

**TODAY'S VERSE**  
Psalm 119:89 For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. (KJV)



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What makes Ron Wilson smile? "When I get phone calls from widows that I've helped get VA benefits, and my grandkids," said Wilson, 77, Noblesville. Wilson is a 1964 Noblesville High School veteran of the U.S. Navy and served in Vietnam from 1965-71 and is a member of the American Legion Post 45 in Noblesville. The retired insurance man and substitute teacher is past State Commander of Indiana Squadron and is currently Senior Executive Officer of the National Staff of Navy Club USA and, as a past Commander of Hamilton County Navy Club Ship 29, Wilson now serves as a Trustee. Formerly, he loved to scuba down in Florida and in the Midwest when he wasn't working with veterans. That was until he had a stroke on Valentine's Day in 2014. Now, he said, "After I had my stroke, I had to give up scuba diving. Spending my time now in community service." He and his wife, Sharon, have been "hitched" for 55 years and they have four kids and six grandkids. He also has enjoyed devoting time to youth, as scout leader and youth football and baseball coach. He is president of Hamilton County Veterans and is usually found on Memorial Day and Veterans Day reading the names of veterans buried at Riverside Cemetery in downtown Noblesville. All veterans and friends of veterans are invited to a Military Veteran Celebration & Resource Fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Noblesville Schools Community Center on Field Drive in Noblesville, featuring 60 vendors with free information on VA benefits, mental health, housing, employment, insurance, retirement, education and more. The Hamilton County Veterans Corp and the Hamilton County Bicentennial Commission are celebrating our military veteran community at this event.

**And Another Thing...**

**1. Gov. Holcomb directs flags to be flown at half-staff in honor of fallen Indiana State Trooper**

Governor Eric J. Holcomb is directing flags to be flown at half-staff in the State of Indiana in honor and remembrance of Indiana State Trooper Aaron N. Smith who was killed in the line of duty. Flags should be flown at half-staff from sunrise to sunset on Friday, July 7. Gov. Holcomb is asking businesses and residents in Indiana to lower their flags to half-staff

**2. SPC Andrea Brewer Endorses Suzanne Crouch for Governor**

Army Specialist, Andrea Brewer, has pledged her endorsement for Suzanne Crouch for Governor. "I support Suzanne Crouch and believe she is fulfilling the mission to strengthen Indiana's rural economies and communities through capacity building, advocacy, and community economic development," said SPC Brewer. Specialist Brewer, a veteran of the Army, served from 2004-2010.

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## Jim Dandy Cruise-In, First Friday, Military Veteran Celebration



**BETSY REASON**  
From The Editor's Desk...

Noblesville Jim Dandy Restaurant's First Friday Cruise-in from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the eatery, featuring DJ Bumper playing classics. 2. Noblesville Bicentennial focuses on celebrating 200 years of history in Noblesville, with photography, drawings, paintings, newspaper articles and historical information, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, now through July 28 at Noblesville

Looking for something fun to do after coming off of a weekend of fireworks and parties, then look through our list of 30 things to do in The Times.

1. Antique car owners and aficionados are invited to

City Hall, also sponsored by Nickel Plate Arts.

3. Bring your lawn chair for Nickel Plate Arts' First Friday event from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at Nickel Plate Arts in downtown Noblesville, with refreshments, cash bar, art exhibit, Noblesville Nostalgia exhibit celebrating the Bicentennial of Hamilton County and the City of Noblesville, live music from Bach 2 Rock Fishers.

4. Join Nickel Plate Arts' reception for Claudia Labin's "Sculptural Forms," 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at Nickel Plate Arts Campus. The reception during July First Friday is free and open to the public, with most art available for purchase.

5. Grab your lawn chairs and blankets and pack a picnic for Conner Prairie's Symphony on the Prairie, which continues every weekend through the summer. This weekend features Raiders of the Lost Ark: Live in Concert at 8 p.m. today and

Saturday, Arrival from Sweden: The Music of Abba on July 14-15, Broadway Under the Stars on July 21 and 22, Face 2 Face: A Tribute to Billy Joel & Elton John on July 28-29, with tickets available at indianapolissymphony.org. Earlier in the day, head to the 1836 Prairietown as the outdoor areas are open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, during the 2023 season at Conner Prairie in Fishers.

6. Noblesville Farmers Market is open 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville, with Kids Day on July 15. Fishers Farmers Market is open 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays through the summer at Nickel Plate District Amphitheater in Fishers.

7. Central Indiana Vintage Vehicles car club invites car buffs to show off their vintage vehicles on the Courthouse

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## Month Six a Busy One For New Councilman



**MARK HALL**  
The Timesheet

Welcome to the Timesheet. This column is a report of work done on behalf of the people of Hamilton County. It's to be informative too, a place to learn about projects and how our county government works. As your employee, it's important to me that you know what is being worked on as transparently as possible in government. You hired me as your County Councilman, and my hope is that you'll choose to be informed by regularly reading this column, getting involved, and by asking questions. Council meetings are at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of every month at the judicial center in downtown Noblesville. They are also available to watch online for those unable to attend in person. Here is where my time this past month has been spent. Month six passed quickly.

Council activity is speeding up as we head toward budget meetings. It's clear why a distribution of the workload among council members is important. It would be easy to operate "a mile wide and an inch deep," given the dozens and dozens of projects, requests and departments. With such a wide range of county services, their diverse nature, and the sheer volume of financial transactions that require oversight, it's understandable how things could get missed and slip by. In my case, it's better to be deeply immersed in large taxpayer impact items and knowledgeable in all the other things that require the oversight of your county council.

This month, an in-person personnel committee meeting was canceled, replaced by a poll of the members for a small number of requests that will be voted on by the full council. Our in-person highway committee meeting was canceled, and the two minor requests were voted on at the full council meeting. As a

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## July's First Friday: Sunshine On The Square

Friday, July 7th | 5-9 pm  
July 7th is our next First Friday event and we're going to celebrate the warm weather and getting outside to enjoy all our beautiful and historic downtown has to offer! We've got a little something for everyone to enjoy.

From 5-5:30 grab a beach towel and join us on the east side of the courthouse square for some beach-themed kid and family yoga!

From 6-6:30 on the east side of the square, our friends at Shine Yoga offer some fun free mini-classes giving you some simple ways to improve your balance & flexibility.

From 7-7:45 we are having our premiere event featuring a community yoga class taught by special guest celebrity yoga instructor Tara Stiles Tara Stiles! Be sure to join us at the after party at Shine Yoga Studio for a

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## 4-H Fair Coming

Families are always welcome at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair, July 20-24, 2023. A myriad of 4-H contests, special events, and public activities - not to mention animals, displays and food are available for families to enjoy during the 4-H Fair's five-day run at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant Street, Noblesville. The 4-H Fair is a fun, safe, family-friendly environment. There is no charge for admission or parking at the 4-H Fair, and most activities are provided free of charge.

