

IGWA Newsletter

The newsletter of the Indiana Ground Water Association (IGWA)

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President's Message

Dear IGWA Members,

If you are traveling west on I-74 past Exit 8 to Covington and think you will stop by and visit me, you will have to take Exit 4 instead. That exit was under water, for two weeks straight during the 4th of July. Opened up July 10th for the weekend and then closed again July 13th because it flooded again. I have lived here since 1973, first time this has happened. It's raining again tonight as I write this. As I mentioned in my last message, hope you're getting the maintenance done on your equipment. I know we have. Our equipment is ready to go whenever Mother Nature says so. Getting around in the mud is always a challenge. If you get stuck, remember, make sure if your pulling your equipment out that everyone is out of danger of straps or chains that could break.

Hard to believe I'm a year and a half into my term as President. Time is flying by! We still have three events yet to go this year. They are mentioned in the newsletter. If you get a chance to attend you will not be disappointed! Two field days in one year! Thanks for the great support of our manufacturers for making this happen.

If you do attend one or any event that the IGWA puts on, please relay to the board what you liked or disliked so we can make them better. If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see that we haven't done, let us know. And just so you know, we can always use help on committees. It's your IGWA — get involved!

Sincerely,

Troy Alexander, IGWA President Findlay Brothers Well Drilling

Indiana Ground Water Association Presents

2015 FALL FIELD DAY

Drilling Demo and Equipment Installation Demo

Sponsored by Versa-Drill and Preferred Pump

October 9, 2015 • 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Fort Benjamin Harrison 5830 Post Road, Indianapolis, IN Rain or Shine

Instructors: Brandon Pickerel and Josh Broo of Laibe Corporation and Brian Hargan and Troy Alexander of Findlay Bros. Well Drilling

8:00 - 9:00 am: Registration with Continetal Breakfast

9:00 am - 3:00 pm: Silent Auction

9:00 am - 12:00 pm: Water Well Drilling Demonstration

Brandon Pickerel (Licensed Indiana Driller) and Josh Broo (Drillers Assistant), of Laibe Corporation, will demonstrate the techniques of mud mixing, mud rotary drilling (up to 180'), setting casing and screen, grouting casing, and air development of the finished water well.

12:00 - 1:00 pm: Lunch and Annual Meeting

IGWA annual meeting will take place during lunch. New officers will be installed and new board members will be voted on. New Lifetime members will be recognized. See form in this newsletter to nominate a member. *Note: Drilling will continue during the lunch period as required.*

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm: Pump Installation

Brian Hargan and Troy Alexander of Findlay Bros. Well Drilling will demonstrate the installation of a pitless adapter with tank located in the well, constant pressure control valve, and frost free hydrant. During installation discussion of different tank applications, tank sizing, controls access, application codes, animal and insect control, and proper back filling will be discussed.

OSHA Safety Standards Apply

Hard hats and steel-toe boots required within 75 feet of rig. Closed-toe shoes required for tour.

RSVP by October 2!

Silent Auction Items Needed

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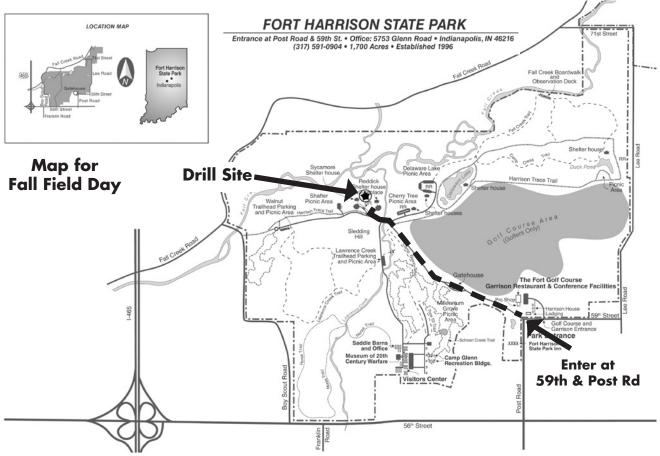
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Fall Water Well Drilling Demonstration

OCTOBER 9TH, 2015, 8:00 AM START UNTIL COMPLETION

Construct a Water Well and set a pump for the Indiana DNR

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Continuing Education Event, 6 Credit Hours for Licensed Water Well Drillers & Pump Installers

