

TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 37:4 Delight thyself
also in the LORD; and he
shall give thee the desires of
thine heart.

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People who call our community their own.



Darlisa Steele, owner of C'Ville Docs offered a smile to one of our roving photographers while received her Readers' Choice 2023 award! Thanks Darlisa!

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 The Montgomery County Relay for Life is dedicated to helping communities attack cancer. Through funds donated, time given, or awareness raised, communities are teaming up to make a difference. The annual event is scheduled for Sept. 16, from 12 pm - 8 pm in Crawfordsville. You can participate by forming a team, raising money and celebrating at the event while honoring survivors and remembering lives touched by purchasing a luminaria. Please help spread the word to help them grow the success of this event! Click the button to visit the website to register a team and for more information.

2 The 3rd annual Midwest Railroad Fair, presented by the Linden Depot Museum, is scheduled for Saturday Aug. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Linden Depot Museum. The fair is a tribute to railroads past, present, and future. Enjoy the exhibits, the vendors, the food, and explore the museum and model railroad attractions. Prepare to be delighted as you watch the 1837 steam engine replica with a full crew and passengers. The museum has unique exhibits including marble stairs from the Chicago Union Station, a stone sleeper dating back to 1827 and a telltale used to warn workmen on top of box cars of approaching low bridges or tunnels. This is just a small sample of the adventure awaiting you at the Linden Depot Museum. Everyone is invited to the fair and railroad nostalgia at its finest! The museum is located at 520 N. Main Street in Linden. For more information, go to <http://www.lindendepotmuseum.org/>

3 The drawings will be held at the Patoka Lake Archery Range Shelterhouse, which is off South Ramp Road in Newton-Stewart State Recreation Area (SRA). The drawings will be for staked positions within a dove hunt field on the property. Approximately 17 stakes will be drawn each day. To be eligible, hunters must possess the proper licenses, stamps, and their federal HIP number. Drawn hunters will be allowed a maximum of two firearms per stake, and no more than 50 shells per hunter. Hunters must use nontoxic shot size 6 or smaller, and have their firearms plugged so that they can contain only three shells at any time. Shooting hours Sept. 1 and 2 are from 6:50 a.m. to 1 p.m. ET; the shooting fields are closed afternoons and evenings. All fields surrounding the sunflowers and buckwheat on South Ramp Road will have the same time restrictions Sept. 1 and 2. There will be no standby or refilling of stakes for early departures. Beginning Sept. 3, the fields along South Ramp Road will open to regular in-season shooting hours of one half hour before sunrise to sunset, and hunters must sign in at one of the property's check stations and sign out when they conclude their daily hunt.

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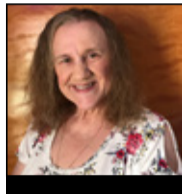
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Meet One Of Our City's First Rural Carriers



KAREN ZACH
Around The County

I love firsts and today's article is in regards to one of the two hired first mail carriers in Montgomery County. My plan, anyway, is for you to read about the other one

next week. In his first month of delivering U.S. mail here in the county, he delivered 1,802 pieces of mail and collected for mailing 543 pieces on Route 2. Frank Clements on RR 1 delivered a few less at 1,773 and collected 457 pieces.

So, meet William Preston Daggett born 23 May 1843 in Preble County, Ohio the son of William and Eliza (Miller) who moved to Rushville, Indiana not long after the 1850 census where Sr. was a grocer. William Preston passed away here 16 Feb 1916. He first married Margaret Hardman 28 May 1875 in Shelby County, Indiana. Believe they later divorced or she passed. Although he spent the majority of his life with us, he is buried in Lapel, Indiana "with his beloved." (keep reading)

Pictured here (CDPL Image



Photo courtesy of Karen Zach

Database) is WP Daggett (hopefully - there is a small question to that), likely his second wife Sarah Tilton and her mother who lived with them. One of the boys (no hat) I'm fairly sure is Freeman Robert Nixon, her grandson born 6 April 1889 (in MoCo) who lived with them as well, but not positive who the other would be. As far as I know, he never had children but enjoyed hers, especially Freeman. His mother was Rose Tilton Nixon Laurimore, one of four daughters born to the Tiltons so the other boy could easily belong to one of them. WP also adopted a daughter in 1877, Ida May Largent who

went by Loretta Daggett so might be a son of hers. However, imagine it was likely Herman Wilson who lived with them in 1900, another of Sarah's grandsons. Daggett and this wife were divorced on a charge of her beating him and he applied for the same with his last wife, his beloved, for the same reason ("has frequently had occasion to whip him, doing the job so thoroughly that he alleges he was unfit to appear before the people of his route").

