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➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Romans 5:3 – 5 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope; And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Andrew Jones smiles for our roving photographer. Andrew is a senior of Crawfordsville High School where he plays soccer and golf. Thank you for your smile Andrew!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Indiana Sen. Mike Braun applauded a new state law that would stop irreversible and dangerous "gender transition" drugs and procedures for minors, including puberty blockers, hormone therapies, and irreversible surgeries such as mastectomies for the purpose of "gender transition." Gov. Eric Holcomb signed it into law Wednesday. "A child cannot consent to irreversible sex change surgery, and Indiana will no longer allow children to take dangerous drugs with long-term consequences like puberty blockers and hormone therapies in the name of extreme gender theories," Braun said. "These kids are clearly having a hard time, and we need to give them compassion and mental health help rather than dangerous, un-tested, unapproved drugs and irreversible surgeries." Braun said that puberty blockers and hormone therapies have not been approved by the FDA for "gender transition," and when prescribed to children have long term medical consequences which are not reversible, including loss of bone mass and infertility.

2 The Indiana Department of Natural Resources is stocking nearly 50,000 trout across the state in preparation for trout fishing season. Thirty-three bodies of water across 21 counties will be stocked before opening day Trout bite a variety of artificial baits such as spinners and flies, but natural baits such as worms and bee moths tend to be the most popular. To find a stocked stream near you, see the 2023 trout stocking plan at bit.ly/INFishStocking. The bag limit for trout in inland waters other than Lake Michigan and its tributaries is five per day with a minimum size of 7 inches. To fish for trout, anglers age 18 and older must have an Indiana fishing license and a trout/salmon stamp.

3 Did you know that Indiana ranks 11th in the nation for skilled trade professionals to work? That's according to a survey conducted by Today's Homeowner. They measured the average pay for 10 jobs, the expected growth and the places that are hot spots for skilled trades. In part, the study found that Indiana skilled jobs paid about \$54,000, that Indiana had overall unemployment of 4.7 percent and almost 250,000 skilled trade job opportunities.

Lego Build



Photo courtesy of Linden Carnegie Public Library

The Linden Carnegie Public Library recently held a Lego Build, which provided kids with a Lego Technic kit to build and take home. The kids started off the event by searching the library for specific Lego mini-figures hidden around the building, with a prize for the first child to find their figure. The group and their special adults were able to enjoy pizza and snacks before working together to build their kit. The library will be kicking off its Summer Reading Program on June 7 at 3:30 with a marionette performance of "The Wizard of Oz" in the Pleasant Hill Elementary gymnasium.

Vancleave #5 – John H.



KAREN ZACH
Around The County

Six daughters and only one son was born to John H., today's Vancleave feature. Some researchers have him born in Shelby County, Kentucky, but I vote for Rowan County, NC where the sister before and after him were born, but certainly he grew-up in Shelby. He was tall, slim and had dark brown eyes. On 8 November 1794, he wed Marjorie Kerns who was but seven months old when she came to America from her birth-country, Ireland. Marjorie was the daughter of Peter Kerns and Anna Jordan, Peter hailing from Ulster County. Anna was noted to have been a very beautiful woman with lovely daughters. The Vancleaves are buried at Oak Hill Grant Av-



enue with the Kerns'. (thanks to R&S Fine for the FAGrave photo).

All seven of John and Marjorie's children were born in Shelby County in the large brick home John built for his family. They were all very close together seven from 1796-1804, all advancing to a fair age. Their oldest daughter, Anna married Benjamin Hall (buried Indian Creek - many Vancleaves are) at age 24 in Shelby County. Five children: John; William; James; Martha and Ruth. Anna (born early 1796) was lame and could do little housework because of it but she was beautiful and made outstanding items as a seamstress.

Their second daughter born

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Upcoming Calligraphy Class At Athens Arts

A calligraphy class is being held at the Athens Arts next month. Calligraphy is the art of decorative handwriting. It is a skill that can beautify almost anything from creating invitations, decorating an art journal, to enhancing a signature. In parts of the world, calligraphy has long been a major art form equal to sculpture or painting.

The instructor will provide all supplies needed to learn calligraphy, an elegant writing form. We encourage you to join this fun class and learn something new!