Select highlights for the 2023 4-H Fair include the Hamilton County 4-H Queen Pageant (Friday, July 14, 7:00 p.m.), Do-Si-Squares Dance Performance (Thursday, July 20, 6:30 p.m.), Blue River Band concert (Friday, July 21, 8:00 p.m.), Providence Wildlife live animal demonstration (Saturday, July 22, 12:30 p.m.), DJ Charlie Van Wieringen concert (Saturday, July 22, 8:00 p.m.), Caravan Classes Kids Art (Sunday, July 23, 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.), Stones Crossing concert (Sunday, July 23 at 1:00 p.m.), and a blood drive sponsored by the Hamilton County

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**HONEST HOOSIER**

I don't much care for Biden . . . or Trump. But how is it that the media focuses on every little thing Trump does wrong and, in general, Biden gets a free pass?



**TODAY'S QUOTE**

"I'd like to be remembered as a person who wanted to be free and wanted other people to be also free."  
-Rosa Parks

**TODAY'S JOKE**

How is a joke a "dad joke?"  
When it's apparent!

**TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Keep meat tenderizer in your first aid kit - apply it to stings to destroy the venom. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at www.thetimes24-7.com.



**OBITUARIES**

None

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## Noblesville Lions Present Gift Cards To Prevail



Photo courtesy of Noblesville Lions

On Wednesday evening the Noblesville Lions Club presented \$100 of Gift Cards to Prevail. Presentation was made to Holly Connelly, Director of Development - Prevail. This was Lion Gordon Resler's last official act as President of the club before the induction of new officers took place! In the photo, Holly Connelly and Lion President, Gordon Resler

## Nickel Plate Express Temporarily Closes For Track Maintenance, Promises Exciting Fall Reopening

Nickel Plate Express announced on July 2 that it will be temporarily closing for the months of July and August to complete essential track work. The organization is dedicated to ensuring the safety and comfort of its passengers, and this maintenance period will allow Nickel Plate Express to continue providing unforgettable journeys.

Although the temporary closure may cause some disappointment among train enthusiasts, the exciting news is that

Nickel Plate Express will be back in full swing starting September with an incredible fall lineup of train rides. Passengers can look forward to a diverse range of experiences, from scenic trips showcasing the beauty of autumn foliage to themed excursions that cater to a variety of interests.

Nickel Plate Express is deeply committed to preserving and sharing the rich history of rail travel and creating unique, immersive experiences for its guests. The organization

would like to extend its gratitude to the community for their ongoing support and understanding during this maintenance period.

In anticipation of the fall reopening, Nickel Plate Express encourages the public to keep an eye on its website and social media channels for updates about the upcoming schedule and ticket availability. September will be here before you know it, and the Nickel Plate Express team is working diligently to ensure a safe and enjoyable return to the rails.

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# Profiles On Dietz and Phelan, College Football Hall Of Fame Inductees



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist

Purdue claims five coaches elected to the College Football Hall of Fame. Jack Mollenkopf and Jim Young both

had mediocre starts to their Boilermaker careers before finding success. We profiled Andy Smith last week.

And then there's the stories of William "Lone Star" Dietz and James Phelan.

Dietz had been out of college football for two seasons before coming to Purdue on March 28, 1921. It turns out there was a reason why a coach who had posted a 27-3 combined record at Washington State and for the Mare Island Marines during the United States' involvement in World War I was out of work.

For years, Dietz had claimed to be of Native American heritage. According to Dietz, he was born on the Pine Ridge reservation to Julia One Star and a German father who joined the Sioux to avoid capture and death at the hands of a war party.

The Washington Post reported in 2013 that Dietz was actually born in Rice Lake, Wis., in 1884 to white parents according to his birth certificate and census records.

When Dietz registered for the draft before World War I, he claimed to be a non-citizen Indian. A Bureau of Investigation inquiry led to Dietz's indictment in 1919. The first trial resulted in a hung jury. The second ended with a no contest plea and a 30-day sentence in the Spokane (Wash.) County jail.

None of this, of course, was mentioned in the Journal and Courier story announcing the Dietz hiring. Noting that Dietz played at Carlisle for legendary coach Pop Warner, the story mentioned his Rose Bowl victory at Washington State and a 10-1 record with the Marines in 1918. The lone

loss was to a Great Lakes Navy team in the Rose Bowl which featured NFL founder George Halas and fellow Pro Football Hall of Fame members Paddy Driscoll and Jimmy Conzelman.

"We believe that a new era of football is dawning for Purdue," the optimistic Journal and Courier writer proclaimed.

Instead it was the continuation of the malaise the Boilermakers had slipped into since Andy Smith left West Lafayette after the 1915 season.

Purdue scored nine points for the season and its lone victory was 3-0 over Northwestern. That kept the Boilermakers out of the Big Ten cellar.

The Indiana game that year perfectly summed up the season. Purdue outgained IU 281-99 and had 15 first downs to the Hoosiers' 3. But a late fumble followed by a drop kick field goal was enough to lift Indiana to a 3-0 victory. Full disclosure: My wife's grandfather, R.C. (Cooper) Kerr, started at end that day for Purdue.

Dietz did not return for the 1922 season, denied a new contract during a scandal that accused him of recruiting violations. Dietz would compile a college coaching record of 104-60-7 in addition to a two-year stint in the NFL with Boston, which today is the Washington Commanders.

Inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2012, Dietz died in 1964.

Phelan also won just one game in his first season at Purdue (1-5-1), defeating Millikan 10-0 in the opener and forcing a 7-7 tie at Indiana. Journal and Courier sports editor Robert A. McMahon wrote this after the 1922 season: Phelan "was handicapped by a scarcity of veteran material, and for the most part, a lack of brilliant green candidates. Those two causes just mentioned are enough to take care of the questions of those who want to know why Purdue did no more than it did this season."

"... Should the system be allowed to improve

unhampered, with five years Purdue should amount to something in football."

The Boilermakers needed three years for a winning record under Phelan (5-2 in 1924) but really gathered steam from 1926 to 1929. Purdue went 24-6-2 in that span, culminating with an 8-0 outright Big Ten championship season in 1929. No Boilermaker football team has claimed an outright league title since.

No one would have predicted after Elmer Burnham's first season as head coach in 1942 that one year later Purdue would field its most recent undefeated football team.

The fourth coach to descend from the Phelan tree, Burnham was promoted to head coach on Feb. 25, 1942. That's the same date Guy "Red" Mackey began his 29-year stint at athletic director.

By the time Burnham made the climb up the Boilermaker coaching ladder, the program was no longer one that thrived under Phelan and his successor, Noble Kizer. Purdue had fallen from a 5-1-2 mark in 1938 under Kizer's successor, Mal Elward, to a 2-5-1 record in 1942.

When Elward decided to re-enlist in the United States Navy, giving up his athletic director job as well, Purdue president Edward C. Elliott took less than a week to fill both jobs.

Lafayette Journal and Courier sports editor Gordon Graham praised both hires, noting that "several times we have heard Burnham termed the best freshman football coach in the country."