Continental Breakfast & Lunch Provided

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IGWA FAMILY IN BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

This year three students won the IGWA's Joseph L. Armstrong Family in Business Scholarship. The winners are:



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Trevor Burger

Attending Purdue University, School of Engineering, IUPUI campus

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We would like to thank our continued Platinum sponsor Franklin Electric, our new Platinum sponsors Drillers Service, Inc. and Preferred Pump, and our new Bronze sponsor Valley Farms Supply. We thank all the companies who have sponsored lunches and breaks during our events and all who advertise in our newsletter.

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We have many opportunities for advertising in our newsletters and sponsoring events during the year.

If you have not participated in any of our sponsorship opportunities, we encourage you to do so. This is a great way to support a needed organization. The IGWA is the voice for the well drillers in Indiana. It is a fantastic way to keep YOUR company and PRODUCTS in the sight of our 178 members.

Please contact Jennifer Bonner at ingroundwater@msn.com for additional information. No sponsorship is too small. Every sponsorship helps this organization continue to be able to be a voice for OUR industry in Indiana.



CHANGE IN IGWA'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As of June 1, 2015, Donna Sheets retired from the position of Executive Director. Since 2006, Donna and her assistant Julie have done a wonderful job managing the IGWA. They have been a great team putting together all of our events, newsletters, and behind the scenes back-up.

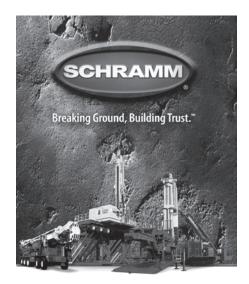
As the association's new Executive Director, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Jennifer Bonner and am a former member of the IGWA. As an IGWA member, I have served on various committees, been a board member, and most recently served as Treasurer.



I have worked in the water well industry since 1995 in many capacities —bookkeeping, estimating, purchasing, marketing, drilling, installation, and service work. I've also had my well drilling license since 1997.

Effective June 1, I have stepped down from the Board of Directors to accept the position of Executive Director. I am excited to begin this new position and look forward to serving the IGWA and its membership.

I am interested in hearing how we can improve the IGWA for our members. If you have suggestions, please email me at ingroundwater@msn.com.



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CHOOSING THE RIGHT DRILL BIT

Water well contractors and drill bit manufacturers weigh in on this important topic.

By Mike Price, Water Well Journal

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Troy Alexander wanted no part of a three-day rainstorm coming his way in mid-May.

Finishing up a 200-foot domestic water well in Veedersburg, Indiana—the last thing Alexander needed was to be caught stuck in rain with his 1978 George E. Failing CF15. It didn't happen.

All because Alexander followed what he has learned and applied over the years since he began drilling in 1994.

"You've got to be thinking ahead, so I'm going to take an extra five minutes to do maintenance to make sure I've got the proper bit," says Alexander, driller for Findlay Bros. Well Drilling in Covington, Indiana.

"If you've got a broken bit just to limp by, then all of a sudden you're sidelined and you've lost half a day. It's as simple as taking the 20 minutes to change the bit and make the hole and be done."

Thinking ahead enabled Alexander to beat the rain so he could oil, grease, and complete other upkeep of the rig back at the shop.

It's a testament of the little things going a long way.

As president of the Indiana Ground Water Association, Alexander sees proper bit maintenance as commonplace. Water well contractors who are in a rush to get a hole done may neglect it.

It's no coincidence this timeless topic of proper bit selection for different types of formations is covered regularly at the National Ground Water Association's Groundwater Expo and Annual Meeting. In this article, water well contractors and drill bit manufacturers share their thoughts on choosing the right drill bit.

Selecting the right drill bit can depend on the geologic formation one is encountering—among other factors, requiring patience while adhering to a trial and error mind-set.

In Alexander's area, 80 miles northwest of Indianapolis near the border of Illinois, he predominately uses a tricone roller carbide bit through clay. He works in a 70-mile radius from Covington and drills both in unconsolidated and consolidated formations using the mud rotary drilling method.