Class will be on Thursday, April 13. Choose either an afternoon session (1 - 3 p.m.) or an evening session (6 - 8 p.m.). Class is open to anyone 12 years and older. Cost is \$35. Classes meet at Athens Arts, 216 E. Main Street, Crawfordsville, IN. To reserve a spot for the

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➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Did you hear that the lame-brains at PETA want Easter eggs replaced with painted rocks? Yeah, that's what we want – a bunch of 5-year-olds throwing rocks at each other!



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you have bad breath, try flossing your teeth regularly. 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
For Your Information

The Crawfordsville Investment Club will meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., at the Crawfordsville District Public Library. The program is about Previous Economic Recessions, based on an article from American Investment Services, Inc. The Crawfordsville Investment Club meets for educational purposes only. Visitors are welcome. For more information call 765-362-2826.

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"One of the lessons of history is that nothing is often a good thing to do and always a clever thing to say." Will Durant

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

What do you call a bear caught in an April shower? A drizzly bear!

The Daily Almanac



Sunrise/Sunset:
RISE: 7:18 a.m.
SET: 8:14 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures:
High: 54 °F
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Today is...

- Fresh Tomato Day
- National Burrito Day



What Happened On This Day:

- 1909 Robert Peary allegedly becomes the first person to reach the North Pole. Peary's claim has never been verified and is widely contested.
- 1965 The first commercial communications satellite is launched. Intelsat I, also known as Early Bird, facilitated the first live TV broadcast of a spacecraft splashdown when Gemini 6 landed in the Atlantic Ocean.



Births On This Day:

- 1928 James Watson American biologist, geneticist, Nobel Prize laureate
- 1926 Sergio Franchi Italian/American singer, actor

Deaths On This Day:

- 1992 Isaac Asimov American chemist, author
- 1520 Raphael Italian painter, architect



Meeting Notes

Board of Works and Public Safety Meeting

The City of Crawfordsville Indiana
 April 5, 2023 at 10 a.m.
 City Building 300 E Pike St Crawfordsville, IN 47933
 I. Approval of the minutes from March 29, 2023.
 II. Approval of the claims for the week of April 3, 2023.
 III. Old Business

A. Discussion of the quotes received for a Chevy Equinox for the Crawfordsville Fire Department (tabled)
 B. Open bids received for the Crawfordsville Fire Dept. - Custom Modular Ambulance
 IV. New Business
 A. George Solorzano requesting to place a dumpster at 412 Binford Street beginning today through Monday, April 10
 V. Department Heads
 VI. Adjournment

Meeting Notes

Sheriff's Merit Board

Tuesday April 11, 2023 at 4 p.m.
 Sheriff's Office 600 Memorial Drive Crawfordsville, IN
 Agenda
 I. Call to order (Presi-

dent of Merit Board)
 II. Reading and Approval of minutes (Secretary)
 III. Old Business
 IV. New Business
 · Executive Session – Interviews
 V. Crash Reviews
 VI. Adjourn

Letters

Reader Challenges Favorable Tax Climate Description

Dear Editor,
 I had to chuckle after reading the statement made by Adam Burtner from the Indy C of C when he says that Indiana is "known for its favorable tax climate." Perhaps the reduced tax incentives offered to potential business enterprises which are considering the Hoosier State could be viewed as

"favorable," but certainly not for ordinary working citizens. When considering excise taxes on license plates, property taxes, state income taxes, state and local sales taxes and inordinately high taxes on gasoline, Indiana is consistently in the bottom 40% of virtually every "tax friendliness" survey.
 Ron Carmony
 Warner Robins, GA

Throckmorton's Over There Premiers At Wabash College

Documentary filmmaker Jo Throckmorton '87 will premiere his latest project, *Over There: Hoosier Heroes of the Great War*, on Monday, April 10, in Korb Classroom in the Wabash College Fine Arts Center. Screening of the one-hour documentary will start at 7:30 p.m.

Over There focuses on seven people from Indiana who served in World War I, and tells the stories of the story of the first U.S. soldier and first American Red Cross nurse to die in the war. The film also includes the stories of five others whose sacrifice, courage, and bravery earned them a place in Throckmorton's documentary, which combines historical footage and artifacts with realistic reenactments to honor those who served.