With the United States needing every able-bodied young man to serve in World War II, Purdue still managed to field a football team in the fall of 1942 when several other universities decided otherwise. The results were not pretty: a 1-8 record and the lone win a 7-6 decision against Northwestern.

Thanks to an influx of

talent from the Marines and Navy, which sent prospective officers to West Lafayette for training, the 1943 season would be one of the most memorable in school history.

That season, profiled in the excellent book "Perfect Warriors" by Cory Palm, would see Burnham lead Purdue to a 9-0 record behind All-Americans Alex Agase and Tony Butkovich.

Burnham surprised Purdue when he announced in May 1944 that he was resigning to become head coach and associate professor of physical education at the University of Rochester.

"I felt the position offered to me by the University of Rochester presented an opportunity that could not be ignored," Burnham told the Journal and Courier.

Graham speculated that Burnham was offered more money and a potential lifetime job at the New York school. Rochester did not offer athletes scholarships or any other benefits.

The Jim Young era at Purdue lasted just five seasons but resulted in the school's only 10-win campaign and three bowl victories from 1978-80.

When Young stepped down, it seemed obvious who his successor should be.

Leon Burnett was the architect of the "Junk Defense," which helped Keena Turner become a star and allowed linebacker Kevin Motts to set a career tackles record that has been in place since 1979.

Despite more than a dozen future NFL players on the 1982 roster, Purdue went 3-8 in 1982. The Boilermakers started the season 0-5 and closed the year with a 13-7 loss to Indiana at Ross-Ade Stadium.

A 3-7-1 mark followed in 1983 but one of the wins was a thrilling 31-30 effort at Indiana.

Burnett and the Boilermakers put together a memorable 1984 season, one that saw Purdue defeat Notre Dame, Ohio State

and Michigan in the same year for the first time.

Burnett landed the No. 1 player in the country in 1986, Warren Central quarterback Jeff George. But internal strife coupled with George suffering an injury led to Burnett's firing the week of the Old Oaken Bucket game. Burnett went out in a blaze of glory, thanks to Rod Woodson, in a 17-15 victory against the Hoosiers.

Purdue fans were stunned when Fred Akers was hired on Dec. 10, 1986. Akers had gone 86-31-2 in 10 seasons at Texas but was fired when the Longhorns finished 5-6 in 1986.

In addition to his reported compensation of \$200,000 a season, Akers also insisted on construction of a practice facility next door to Ross-Ade Stadium.

Things went wrong right away. Showing the immaturity that would derail a promising NFL career years later, Jeff George left Purdue and would eventually wind up at Illinois.

With little talent remaining on the roster, Purdue "celebrated" its 100th year of football with a 3-7-1 record and a 35-14 loss at Indiana.

With a top 20 recruiting class signed in February 1988, it looked like Akers would turn the Boilermakers around.

Quarterback Brian Fox would win Big Ten Freshman of the Year honors and direct a victory at Ohio State. Three high school All-America defensive tackles in Frank Kmet, Peyton Minter and Lonnie Palelei. The best of the lot turned out to be Jeff Zgonina, who went on to play 17 seasons in the NFL.

But the enthusiasm created by the 31-26 win at Ohio State died with a 52-7 loss at home to Indiana.

Fox transferred to Florida after the season. Two years later, Akers was fired after a 2-9 season, and Purdue fans were sure football fortunes couldn't get any worse.

Two decades later, along

came possibly the biggest waste of money in Purdue University history in 2013.

And arguably, the worst football coach in Big Ten history.

Even at a reported \$2 million a year, more than twice what predecessor Danny Hope was making, Darrell Hazell seemed like an up and coming coach. He won 11 games in 2012 at Kent State, a school that has one Mid-American Conference title in its long history.

In a column I'd like to forget during my days at the Journal and Courier, I wrote that "Purdue may have lucked out again with the hiring of Kent State's Darrell Hazell" instead of presumptive first choice Butch Jones, who ended up at Tennessee.

"Hiring a minority football coach also could help national perception of Purdue. Being thought of as progressive is preferable to a reputation for being cheap."

Trying to dispel that stigma of being unwilling to pay high salaries, athletic director Morgan Burke insisted on an "all-star" coaching staff that included failed Chicago Bears offensive coordinator John Shoop. The only all-stars on that staff were future Notre Dame head coach Marcus Freeman and Fighting Irish offensive coordinator Gerad Parker.

Hazell would lose 11 games in his first season at Purdue, his lone win a 20-14 thriller against Indiana State in his home opener. Records of 3-9 and 2-10 followed and Hazell's firing became a matter of time when Mike Bobinski replaced the retired Burke as athletic director.

That time was up the day after a 49-35 Homecoming loss to Iowa on Oct. 15, 2016. For \$12.75 million over six years, Purdue got from Hazell a 9-33 overall record and 3-24 in the Big Ten.

*- Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years.*

## Land Betterment Board Of Director Chris Hagler Moderates Panel At Environmental Event

Land Betterment Corporation ("Land Betterment" or the "Company"), a certified B Corporation and an environmental solutions company fostering positive impact through upcycling former coal mining and industrial sites to create sustainable community development and job creation, is pleased to share that Chris Hagler, Land Betterment Board of Director and Partner of Independence Point Advisors recently moderated a panel at GreenFin 23 in Boston, MA on June 26, 2023.

At GreenFin 23, Chris Hagler was the moderator for the panel titled, Green Banks: Catalyzing Investments in Climate Solutions. Joining Chris on the panel were Bert Hunter Chief Investment

Officer, CT Green Bank, Eli Hopson, Chief Operating Officer, Coalition for Green Capital and Andrew Kessler, President, NY Green Bank. During the panel discussion, there was a lively conversation about how green banks are critical institutions for decarbonization. The panel spoke about how green banks are uniquely positioned to utilize innovative financing to accelerate the transition to clean energy, while focusing on deploying clean energy over maximizing profit. Additionally, green banks can help recruit much needed private-sector capital into underserved markets. There are at least 22 green banks in the United States, starting with the Connecticut Green Bank.

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## Taken Out To The Ball Game



**DICK WOLFSIE**  
Funny Bone

I love baseball and now with a few rule changes, the games are faster and, I think, even more exciting. I knew it would be fruitless, but I was hoping to entice Mary Ellen to enjoy the sport so we could watch a few games together. So, one day in the car, I attempted to pique her interest.

tional Group or American Group?”

“They are not groups. They are called leagues, the American League and the National League.

“What’s the difference?”

“Again. You have stumped me. It’s a hard question to answer.”

“Why is that a difficult question? Nordstrom and Kohl’s are in different leagues. Any fan of shopping knows the difference.

“Okay, here’s one difference between the two leagues. The American League has a DH, a designated hitter. That means that the pitcher does not bat. Someone bats for him.”

“That doesn’t seem very fair to the pitcher.”

“The pitcher doesn’t care.”

“Well, if he doesn’t care, he shouldn’t be playing. Can’t they find people who do care. Why do the umpires wear black?”