He possibly had a drinking problem as he and Jack Britton

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Applications For Upcoming Exhibition Are Closing Soon!

Athens Arts has an Exhibition for local artists coming up very soon and offers this reminder to local artists!

Only 6 more days to apply for the exhibition. ATHENS ARTS would love to see local and regional artists apply!

Thank you to the Montgomery County Community Foundation for your support of the arts.

Stop by during business hours to view Tom Slacks

exhibition at Athens, now.

We are so appreciative to be the recipients of funding for the next fiscal year from the Indiana Arts Commission, a state agency, The National Endowment For The Arts, a federal agency and The Arts Federation (TAF), our regional arts partner.

Thank you for the support of the arts and ATHENS ARTS local arts community!

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August Veterans Newsletter

By Joe Ellis

Well hello everyone in Montgomery County, I hope this finds you all well. The number of phone calls into my office were 46, and the number of visitors was a total of 17 into my office. We took a total of 7 veterans to their appointments.

I will be at the American Legion Post 72 on August 10 from 1-4 pm and anyone can come into see me. Call for an appointment please, and also at the VFW Post 1431 on August 17 and anyone can come into see me. Just call for an appointment at 765-361-4133.

Again, please come to the Darlington Armory on August 5 between 1-5 pm to wish MG Richard Chastain a Happy 90th Birthday. A special program starts at 2 pm with General Black and a proclamation will

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 6:46 a.m.
SET: 9:01 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 78 °F
Low: 63 °F



Today is...
• Esther Day
• Grab Some Nuts Day
• National IPA Day



What Happened On This Day

- 2005 Coup in Mauritania. A military coup replaced long-time president Maaouya Ould Sid' Ahmed Taya. Colonel Ely Ould Mohamed Vall took over the transitional government until elections were held in 2005.
- 1946 World's first theme park opens its doors in Santa Claus, Indiana, USA. Santa Claus Land is now known as Holiday World & Splashin' Safari.
- 1900 Firestone Tire and Rubber Company is founded. The American tire company was founded by Harvey Samuel Firestone in Akron, Ohio. In 1988, the company was taken over by Japan's Bridgestone Corporation.



Births On This Day

- 1941 Martha Stewart American businesswoman, publisher, author, founded Living Omnimedia
- 1940 Martin Sheen American actor

Deaths On This Day

- 1929 Thorstein Veblen American economist, sociologist
- 1924 Joseph Conrad Polish/English author

HONEST HOOSIER

Here's a tip of the seed corn cap to Ernie Pyle. The famed Hoosier war correspondent was born on this date in 1900 in little Dana, Indiana!



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THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Funding A Bike For Luke Rice:

Kiwanis is in the process of purchasing a bike for a young man here in Crawfordsville. They are raising money through a GoFundMe page. Luke Rice is a local boy with cerebral palsy and a heart of gold. Copy the link: <https://gofund.me/b2d12490> in your device's browser to help a local boy!

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you snore loudly or appear to stop breathing while sleeping, you may have sleep apnea. 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.



TODAY'S QUOTE

"One day you discover you are alive... but, not long after, the sun goes out. Snow falls, but no one sees it, on an August noon." Ray Bradbury

TODAY'S JOKE

What did August say when June claimed that today is July the 4th? Don't July to me!

OBITUARIES

None

The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **MARCIA DESMET** for subscribing!



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7 DAY FORECAST

83 PARTLY SUNNY, HAZY	63/78 HUMID, SPOTTY SHOWERS	66/86 STICKY AND WARMER	67/86 RAIN CHANCE LATE DAY	68/87 STORMS AROUND, HUMID	66/78 STORMY MORNING	61/81 LESS HUMID
WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE

➤ Meeting Notes

Board Of Public Works And Public Safety Meeting Agenda

August 2, 2023 at 10 AM

- I. Approval of the minutes from July 26, 2023.
- II. Approval of the claims for the week of July 31, 2023.
- III. Old Business
- IV. New Business
 - a. Barry Lewis, Code Enforcement Officer, with work order requests
 - 1408 John Street,

- owned by Joshua & Alyssa Ramer
 - 306 W. North Street, owned by Smooth Acquisitions LLC
 - 810 S. Washington Street, owned Julio Ornelas
 - 114 W. Spring Street, owned by JJD Rental Group LLC
 - V. Departments Heads
 - VI. Adjournment

Allen Truck Sales Welcomes New Service Manager

Allen Truck Sales announces their newest employee.