Throckmorton, who owns Blue Ace Media in Bloomington, got the idea for the film after producing and directing a major film for a museum installation at the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery in Romagne, France, in 2016. He captured

so much material while there – and built relationships with major World War I historians – that he decided to focus his own documentary on forgotten Hoosier heroes in the Great War.

"The more I dug into it, the more I wanted to tell their stories," Throckmorton said. "I picked a few subjects who were important: a Medal of Honor recipient from Indiana, the first nurse to die overseas, the first U.S. soldier to die in action, and the most decorated African-American soldier from Indiana."

Other subjects included soldiers from Bloomington, Goshen, and Throckmorton's hometown of Veedsburg, all of whom were killed in action.

After its premier at Wabash April 10, *Over There* will air on Indiana PBS television stations that reach 1.1 million people, including Indianapolis, Bloomington, Gary, and Muncie, with the possibility of picking up additional stations in-state and Ohio, Kentucky, and Illinois.

In order to make the film, Throckmorton had to raise the funds in accordance with PBS underwriting guidelines, and create a detailed production plan, including who and what he needed to capture. He hit the ground running in February 2022 when he interviewed the great-nephew of Indiana's only Medal of Honor recipient, and concluded 10 months later when he interviewed a military historian in Washington, D.C. He started post-production last November and wrapped it up in just last month.

"During production, I traveled to Eastern France to 'follow in the footsteps' of the soldiers – capturing on tape where they fought and where every one of them had been killed in action," he said. "Planning for that trip alone took two months of mapping, coordination with local experts, and travel planning – all for seven days on the ground."

Throckmorton's research also took him to St. Louis, where he

pulled 105-year-old records out of the National Archives and Records Administration vaults for those soldiers in the film who died overseas.

While in France, Throckmorton authored "Dispatches from France" for the *Bloomington Herald-Times* – short, first-person accounts of his work on the ground with photos and video clips that got shared across social media.

"I was up really late writing and sending the articles and photos after each day's work," Throckmorton said. "It made for really long days, but those articles and the social media were invaluable in raising awareness for the project."

An Emmy-Award-winning producer and director, Throckmorton is a graduate of Fountain Central High School and Wabash College. He earned a master's degree from Miami of Ohio and has been making corporate films, videos, TV spots, and documentaries for 30 years.

Dear EarthTalk: What Exactly Is Permaculture And How Is It Good For The Environment?



A buzzword in sustainability circles, permaculture—historically combining "permanent" and "agriculture"—describes ecologically-conscious farming to create sustainable ecosystems for future generations, using methods such as conservation tillage, proper drainage, and polyculture (growing more than one crop species in the same space, at the same time). The Australian organization Permaculture Visions notes that "natural energies... [and nature's eight] reliable patterns that collect, store and move resources around" make it possible for humanity to use less energy to create comfortable living."

More recently, the word combines "permanent" and "culture" to describe sustainable land use in general, especially in ways that prioritize the knowledge of indigenous peoples. The podcast *Green Dreamer*

has highlighted numerous indigenous voices offering ways to reframe the discussion of nature, permaculture and humanity's potential responses to the climate crisis. The publication *Tenth Acre Farm* describes its aim as "working with nature to be low maintenance and highly productive."

Simply put, permaculture is a method of cultivation that uses multiple tools to minimize human impact on the environment by mimicking the zero-waste feedback loops of naturally-existing systems. Much of permaculture is guided by three ethics and several major principles that help us to be good eco-stewards and support ourselves with native species, while disturbing the least amount of land. It introduces the idea of human responsibility in maintaining ecosystems, encourages greater consideration of the impact of human activities on the environment, and reduces waste associated with production intended only for sale.

The *Habiba Organic Farm* in Egypt puts these principles into practice,

converting a former desert settlement, where crops are difficult to grow, to arable land on which many desert-viable plants have been cultivated. Similarly, in India, coconut trees, neem trees and legumes were planted to diversify areas that had been subject to slash-and-burn agriculture for 20 years. Among most current permaculture programs, resilience (especially to growing threats of climate change), cooperation and educational/volunteering opportunities are key elements that define the project and connect it to the permaculture ethos.

