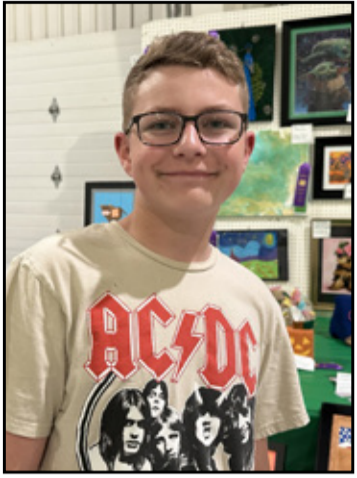


➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 37:5 Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.



➔ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own.

What makes Wyatt Rumples smile? He loves anything aerospace and flight and loves building rockets and models in 4-H. The 14-year-old Fishers resident, a sophomore this fall and Hamilton County 4-H'er of seven years. He is in Friends Forever 4-H Club and was found Sunday at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair, looking at his winning 4-H projects. He won Basic Craft Advanced Reserve Grand Champion for a Civil Air Patrol leather painting with embossing, and won Basic Craft Advanced Champion on a glass pumpkin that he blew and molded, and also won Reserve Grand Champion going to state for an airplane model he made for the Basic Craft Model 4-H project. He is the son of Jenny and Kevin Rumples. Why does he like 4-H? "I can make things with my hands?" Favorite event at the Fair? "The rocket launch," which he was scheduled to participate in the following day on Monday as part of his 4-H Rocket project. "I won Grand Champion going to State last year" for his 4-H Rocket project in 2022. He also went to the State Fair last year for his glass flower. Favorite food at the Fair? "The elephant ears." Read more about past events at the 4-H Fair and Fair results in upcoming editions of The Times.

And Another Thing...

1. Bringing the latest in medical technologies to the youngest patients

Purdue University, the Indiana University School of Medicine and medical device company Cook Medical are focusing a new alliance on clinical needs in pediatrics with a simple mantra: Infants and children are not scaled-down versions of adults.

2. Purdue's 'talking concrete' embedded into new I-465 and I-69 interchange in Indianapolis

Purdue researchers, Indiana Department of Transportation crews and Wavelogix installed concrete sensors invented by Purdue professor Luna Lu into the future I-465 interchange to I-69 south on Indianapolis' south side on Tuesday (July 25). The sensor allows concrete to "talk," decreases construction time and how often concrete pavement needs repairs, while also improving the road's sustainability and cutting its carbon footprint.

2. Growing clouds in a lab to study the science of faraway skies

Alexandria Johnson does hard science on the most nebulous of subjects: clouds. As an atmospheric scientist and assistant professor of practice in Purdue University's College of Science, she studies clouds wherever they are: in her lab, on Earth, throughout the solar system and into the galaxy. Her research shines light into topics ranging from the rainfall and microplastic precipitation in Indiana to the climates of moons and planets far outside the realm of human experience.

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Noblesville Lions Cook Lunch For Senior Citizens



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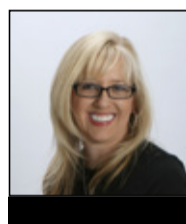
On Saturday, July 15th, the Noblesville Lions treated the seniors to cooked hamburgers and hot dogs for a quick lunch. It was a rainy day, but a break in the rain allowed the Chef's to work their magic! Chef duties were carried out by Lions Tim Baker, Walt Scheid, and Steve Shaw. The Lions Club has done this for the seniors for quite a few years. In the photo: Lions Tim Baker, Steve Shaw, Steve Stage, Steve Morgan, Pres. Walt Scheid, Dale Unger, Jen Carr, and John Grimes



Photo courtesy of Rob Slaven of Indy Ghost Light Photography

If you wonder why Owen Yeater as Robin Hood and Quinn Yeater as Sheriff of Nottingham are in disguise and have bowling shoes and a bowling ball in their hands, then make reservations for Basile Westfield Playhouse summer youth production of "The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood," a comedy that runs through Aug. 6.

Westfield's Youth Play is Classic Robin Hood Story With Some Fun Twists



BETSY REASON
From The Editor's Desk...

We know the storyline. Robin Hood robs from the rich and gives to the poor. But I bet most don't know Robin Hood's story with twists. "I chose this show because I love a good comedy, and this particular show allows for a lot of creative licenses," said Nikki Lynch, co-director of Main Street Productions' summer youth production. "The Some-

what True Tale of Robin Hood" features a cast of 20 youth, ages 12-19, and is on stage now through Aug. 6 at Basile Westfield Playhouse. Tickets are still available.

The show, Lynch said, "brings in modern elements not only in the storytelling itself but in props, sound and costumes." She said, "The mix of a classic story with modern elements makes it interesting and fun to watch."

Folks of all ages will find this show hilarious, Lynch said. The cast features junior and senior high school-age members. The show's stage man-

➔ See BETSY Page A6

Updates And More For Pleasant Street

Recent and Upcoming Work
The City of Noblesville is sharing updates, details, and interesting aspects about the Reimagine Pleasant Street project to keep you updated on our progress. We encourage you to follow the project on Twitter and Facebook!

Back to School
The project team has been in communication with Noblesville Schools transportation services so that bus drivers are aware of any impacts to their regular routes and schedules due to the project. Please plan for extra time for travel near the project site. Whether you are near the project or not, please be safe near bus stops as children will soon be waiting for their ride to school.

Construction Update
Construction of the two new roundabouts along Eighth Street continues as crews have now completed the storm sewer work along Eighth Street and the area is being prepared for paving. The new roundabouts and trails will enhance traffic flow and create a safe corridor for all forms of transportation to get to downtown Noblesville. The debris walls and retaining walls near the new bridge over the White River are being installed, and four of the six bridge piers are partially complete.