Allen Truck Sales is proud to announce the appointment of Patrick Christopher as its new Service Manager. In this key role, Patrick will be responsible for customer relations, service calls, scheduling, and estimates in the service center.

Patrick brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in the trucking industry to the Allen Truck Sales team. His commitment to excellence in customer service and understanding of the importance

of reliable, efficient service makes him a valuable addition to our team.

"We're thrilled to welcome Patrick to the Allen Truck Sales family," said Mitch Allen, Allen Truck Sales owner. "His expertise and dedication will enhance our service center operations and ensure we continue to provide top-tier customer service."

Patrick will be the primary point of contact for all service-related inquiries at Allen Truck Sales. He can be reached at service@allentrucksales.com or directly by phone at 765.366.4741.

Ava Dale And Tia Out Horsing Around



Photos courtesy of Clark Dale

Congratulations to this dynamic duo! Ava Dale and her horse, Tia, recently competed in the contesting classes at the Indiana State Fair. Ava recently placed 1st in state in the keyhole race and 1st in state in the speed and action race. She also placed 4th in barrel racing in the junior division. Ava also qualified to compete in the overall championship in keyhole and speed and action against the intermediate and senior divisions. She placed 3rd in speed and action out of 98 contestants and 4th in keyhole out of 108 contestants. She has been riding a little over two years and just so happened to get first place honors on the two year anniversary of owning her horse. Congratulations to Ava and Tia on a great state fair!

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Chamber Of Commerce Celebrates Oak Hat Co.

The Crawfordsville / Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce celebrated Oak Hat Co. with a ribbon cutting ceremony at Shop Small Shop Handmade in downtown Crawfordsville. Oak Hat Co. is owned by Cody Proctor and has been open for business for one month.

Oak Hat Co.'s mission is to provide high-quality hats at an affordable price. They offer hats in multiple colors which you can view on their Facebook page. They are excited to be a part of our growing community and are thankful to everyone who has supported them. You can place

an order by messaging on Facebook or sending an email to oakhatco@gmail.com.

Advancing a vibrant business community is the focus for the Crawfordsville / Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce. We are happy to speak to you regarding a chamber

membership to help you promote your organization and make connections in Montgomery and surrounding counties. For additional information, visit the website at <https://www.crawfordsvillechamber.com/> or email Stacy Sommer at ssommer@crawfordsvillechamber.com.

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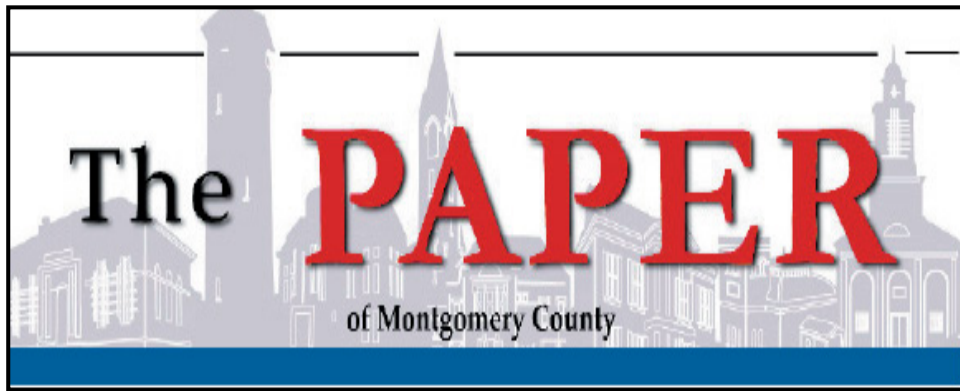
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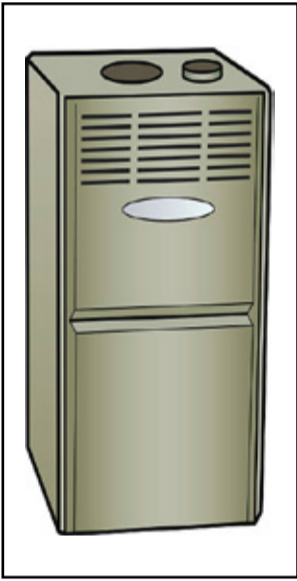
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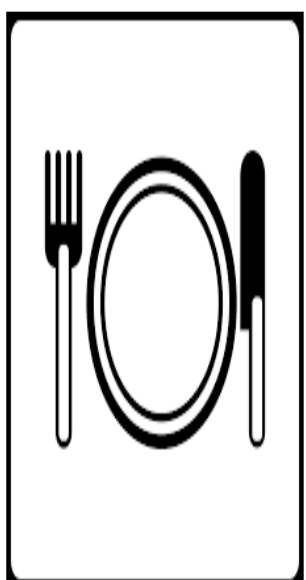
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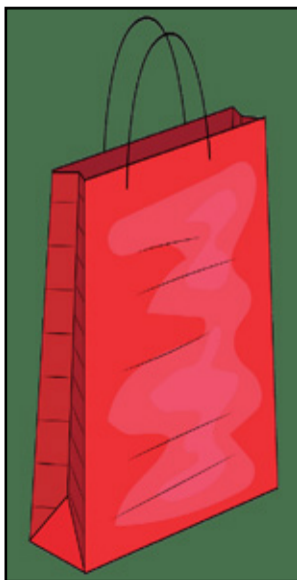