Designing irrigation that allows water to seep slowly into soil across a large area prevents soil erosion and nutrient leaching. Similarly, composting and reusing "waste" products reduces pollution and improves soil quality. Readers interested in beginning their own permaculture projects (even home gardens) can start by observing their own land to determine land patterns, plant native species, collect rainwater and runoff, and carefully compost

their home "waste" (vegetable peels, coffee grounds, eggshells, etc.). "Permaculture site design follows a multi-step process, which starts with observing the landscape through a specific set of both passive and active observations... [and using maps to] think through many possible scenarios and outcomes before [committing] to certain strategies or concepts", as *Tenth Acre Farm* puts it.

In a more general sense, permaculture can be incorporated into people's daily lives in simple ways that identify activities which drain lots of energy and redirecting that energy into productive activities.

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Holcomb Signs Transgender Medical Care Ban, ACLU Files Suit

By Whitney Downard

The signing of a controversial medical care ban for transgender minors on Wednesday prompted a near-immediate lawsuit after Gov. Eric Holcomb approved the bill over the protests of families, medical professionals and transgender children.

Within hours, the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana (ACLU) filed a class action lawsuit on behalf of four transgender minors, whose health care would abruptly cease if the bill went into effect on July 1.

Attorney General Todd Rokita said his office is prepared to defend the ban in court.

Holcomb, author comments

Holcomb, in a statement, seemed to agree with the bill's legislative supporters who said such medical interventions should only occur in adulthood — though several other states have now introduced bans on adult gender-affirming health care after passing similar laws barring the treatment for minors.

"Permanent gender-changing surgeries with lifelong impacts

and medically prescribed preparation for such a transition should occur as an adult, not as a minor. There has and will continue to be debate within the medical community about the best ways to provide physical and mental health care for adolescents who are struggling with their own gender identity, and it is important that we recognize and understand those struggles are real. With all of that in mind, I have decided to sign SB 480 into law," he said in a prepared statement.

Just the day before, Holcomb said the bill was "clear as mud," declining to share how he'd act on the measure but saying he'd consulted with lawmakers, physicians and legal counsel to inform his decision.

On Saturday, hundreds gathered at the Indiana Statehouse to personally appeal to the governor and ask him to veto Senate Bill 480, which bans puberty blockers, hormone therapies and surgical interventions.

Repeated testimony affirmed that no doctors perform such surgeries on children in Indiana.

Sen. Tyler Johnson, R-Leo — who authored the legislation — praised

the governor for signing his bill.

"We have the utmost compassion for children suffering with gender dysphoria and they deserve sensible counseling. Gender related procedures on children are growing at an alarming rate in the United States while other countries are scaling back their use. Since these procedures have irreversible and life-altering effects, it is appropriate and necessary for our state to make sure these procedures are performed only on adults who can make the decision on their own behalf," Johnson, a physician, said in a statement.

ACLU files suit

The four youth represented by the ACLU span the state, from a 10-year-old girl in Monroe County to a 15-year-old boy in Elkhart County. Other parties include their parents and a doctor, whose Elkhart County family practice would be impacted by the bill.

Under the bill, those youth — and hundreds of other youth — would have six months after the bill goes into effect July 1 to cease using their prescribed treatments for hormone therapies. Doc-

tors would immediately be unable to prescribe puberty blockers to transgender children.

Both types of treatments are still allowed for cisgender children without a gender dysphoria diagnosis.

In a virtual press conference, families shared the emotional toll the health care ban would have on their children. Three of the four youth had reportedly self harmed in the court filing, including both transgender girls who spoke of cutting off or mutilating their male genitalia before the age of 5.

"It's been very difficult to see my son unmotivated and losing all that progress," Maria Rivera, one of the parents, said. "(I) see my child losing all of his hope; it's devastating for us."

Ken Falk, the ACLU legal director, said the Seventh Circuit Court had precedence for ruling that transgender discrimination is sex discrimination, which strengthens the case. The Seventh Circuit includes Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin.

He noted that the bill would bar parents from making medical decisions about their child's care,

violating their parents rights.

The ACLU, in an earlier release, added that similar laws in Alabama and Arkansas are currently blocked by federal courts. Other affiliates are in the midst of legal challenges against new or proposed gender-affirming health care bans in: Tennessee, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Utah and Montana. A federal judge overseeing a challenge to the Arkansas ban, the first passed in the nation, will rule on the issue soon.

The Indiana bill closely mirrored several introduced bills across the country, which has seen a flurry of anti-trans legislation in recent months. Committee testimony featured several out-of-state groups and prominent anti-trans activists.

