



# IGWA Newsletter

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Nathan Rutledge

Greetings,

I hope with the winter months coming that everyone is finding themselves busy and doing well.

I would like to thank everyone for making the 2024 IGWA Convention & Tradeshow another huge success. To the board, thank you for your dedication and hard work to put on a fun, friendly and educational event. To our members, thank you for your continued support and participation. Finally to our sponsors thank you for helping make the convention a success and showing us the latest and greatest items our industry has to offer.

In the coming months there are a lot of big things happening in our industry. It is my hopes as the incoming president, that as an association that we can work together to provide the public with the precious resources we thrive for as well as support each other in an ever changing environment.

Feel free to reach out to myself or any other board member if there is anything we can do as an association to educate and support each other as water well professionals.

Let's all have a great year!

Sincerely,

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## THREE IGWA LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS BESTOWED AT 2024 CONVENTION



Keith McGraw (right) presented with plaque by his son, Rusty.

Congratulations to Keith McGraw, John Remmler, and Richard Mumma who received IGWA's Lifetime Membership because of their many individual contributions to the industry. This prestigious award has been bestowed upon ground water industry professionals for many years.

This year, the past president Dave Mumma had each nominating member (their sons in the case of Keith and John and Dave Mumma nominated his brother Richard) tell something about each of the Lifetime members and why they were nominated.



John Remmler (right) holds plaque while his son, Dale Remmler, speaks at the podium to why he nominated his father.



Richard Mumma (right) receives his Lifetime Achievement plaque from his brother and IGWA past president, Dave Mumma (left).

**INSIDE: Wrap up and additional photos of the 2024 IGWA Convention and Tradeshow on pages 2-4.**

## 2025 IGWA CLASS SCHEDULE

The IGWA is busy getting events set up for 2025. Please visit our website, Facebook page, and your email for upcoming details.

### Spring 2025

**DRILLING DEMO Field Day!** Join us for a day of a drilling demo this Spring. Location, agenda, and date TBD.

# 2024 CONVENTION AND TRADESHOW WRAP-UP

## EDUCATION



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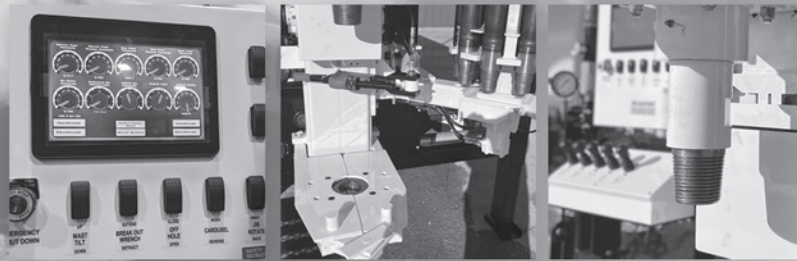
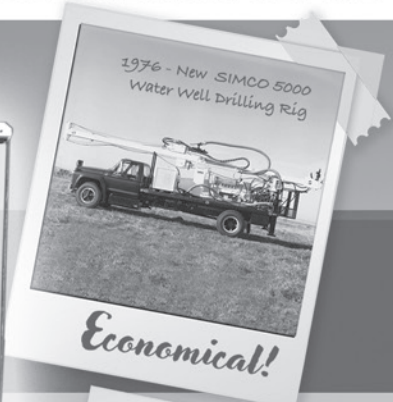
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- American Granby Inc: (2) 2" Cutters and (1) Pro Cutter
- Amtrol: Yeti Roadside Wheeled Cooler
- A.Y. McDonald Mfg: Hats and Cup
- Baroid: Cooler and Hat
- Deidrich Drill: Milwaukee Pack Out
- Drainage Solutions Inc.: Reed Pump Stick
- Drillmax: Craftsman Drill & Impact Combo with a Bit Combo
- Flint & Walling: (2) Flint & Walling Bar Stools
- Franklin Electric: Igloo Cooler
- Fremont Pump Company: Milwaukee Grinder Kit
- Hole Products: Bourbon
- Johnson Screens: DeWalt (2) Tool Combo - Drill & Driver
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- Mersino: Journeyman Distillery Gift Card (\$250)
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- Proxima Centauri Mfg.
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### Friday Break

- Amtrol
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## Thank You Attendees!

Thank you to all who attended this year's convention for being courteous and helpful to the casino staff. The casino's serving staff, cleaning staff, and event coordinators commented that IGWA's members were a breath of fresh air in comparison to past groups using the convention center. Our crew was helpful, clean, and overall gentlemen to the event staff. Again, thank you to all of our attendees for making our event a success!