Construction Safety Alert
The Reimagine Pleasant Street job site is off limits to the general public both during

➔ See STREET Page A6

The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 6:40 a.m.
SET: 9:07 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 97 °F
Low: 75 °F



Today is...

- Buffalo Soldiers Day
- National Hamburger Day
- National Milk Chocolate Day



What Happened On This Day

- 2005 IRA Army Council Announces End to Armed Campaign. The Provisional Irish Republican Army, also known as IRA, announced an end to its armed campaign in the group's effort to free Northern Ireland from United Kingdom's rule.
- 1958 National Aeronautics and Space Act is passed by the US Congress. The act established the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).
- 1821 Peru declares independence. The Peruvian War of Independence against Spain began in 1811 and ended with a declaration of independence under the leadership of José de San Martín.



Births On This Day

- 1954 Hugo Chávez Venezuelan military officer, politician, President of Venezuela
- 1929 Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis American book editor, 37th First Lady of the United States

Deaths On This Day

- 1750 Johann Sebastian Bach German organist, composer
- 1741 Antonio Vivaldi Italian violinist, composer

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➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Less than a week to go in July. Then it'll be August and next thing you know it'll be snowing. Yeah, I yell at kids to get off my lawn, too.



➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"This stands for hard work. If you're going to be a dreamer, you better be a doer."
-Lainey Wilson, 2023 Female Artist of the Year

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

A lot of us are at the age where we finally have our head together only to find out the body is falling apart.

➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Eating 100 less calories a day will prevent yearly weight gain in most people. 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

Wm. Roger O'Herren
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OBITUARIES

Brenda Jane (Taylor) Campbell

July 25, 1952, Saturday, June 24, 2023

Brenda Jane (Taylor) Campbell, 70, passed away on Saturday, June 24, 2023, at IU Health West Hospital in Avon.

Brenda was born July 25, 1952, in Noblesville. She was the beloved daughter of Nancy Malone Taylor and Robert H. Taylor, who preceded her in death.

Brenda grew up in Scottsburg, the oldest of five siblings.

She was a 1971 graduate of Scottsburg Senior High School. She earned an associate's degree in Hotel/Business Management from University of Michigan in 1992.

She was a manager for Marriott Disney Resort Hotels in Orlando for more than 20 years, in addition to working for the company for a year in Puerto Rico and at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Ga.

She was part owner of The Quicksilver Bar and Grill for five years before retiring.

Brenda loved being a mother and grandmother, spending time with both her son, James Campbell, and granddaughter, Jasmine. She enjoyed camping and telling ghost stories to her nieces and nephews, and she was always there to lend a listening ear, cheer them on, or help in any way she could. She was both fun and funny, and loved a good practical joke. She enjoyed watching cooking shows and preparing different dishes for her family.

Brenda was a mentor to many, acquiring the loving nickname "Aunt B" to most everyone. Brenda was of the Christian faith.

Survivors include: a son, James Michael Campbell; a granddaughter, Jasmine Skye Campbell; brothers, Robert "Bobby" (Tammy Peterson) Taylor, Cicero, and Gary Wayne Taylor, Bruce Taylor and Tammy Yoder, all of Indiana; aunts and uncles, Zilpha Malone McFall, Dorothy (Charles) Malone McMillan, and Cynthia (Daniel) Malone Phleging, all of Noblesville; nieces, Samantha Porter, Sarah Welcomer and Ashley Yoder; nephews, Shane Taylor, Travis Taylor and Bryce Taylor; great nieces, Astrid Porter, Camden Porter and London Porter, as well as many loving cousins and friends.

She was preceded in death by son, Andrew Campbell; parents, Nancy Elizabeth Taylor and Robert H. Taylor; grandparents, Creed and Birdie Malone and Orvil J. Taylor and Mary Alice (Lawrence) Johnson; brother, Billy Payne; half-brother, Christopher Taylor; niece, Samantha Taylor; nephew, Michael Yoder; aunts and uncles, Thomas Malone, Edith (Jerry) Malone Parsons, William E. Malone and Carol (Genio) Taylor Magdelum, and many beloved cousins.

A Celebration of Life Picnic in Brenda's honor was hosted by family on Sunday, July 9, 2023 at Forest Park, 701 Cicero Road, Noblesville, in the Anderson Shelter/Gazebo.

The family would like to thank everyone for their overwhelming response, kindness, and selfless acts of service on their and Brenda's behalf.

Online condolences may be made at www.indianafuneralcare.com.

Judith K. Cummins

December 4, 1940, Tuesday, July 25, 2023

Judith K. Cummins, 82 of Arcadia passed away on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at IU Health - Tipton Hospital. Judy's parents were Ray N. & Dorothy M. (Hunter) Cummins and she was born in Tipton County on December 4, 1940. She had also lived in Atlanta and Indianapolis before moving to Arcadia.

Judy worked as a Data Management Analyst for the Department of Defense, retiring in 1994. She attended Jackson Central School and was a 4-H member. During that time, she took several years of sewing, piano and played the piccolo. She was also a majorette for the school band. Judy was a member of the East Union Christian Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Rheann Cummins of Arcadia; a sister, Susan Cummins-Ringer and husband James Ringer, Atlanta; one brother-in-law, Buddy Sowers, Arcadia. Judy also has four grandchildren, Savannah Goff, Noblesville, Jada Cummins, Franklin Cummins and DeeDee K. Cummins of Arcadia; nieces and nephews Brandon (Angel) Ringer, Anthony (Tara) Ringer and Robyn Sowers. She was preceded in death by one sister, Barbara Sowers and a nephew David Ringer.