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'Bidenomics' And Its Indiana And U.S. Impacts



BRIAN HOWEY
POLITICS

In April 2022, Gov. Eric Holcomb announced \$189 million for 154 Next Level broadband expansion projects, this coming atop a \$100 million program in 2019. But on a helicopter flight coming back from Evansville in late June, there was yet another high-five moment. The governor had received word from U.S. Commerce Sec. Gina Raimondo that Indiana would be receiving \$868 million to extend high-speed internet to the proverbial "last mile."

"What this announcement means for people across the country is that if you don't have access to quality, affordable high-speed Internet service now - you will, thanks to President Biden and his commitment to investing in America," Raimondo, a former colleague of Holcomb's when she was governor of Rhode Island, said. "Just like the Rural Electrification Act a century ago and the Interstate Highway

System that followed it, this is our generation's opportunity for a transformational infrastructure investment."

Holcomb was ecstatic, calling this motherlode of federal funding a "game changer."

While 92% of Hosier households use devices to connect to the World Wide Web, 14% of Indiana households do not have access. That \$868 million comes atop Gov. Holcomb's Next Level program that has spent \$575 million to connect 72,000+ homes and 83 counties," Holcomb posted following the announcement. "The new federal funding will empower the program to expand broadband in the coming years and give more Hoosiers the power of connectivity."

These were funds forged by Biden's American Rescue Plan (ARP) passed by Congress on party-line votes and signed into law in late 2021, which only Indiana Democrat Reps. Andre Carson and Frank Mrvan helped pass.

But this latest \$868 million is only a fraction of federal funds flowing into Indiana since Biden took

office in 2021.

Last month, it was announced Indiana's Family Social Services Administration would receive \$29 million in funding for opioid crisis response and substance use disorder services.

There is the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is expected to bring Indiana \$6.9 billion over five years in Federal highway formula funding for highways and bridges.

And then there is the American Rescue Plan, passed in 2021 as part of COVID-19 pandemic relief. Its Indiana impact include:

It funded the \$500 million first round of Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI), which has generated billions of dollars in additional investments.

The state's unemployment rate has fallen from 4.7% in January 2021 to 3.1% in December 2022 (it stood at 3.2% in June).

There have been a record 170,000 new small business applications in Indiana.

ARP provided direct pandemic recovery funds to all 625 Indiana towns, cities and coun-

ties — avoiding cuts and investing in public safety, housing, workforce development and other critical areas.

Over 280 school districts in Indiana were provided funding to support academic recovery and student mental health and reopen safely.

3,270 child care programs in Indiana received support to help keep their doors open, impacting up to 157,000 children.

Working family tax relief through the expanded child tax credit totaled 822,000 for Indiana families with 1.4 million children.

There were 1,188 Indiana restaurants that received vital relief through the American Rescue Plan's Restaurant Revitalization Fund.

Then there are national trends. June numbers show inflation has been cut by more than two-thirds from its peak — down to 3% year-over-year from 9.1%.