AG 'ready' to defend law

Attorney General Todd Rokita tweeted that his office was "ready" to defend the state in court and later released a statement.

"Signing the bill that protects our children from irreversible and damaging decisions was the right move by the governor. Banning these experimental procedures

is critical for the health and wellbeing of future generations. My office is thankful for the General Assembly's hard work to ensure this got across the finish line," Rokita said.

Last year, Holcomb vetoed a measure that would have barred transgender female athletes from competing with their peers, saying the Indiana High School Athletic Association already had a policy for transgender athletes. Within weeks, the General Assembly returned for a technical corrections day and voted to overturn his veto with a simple majority.

Had Holcomb decided to veto this bill, it's likely that lawmakers would ultimately overturn his veto again.

The ACLU challenged that bill as well, which is currently in court.

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Readers' Choice

Dear EarthTalk: How Do I Figure Out How Many Solar Panels I Would Need To Meet My Electricity Consumption Needs?



While everyone's situation is different, a typical 2,500 square foot American home would require a solar panel array that can output 6-10 kilowatts (kW) of power. Assuming that the panels have a wattage of 320 watts (W) each, a 6-kW system would require around 19 solar panels while a 10-kW system would need as many as 31 panels up to supply 100 percent of the typical electricity needs for a home this size. However, the exact number of panels you'll need varies depending on factors including where you live, your roof's orientation and shading, the type of solar panels you choose, and your average monthly electricity usage.

To get a more accurate estimate tailored to your exact situation, check

out Google's Project Sunroof, a free website that takes your address and analyzes your roof shape and local weather patterns to create a personalized solar plan. You can adjust your electric bill to fine-tune your savings estimate and the recommended number of solar panels for your home, and then even compare loan, lease and purchase options for your solar panels based on your results. (In some cases, based on electrical costs in your region and the amount of sunlight your house will get, Project Sunroof's algorithm might suggest not going solar.)

Once you have an estimate of the number of panels you need, you can start shopping for solar panels. There are a number of different types of solar panels on the market, so it's important to do your research and compare prices before making a purchase. You should also make sure that the solar panels you choose are compatible

with your roof and that they have a warranty.

Also, traditional photovoltaic panels aren't the only option anymore. Thin-film solar cells are a newer technology that can be incorporated into roofing materials or other surfaces, blending into the roofline unobtrusively. They are made of lightweight, flexible materials and can be easier to install than traditional photovoltaic panels. And if you need to replace an old roof or are building a new house, consider using solar roof shingles, which not only protect your home from the elements but generate electricity in the process without the need for bulky panels on top of them. These newer technologies tend to be 15-20 percent more expensive than traditional photovoltaic panels but may be right for you depending on your situation.

And remember that the federal government offers a tax credit on 30 percent of the cost of your new solar system as

long as it's installed by the end of 2023. You can also look for additional local and/or state incentives for going solar via the Database of State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency (DSIRE), a free online resource that lists all kinds of renewable energy incentives coast-to-coast.

Installing solar panels is a big decision, but it can be a great way to save money on your electricity bills and reduce your environmental impact. If you're thinking about going solar, be sure to do your research and get multiple estimates before making a purchase.

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IDOI Commissioner Beard Directs Insurance Companies To Implement A Grace Period For Hoosiers In Impacted Storm Areas

On April 4, 2023, Indiana Department of Insurance Commissioner Amy L. Beard issued Bulletin 268 directing insurance companies to implement a 60-day cancellation moratorium for any policyholder directly affected by the recent weather events in Allen, Benton, Cass, Clinton, Howard, Johnson, Morgan, Owen, Sullivan, and White counties.

"The last thing we want those Hoosiers impacted by the recent tornadoes and severe storms to worry about is missing a premium payment or losing coverage," said Commissioner Beard. "We hope by granting this extension, it will give them some peace of mind."

Affected policyholders in impacted counties will be granted an extension of 60 days to make premium payments without risk of penalties or policy cancellation. After the 60-day period, policyholders will be required to resume making premium payments. The IDOI requests insurance companies work with the impacted policyholders in paying the premiums that would be due during the moratorium period by either allowing a payment plan or extending the

payment due date. In addition, the IDOI is providing similar courtesies to companies and licensees by implementing a 60-day grace period relating to renewal and cancellations for all licensees, certificate holders and registrants from the impacted areas. This includes premium tax and surplus lines premium tax filings. Any penalties assessed due to late payment during this period will be waived. The 60-day extension also will be applied to the Continuing Education requirements to those producers from impacted areas.