Visitation will be on Friday July 28, 2023 beginning at 10:00A.M. with the funeral service to follow at 11:00A.M. at the East Union Christian Church, 1711 E 296th Street, Atlanta, with Rev. Rex Dunning presiding. Burial will be in Union Cemetery.

Memorial donations in Judith's memory may be made to East Union Christian Church, 1711 E 296th Street, Atlanta, Indiana 46031.

Young-Nichols Funeral Home is honored to be assisting the Cummins family with Judy's arrangements.



Wm. Roger O'Herren

March 28, 1933, Friday, July 14, 2023

Wm. Roger O'Herren, 90, of Marco Island, Florida gracefully passed away in Fishers surrounded by his children, significant other and the soothing songs of Frank Sinatra.

Roger, aka "Roger Dodger" was a much-loved husband, father, friend and entrepreneur. He was born to William and Bess (Hale) O'Herren in Elkhart, IN. Roger was the baby of the family and kept siblings Dave and Jane on their toes. Days before going to college, he pivoted (without telling his mother) and enlisted in the Marines Corps serving in the Korean War. During the war, he had the honor to be the bugler playing Taps to many fallen soldiers.

After the war he enrolled at Indiana University. During his sophomore year, he studied as an exchange student in Mexico City. Roger made the best decision of his life asking Olga (Augie) Komick for a dance. They were married August 2, 1958 in Mishawaka, IN. Roger graduated from IU in June 1959.

Starting his career at Union Federal Bank in Indianapolis, he learned how to crunch numbers and drink Scotch. Not fond of the bank minutia, he took his entrepreneurial grit and focused on his side hustle which was rehabbing homes with Augie. In 1967, he founded Shamrock Builders Custom Homes. During his career, Roger built over 700 homes in central Indiana. Some notable accomplishments include many homes on Morse Reservoir including the development East Harbor II, as well as many homes near and on Geist. He also was proud to have built Our Lady of Grace Rectory in Noblesville.

In 1975, Roger and Augie purchased a lot on Morse in Noblesville and built their dream home on the lake. He spent most nights relaxing on the patio overlooking the lake with a cocktail in his hand, wearing his red Budweiser jacket and listening to his favorite music.

Roger taught his family to believe in God, Country, and how to read blueprints and maps. He had a sense of adventure and loved learning about different cultures. This was passed along by providing his family with numerous trips exploring the world - both as a family and on their own.

Roger and Augie discovered Marco Island in the early 90's and purchased their winter home on the island in 1997. Roger filled his days boating and as he liked to say "catching" not fishing! Roger finally learned how to cook, play tennis and then pickleball until age 89. He was never one to make a quick decision, but was the first one to lend a helping hand. Roger built a beautiful life and those he knew were lucky enough to ride with him. He will be remembered for his big heart, ability to memorize long passages, joke telling and generous nature. Above all, he will be remembered for always giving to those in need throughout his life.

Roger was preceded in death by his amazing wife Augie, beloved daughter Jane Ann, parents and siblings. Roger's story-telling ability will be sorely missed by his remaining children, Greg (Cami) O'Herren, Kathleen O'Herren-Huston (Chris Huston), and Christine (Sean) Ryan; Grandchildren, Hale O'Herren, Paige (Pat) Land, Tate O'Herren, Niamh Ryan and Finn Huston; Niece and Nephews Bernie (Jennifer) Thomas, George (Robin) Geiger, John O'Herren, Ann (John) Scanniello, and Bill (Anna) O'Herren; Significant Other of 13 years Teresa Fernandez (Naples) will miss his thick headedness and being the life of her party.

Funeral Mass will be held at 2pm, August 4 at St. Simon the Apostle, 8155 Oaklondon Road, Indianapolis, IN followed by burial at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens. Immediately following burial, an Irish Wake will be held at the Historic Ambassador House and Heritage Gardens, 10598 Eller Road, Fishers, IN at 5 pm. Celebration of "Oh what a Life" will be held in Marco Island, FL January 2024. In lieu of flowers, please join Roger's support of Mercy Ships helping others around the world in need.

Condolences: www.randallroberts.com



Meeting Notes

Town Of Cicero Town Council Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, August 1 at 7 PM

Call to Order:

Present: Chad Blueher

Absent:

Jerry Cook

Joseph Cox

Eric Hayden

Christopher Lutz

Declare a Quorum

Present:

Others Present: Rhonda Gary, Clerk Treasurer

Jeff Rednour, Police Chief

Lance Overholser, Fire Chief

Frank Zawadzki, Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission Director

Terry Cooper, Street & Utilities Director

Jim Hunter, Parks Superintendent

Aaron Culp, Town Attorney

Keith Bryant, Town Engineer

Bruce Freeman, Storm Water Management Board President

Dan Strong, Project Coordinator

Approval of Agenda:

Approval of Prior Minutes:

Town Council Meeting

Minutes, July 18, 7 PM

Town Council Executive Session Memorandum, July 25, 7 PM

Approval of Claims: Council Committee Reports:

1. OTC Report -

2. EDC Report -

3. SWU Management Board Report -

Legal Counsel Report -

Aaron Culp: Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission Report

Town Engineer Report -

Keith Bryant

1. Tamarack -

2. Auburn Estates -

3. Water -

4. Wastewater - BOT

5. Tollgate Road -

Construction Agreement

6. Brinton Street Storm Water Rehab Project -

Old Business:

New Business:

Miscellaneous:

Comments by Citizens:

Motion to Adjourn:

Signatures on Official Documents!

The Next Cicero Town Council Meeting will be on August 15, 2023, at 7:00 PM at Cicero Town Hall.

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Catching Up Some Notes On Purdue Boilermakers



KENNY THOMPSON
Columnist

Purdue has been one of the surprises of the summertime college football recruiting landscape.