Biden's Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is "driving a boom in large-scale infrastructure," wrote Ellen Zentner, chief U.S. economist for Morgan Stanley. Biden signed the CHIPS

and Science Act, co-authored by U.S. Sen. Todd Young (but without the support of most of the Indiana GOP congressional delegation) in August 2022. The Semiconductor Industry Association cites four Indiana projects since Biden signed the CHIPS Act, including Skywater in West Lafayette (\$1.8 billion in investments and 750 jobs), Trusted Semiconductor Solutions in Oden (\$34 million invested and 40 jobs), NHanced Semiconductors of Oden (\$236 million invested with 413 jobs); and Everspin Technologies (also of Oden, which is located about five miles from the Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center) which is expected to generate 35 jobs.

The Nasdaq-100 finished the first half of 2023 with a gain of 39.4%, compared to the S&P 500's gain of 16.9%. According to CNBC, the Dow closed at 35,438.07 on Wednesday, its 12th consecutive daily gain, but a tad below its historic high of 36,799.65 on Jan. 4, 2022.

So far, all of this economic news isn't translating into solid political support for Biden, who

led former President Trump 49%-44% in a hypothetical general election Quinnipiac Poll matchup last week. The Real Clear Politics polling composite on Biden's overall job approval stood at 41.8%. On the RCP direction of the country, just 23.8% say the U.S. is on the right track, compared to 67.2% saying it's on the wrong track.

Clearly, the White House and Biden re-election campaign have a messaging dilemma. This prompted Axios to observe on July 14: "If you spend your life looking at economic data, these look like the best of times: Inflation is a mere 3%. Unemployment is hovering near 50-year lows. But that's not how the bulk of Americans see it. Americans' views of the economy are colored by their politics as much as the actual state of the economy."

Bringing home the bacon ... doesn't it mean what it used to.

-Brian Howey is senior writer and columnist for Howey Politics Indiana/ State Affairs. Find Howey on Facebook and Twitter @hwypol.

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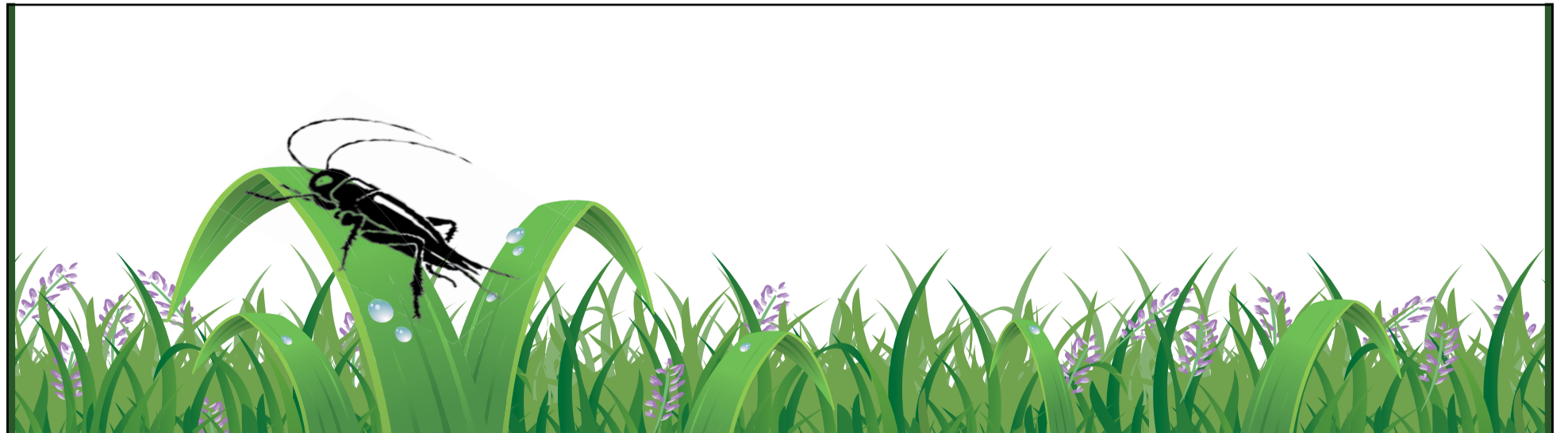
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Electrician Shortage Hampering Transition To Renewables

EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: Is America's electrician shortage hurting our ability to get away from fossil fuels?