“Again, no clue. By the way, there was a perfect game a few nights ago.”

“What does that mean?”

“It means the pitcher allowed no hits, no runs no walks. Not a single person reached a base. Everything was perfect.”

“Sounds perfectly boring. Why would anyone go to a game like that?”

The truth was, I couldn’t really answer most of Mary Ellen’s questions. As I continued talking about baseball, I glanced over and she looked like she was nodding off. We pulled over and I drove.

That night we watched a game together and after each play I explained to her the fascinating intricacies of baseball. It was a close one between arch rivals Cubs and Dodgers. I don’t know the final score. I fell asleep in the 7th inning.

*- Dick Wolfsie spent his career sharing his humor, stories and video essays on television, radio and in newspapers. His columns appear weekly in The Paper of Montgomery County. E-mail Dick at Wolfsie@aol.com.*

“Would you watch a baseball game with me one night?”

“How long does a game last?”

“Well. No one knows exactly.”

“How could that be? Haven’t they been playing baseball for over a hundred years. Can’t somebody time it?”

“It’s not like football or basketball. Theoretically, the game can go on forever.”

“Maybe it just seems that way?”

“Let’s try again. Ask me any questions you might have about baseball.”

“Okay, why do they call it a strike when the guy doesn’t hit it, but in bowling they call it a strike when he does?”

“Again, I have no clue.”

“Any why are there four balls and only three strikes?”

“I don’t know that either.”

“Maybe my questions are too hard, Dick. Here’s an easy one: When is the World Series?”

“They don’t play those games until November, after each baseball team has played 162 games in the regular season.”

“Then when is the Super Bowl?”

“That’s in February after each football team has played 17 games. Again, in the regular season.”

“That sounds easier job than 162 games. Maybe it’s hard to find guys willing to work every Sunday. Dick, is your favorite team in the Na-

## Attorney General Todd Rokita Leads 7 States Concerned About Target’s Anti-Child, Anti-Parent Campaign For ‘LGBTQIA+ Pride’

Attorney General Todd Rokita is leading 7 states expressing legal concern that Target Corp.’s extremist “LGBTQIA+ Pride” campaign is damaging states’ efforts to safeguard citizens.

“We work daily to protect children and uphold parental rights,” Attorney General Rokita said. “In my role, I defend Indiana laws focused on these very priorities. Further, we look

out for our individual states’ economic interests as Target shareholders.”

In a letter, Attorney General Rokita and the other states advise Target to stop promoting and selling potentially harmful products to minors.

Target has marketed girls’ swimsuits with “tuck-friendly construction” and “extra crotch coverage” for male genitalia.

It also has sold mer-

chandise produced by the self-declared “Satanist-Inspired” brand Abprallen, which is known for designs that glorify violence.

Target has sold items featuring the phrase “We Bash Back” with a heart-shaped mace — a heavy club typically having a metal head and spikes — in the trans-flag colors. Another design includes the phrase “Transphobe Collector” alongside a skull. Yet another product

features skulls beside a pastel guillotine labeled as a “Homophobe Headrest.”

Following publicity over its decision to market such items, Target suffered a drop in sales and stock price.

“Transanity doesn’t sell,” Attorney General Rokita said. “Let’s all unite around pride in America instead of falling into the trap of dividing along lines of identity politics.”

## CICOA Announces 2023 Annual Award Winners

CICOA Aging & In-Home Solutions presented six awards during its annual meeting on June 27 to honor the contributions of volunteers and partner organizations over the past year.

“With heartfelt gratitude, we thank each of these individuals and organizations for their creativity, innovation and advocacy in serving vulnerable older adults, people with disabilities and caregivers,” said CICOA President and CEO Tauhric Brown. “We are proud to recognize these outstanding awardees and know that we are better for their partnership.”

•Exceptional Service Award: Low-income seniors in Indiana aren’t getting enough to eat, and many don’t have access to fresh produce, which causes increased risk of chronic diseases and reduced quality of life. To address this and contributing social factors that prevent seniors from living a healthy life, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation awarded a \$4.4 million Connecting Older Hoosiers with Healthful Foods grant to the I4A Education Institute. This benefits Indiana’s 15 area agen-

cies on aging, of which CICOA is the largest.

•Collaboration Award: Dr. Robert Russell of Communicare Health Services is the current chair of CICOA’s Medical Advisory Council and a founding member since 2017, offering guidance and best practices to help CICOA better engage and partner with the clinical community. Dr. Russell also serves as the medical director for CICOA’s Medical Nutrition Therapy program, which is a therapeutic nutrition-based treatment and counseling service provided by a registered dietitian that includes lifestyle assessment, nutrition diagnosis, interventions, goal monitoring and evaluation to help manage chronic conditions with individualized nutrition care.

•Dementia Friends Indiana Advocate Award: Representative Greg Porter of Indianapolis is the primary author of 2023 Indiana General Assembly House Bill 1422, which was signed into law by Governor Eric Holcomb on May 1, 2023. HB 1422 establishes a Dementia Care Specialist program in the state and provides up to \$1.5 million in

annual funding for at least two years to bring more dementia expertise to local communities. As the number of Hoosiers experiencing dementia continues to grow, the Dementia Care Specialist program can help individuals stay in their homes and remain active in their communities longer. This represents a critical investment in the state’s public health to address the impact of the diseases associated with dementia.

•Impact Award: At the beginning of CICOA’s 2023 fiscal year, CICOA received a \$5 million sustainability grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. The grant was one of eight grants totaling \$34 million that Lilly Endowment gave to help human service organizations in central Indiana enhance their long-term impact by building stronger financial futures. As CICOA has grown in service reach, offering and scale, the need for better data integration has become more critical. This endowment will provide a sustainable source of income for future technology needs in support of CICOA’s mission.

•Spirit Award: American Senior Communities is

honored for their continued support, dedication to providing team members to serve as volunteers, and living out their commitments with enthusiasm, dedication, and contagious positive energy. The organization not only has supported CICOA through corporate sponsorships, but often has provided teams of enthusiastic volunteers to serve the beloved seniors of our community.

•Innovation Award: United Healthcare (UHC) is recognized for providing members in their care with amazing experiences through innovative programming and service offerings. UHC partnered with Postbook, an intergenerational postcard exchange that fosters warm, personal connections across multiple generations. Postbook is one of CICOA’s innovation portfolio companies. UHC also has utilized animal robots to combat social isolation and loneliness among older adults and offered peer-to-peer caregiver supports through a mobile application that connects former and current caregivers to reduce caregiver burnout through shared experiences.

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**Antique and collector cars are on display during Central Indiana Vintage Vehicles Cruise-in Car Show every Saturday on the Hamilton County Courthouse Square, where on the weekends sometimes there is live music.**

Square during the weekly Saturday night Cruise-in. Lawn chairs and old-car conversations invited.