ESPN placed the Boilermakers at No. 22 and sixth in the Big Ten following the commitment of ESPN 300 safety Koy Beasley, ranked 140th overall.

“New coach Ryan Walters and staff used June to add multiple commitments, including a pair of four-star defensive prospects in Koy Beasley and Earl Kulp. ... Beasley brings big-play range to the Boilermakers’ secondary, clocking a 4.41-second 40 this spring at the Ohio UA camp. Kulp comes out of a top program in Florida, St. Thomas Aquinas, and is a smooth cornerback with good length and quickness.

“Purdue pulled quarterback Marcos Davila - a passer who can put some zip on the ball, make tough throws and has thrown for nearly 6,000 yards heading into his senior season - out of Texas. Athlete Jaheim Merriweather is a versatile player who projects as a running back and has good ball skills to also be utilized in the passing game.”

Ohio State, Michigan and Penn State rank 3-4-5 in an ESPN Top 25 that

has seven Big Ten teams overall. Nebraska is 18th, Minnesota 20th and Wisconsin 23rd.

Other recruiting services have Purdue’s class ranked 23rd (247 Sports and Rivals.com) and 25th (On3.com). The Boilermakers have four, four-star ranked recruits in the 247 composite: Beasley of Cincinnati LaSalle, wide receiver Keonde Henry of Lake Dallas, Texas; Davila of Midland, Texas and athlete Luke Williams of Naperville, Ill.

No. 2 in Big Ten
Phil Steele, publisher of the most detailed college football preseason magazine I’ve ever read, rates Purdue fifth in a Top 25 most head coaches want no part of: most difficult schedules.

Only Michigan State at No. 3 has a tougher schedule in Steele’s rankings. Florida and South Carolina are 1-2, with Iowa State fourth.

“Looking through Purdue’s schedule, the Boilermakers won’t likely be an underdog in a game until October, since they get lowly ACC clubs Virginia Tech and Syracuse in the non-conference along with their mid-major cupcakes,” writes Steele, who obviously has low regard for Fresno State, a 10-game winner a year ago that included a 29-6 victory against Washington State in the Jimmy Kimmel LA Bowl.

“But starting Oct. 7, Purdue may not be favored in another game

until mid-November, since they face, in a row: Iowa on the road, Ohio State at home, Nebraska on the road, and then Michigan on the road. After that, it’s Minnesota, Northwestern and Indiana to finish it off.”

Minnesota comes in at No. 7 but the next Big Ten team ranked by Steele is Indiana at No. 16. The Hoosiers open at home Sept. 2 against Ohio State, welcome former Purdue coach Jeff Brohm and Louisville on Sept. 16 in addition to the final season of the Big Ten East gauntlet at Michigan and at Penn State.

Impact freshmen?
Former Carmel star Will Heldt and Westfield graduate Dillon Thieneman are among 10 true freshmen projected by On3.com to make “noteworthy contributions” this fall in the Big Ten Conference.

On3.com rated both Heldt and Thieneman three-star prospects.

“The 6-foot-6, 235-pound Heldt is viewed at Purdue as a good fit for new head coach Ryan Walters’ scheme on defense,” writes On3.com’s Matt Zenitz, who also notes Heldt is “very long and athletic” and as someone stature-wise who “doesn’t look like a freshman.”

“I think his potential is limitless,” first-year Purdue head coach Ryan Walters said during the spring.

Thieneman, the third

member of his immediate family to suit up for Purdue, made an impression at safety during spring practice.

“Dylan Thieneman has been incredible on the back end,” Purdue defensive coordinator Kevin Kane said during the spring. “He might be one of our bigger surprises of the spring.”

Incoming Indiana freshman Jordan Shaw will be a strong spring practice and could fill a void at cornerback. The Hoosiers could have two freshmen playing key roles in the secondary with safety Amare Farrell getting some first-team action in spring ball.

Maui field set
Purdue’s rapid ascendency to the top of The Associated Press college basketball rankings began last season in Oregon with a surprising 84-66 victory against Gonzaga in the Phil Knight Legacy.

The two schools will meet again almost a year to the day, this time in the opening round of the Maui Invitational. The game, set for Nov. 20 at 5 p.m. on ESPN2, will be the second in an opening day lineup that will include Tennessee-Syracuse in the opener, Kansas and host Chamaine at 9 p.m., followed by Marquette-UCLA.

You can bet ESPN will be hyping this field, five of whom appear in the network’s top 10 of the “Way Too Early Top 25.” Kansas is No. 1, Purdue 3rd, Tennessee 6th, Gonzaga

8th and Marquette 10th. Purdue holds a 3-0 series lead over the Bulldogs with wins coming in 1998 (83-68) and on its path to the Elite Eight in the 2000 NCAA Tournament. Purdue has never won the Maui Invitational, going 2-1 in 1999, 2006 and 2014.

Elite company
Purdue center Zach Edey and Boilermaker legend Glenn Robinson now share two awards in common.

Edey was selected the Big Ten Conference’s Jesse Owens Male Athlete of the Year for 2022-23, matching the feat accomplished by fellow College Basketball Player of the Year Glenn Robinson in 1994. Purdue Olympic gold medal winning diver David Boudia also won the Jesse Owens award in 2011.

Edey is also one of 25 semifinalists for the Sullivan Award, given annually to the most outstanding U.S. athlete at the collegiate or Olympic level.

Only three men’s basketball players have won the Sullivan Award: Bill Bradley (1965), Bill Walton (1973) and J.J. Redick (2005).

Edey will return for his senior season after averaging 22.3 points, 12.9 rebounds and 2.1 blocks per game. He was the nation’s second-leading rebound and ranked sixth nationally in scoring.

