," especially for women coming from Ohio and Kentucky.

"Both of these states had strong pro-life laws in effect almost immediately after Roe was overturned, yet Indiana's new law did not go into effect until mid-September, and then just briefly, before it was blocked in court," Fichter said in a written statement. "Had the legislature not tightened Indiana's abortion law

in last year's special session, there is little doubt abortions would have continued to skyrocket in our state."

"Help Wanted" at abortion clinics

As the availability of abortion wavered, doctors made other plans. Illinois became a hotspot, as the "sanctuary" state saw demand surge as all of its neighbors pursued bans. Pushed out of their home states, many physicians opted to license in Illinois and other states.

McHugh, for her part, chose to license in Ohio and Maryland.

"We are all still in Indiana, though many of us have also become licensed in other states and are providing abortion care in other states," McHugh said. "That is not necessarily the reason for decreased access, that is more a function of the... instability around whether abortion will remain legal in Indiana."

As a licensed doctor, McHugh said she had flexibility that other staff didn't — including positions at other clinics and health services beyond abortion.

"It is very difficult to keep staff at the front desk or people to help take vitals," McHugh said. "(Those employees) need to make sure they have a steady and stable income to feed their families and pay their bills. It is very different for us to ask these low-paid but dedicated employees to continue to show up for a job that may not exist next week."

Hagstrom Miller, with Women's Health, reported the same staffing difficulty. One staffer relocated to Virginia while another took a different position within the company. Since the ban passed, the clinic hasn't always been able to schedule appointments and closed intermittently.

"People want to be sure they have a stable income for their families," Hagstrom Miller said. "I think all clinics are navigating this."

The South Bend clinic, located at the Michigan

border and roughly 90 minutes from Chicago, has the option to divert patients elsewhere if they can't get scheduled in Indiana, including a virtual option in Illinois.

"Sometimes I call this the era of uncertainty. There's a lot of uncertainty because we don't know how long we can promise somebody work and we don't know how long we'll be able to be open," Hagstrom Miller said. "We're waiting for the final decision from the lawsuit."

McHugh also doesn't expect relief soon — so long as the abortion ban (or lack thereof) remains uncertain. But she said clinics have the responsibility to train their staff to ensure the safety of the procedure — which has a complication rate far below childbirth, especially in states like Indiana that have a high maternal mortality rate.

"We want to make sure that patients are safe; that the employees are supported with the education and the training they need," McHugh said.

Hagstrom Miller wants Hoosier women to know that the clinic's abortion care providers can still connect people to services, including funding and travel support.

"We are still answering our phones... we're helping Hoosiers either get medication abortion by mail in Illinois, to travel to Indianapolis where clinics might be open or travel to Illinois or Michigan," Hagstrom Miller said. "The one promise we know we can keep to our patients is that we're going to answer those phones and we're going to give you the most current information."

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"Upper Aaron" son of John and Mary Shepherd, married to Elizabeth Griffin who passed 30 Sept 1834, he 24 Feb 1846 both near Waveland. Or, perhaps they were all for Upper Aaron? Anyone know?

At any rate, Aaron, Elizabeth and their children were most assuredly here by late 1826 or early 1827, their youngest, Crawford being about 14.

Their oldest, Benjamin Shepherd VanCleave was born 12 August 1796 and passed away in Dallas County, Iowa. He married (11 August 1818 Shelby Co) Matilda Taylor who passed 25 years after him in Dallas. They produced an even dozen children, three girls. Their oldest, Basil died at age 24 and assumedly is buried in Iowa. John Payton (Peyton), Benjamin's next, was born 26 September 1820 and married Marjory McMullen (daughter of James Robinson McMullen and guess what - her mom was a VanCleave). He passed 25 Feb 1899, buried in Harshbarger. Their children were: James, a life-time farmer passed away at age 80. Benjamin Warren (7 Nov 1847 - 10 Dec 1902) also a farmer, if married don't believe children and passed away much younger than his brother at age 55. Joseph Albert Wright VanCleave was a carpenter, rancher, and real estate developer in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Two sons: Errett and Otto Bowers VanCleave. Otto followed after his father in careers, but was quite emphatic about his name spelled Van Cleave. John P's daughter, Matilda died at age 21 and is on a stone with the above brothers in Harshbarger.