8. Forest Park Aquatic Center in Noblesville is open for the season, noon to 8 p.m. Saturdays, noon to 6 p.m. Sundays and noon to 7 p.m. weekdays, admission \$8 per person, concessions available. Morse Beach also open for the summer through Sept. 4. Pool membership includes movie nights (below), Tiny Tots Swim and Morse Beach admission.

9. Travel to the countryside to hear live music with Steve Fulton at 6:30 p.m. today, Jamie Owens on Saturday, Brad Kleinschmidt on July 14, Benjamin Watson on July 15, The Juan Douglas Trio on July 21, The Midwest Originals on July 22 and Bomar and Ritter on July 29 at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville. Visit [spencerfarmwinery.com](http://spencerfarmwinery.com)

10. Check out the comedians at The Brick Room Comedy Club, featuring Jeff Burton TJ Wharry, Jay Hunter, Ivy Lavelle, Allison Stapp and Jon Moore at 8 p.m. today; and Annam Choudhry, Rhyne Ross, Neriah Romero, Brandy Norton, Max Haddad and Duncan Kissinger at 8 p.m. Saturday at Ninth and Maple in downtown Noblesville, with \$10 admission tickets at [thebrickroom.cc](http://thebrickroom.cc).

11. Enjoy live music featuring Jason Salyers tonight, Fast Cadillac (with Barry Dixon) Saturday, The Dead Squirrels on July 14, Celtic Rain on July 22 at Primeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville.

12. All veterans and friends of veterans are invited to a Military Veteran Celebration & Resource Fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Noblesville Schools Community Center on Field Drive in Noblesville, featuring 60 vendors with free information on VA benefits, mental health, housing, employment, insurance, retirement, education and more. The Hamilton County Veterans Corp and the Hamilton County Bicentennial Commission are celebrating our military veteran community at this event.

13. Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department's free Concerts at the Commons will feature eight tribute bands 7-10 p.m. Saturdays: Crush (Bon Jovi tribute), Saturday; No Fences (Garth Brooks tribute), July 15; Chicago Rewired (Chicago tribute), Aug. 12; Earth to Mars (Bruno Mars tribute), Aug. 26; American English (Beatles tribute) Sept. 9; Trippin Billies (Dave Matthews Band tribute), Sept. 23; all at Federal Hill Commons in downtown Noblesville.

14. Noblesville Main Street's free Music & All That Jazz series, sponsored by Gordon Insurance, features live music, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., with Juan Douglas Trio, Saturday; David Hartman Trio, Aug. 12; Moontown Pickle Stompers, Sept. 9; and Cohen-Rutkowski Project, Oct. 14, on the Courthouse Square in downtown Noblesville.

15. Come out for live music during Fishers Parks Department's Free Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in July at Nickel Plate District Amphitheater, featuring Street Pennies, July 11; Groovesmash, July 18; and Hank Ruff, July 25. Lawn chairs and blankets welcome. Visit <http://www.npdamp.com/>

16. Cool Creek Park and Nature Center free Wednesday Campfires start at 7 p.m. on the northside of Cool Creek Park in Westfield, with Hoosier Owls on July 12, Baby! It's Wild Outside on July 17 and Really Dangerous

Animals on July 26. Lawn chairs and blankets, extra marshmallows and bug spray encouraged.

17. Visit Westfield Farmers Market from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays through the summer at Grand Junction Plaza in Westfield.

18. Noblesville Parks and Recreation presents the free 2023 Summer Concert Series 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays in July: The Toons, July 13; Hairbangers Ball, July 20, at Dillon Park in Noblesville. Lawn chairs and blankets invited. Concessions available.

19. Cheer on the Hamilton County 4-H Fair Queen contestants at 7 p.m. July 14 at the 4-H Fairgrounds Exhibition Center, with free admission. Ten-year and nine-year 4-H'ers and scholarship winners will also be recognized.

20. Grab a float and watch a flick during Movie Nights at Forest Park Aquatic Center's 2023 Flix and Floats evenings on the giant LED video board, with the next movie at 8:15 p.m. July 14, "Field of Dreams," Rated PG; 8:15 p.m. Aug. 5, "Madagascar," Rated PG; 8:15 p.m. Aug. 12, "Cars," Rated G; 8:15 p.m. Aug. 19, "Remember the Titans," Rated PG; 7:15 p.m. Sept. 4, "Back to the Future," Rated PG, admission charged, but free to members, visit [forestparkaquaticcenter.com](http://forestparkaquaticcenter.com)

21. Shop at Sheridan Farmers & Artisan Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, July 15 and 29, Aug. 12 and 26, at Biddle Park in Sheridan.

22. Hamilton County 4-H Fair is July 20-23 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds.

23. The Noblesville Street Dance is July 22 in downtown Noblesville, featuring hands-on mural painting, Moontown Pickle Stompers, Kelli Yates, Tim Wright & Steel Pedals and The Bishops featuring Noblesville High School grad Bryan Bishop.

24. There will also be an ice cream social with reenactors on the Courthouse Square on July 22.

25. Noblesville Schools' Back to School Bash is July 28 at Beaver Stadium.

26. Get your tickets for Hamilton County Theatre Guild's Belfry Theatre Apprentice Players summer youth production of "Willy Wonka Jr.," featuring 72 kids ages 5-18, at 7:30 p.m. July 27, 28 and 29, and 2 p.m. July 29 and 30 at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville. Visit [www.thebelfrytheatre.com](http://www.thebelfrytheatre.com).

27. Main Street Productions presents "The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood," a Rising Star young performers production, July 27-Aug. 6 at Basile Westfield Playhouse. Directed by Nikki Lynch and Becca Bartley, performances will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Visit [www.westfieldplayhouse.org](http://www.westfieldplayhouse.org).

28. The Indiana State Fair opens July 28 and runs through Aug. 28 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

29. Noblesville Preservation Alliance will host the Gibson Guitar and Mandolin Co.'s traveling lecture and exhibition of antique and vintage instruments on July 29.

30. Carmel Community Players presents "Murder on the Orient Express," Aug. 5-13 at The Cat in Carmel, directed by Lori Raffel. Visit [www.carmelplayers.org](http://www.carmelplayers.org).

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# One-Zero Sports And Technology Summit Returns To Indianapolis In August 2023

Event to take place August 21-23, first speakers announced from across the sports industry. Sports enthusiasts, industry leaders, technology innovators and global investors will converge in Indianapolis this August for the highly anticipated One-Zero sports technology summit.

Set to take place from August 21-23 at the NCAA Headquarters, the summit will feature a diverse range of keynote speakers, panel discussions, exclusive networking sessions and interactive exhibits, all focused on the latest advancements in sports technology.

Attendees can expect to learn about cutting-edge technologies such as virtual and augmented reality, wearable devices and data analytics, as well as explore the ways these innovations are transforming the sports industry. Attendees will also hear from key investors, founders and businesses within the sports industry.

"We are thrilled to bring together some of the brightest minds in sports technology for this groundbreaking event," said summit organizer and Techstars Managing Director, Jordan Fliegel. "One-Zero is a unique opportunity for industry leaders and sports enthusiasts alike to gain insights into the latest trends and technologies shaping the future of sports."