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## IGWA POSITION STATEMENT ON THE LEAP PROJECT AND CARBON CAPTURE AND SEQUESTERING (CCS) INITIATIVES

The Indiana Ground Water Association (IGWA) is actively engaging with the developments concerning the LEAP Project and carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) initiatives, particularly in western Indiana. These projects involve significant environmental and resource management considerations:

- **LEAP Project:** This project aims to redirect water from an aquifer near the Wabash River to an industrial park in Lebanon, potentially impacting local water resources and raising concerns about water management and sustainability. There has been significant community push back due to fears over water availability and environmental impacts. The project has been criticized for its lack of transparency and potential negative effects on local groundwater systems.
- **Carbon Capture and Sequestration (CCS):** In Indiana, CCS projects involve capturing carbon dioxide from industrial processes and storing it underground. These projects have stirred debates around property rights, potential environmental risks such as groundwater contamination, and the efficacy of carbon storage. Local communities and environmental groups have raised concerns about the safety of these operations, the adequacy of current regulatory frameworks, and the long-term impacts on the environment. There's also been legislative activity aimed at protecting CCS companies from lawsuits, which has met with resistance from various stakeholders. So far CCS Projects are in Benton, Warren, White, Jasper, and Newton counties, with potential pilot studies to be performed in Vigo and Vermillion counties.

Given the complexity and the public interest in these projects, IGWA's initiative to collaborate with a lobbyist to track legislative and project developments is a strategic move to influence policy, ensure that members are well-informed, and advocate for the interests related to groundwater management. This approach allows IGWA to have a proactive role in shaping regulations and public understanding of these critical issues.

For those with insights or opinions, IGWA encourages direct communication via email to share perspectives or data that could aid in our efforts. This collaborative approach can help in formulating a comprehensive understanding and response to the ongoing developments in water management and environmental policy related to these projects in our state.

## WELCOME NEW IGWA EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

Please join IGWA in welcoming its new Executive Directors, Joe and Jennifer Gordon. Below are short bios of both Joe and Jennifer outlining their extensive experience. The Gordon replaces Deanna Ortman who will remain involved with IGWA as a Board Member.

**Joe Gordon** is an environmental consultant and degreed geologist with over 30 years of experience in the state of Indiana and surrounding states. He began his career working as a mud logger in the oil fields of Texas, Western Louisiana, and the Gulf of Mexico in the 1980s. Joe has maintained his Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM) certification for over 25 years, demonstrating his long-standing commitment to environmental safety and compliance. He has been an intermittent member of the National Ground Water Association (NGWA), staying connected with industry advancements. Additionally, he has served as past president and officer of the Indiana Geologist. Mr. Gordon has successfully owned and operated his own environmental consulting business and has partnered with other consulting firms for over two decades. He is currently the Director of Operations for Alliance Environmental Group, while continuing to leverage his extensive expertise in geological and contaminant assessments, due diligence, hazardous materials management, and environmental remediation.

**Jennifer Gordon** brings 25 years of expertise in accounting and bookkeeping to IGWA. Her professional journey includes significant roles at Indiana Restoration Services, Ryan Fire Protection, and the Haney CPA Group. She is currently employed with Alliance Environmental Group, where she continues to apply her financial expertise. Jennifer, along with her husband Joe, resides in Fishers, Indiana. They are proud parents to three sons and grandparents to three granddaughters.

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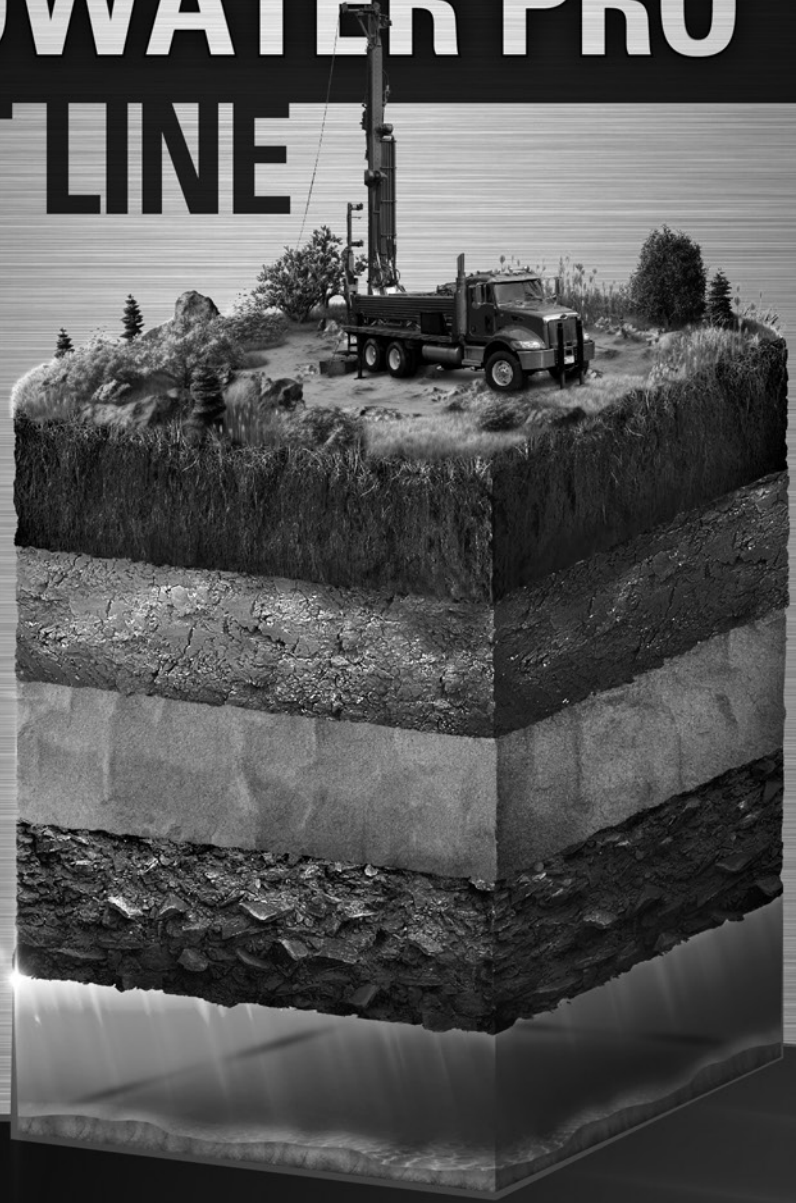
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## DUES REMINDER