In MoCo (22 June 1885), Sarah Louise b 19 July 1865 married Joseph Terry - parents of three boys: Calvin, Frank and Moss. Ahhh, she passed away on Valentine's Day, 1945 Winnebago, Minnesota at Moss's home. John Wesley passed at age 24, was a twin (born Jan 24, 1870) to Eve who died at age 15 and, the two also buried with Benjamin and Matilda. Lastly, daughter Martha married Thomas Denny (20 years older than Martha), lived MoCo; passed in Meeker, Colorado 7 Feb 1927.

Mary Elizabeth VanCleave, daughter of Ben and Matilda married a VanCleave, as well, Preston son of Samuel and Rachel Catherine (ready? VanCleave). 13 children: John; Francis Marion; Bazil; Matilda; James; Lewis; William; Margaret; Benjamin Franklin; Rachel; Margery; Joseph and Sarah. Few of their sons married and I do not see them on FindAGrave but they were in Idaho as well as Nebraska.

Benjamin Taylor VanCleave married Mary Ann Taylor, daughter of Benjamin Taylor and ... Margaret VanCleave 16 Jan 1850 in Montgomery County but went to Dallas County, Iowa (children: John, William, Margaret and Sally) where they both passed away. His brother, Joseph Warren 9 Dec 1823 died in Dallas Co 9 Jan 1863 - Civil War related?

Ada Ann b Shelby Co KY 16 March 1828 married one of the early Moores - George Allen - from Waveland (2 April 1848 MoCo) and they too went to Iowa - eight children (Elizabeth Ann; Samuel Grimes; Matilda Hazel; Malinda Jane; Wil-

liam Allen; Mary Alice; Augusta Ellen and James M. Moore). I believe only two of these made it to adulthood.

And, another one off to Dallas County (where he farmed) was Thomas Taylor b. MoCo 11 Nov 1829 married Mary Fisher and parented Sylvester and Anderson.

Samuel Grimes VanCleave also b MoCo but off to Iowa where he married, farmed and was father to William and Edward.

Solomon Munson b 18 June 1834 MoCo lived Dallas County but moved to California in his 50s where he died (12 Feb 1914) in Placer County. FindAGrave lists him with these children: Nancy; Joseph; Arthur; Henry; Sherman; Ben; Franklin; Ward; Leroy; Charlie; Carl and Dovie!

Cornelius Johnson b 14 May 1836 MoCo, farmed for some time in Dallas County, died in Furnas County, Nebraska 8 June 1915. His family consisted of eight sons, four daughters, 22 grandchildren and three greats at his death. He and wife (Rachel Chenoweth) were married over 50 years and separated but eight days at death.

Margaret 4 Oct 1839 Montgomery, died 1905, Dallas County, Iowa married Franklin Francis.

The youngest of Ben and Matilda's was Stephen died age 20, Dallas County.

Enoch, son of Aaron and Elizabeth died before 13 May 1833 here, buried Indian Creek Hill. Looks like I'm going to change my plans for the VanCleave #3 Saga as I'm done with allowed words and still have way more to go. Since Enoch and

most of his children lived here the whole time, I'm adding him for a Saga.

John Benjamin Jackson VanCleave died young, age 31; buried Indian Creek. Wife Mary Taylor died in Vigo County, and they had Henry; Matilda; Sarah; John and Elizabeth, most living in Vigo.

Then, I'm stuck - anyone have a clue what happened to Samuel born about 1804, son of Aaron and Elizabeth VanCleave?

Margaret married Benjamin Taylor in Shelby Co Sept 1825. Children: Mary Ann; William; Matilda; George Samuel; Lucinda; Nancy; Sally; Bessie; Basil and James. Their daughter, Mary Ann married Benjamin VanCleave. See above. Their daughter, Lucinda married Aaron (b 1832) VanCleave. Sadly, Ben Taylor died at age 48 of a "sudden accident" (1850 Mortality), and she passed just 15 years later, leaving children from age 16 to 36.

Lastly is Crawford whose wife was Sarah VanCleave (don't know her descent) and married again MoCo to Eunice King. They went to Grady County, Missouri. His children were Samuel; Mary; Lydia; William; Nancy; Asa Milton; Adam; Elizabeth and Isaac N.

See ya' next week for info on Aaron and Elizabeth's son, Enoch - gotta' go do some researching!

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LIBRARY

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at Wabash College, Mr. Adam Burtner, Vice President of Government Affairs of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, and Dr. Caroline Rouse, maternal-fetal specialist at University Hospital in Indianapolis. During the program, each of these professionals will describe how the Dobbs decision and its Indiana counterpart, Senate Bill 1, will impact their professional fields and how the Supreme Court's decision may be felt by our state in years to come. (Senate Bill 1 is the Indiana General Assembly's legislation that passed six

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