Keynote speakers will

include industry specialists, founders and venture capitalists - all focused on expanding each attendee's knowledge of the business of sports. You can expect to hear speakers from organizations like the NBA, NFL, MLB, NHL, and MLS, as well as numerous Sports Funds, such as Sapphire, KB Partners and Venture Rock.

In addition to the speaker sessions, One-Zero will also feature the iconic "Techstars Sports Accelerator Demo Day," in which attendees can demo some of the newest and hottest sports tech innovations, all developed by recent Techstars graduates. Attendees will also have the opportunity to meet and network with global sports tech leaders throughout the entire three-day conference.

One-Zero sponsors include the Next Level Fund/50 South Capital, Pacers Sports & Entertainment, NCAA, Indiana Sports Corp, as well as supporting partners such as the Indianapolis Colts, NTT IndyCar Series and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Registration for One-Zero is now open, with early bird discounts available until July 24th. For more information and to register, visit the summit website at [www.one-zero.com](http://www.one-zero.com).

Don't miss this opportunity to be a part of the future of sports technology. Register today for One-Zero!

# "Stands Up for Recovery" Motorcycle Ride To Support The Salvation Army Harbor Light Center

Motorcycle enthusiasts from across Indiana are invited to the "Stands Up for Recovery" ride on Saturday, August 19. Organized by Renegade Recovery, the ride begins and ends at The Salvation Army Harbor Light Center at 2400 N. Tibbs Avenue in Indianapolis. Proceeds from the event will fund need-based scholarships for those seeking addiction treatment at the Harbor Light Center.

Riders and non-riders are invited to enjoy live music, games, and shopping from a variety of vendors that will be on site. Kickstands go up at noon and riders will enjoy a 2-hour trip exploring west-central Indiana.

Microsoft Teams-image (15).png Renegade Recovery was founded in January 2020 by Maston Willis as a clean and sober motorcycle group focused on recovery outreach fellowship. Its membership continues to grow and includes those who live 100% alcohol and drug free, those in recovery, and those who have lost loved ones to overdose.

"Being a Harbor Light alumnus myself, I'm just ever thankful and grateful to The Salvation Army and Harbor Light," said Willis. "They took me in in 1992 for my first ever treatment experience in my life. I had nothing and was coming straight out of the Marian County Jail into the program."

Since Renegade Recovery's inception, Willis has worked closely with Harbor

Light staff to get those seeking treatment into the program with the help of funds raised by the group, but he wanted to do more.

"I prayed about it, and God put it on my heart to do an event where we could develop a scholarship program to have money available to help folks get into detox. We thought the best way to do it would be to get the community energized and involved to come together and support a bigger event like this," added Willis.

The Salvation Army Harbor Light Center helped 953 men and women last year in their fight to break the bonds of addiction. The facility offers comprehensive addiction treatment, including medically supervised withdrawal management, residential treatment, transitional housing, an intensive outpatient program, parenting and work-ready courses, and opportunities for spiritual healing.

Stands Up for Recovery kicks off National Recovery Month, which is celebrated each September. For more information about participating in the ride, Renegade Recovery can be reached at 317-739-9219. Vendors spaces are available for health and wellness, education, legal, financial, and other human services providers as well as those offering arts and crafts items for sale. Anyone interested should contact Wanda Miller at 317-224-0926.

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meet & greet with Tara. From 8-9, We'll have live music on the square to close out the night. Throughout the evening you can participate in merchant bingo, a sunflower giveaway, acro-yoga demonstrations, face

painting, tie-dye, chalk art, canvas bag painting, and even meditation areas. What a great night to come out and enjoy downtown Noblesville.

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reminder, the improvements on the 146th and Allisonville Road project may be tracked at [www.streamline146.com](http://www.streamline146.com).

In addition to the County Council public meetings, this month's work included attending a Board of Commissioners meeting, as well as Cicero, Westfield and Noblesville town council public meetings. This month also included a planning meeting with the prosecutor, a planning meeting with the Hamilton County Senior Center board and representing the county at the Vincennes University workforce graduation ceremony and at the dinner hosted by Stronger Veterans, Stronger Communities which focused on the prevention of veterans' suicide. The month included time with Hamilton Heights and Sheridan school district administrators discussing their new alternative school for Northern Hamilton County and time meeting with Noblesville's Deputy Mayor to discuss current and upcoming projects that overlap between the city and the county.

Of note this month was being a part of the County's health insurance and retiree benefits annual review. As expected, benefits for employees are very costly and the county provides world class benefits and healthcare insurance. It's critical too, for the county to provide the same level of benefits to those who spent years in service to Hamilton County. These investments are a significant amount, well into the tens of millions of dollars. They require monitoring and regular reviews to ensure that we stay current with benefits, costs, and coverage. I had a special treat attending the "State of the County" address given by Commissioner Steve Dillinger. The presentation included a retrospective of where

we came from, as well as a current look of where we are and ended with a forward look at where we are going as a county. The presentation was well done, often humorous, and very informative.

This month's work also included a first pass at what could be a new Multi-Purpose Hamilton County Senior Center. It's in the early stages and far from a success, but I'm attempting to create a space that can serve several groups of our fellow citizens with as little public money as possible. We also had the opportunity to do a first review on the judicial center expansion and a request to increase the local innkeeper's tax by 3 percent. Yep, it's been a busy month.

This is my time sheet. This is where my time went during month six. There are quite a few projects in the queue for 2023 and while my job is primarily the financial oversight of the county budget it is important to understand the Board of Commissioners' priorities and balance them with the stewardship of taxpayer dollars. That is the job, and I am excited to do the people's business.

As a taxpayer myself, and listening to so many of you, our employers, it's important for the taxpayers to have access to all the information you want. I work for you and although you may not choose to do a deep dive into what your County Council does, it's important that you can always do so. Feel free to contact me at 317-832-1104 or [mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov](mailto:mark.hall@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) with questions, feedback or if you would like to talk about county business.

*- Mark Hall is a successful businessman, husband, father and grandfather. He is serving his first term on the Hamilton County Council.*

## 4-H

4-H Council and the Versiti Blood Center of Indiana (Thursday, July 20 from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. and Friday, July 21, 3:00 - 6:30 p.m.) Blood drive participants will receive a voucher for a free milkshake courtesy of Hamilton County Farm Bureau, Inc., and Indiana State Fair ticket courtesy of Purdue Extension Hamilton County.

Public activities include daily kids activities and crafts, Homemade Ice Cream Making Contest, Youth Talent Contest, Youth Pet Parade, Walk-A-Llama, Youth Pedal Pull, Bob's Bumpy Barrel Youth Ride, and the Color Me Green Fun Run. In addition to viewing more

than 4,000 4-H projects, fairgoers can see baby chicks and rabbits, or simply "graze" their way through the Food Court.