A shift away from fossil fuels is necessary if we are to mitigate climate change, but a serious electrician shortage in the U.S. is proving to be one of the biggest barriers to reaching this goal. An American energy transition will be difficult to realize without enough people with the technical skills to implement it!

In August 2022, President Biden introduced the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) which included climate legislation aimed at lowering emissions and stimulating the green job economy. The act pledges a \$370 billion investment over the next decade in clean energy initiatives, and includes tax rebates to ensure that using renewable power sources is the accessible and attractive option.

The act thus increases the demand for the people who make these changes possible: electricians. To service the greater number of electric vehicles on roads (due to the \$7,500 tax rebate on new electric vehicles), electricians need to install hundreds of charging stations along highways. The shortage of electricians, particularly in California and the Northeastern states

where demand for these developments is greatest, manifests as months-long waiting lists, discouraging consumers from going green.

Unfortunately, the rate at which electricians are retiring is greater than the rate at which new electricians are joining the workforce. Despite the median electrician's salary being greater than the average American salary, it is proving difficult to recruit and retain younger electricians. A university education is often perceived to be the most desirable route out of high school. The director of a regional apprenticeship program of the Laborers' International Union of North America said to David Owen of The New York Times, that despite union members earning more than \$50 per hour (in wages and benefits) ...one challenge "is overcoming the hesitation of parents who worry that "laborer" means "sweeper."

Technical schools, for those few who decide to attend, lack funding and teachers—experts earn far more in industry than they do teaching. Similarly, many electricians choose not to take on apprentices because it drains company money and time. Fortunately, some states (see below) offer tax credits to employers who take on apprentices, an incentive which encourages experienced laborers to educate the next generation. If

your state is not listed, appeal to your local congressman for change.

The extent of the electrician shortage could also be reduced by resolving the gaping hole in the skilled-labor industry: women and people of color. Harassment, historically exclusionary unions and lack of childcare are sometimes insurmountable barriers to entry. Only seven percent of electricians are black, and less than two percent are women. Developing and diversifying the workforce is sorely needed, but while that will emerge as it is doing in many industries, consider becoming an electrician. As climate activist Bill McKibben told The New York Times in an interview: "If you know a young person who wants to do something that's going to help the world and wants to make a good living at the same time, tell them to go become an electrician."

CONTACTS: *Inflation Reduction Act Guidebook, whitehouse.gov/cleanenergy/inflation-reduction-act-guidebook/; Apprenticeship Credit States, apprenticeship.gov/investments-tax-credits-and-tuition-support/state-tax-credits-and-tuition-support.*

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Applications Now Open For Indiana Main Street Program

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs announced applications are now open for the 2024 Indiana Main Street program.

"The work that has been done by Indiana Main Street communities is remarkable," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "This program directly contributes to economic development and increased quality of life for Hoosiers across our state."

Indiana communities that attended a Main Street 101 in 2023 can apply for the OCRA Downtown Affiliate Network level. Communities currently

at the ODAN level that completed any required waiting periods are eligible to apply to the next level, Aspiring IAMS one-year program. To learn more about Indiana Main Street levels, visit in.gov/ocra/mainstreet.

"Many of our Main Street communities see significant investment, economic growth and downtown revitalization efforts each year," said OCRA Executive Director Denny Spinner. "Our Indiana Main Street program provides support, resources and trainings to best setup each community for success."

Communities seeking the ODAN level must submit their Letter of Intent

and achieve all baseline requirements by 12 p.m. ET on Oct. 31, 2023.

Communities seeking the Aspiring IAMS level must submit their Letter of Intent and application by 12 p.m. ET on Dec. 28, 2023.

Current Aspiring-IAMS and IAMS should reach out to the Indiana Main Street senior program manager to learn more about moving to the next Indiana Main Street level.

For more information, visit in.gov/ocra/mainstreet/ or reach out to the local community liaison, which can be found at in.gov/ocra/community-liaisons/. All new community designations will be announced in March 2024.