For unconsolidated formations, Alexander prefers an 8½-inch tricone roller bit with carbide buttons rather than the steel tooth. This bit, Alexander says, can drill through boulders faster and they don't wear out. In consolidated formations (shale, sandstone, limestone), he'll switch to a 4¾-inch polycrystalline diamond compact (PDC) bit to drill though bedrock.

"Once we get the casing set, we'll drill just an open hole into the bedrock," Alexander says. "That will just fly through the rock formations in our area. That's sped up the drilling just dramatically. We can drill several feet a minute versus a lot slower rate with just a roller cone bit." Some contractors are forced to switch to a hammer bit for limestone in Alexander's area, but he doesn't have hammer capability on his table-drive, four-speed transmission rig—so the PDC is his choice. Typically, Alexander sees six months of life with a bit.

"It's one of those every hole you drill and how many boulders you have to drill through, you kind of just have to keep checking to see how the bearings are and see if you're missing the carbide button teeth," Alexander says. "The teeth will actually break out of it, so it's a daily maintenance of looking at the bit itself to see if it's time to replace it."

An important pre-drilling check Alexander follows is inspecting the different holes in the bit itself for water and air to flow through it. Any obstructions in the bit could cause it to become plugged, forcing the contractor to trip out of the hole. The roller bits should spin and rotate completely. If they can't rotate, a locked bearing might be the culprit.

"If you don't do that five- to 10-second look at the bit, it'll cost you hours' worth of labor to get back to that point," says Alexander.

In western Michigan, the size of the permanent well casing Wahlfield Drilling Co. intends to set in place primarily dictates the size of the drill bits it uses. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's well construction code also has guidelines for bit size for each individual casing size.

Common in the area is the use of 5-inch polyvinyl chloride (PVC) casing. With it, Wahlfield Drilling uses an 8¾-inch tricone roller bit, which leaves room for casing centralizers, gravel pack sand, and casing grouting. Its screens are either telescoped or attached to the casing in its sand/gravel aquifer formations.

"If the well is going to be completed in the bedrock aquifer, we will try to set casing as soon as we are sure we're in the bedrock and grout it into place," says Mike Wahlfield, whose company uses mud rotary and cable tool drilling methods. "Then we will drop back to a smaller bit and drill through the inside of the casing until total depth is reached."

Wahlfield says for their 4-inch steel casing with cable tool drilling, they typically use a 4-inch diameter standard chisel style bit with a hard surface weld built up on the tip.

"If we are going to complete the well in the bedrock aquifer formation, we will typically switch up to a 4-inch carbide button bit, along with a wing-style mixing sub. We would also use a set of scissor-style drilling jars below the wire rope socket to help us dislodge our drill string, if it should happen to get stuck."

Water well contractors have the luxury of seeking expertise from drill bit manufacturers when necessary.

Kevin Christensen, president of Palmer Bit Co. in Williston, North Dakota, sees a large majority of water well contractors adhere to a rigid mind-set. The line of thinking follows "This bit has worked for years, so why change?"

As a presenter on drill bits for various drilling formations at state shows and the NGWA Groundwater Expo and Annual Meeting, Christensen focuses on the bit cost per foot, among other things.

"Sometimes the expensive bit is the best choice," he states. "It can save the driller a lot of time with increased penetration rates; and with the high cost of diesel fuel, if the driller is in a formation that can be drilled with a RDC instead of a harmonic.

that can be drilled with a PDC instead of a hammer, the savings in diesel alone will pay for the bit.

"On the other hand, I've had drillers using a tricone trying to drill clay and sands when a less expensive drag bit will out drill the tricone at a fraction of the cost. I tell all the drillers I can, I couldn't drill a water well if I was thirsting to death, but I know what bit they need to drill one for me."

Christensen encourages water well contractors to seek out assistance from a drill bit manufacturer who can readily assess the best option. He states: "The key is to drill faster at a lower cost per foot."

Steve Warren, president/CEO of Asbury Machine/ Throop Rock Bit in Tonkawa, Oklahoma, encourages contractors to do their research of the formation they're encountering. This makes problem-solving easier for Warren and his sales representatives.

Drill bits are designed for specific conditions such as formation type, circulation media being used, RPMs being turned, and down pressure available. These are all critical in helping to make the right bit selection.