About the Indiana Department of Insurance The Indiana Department of Insurance (IDOI) protects Indiana's insurance consumers by monitoring and regulating the financial strengths and market conduct activities of insurance companies and agents. The IDOI monitors insurance companies and agents for compliance with state laws to protect consumers and to offer them the best array of insurance products available. The IDOI also assists Hoosiers with insurance questions and provides guidance in understanding how insurance policies work.

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about 10 months after Anna was Martha Kerns VanCleave but called "Patsy." She died 1 March 1864 in MoCo. Large family here: four daughters and ten sons including a change of life baby born just two years before her father, James Robinson McMullen passed. I have a lot on some of the McMullens, little on others but their names were: James Madison (died before reaching home getting sick during the Mexican War); John (married and at least one son James); Sarah Ann (married Jesse VanCleave and died in childbirth with their first child, Marjory, Jesse son of Thomas G and Mary (VanCleave); Emily Elizabeth (21 March 1817 Shelby married Benjamin H. Brown in MoCo and had at least 13 children: Lindsey; Martha; Mary; Andrew; Sarah; William; Henry; Marjorie; Nancy; Joseph; Jefferson; Anna and John; Benjamin (twin to Joseph born 11 Dec 1820 buried Indian Creek 14 Sept 1854 married Elizabeth daughter of Black Sam VanCleave - they had three children, Annetta; Joseph and Morton); Joseph (Ben's twin - died 5 Oct 1901 MoCo married Mary Elrod and had: Henry; Martha; Mary; Sarah; Lindsey; Emily and Jesse); William (died 1 March 1900 Dallas Co Iowa where he was a wagon maker and fought in the Civil War married Catherine Coons MoCo 1846 and children were: Jesse; Martha died age one; Mary Ellen; Flavius; Charles; James; William; Edward; Arthur and Frances all going with their parents to

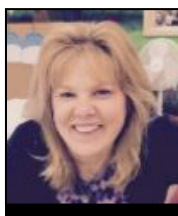
Iowa); Lindsey married Elizabeth Clark and believe they had two daughters, Mary and Martha; Marjory Jane (married John Payton VanCleave son of Ben and Matilda Taylor, John with 11 brothers and sisters about all but he and Marjory off to Iowa - 3 sons (James, Ben, Joseph and 4 daughters: Martha, Louiza; Matilda and Sarah Louise); Andrew Jefferson married Margaret Clark. They parented 3 daughters (Sarah; Martha and Anna and four sons John F; James William; Lemuel and Joseph); Edward Robinson married 26 Jan 1853 in MoCo to Margaret Douglas and were parents of eight (Mary; Martha; Lorena; Sarah; Eliza; Louisa; Thomas and Samuel); Francis Marion with wife Matilda Jane Clark produced an even dozen kiddos (William; James; Rhoda; Mary; John; Leo; ta; Laura; Jesse; Charlie; Maggie and George W - whoops, make that 11); Lemuel Washington married Maria Redenbaugh and there were four girls (Donna, Josephine, Sally, Fannie) and four boys (Josephus; William; Everett; Leonard - remaining in our area) and Sarah (married Joshua VanCleave on April 21, 1864 and he passed likely from war-related affects on the 7th of October the next year).
Of course, not even half done and my words are almost up so if I shun your relative - sorry! Benjamin C. VanCleave born Shelby 29 May 1800 died MoCo 7 Dec 1873 buried Indian Creek married Mary Brown, their first son carrying her name, John Brown