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in late August 1893 went to Plainfield for the Keeley treatment. Certainly, he was well loved by his mail patrons, often found in little bleeps under the "Route 2" headlines in the newspapers: "Mr. D. is greeted with many smiling faces along the route and with bouquets. People are glad to have rural routes especially when they have a nice carrier like Mr. Daggett." (CWJ 1 June 1900). Also in 1900, he entertained 20 young couples from Scott Twp who lived on his RR #2 route - they had an elaborate lunch and later played games and had music (Joe Kepler's graphophone and Ethel Reynolds, teacher at White

School who played the piano) - great time was had by all. In late August 1899, from heat, he was found unconscious in his buggy when he arrived at Nathan G. Kesslers. They took him inside and the family tenderly nursed him. By dark, he returned home but had double mail on part of his route the next day. Also, he had the first female substitute Lottie McClain, who was a farm girl who knew horses and was not afraid of work. His last wife, Sallie, was later his sub as he began to age and she was a few years younger. There were other wives as subs, as well on various routes.

In 1894, Daggett built a \$1,800 cottage on East Market Street as his home. In April of the next year, Daggett sent a lengthy letter back home from California to the Weekly Journal describing the pluses (mainly) and minuses of living there (merchandise is cheap such as boots, shoes, dress goods - veggie all years round - meats and delicacies cheaper than home - 20 cents for a same great meal that costs 50 cents at the Robbins or Nutt Hotels) and people he visited (Charlie Bonnell, brother of John and Will; George Meharry who had gone to California 12 years earlier and had made quite a fortune but with a lot of hard work) as well as Davy George, Ira Mote and Paul Larsh whom he had a grand time with.

A widow in 1907, he rediscovered his first "real love" (which by the way basically seemed to be like the others, he going to court more than once for being beaten but as far as I know they did not divorce) when he discovered widow, Sallie Jane Ellen Johnson Lewark, whom he had proposed to 33 years earlier but they had a lovers spat the evening before and the marriage was broken-off. When he went to see her, they talked over old times, and that resulted in the "renewal of old love." She accepted his proposal and there was no fighting. "Mr. Daggett has the distinction of having driven the first rural route mail delivery wagon out of Crawfordsville where as she had been a bookkeeper for the Glove Iron Company in Indianapolis." She passed away in 1934 and is buried with him in Lapel.

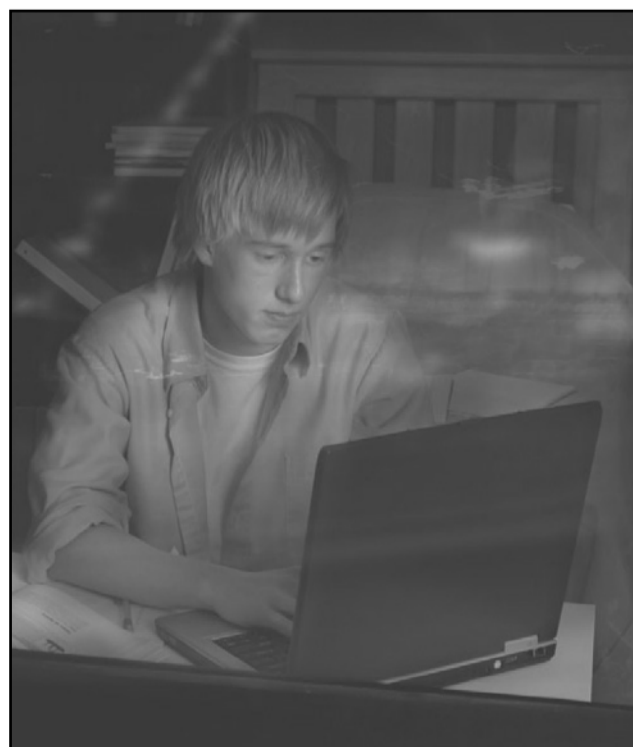
Should say here that WP was very active in several organizations, especially as a speaker, introducing Governor Mount in his "usual suave and happy manner!" (CWJ 8 Sept 1899) and a state officer (Good Templers as well as the organizer of the first union group, helping start several Unions in the state). Quite active in the local GAR he fought with Co F 16th Indiana, for about a year, having been in at least one major battle. Many speeches were given by him including when J.R. Bonnell (CWJ 22 Nov 1901), switched jobs from Postmaster to revenue collector, when the 26 employees from the PO had a royal dinner. Afterwards WP "in a neat speech" presented Bonnell with an elegant upholstered Morris chair as testimony of how his employees had loved, admired and appreciated him just as Daggett's mail patrons did with him. Rest In Peace, dear sir!