Only Carsen Edwards (1,920), Robinson (1,706) and Rick Mount (1,615)

have scored more points through their junior season than Edey’s 1,553.

Another chance
Former Purdue passer and head coach Cecil Isbell is among the 31 Seniors semifinalists who will be considered for the main Pro Football Hall of Fame ballot.

To be eligible, the Seniors semifinalists played their last professional game no later than the 1998 season.

Isbell, who previously was on the Hall of Fame ballot in 2022, had four Pro Bowl appearances in his five seasons with the Green Bay Packers (1938-42). A member of the NFL’s All-Decade Team of the 1930s, Isbell retired at age 27 holding records for consecutive games with a touchdown pass (23), single season touchdown passes (24), career TD passes (59) and was the first NFL player to pass for more than 2,000 yards in 1942.

The Seniors Committee will meet Aug. 22 and may select up to three Seniors for final consideration as members of the Class of 2024. Expansion of the Seniors pool for election to the Hall was approved in 2022 for the Classes of 2023, 2024 and 2025.

- 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.

2023 Fall Ball Season

When: August 12th/13th - September 23rd/24th, 2023
7 game season to be played on weekends

- NO GAMES played on Labor Day Weekend (Sept. 2nd/3rd)
- Weekday games may be scheduled based on interest or in the event of rainouts
- Single-elimination tournament played September 30th & October 1st

Where: Noblesville Babe Ruth Facility - Logan and Emmerson Fields Forest Park, Noblesville

Who: Everyone - 7th-8th Grade and 9th-12th Grade (based on 2023-2024 School Year Enrollment)

- 7th - 8th Grade League
- 9th - 12th Grade League
- * **Note:** Post HS players are not eligible for Fall Ball
- 2 Divisions in each league: Travel and Rec
- * **Note:** Travel Division will be limited to 4-6 teams in each league on a first-come, first served basis

Cost: \$80 per individual registration/ \$900 per full-roster team registration
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Clearing Up A Problem



DICK WOLFSIE
Funny Bone

I subscribe to several health publications and most of them offer some advice on avoiding medical scams. A few years ago, a dermatologist in Southern California avoided ail time by the skin of his teeth. He had been marketing an app for smart phones that emitted both a bluish and reddish light, which he claimed would cure acne. Dr. Smith sold about 20,000 of these. Now, ironically, he has a blotch on his once-unblemished medical record.

time I hold my iPhone between my teeth while I make a U-turn.

The app emitted 660 nanometers of light, which anyone with a post-doctoral degree in laser technology knows can't hold a candle to a good glob of Clearasil. If you are one of those people who paid five bucks for this cyber rip-off, it still might not be a bad idea to rub the smart phone across your forehead. Maybe the smart part will rub off on you.

Even the people at Apple were concerned about the legitimacy of this application, warning customers that it's "for entertainment purposes only." Yes, this warning comes from the same people who now offer an app to notify you if you're going have a bad hair day, or one that tells you the best time to hit the john during a movie so you don't miss any plot development (Oh, I'm getting that one). And there's also an app that simulates human digestive sounds, noises we already download for free every day. There is even one that calculates how high in the air you can toss your phone.

Dr. Smith never went to jail, but he claimed he would have taken the punishment like a man. Whenever he's asked by the media about doing time in the slammer, he's been directed by his PR people to say: "Breaking out is not an option."

His wife was worried that even a short prison sentence would jeopardize their marriage. Dr. Smith confirmed their love: "She's my main squeeze," the dermatologist told everyone. Which is not something his PR agency wanted him to say.

- 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.

Spotlight An Art Returning To Benefit Three Local Youth-Serving Organizations

\$50,000 raised at first-year event in November at Hotel Carmichael.

Last November, Esther Lakes, Chairwoman and Founder of Spotlight on Art Benefiting Children and her team of community leaders, successfully raised \$50,000 to support the youth of Prevail, Inc., the Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville and Children's TherAplay Foundation, Inc. Building off of their first year's accomplishments, the event committee is looking forward to hosting another Spotlight on Art this November 9th.

"A sincere thank you to all who helped make our first Spotlight on Art Benefiting Children a

success: our sponsors, the award-winning artists, the teachers and students who donated children's art, and especially those who attended and purchased art," stated Lakes. "Because of the community's generosity, the Spotlight on Art committee was able to donate \$50,000 to three youth-serving organizations that are making a positive impact in our community."

Once again, this premier evening of art and philanthropy will be held at Hotel Carmichael in Carmel. Guests are invited to attend and have the opportunity to support children who face life's challenges by shopping with local award-winning artists as well as artwork from local

student artists. Each will be selling pieces that may enrich the lives of the purchaser, while enriching the lives of the local children that need this support the most.

"I have always believed in the greatness and ingenuity of people of Hamilton County," stated Honorary Event Chair, retired judge Steve Nation. "We come together to provide answers for the needs of our citizens and to set a better course. This is what we are supporting through this event, Prevail, Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville, and Children's TherAplay. These organizations have proven their commitment and ability to provide our children and their families

with the tools to overcome their situations. I know that we will not stop until each child has the possibility of reaching their own greatness."

"We invite everyone to consider attending this premier evening of art and philanthropy that supports children's charities, thanks to the talent of local and student artists," stated Lakes. "With a bit of support from many, enriching the lives of these diverse groups of children, it's possible to make so many dreams come true!"

To purchase event tickets and learn about sponsorship opportunities, visit www.spotlightonart.home.qtego.us/, or follow the event on Facebook and Instagram.



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Hamilton County 4-H Continues To Be Fun For Adult And Youth Alike



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Hamilton County 4-H'er Abby Holloway, 15, Noblesville, a member of Heartland 4-H's Club in her seventh year of 4-H, washes and cools off her beef steer on Sunday afternoon before Monday's Beef Show at the Fairgrounds in Noblesville.