Just a reminder that dues were due on November 30. As a member you are listed on our website for customers to find and it allows you to save on registrations to IGWA events. This is the only organization representing water well drillers in the state of Indiana. It is important that your voice is represented with your fellow drillers. If you are not a member, please consider joining the IGWA.

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# SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES AND PROCEDURES

Joseph L. Armstrong's family has been a member of the Indiana Ground Water Association since its inception in the 1930s and we wish to recognize his many years of support and dedication by naming our scholarship program in his honor. He contributed regularly to this program. He will be missed by all who knew him.

## IGWA Family in Business Scholarship Rules

- Applicant must be an IGWA member, immediate family of an IGWA member, an employee of an IGWA member, or an immediate family member of employee. Please note that applicants must select that their parent is an IGWA member in their application process.
- Applicant must be accepted at a college, university, or trade or technical school. (Student may be full-time or part-time)

The Carroll County Community Foundation Scholarship Board has absolute discretion in selecting recipients of the award and in determining the amount of said award. The Board may make such amendments and modifications of the rules and regulations pertaining to the selection of award recipients, the amount of each award and the payment of awards as they, in their sole discretion, determine.

When an applicant has been named as a recipient of the award he or she shall, present to the Foundation satisfactory evidence of his or her acceptance or continued enrollment at a college, university, trade or technical school. Failure to do so will forfeit the scholarship.

## Applications accepted: January 1, 2025 through March 1, 2025

**Online application:** <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cfhinscholarship>

**Scholarship questions:** Please email IGWA or Bethany Davis, Community Foundation ([bethany@cfhoward.org](mailto:bethany@cfhoward.org)).



## IGWA Scholarship Fund

We were able to raise more dollars at our convention this year for the scholarship! Thanks to all who donated (see page 4)!

Remember you can donate online anytime of the year at the Community Foundation of Howard County Indiana website.

**The link is:** <https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/CommunityFoundationofHoward/OnlineDonation.html>

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An annual observance established in 1999 to highlight the responsible development, management, and use of groundwater, the event is also a platform to encourage yearly water well testing and well maintenance, and the promotion of policies impacting groundwater quality and supply. Groundwater advocates across the country also use GAW to highlight local water issues in their communities.

NGWA and its partners will be focusing their advocacy on promoting professional opportunities in the groundwater industry. According to the American Geosciences Institute, nationally there are more than 135,000 open positions in the industry now, which is far too high to keep up with consumer demand.

As more than 44 percent of the population depends on groundwater as a primary water source, developing an interest in the groundwater industry is of vital importance to both the health and economy of the country. Groundwater professionals span a wide variety of careers and skills including well contractors, hydrogeologists, groundwater policy advocates, and suppliers and manufacturers of groundwater technology.

GAW also serves as an annual reminder for water well owners to test, tend, and treat their private water systems. NGWA encourages annual inspections of private water systems by certified water well contractors to ensure systems are operating correctly and producing safe and healthy water.

WellOwner.org, which is operated by NGWA with assistance from the Rural Community Assistance Partnership, offers private well owners tip sheets on water well maintenance and a “Find A Contractor” page allowing the public to find certified local water well contractors in their area.



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### **2025 NGWA AND WQA FLY-IN**

**Date:** March 25- 26, 2025

**Location:** Washington, DC

**Overview:** The National Ground Water Association and the Water Quality Association are hosting a two-day Water Resources Congressional Summit in Washington, D.C., to bring awareness to drinking water challenges and solutions across the country.

The event connects attendees with key decision-makers in Congressional offices, government agencies, and departments to foster better working relationships and understanding.

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