VanCleave who passed away and is buried in Rush County - he and Leah Hadley had four sons and three daughters. No specific proof but think their first two children were Margaret (Maggie) and Lucinda Jane 1826 in Shelby Co, Maggie dying 29 May 1887 never married and Lucinda marrying Joseph Woodson Easley with eight children as their tally, most staying in our area. Benjamin Franklin was likely Ben and Mary's first born here 4 Nov 1828 and died young 21 Aug 1847 buried Indian Creek. Simeon Thompson VanCleave married (I think) Sarah Ann Clark and had four sons and two daughters. Nancy Brown VanCleave married William Tarlton Clark buried Harshbarger. They had three daughters and four sons. Sallie Graham VanCleave and her husband William E. Stone are buried at Oak Hill - at least one daughter, Sarah. Gideon Milton VanCleave was but 30 years old at his death, having married Susan McCann and parenting two daughters, Mary and Anne. Mary Catherine born MoCo 10 Sept 1843 died here 11 June 1891 - Indian Creek dau of Benjamin and Mary Brown married Isiah VanCleave (4 Oct 1836 - 25 Dec 1907 - I have no children but could easily be wrong). Benjamin Franklin was just 19 when he passed and the last child, Rufus was but a bit over a year.
Ruth born 10 March 1802 died 1846 child-birth likely - married Gabriel Mitchell a farmer in Brown Township and they had a bunch of

kiddos, too (Dan; John; Mary; Nancy; Isaac Newton; Martha; Sarah; Robert; Nancy; Marjorie; Emily; Malinda), many remaining in the area.
Marjorie VanCleave married George Washington Benefield, having six daughters and a son, George Washington, most staying in our area or fairly near.
Sallie married Joseph Houston Graham 16 Aug 1827 in MoCo. Five of each born to them, their son, Forgis one of my favorite MoCoians. They also had: John; Margie; James; Margaret; William; Mary; Martha; Emily and Joseph Marshall who headed the impressive Graham's Department Store in C'ville.
Lastly, Rachel Catherine born 7 Dec 1798 married her cousin Sam died 1833 here he in 1843 - buried Indian Creek Hill. He was the son of Upper Aaron and Elizabeth (Griffith) VanCleave. Their children were: Preston; Richard; Margaret; Sally; Angeline and Elizabeth. He remarried after Rachel died and fathered Silas, Eunice and George who was not very old at his father's passing.
Hope you enjoyed John H. VanCleave #5 in our saga and roll along with me next week for #6, Sarah who married her cousin, John Brent V!

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The Seed Library Comes To CDPL



Janella Nunan
Fresh off the Shelf

The Crawfordsville District Public Library Seed Library opened its drawers earlier this March with much fanfare and celebration. Seed libraries are nothing new and the name tends to cause a little confusion. The seed library is simple to use. It is self-serve with no checkout or library card required. There is nothing to return. Just stop by the Reference Desk on the second floor and pick out your free seeds. You may select 10 different seed packets for this growing season. As you peruse through the seed drawers, alphabetized for your convenience, you may find your old standbys or find something new to try. Each packet has 6 to 10 seeds for you to plant. The seeds have been purchased from reputable suppliers and we are not taking seed donations at this time.
The CDPL Seed Library is a collaboration with the Montgomery County Master Gardeners. Along with the seeds, they are offering workshops for you to take advantage of this gardening season. Coming up on April 4th at 6:30 pm is "Garden Design and Prep" with guest speaker, Karen Mitchell. On May 11th at 6:30 pm is "Growing Veggies" with guest speaker, Kathy Brown. To wrap up the series, join us for "Succulents" on August 10th at 6:30 pm with Anne Viray Sipahimalani as the guest

speaker. These events are free for everyone but we do ask you to register. A link can be found on the events calendar on the CDPL website. You can also call the Reference Desk to register over the phone (765-362-2242 ext. 3). Watch the CDPL website or follow us on social media for announcements of additional programs and events like "seeds just for kids", a "prettiest flower" contest, a "tallest sunflower" contest and more.
Do you have a seed or gardening question? You can email a Master Gardener at cvilleseedlibrary@gmail.com. We would also like to see your produce or flowers that you grow with the seeds from the library! Please send your pictures (jpeg files only) to the same email address and we will share your pictures on our social media. The seeds have been going fast, and are continually restocked. While you are at the library, be sure to take home a book or two about gardening: The Seed Underground: A Growing Revolution to Save Food by Janisse Ray (631.5 Ray), How to Grow Anything: Container Gardening Tips and Techniques by Melinda Myers (635.986 How), The Grumpy Gardener an A to Z Guide from the Galaxy's Most Irritable Green Thumb by Steve Bender (635 Ben), How to Grow Anything: Food Gardening for Everyone (Great Courses 635 How), plus many more.

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