The fair showcases a variety of classic "fair foods" including elephant ears, corn-on-the-cob, funnel cakes, milkshakes, pork chops, rib-eyes, lamb burgers, rabbit brats, lemon shake-ups and much more. Proceeds from all the food vendors support Hamilton County 4-H and other community programs.

Exhibits on display during the 4-H Fair culminate the hard work of Hamilton County's 4-H members, animal producers, Extension Homemakers, and other artisans

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## Investing In Nature Improves The Economy While Boosting Equity



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**Tom Hertel, Distinguished Professor of Agricultural Economics, along with Uris Lantz Baldos and Erwin Corong of the Center for Global Trade Analysis, are among the co-authors of a study that links the value of nature to economic growth.**

Current trends in environmental degradation will lead to large economic losses in the coming decades, hitting the poorest countries hardest, according to a new study led by Purdue University and the University of Minnesota. The study also finds that investing in nature can turn those losses into gains.

The findings, published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, develop a novel, global Earth-economy model to capture interactions between the economy and the environment. Crucially, these interactions include how nature benefits humans by pollinating crops, providing timber, storing carbon and providing catch for marine fisheries, and how those benefits affect the economy overall.

“Traditional economic models almost completely neglect the fact that the economy relies on nature,” said study co-author Thomas Hertel, Distinguished Professor of Agricultural Economics at Purdue. “This new study required a detailed understanding of how and

where land use patterns change as a result of economic activity, with enough spatial detail to understand the environmental consequences of these changes.”

The study was led by Justin Johnson of the University of Minnesota. Along with Hertel, co-authors include Purdue’s Uris Lantz Baldos and Erwin Corong, both of the Center for Global Trade Analysis, as well as Steve Polasky, co-leader of Global to Local Analysis of Systems Sustainability (GLASSNET), and other collaborators at the University of Minnesota, the World Bank and Canada’s University of Victoria.

The researchers combined multiple models to achieve their results. One was Purdue’s Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP) model, which performs quantitative analyses on a wide range of interconnected international economic issues.

The other suite of models, called Integrated Valuation of Ecosystem Services and Tradeoffs (InVEST), was developed at Stanford University’s

Pollination Impact on Crop Yield

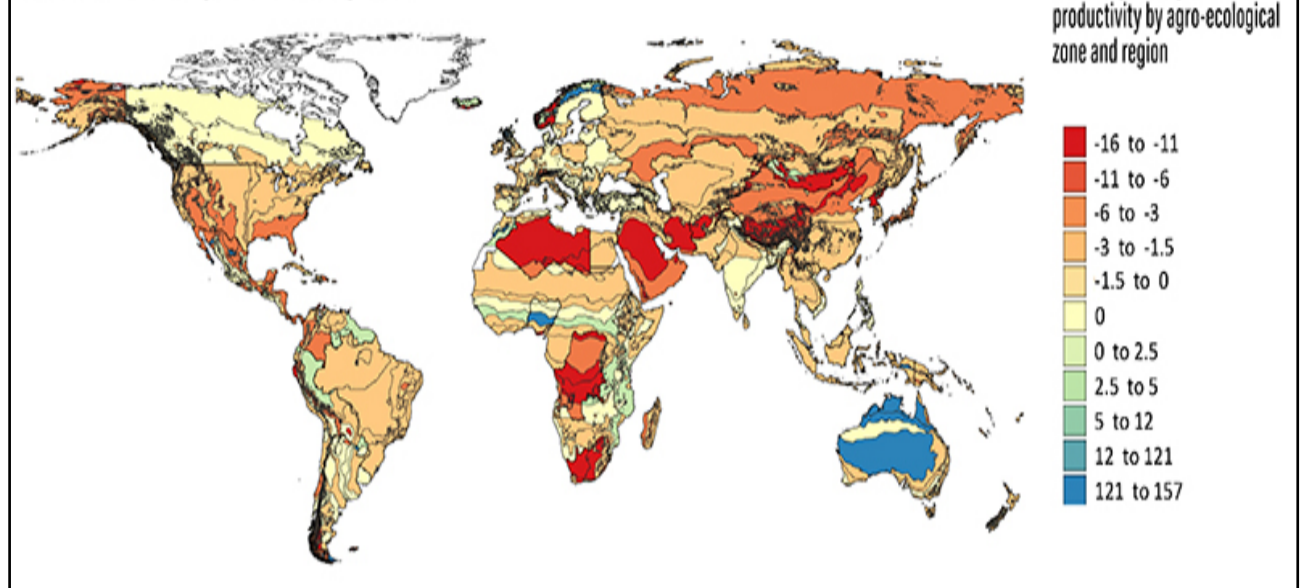


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**Insect pollination is one of many economic services that nature provides. This world map shows the impact of pollination on crop yield. Pollination impact is highest in the blue and green areas and lowest in the red and orange areas.**

Natural Capital Project. GTAP and InVEST are both widely used globally by government policymakers, nongovernmental organizations and the private sector.

“We have long thought of the economy and the environment as working against each other,” said the study’s lead author, Johnson, assistant professor of applied economics at the University of Minnesota. “Investing in nature does not stifle the economy; it boosts the economy. But it has been difficult to model those interactions until recently.”

Hertel founded GTAP 30 years ago. GTAP has since grown into a global network of 26,000 members who contribute data and expertise from 160 countries and regions. Purdue’s GTAP economists assemble and connect the data to various modeling frameworks. Economic flows are categorized into 65 sectors: 20 in agriculture and food, 25 in manufac-

turing, and 20 in services.

“The database now covers 98% of global gross domestic product in great detail,” Hertel said. And the database links agriculture and many other aspects of national and global economies. “That’s important for the kind of study we have here,” he said.

The integrated GTAP-InVEST model expands upon similar policy-related work published by the World Wildlife Fund in 2020 and the World Bank in 2021.

“We hope to make this kind of analysis a standard tool in a policymaker’s toolbox,” Johnson said.

The new study examined policy options for investing in nature, including removing agricultural subsidies, financing research into improving crop yields, and international payments for wealthy countries to poorer countries to support conservation. The policies resulted in annual gains of \$100 million to

\$350 million in 2014 U.S. dollars. The largest percentage increases in GDP occurred in low-income countries.

Continued trends in environmental degradation, by contrast, would result in \$75 billion in losses annually. This included low-income countries suffering 0.2% losses in GDP every year. These results highlight how public goods and services provided by the environment are often the most important for the world’s poorest, who have less access to alternative options in a degrading environment. Investing in nature thus tends to make the world more equitable, the researchers said.

The study was funded by Purdue, the University of Minnesota and the National Science Foundation and exemplifies what the two universities strive to achieve in their GLASSNET project. The Purdue-based GLASSNET is an international network of networks devoted to sustainability analysis.

“One theme behind GLASSNET is this idea of global to local to global,” Hertel said. “It’s bridging the global with the local because all sustainability issues are ultimately very local.”

If pollinating insects, for example, can no longer reach crops in certain areas, reduced yields result. That, in turn, reduces profits, showing the link between nature and the economy, Hertel said.