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Hamilton County 4-H'ers – Lyla VanAlstine (from left), Giselle Effing, Aidan Shamo, Corey Wisner, Shaylee Jamison and Adler Effing – sprayed their hair green and created their own costumes for their team they named the Doopidy-Doos, which competed in the Farmer Olympics on Sunday during the Hamilton County 4-H Fair in Noblesville.



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Connie Kolb of Sheridan drives a tractor in the Antique Tractor Parade on Sunday at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair. One of her former students rides along.



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Hamilton County 4-H'er Wyatt Rood, 11, Sheridan, serves waffle fries at the Producer's Tent on July 21 at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair.



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

A dairy goat is shown by a contestant in the Hamilton County Supreme Showmanship contest on Monday night at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair.



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

The Producers Tent at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair was a popular place to find all kinds of food – beef ribeyes, lamb burgers, pork loins, rabbit brats, turkey burgers, corn on the cob, grilled cheese and more – during the Joint Producers' Barbecue on July 21 at the Fair.

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Cast members from Basile Westfield Playhouse's summer youth production of "The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood" – Isabella Hasseld (from left), Nora Gapinski-Coon, Sammy Geis, Kaavya Jethava, Kaelyn Harvey, Owen Lockert, Zack Harvey (from back left), Neil Hackman and Meile Alpizar – rehearse for the show, which runs through Aug. 6.



Photo courtesy of Rob Slaven of Indy Ghost Light Photography

Neil Hackman as Byron of Bellowsbank, Kaavya Jethava as Allan and Nora Gapinski-Coon as Mary rehearse for Basile Westfield Playhouse summer youth production of "The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood," which runs through Aug. 6.



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Ella Crites as Lady in Waiting and Sophia Musick as Fawning Lady rehearse for Basile Westfield Playhouse summer youth production of "The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood," which runs through Aug. 6.



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Owen Yeater as Robin Hood and Rachel Bush as Lady Marian rehearse for Basile Westfield Playhouse summer youth production of "The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood," which runs through Aug. 6.



Photo courtesy of Rob Slaven of Indy Ghost Light Photography

Harrison Coon as Prince John and Quinn Yeater as The Sheriff of Nottingham rehearse for Basile Westfield Playhouse summer youth production of "The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood," which runs through Aug. 6.

Want TO GO?

What: Main Street Productions Inc. presents its annual summer youth production, "The Somewhat True Tale of Robin Hood," featuring a cast of 20 youth, ages 12-19.
When: July 27-Aug. 6, with performances at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays.
Where: Basile Westfield Playhouse, 220 N. Union St., Westfield.
How much: \$17 for adults, \$15 for students with ID and ages 62 and older, and free for active military and veterans with ID.
How to buy tickets: www.westfieldplayhouse.org
Where to call for tickets or information: 317-402-3341.
Good to know: Donation items will be accepted for Open Doors of Westfield food pantry (see breakout within this article).

Want MORE?

In the spirit of Robin Hood, Basile Westfield Playhouse is collecting nonperishable donation items for Open Doors of Westfield food pantry to assist others in need in our community. There is no obligation to donate but the playhouse is encouraging patrons to bring items for Robin Hood to give to Open Doors and those in need. Items needed include: chicken noodle, beef and vegetable soups; canned mixed vegetables and spinach, canned diced tomatoes and sauce, canned pasta, canned tuna and chicken, boxed mac-and-cheese, pasta, protein bars, cereal bowls, and peanut butter, and jelly.

Meet the CAST

Robin Hood, Owen Yeater, Cicero; Lady Marian, Rachel Bush, Indianapolis; Prince John, Harrison Coon, Westfield; Sheriff of Nottingham, Quinn Yeater, Cicero; Town's Guy, Teddy Epstein, Westfield; Lady in Waiting, Ella Crites, Westfield; Sister Tuck, Kaelyn Harvey, Noblesville; Will Scarlet, Maile Alpizar, Westfield; Little John, Zack Harvey, Noblesville; Allan Adale, Kaavya Jethava, Carmel; Byron of Bellowsbank, Neil Hackman, Carmel; Lady Laughalot, Anna Pfeiffer, Westfield; Mary, Nora Gapinski Coon, Westfield; Lionel, Owen Lockert, Noblesville; Donna, Isabella Hasseld, Westfield; Debbie, Sammy Geis, Westfield; Fawning Lady 1, Chaya Elicker, Westfield; Fawning Lady 2, Annalisa Schuth, Westfield; Fawning Lady 3, Tatum Meadors, Westfield; Fawning Lady 4, Sophia Musick, Westfield; Guard 1, Anna Pfeiffer, Westfield; Guard 2, Neil Hackman, Carmel; Rich Man, Nora Gapinski Coon, Westfield; and Lady with Baby, Owen Lockert, Noblesville.

Meet the CREW

Co-directors, Nikki Lynch and Becca Bartley; Producer, Thom Johnson; Stage Manager, Mason Yeater; Set Builder, Brock Francis; Costumes, Linda Grow; Props, Heidi Moranski; Light Design and Sound Design, Brian Coon; Light Board Operator, Megan Mramor; Sound Operator, Camille Sparks; Fight Choreographer, KC Robertson; Makeup/Hair Design, Tessa Gibbons; Set Design, Nikki Lynch; and Set Decorations and Art, Rachel Bush.

ager and sound and light board operator are also youth. The cast and crew hail from in and around Westfield, plus a few cast members are from Carmel, Noblesville, Cicero and Indianapolis.

Lynch said she's "had a

blast" working with the youth.