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be given by our Mayor. Please don't forget about the Bricks Honoring All Veterans that are being done by the Veteran Memorial Park. The cost is \$100 per brick. I have the forms or go to the American Legion. The Park Will be the Home of a Huey Helicopter along with M60A3

Cold War Tank and we will also be getting Gun Emplacement from the VFW in Greencastle. You May come and see me at either the American Legion Or the VFW or my office at 1580 Constitution Row Suite F, Crawfordsville. My Phone Number is 765-361-4133.



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Student Loan Pause Ending - Don't Get Scammed

After more than three years of relief, the payment pause on student loans is coming to an end. The U.S. Department of Education recently announced that student loan interest will resume Sept. 1, and payments will be due starting in October.

This student loan news affects millions of Americans, which creates an excellent opportunity for scammers. In fact, the Better Business Bureau has already received multiple reports of scams related to student loan repayment citing "new 2023 guidelines." Get to know the signs of a scam and always be sure to do your research before sharing any personal information.

How the scam works
You receive an email, letter, or phone call from someone claiming you are eligible for "student loan consolidation," "payment reduction program," or a similar service. This new benefit is allegedly part of "the new 2023 guidelines," and the scammer may even claim to represent the Federal Student Aid (FSA) department. If you respond, the scammer will ask you for

personal information to "confirm your identity" or to "check your eligibility." This information might include your Social Security number, name and address, and even your FSA.gov login information.

After "verifying your identity" the scammer will offer you an enticing plan to reduce your loan repayment. If you agree, you may end up making payments to a third-party for months or even years. None of your payments will go toward your student loan. And even if you don't make a payment, sharing personal information puts you at risk for identity theft.

Tips to avoid student loan forgiveness scams
Get to know the terms of your student loan and the relief program before acting. Always do your research before sharing personal information. Be sure to understand the ins and outs of your specific loan and how student loan terms impact you. You may have to re-search who your current loan servicer is since it may have changed. Reach out to them to explore all your repayment options and make sure your contact infor-

mation is up to date. For information, go straight to official government websites, such as ED.gov and studentaid.gov.

Never pay money for a free government program. Scammers often trick victims into paying for free government programs - or they claim you can get additional benefits, faster benefits, etc., for a fee. A real government agency will not ask for an advanced processing fee. These are all red flags of a scam.

Be wary of out-of-the-blue calls, emails, or text messages claiming to be from the government. Generally, the government will not contact you using these methods unless you grant permission.

Watch out for phony government agencies or programs. If you speak to someone claiming to be a government representative offering you student loan relief, research before you agree to anything. Scammers often make up look-alike government websites that sound similar to legitimate agencies or programs.

Think something seems suspicious? Reach out to the agency directly. If you have any concerns

about an alleged government representative's legitimacy, hang up the phone or stop emailing/texting. Then, find the official contact information (look on ED.gov and studentaid.gov or other official sites) and call to verify. Then, report suspicious calls or messages.

Be careful, even if the information comes from a friend. Even if a close friend or family member you trust sent you the information regarding student loan relief, make sure the claims are real first. During the COVID-19 pandemic, BBB received many reports of hacked social media accounts being used to spread government impostor scams.

For more information
Read more on BBB.org about scams targeting recent college graduates and government impostors. Get further insight by reading BBB's tips on loans and credit repair services.

If you've spotted a student loan forgiveness scam (whether or not you've lost money), report it to BBB.org/ScamTracker. Your report can help others avoid falling victim to scams.

Indiana American Water Today Announced That It Has Named Daniel Miller Director Of Government Affairs

Miller brings several years of government affairs and political experience to his new position. Prior to joining Indiana American Water, he served as director of government affairs for the Office of the Lieutenant Governor in Indiana. He has also served as an associate for the 1816 Public Affairs Group in Indianapolis, as an aide to Senior Senator Todd Young from Indiana, and as a Governor's Fellow in the Hoosier

state. "Miller's experience and background will be a great help to us as we further develop and implement strategies to support our growth and economic development initiatives," said Indiana American Water President Matt Prine. "His background includes successfully working with local, state and federal officials and other stakeholders on a number of policy issues.

"The water and wastewater industry is facing a number of challenges and opportunities, including the need to replace aging infrastructure that, in many cases, is nearing the end of its useful life," Prine continued. "I look forward to working with Daniel to help us address these challenges and to ensure we continue to serve the best interests of our customers."

Miller has a bachelor's degree in political



DANIEL MILLER

science and government from the University of Indianapolis where he received an annual Richard Lugar Scholarship for academic excellence.



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