The new research looked at only a small subset of the ways that the economy and the environment interact, yet still found strikingly large effects. Hertel and his colleagues expect an entire line of research to continue developing along these lines.

“We would like to broaden GLASSNET coverage of ecosystem services,” he said. “There are many important services nature provides that aren’t quantified here – groundwater, for example. There’s a lot more to be done.”



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# Voice of our PEOPLE

## Gender: The Triumph Of Error



**MARK FRANKE**  
Guest Columnist

How did we ever get to this point? And so quickly?

I routinely try to ignore national news channels but admit to scanning a daily feed of headlines. What I am seeing beggars credulity. One of the top news stories is gender affirmation/gender reassignment/gender whatever issues among young children. Young children?

The battle lines are clearly demarcated. In numerous locales parents are pitted against teachers and school administrators over what the children will be taught and whether parents should be kept in the dark. This is not a condemnation of all schools and all teachers, but there are way too many incidents to dismiss it as an aberration. At least I know of no such controversy in my corner of Indiana and my conceit is that sanity will continue to reign in the Midwest.

So why is this question even on the table? Whose children are they?

The home has been the structural foundation of our civilization and most others. Parents are the pillars of the home with the nurturing function incumbent in such a role. What gratifies parents more than watching the young persons they love most mature into responsible adults?

I hardly believe that all parents are perfect; I certainly have not been. Yet each parenting failure can lead to a useful lesson for both parent and child. No one wants to make the same mistakes his parents made during his childhood. We strive to be better grandparents than we were parents. Such is

the strength and weakness of human nature, when tempered by an attitude of forgiveness.

Given that, how much influence and control do we as parents wish to default to the state and its school system?

I like the response of Gomez Addams from "The Addams Family" television show to the truant officer's complaint that his children were not in school. "Ridiculous. Why have children just to get rid of them? I'm opposed to the whole nonsense."

The significant increase in home-schooling and enrollment in private and parochial schools suggests that there are a lot of Gomez Addamses out there. Parents are doing what Americans do when they disagree with prevailing conditions; they vote with their feet.

Who could have foreseen this?

A 19th-century theologian, Charles Porterfield Krauth, advanced a theory of how doctrinal error enters the church. It is a three-stage process. First, the error simply asks to be tolerated, a belief or practice held in private but free of condemnation or persecution by the orthodox. Once toleration is established, the error demands equality, viewed as equally valid and as true as orthodox doctrine. Finally, error supererogates a position of superiority, in which it condemns and persecutes that which has been accepted doctrine for centuries.

Notice how everything has been stood on its head. Wrong is right and right is wrong. It is not simply a matter of denying all universal truth; it is a newly established universal truth that brooks no questioning. The putative persecuted have become the persecutors. Welcome to our brave new world where natural law is not only irrelevant, it is proscribed from the public square.

Krauth's interest was doctrinal, reflective of the church's confession. He has proven right as nearly all fundamental Christian doctrine has become chal-

lengeable if it fails muster with our upside-down cultural norms. The profane trumps the sacred.

Disney's film "Fantasia" has a wonderful illustration of how this relationship is supposed to work in its segment set to "Night on Bald Mountain." The animation behind the orchestral music shows all sorts of demons running amok in the world at least until a church bell rings and a procession of the faithful walk to worship by candlelight. The demons decamp.

It is now "Fantasia" in reverse. Krauth never could have envisioned how his theory would dominate secular culture less than two centuries later. My parents, teenagers during the Depression, could not have seen this coming. I can scarcely credit it myself, especially given the warp speed of this moral inversion. It goes way beyond Hegel's dialectic. No synthesis has evolved. Instead antithesis becomes thesis and accepts no challenges. The dialectic door is slammed shut. Krauth eclipses Hegel.

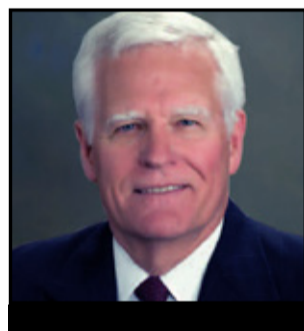
So I ask the question again? Whose children are they? How can anyone argue that the state's interest supersedes the rights . . . and duties . . . of parents? Those who do must live in the world of "Animal Farm" or "The Village of the Damned" where children are controlled by others than their parents. Parents are irrelevant and even potential obstructionists if they were to be allowed influence with their own children.

We are in danger of no longer living in the "land of the free." It's time to remember that we also live in the "home of the brave" and just say no to this statist, anti-liberty trend. Our children and grandchildren deserve nothing less from us.

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## A Last Look Back At Memorial Day 2023



**CHARLIE FARRELL**  
Guest Columnist

The annual event is something I look forward to and attend faithfully . . . until this year. I fell asleep at the switch and missed it. Wish I could blame it on old age, sickness, more important family matters or car problems. I simply had an attack of temporary incompetence, which seems to be happening more frequently.

To assuage my guilty conscience, Susan and I went to the event venue later in the day. Susan drove slowly around on a beautiful late spring/early summer day. Near the end of our route, to my right about 40 feet away was a woman.

You are probably thinking, "So, according to the 2020 census there are about 156 million women in America."

She was 75 years old, give or take. We are narrowing it down a little as the census says again there are more than 5 million females in this cohort.

Still? . . . She was dressed in her Sunday best. We are really narrowing it down

now as how many women are dressed in their Sunday best at 2:00 pm on a Monday?

But here is the fact that separates her from the rest: She is kneeling on the ground, by herself, not a soul within 50 yards, in what surely was a farmer's field not all that many years ago. We slowly passed her and turned right toward the main highway.

But something about her intrigued me. I asked Susan to pull over and stop, that I wanted to take a picture, as if we hadn't taken enough already.

I took her picture and walked toward her. She sat down on the ground, barefooted. She had her back to me and was staring straight ahead with the rest of the world tuned out.

I walked around in front of her. She had a melancholy, peaceful face, but gave me a friendly smile.

I asked, "Is that your husband or son?" She warmly replied, "My husband."

His name was Willie and the tombstone said he was born in February 1944, 10 months older than me. He was in the Army and served in Vietnam.

She handed me her cell phone and asked me to take a picture so she could send it to "our children."

I wanted to know more about her, her husband, his service to our country, and her children, but I did not want to intrude

on what was a special but surely sad time for her to reflect on her husband, his service, and his sacrifice.

I was at a loss for words so I wished her well and left . . . a gracious, beautiful 75 year-old, dressed in her finest, sitting on the ground, next to her husband in the National Cemetery at Fort Jackson, South Carolina on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, 2023.

This brief encounter changed me. Although Memorial Day is a day for remembering the brave men and women who lost their lives in service to our country, it is also about those who were left behind — Moms, Dads, brothers, sisters, extended family and friends. But most of all the spouses and children, some not even born, who will pay a price for the rest of their lives.

In a strange twist of fate, I'm glad I missed the ceremony.

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