"On the night of the read-through, Becca and I made it very clear that the most important part about working on a show is respect ... respect for each other as actors, respect for Becca and I and any other adults they come into contact with while working on the show ... The cast has taken this to heart and rarely have we had to have conversations with anyone regarding behavior," Lynch said.

"The youth cast stayed focused on the task at hand and have been an absolute joy to work with. I think it helps that we have encouraged fun as well," she said. "We encourage our casts to be creative and brave on stage when making acting choices. If they have ideas regarding props or acting choices, Becca and I listen and have, oftentimes, incorporated those ideas in the show. We respected our cast's thoughts and ideas."

Also, during the rehearsal period, they had two workshops, fight choreography and stage makeup, where the cast "could learn more about theater than just how to act."

Costume designer Linda Grow "has once again worked her magic," in creating time-period appropriate costumes with a twist. Grow has been making costumes since she was 14 and has made the costumes for Noblesville Shakespeare in the Park for several years.

"She went with my vision and created costumes that are gorgeous to look at and that the cast love to wear," Lynch said. The set is simple due to needing to switch between Sherwood Forest and a castle quickly and fluidly. "I did not want a backstage crew to move the set pieces, so the cast is responsible for all set changes. It has been a challenge choreographing set changes, but the cast has stepped up and it looks great," she said.

Sound and lights designer Brian Coon directed this show in the past, so Lynch gave him freedom to work his creative magic on sound and lighting effects.

It's the first time Lynch has worked on a show since the Playhouse moved to the new location on Union Street. She's acted in Westfield plays, "Picnic" and "Lie, Cheat and Genuflect."

This isn't Lynch's first time in the director's chair. She directed Carmel Community Players' "Fools" with Bartley as her assistant director, and she also assistant directed "Mary Poppins" at Grace Church and most recently assistant directed "The Great Gatsby" with The Belfry.

Lynch was born and raised in Wisconsin and moved to Noblesville in 2008. She performed in her first show, "Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Factory" with Christian Youth Theater in 2012. She got involved with theater because her kids were involved, and she loved spending time with them.

In the spirit of Robin Hood, stealing from the rich and giving to the poor, Basile Westfield Playhouse is having a food drive during all performances, collecting non-perishable donation items for Open Doors of Westfield food pantry (see breakout info) to assist others in need in the community.

-Betsy Reason writes about people, places and things in Hamilton County. Reach The Times Editor Betsy Reason at betsy@thetimes24-7.com. The weekly Things to Do list of happenings in our area will be published in Saturday's edition of The Times. Also, in Thursday's edition of The Times, read about The Belfry Theatre Apprentice Players summer youth production, which is this weekend in The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville.



NIKKI LYNCH

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and after working hours. Since this is an active construction site that is rapidly changing, there is a risk of injury due to the construction tools and heavy equipment on the site. The risk for injury remains even if crews are not actively working as unauthorized guests may trip, fall, or injure themselves on construction equipment. To keep our community safe, please help us promote safety around the job site. For more information about the project, visit www.reimaginepleasantst.com or our social media pages for progress updates.

Street Name Change

As of July 1, Pleasant Street west of Eighth Street has been renamed to be "Historic Pleasant Street."

National Night Out
The Noblesville Police Department's National Night Out is scheduled for August 1 at 6-8 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club, 1700 Conner Street. If you plan to attend the event, be sure to stop by the Reimagine Pleasant Street table to learn more about the project and receive some free giveaways!

Project Testimonial
"We see the extraordinary benefits of this project. With a decrease in through-traffic, our connectivity to businesses on the south side of Conner will increase, high-traffic noise will subside, and the safety of our historic structures will be preserved."
- Kate Baker, Executive Director, Noblesville Main Street

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Department Of Labor Awards \$65.5M To Help States Increase, Expand Access To Registered Apprenticeships In High-Growth, High-Demand Industries

The U.S. Department of Labor today announced the award of more than \$65 million in grants to 45 states to increase their ability to serve, improve and strategically expand their Registered Apprenticeship programs and pre-apprenticeships leading to Registered Apprenticeships to enhance the National Apprenticeship system.

These awards include annual formula funding to 45 states and territories and additional funding to seven states committed to increasing sustainability and substantially increasing the number and diversity of Registered Apprentices in their states among in-demand industries.

“Registered Apprenticeship programs help remove barriers to economic opportunity faced by people from all communities by equipping them with industry-driven skills and by creating pathways to good jobs in high-growth, high-demand industries,” said Acting Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training Brent Parton. “Today’s announcement of more than \$65 million in grants aligns with the Biden-Harris administration’s efforts to strengthen and expand Registered Apprenticeships.”

Administered by the department’s Employment and Training Administration, State Apprenticeship Expansion Formula grants annual fund initiatives in 45 states and territories — with additional competitive funding awarded to seven states — to increase sustainability, and to expand and diversify state Registered Apprenticeship programs in industries including advanced manufacturing, cybersecurity, infrastructure and clean energy, education and healthcare.

“State Apprenticeship Expansion Formula and competitive grants help create pathways and increase states’ Registered Apprenticeship programs for high-growth and high-demand industries,” Parton added.

State Apprenticeship Expansion Formula grants help states embed diversity, equity, job quality and sustainability into the National Apprenticeship system while creating opportunities for innovation, engagement and accessibility in state RA programs.

A list of the recipients of the State Apprenticeship Expansion

Formula grants is below.