"This is along the same principle, as any of you who has used a hand drill knows," Warren says. "You can have a sharp drill bit, the correct size ready to drill, but if you spin the thing and don't push on the drill bit, you're going to do nothing but burn the bit up. You could change to a carbide bit which maybe will keep your bit from burning up as quick, but you are still not likely to finish your job in a satisfactory manner. Same principle on a rig. If you cannot meet the minimum specifics of what this bit needs, you're likely to not be satisfied with performance."

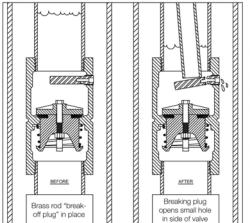
Warren advises contractors to contact their sales representatives or bit distributor and inform them of what conditions will be encountered and what International Association of Drilling Contractors codes are stamped on previous bits used in the conditions.

While the economy continues to recover, Warren sees customers opting for the lowest bit prices.

"My hope is folks realize buying domestic, in the long run, adds quality, consistency, and therefore value to the total package," Warren says. "Our hope is our fellow consumers will keep this in mind."

Mike Price is the senior editor of Water Well Journal. In addition to his WWJ responsibilities, Price produces NGWA's newsletters and contributes to the Association's quarterly scientific publication. He can be reached at mprice@ngwa.org.

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Morning Session
3450 W. 131st Street
Carmel, IN. 46074
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Afternoon Session
9600 E. 71st Street
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Program Agenda

Registration from 7:30am- 8:00am Coffee, Juice & Donuts

Opening Remarks- Carmel Utilities

8:15 am- Water Well Maintenance- Marc Hansen, Utility Service Group

9:20 am- Water Source Information for Indiana - Rebecca Travis, USGS

10:25 am- IDNR Updates- Mark Basch & Ginger Korinek, IDNR

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

System/Company Name

InAWWA Central District- election of officers Hurty Award Presentation Industry Updates

Meter Madness— Mueller Systems 420 Composite PD meter (Please fill out the Meter Madness Registration Form to participate)
Lunch Provided- Hog Roast with all the fix'ns

1:30 pm- 4:30 pm- Well Abandonment Demo (9600 E. 71st Street, Lawrence IN)

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Indiana Ground Water Association

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Call for Nominations - Due September 1, 2015

This prestigious award has been bestowed upon ground water industry professionals for many years. Many of the recipients were retired, however, that is not mandatory. We have included a listing in this edition for your quick reference.

Nominee's Name as it should appear on a plague and in publications:

Nominee's Information

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Please include a brief bio and reasons for nominating this individual, including their industry affiliation and contributions on an additional sheet of paper. The IGWA Executive Committee will vote on the nominees.

FAX completed form and supporting information to: 765-231-4430 DUE SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

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2015 FALL EDUCATION DAY AGENDA AND REGISTRATION

November 5, 2015 • 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Valle Vista Conference Center 755 E Main St, Greenwood, IN 46143

Approved for Continuing Education Hours: 3.0 for Pump Installers + 3.0 for Well Drillers

Registration deadline:

October 23, 2015

8:00 am - 9:00 am Registration with Continental Breakfast

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm Lunch

9:00 am - 10:00 am Drilling Fluids, presented by Ronald Peterson

10:15 am – 11:15 am Well Rehabilitation, presented by Zane Poppell

11:30 am – 12:30 pm Pump Troubleshooting, presented by Karl Felland

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IGWA Call for Nominations for the Board of Directors 2015-2016

If you are interested or would like to nominate someone to serve on the IGWA board of directors, please submit your nominations by September 20, 2015. The 2015-2016 officers and board will be elected during the Annual Membership meeting at noon, October 9 during lunch at the Fort Harrison Field Day in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Note: Please request the approval of the person you nominate.

Nominations due: September 20, 2015!

Please submit to: Fax: 765-231-4430

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September 2015

11 Well Abandonment Field Day (see page 4) Joint event with AWWA Central District — Registration will be posted on website when available.

October 2015

IGWA Fall Field Day & Annual Meeting Fort Harrison State Park, Indianapolis, IN Sponsored by Preferred Pump and Versa Drill See page 1-3 for complete information.

November 2015

- 5 Continuing Education and **Driller Testing** See page 8 for details and registration.
- 30 IGWA membership dues renewal deadline



The Franklin Team

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