The department awarded the following State Apprenticeship Expansion Formula grants:

Recipient; State; Base Formula Funding; Competitive Funding; Total

Alaska Department of Labor & Workforce Development; AK; \$342,148; N/A; \$342,148

State of Arkansas; AR; \$532,250; N/A; \$532,250

Arizona Department of Economic Security; AZ; \$678,091; N/A; \$678,091

Colorado Department of Labor & Employment; CO; \$669,574; N/A; \$669,574

District of Columbia Department of Employment Services; DC; \$461,696; N/A; \$461,696

Delaware Department of Labor; DE; \$337,102; N/A; \$337,102

Technical College System of Georgia; GA; \$927,223; N/A; \$927,223

Gum Department of Administration; GU; \$265,656; N/A; \$265,656

State of Hawaii Department of Labor & Industrial Relations; HI; \$485,001; N/A; \$485,001

Idaho Department of Labor; ID; \$373,520; N/A; \$373,520

Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity; IL; \$1,308,613; N/A; \$1,308,613

Indiana Department of Workforce Development; IN; \$964,478; N/A; \$964,478

Iowa Workforce Development; IA; \$669,827; N/A; \$669,827

Kansas Department of Commerce; KS; \$414,927; \$5,916,920; \$6,331,847

Kentucky Education & Workforce Development Cabinet; KY; \$555,901; N/A; \$555,901

Maine Department of Labor; ME; \$334,938; N/A; \$334,938

Maryland Governor’s Workforce Investment Board; MD; \$650,620; \$6,000,000; \$6,650,620

Massachusetts Office of Labor & Workforce Development; MA; \$920,638; N/A; \$920,638

State of Michigan; MI; \$1,159,305; N/A; \$1,159,305

State of Minnesota; MN; \$806,738; N/A; \$806,738

Missouri Department of Economic Development; MO; \$956,863; N/A; \$956,863

Mississippi Department of Employment Security; MS; \$455,647; N/A; \$455,647

Montana Department of Labor & Industry; MT; \$354,783; N/A; \$354,783

Community College System of New Hampshire; NH; \$382,783; \$2,909,779; \$3,292,562

New Jersey Department of Labor & Workforce Development; NJ; \$853,02; N/A; \$853,027

New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions; NM; \$388,652; N/A; \$388,652

State of Nevada Department of Business and Industry; NV; \$510,539; N/A; \$510,539

New York State Department of Labor; NY; \$1,517,536; \$6,000,000; \$7,517,536

North Carolina Community College System; NC; \$918,315; N/A; \$918,315

North Dakota Department of Public Instruction; ND; \$311,338; \$3,720,000; \$4,031,338

Ohio Department of Job & Family Services; OH; \$1,317,791; N/A; \$1,317,791

Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry; PA; \$1,243,585; N/A; \$1,243,585

Puerto Rico Department of Economic Development & Commerce; PR; \$357,623; N/A; \$357,623

Rhode Island Department of Labor & Training; RI; \$353,679; N/A; \$353,679

South Carolina Board for Technical & Comprehensive Education; SC; \$641,423; N/A; \$641,423

South Dakota Department of Labor & Regulation; SD; \$308,653; N/A; \$308,653

Tennessee Department of Labor & Workforce Development; TN; \$746,158; N/A; \$746,158

Texas Workforce Commission; TX; \$2,196,000; N/A; \$2,196,000

Utah Department of Workforce Services; UT; \$478,568; \$5,353,088; \$5,831,656

Virginia Department of Labor and Industry; VA; \$927,372; N/A; \$927,372

Vermont Department of Labor; VT; \$304,977; N/A; \$304,977

Washington State Department of Labor & Industries; WA; \$1,005,448; \$4,656,656; \$5,662,104

West Virginia Department of Economic Development; WV; \$465,113; N/A; \$465,113

Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development; WI; \$806,379; N/A; \$806,379

Wyoming Department of Workforce Services; WY; \$283,754; N/A; \$283,754

Total \$65,500,695



Photo courtesy of Purdue University

Purdue University alumni-led startups Aerovy Mobility, in left photo, and Uniform Sierra Aerospace participated in the biannual Black and Gold Awards pitch competition. Purdue Innovates Startup Foundry, led by Tyler Mantel (at far right in both pictures), awarded \$100,000 apiece to both companies. Aerovy Mobility also received \$40,000 from the New Venture Challenge pitch competition, managed by the Purdue Innovates Incubator.

Purdue Innovates Startup Foundry Awards \$200,000 In Equity Investment To Aerovy Mobility And Uniform Sierra Aerospace



Purdue Innovates Startup Foundry, which helps startups prepare for venture investment, awarded \$100,000 apiece to Aerovy Mobility and Uniform Sierra Aerospace, two Purdue-affiliated startup companies.

The investments were awarded as part of Startup Foundry’s biannual Black and Gold Awards pitch competition. Up to \$1 million total in equity investments was available during the Black and Gold competition. Entrepreneurs from 11 startups made pitches; judges could award between \$30,000 and \$100,000 to each company.

Aerovy Mobility also received \$40,000 from the New Venture Challenge pitch competition. The competition is managed by the Purdue Innovates Incubator, which provides resources to de-risk Purdue-related startups and early-stage technology.

Tyler Mantel, director of Startup Foundry, said a startup’s initial investments provide a strong foundation that a company builds upon.

“These investments can move a startup forward by funding product-market fit and hiring first employees, but their impact goes beyond that,” Mantel said. “Initial investments are a sign to other prospective investors that these companies are investment-worthy, which could lead to follow-on investments and growth.”

Justin Renfrow, director of the Incubator, said de-risking companies and technologies creates long-term benefits.

“De-risking includes tasks like clarifying customers’ problems, performing market validation and detailing a business model,” Renfrow said. “These take time, but taking those steps helps companies grow to the stage where they are ready to take on significant outside investment.”

Aerovy Mobility provides cloud solutions for airlines and airports to prepare for and manage electric aviation.

Nick Gunady and Seejay Patel, graduate students in Purdue’s College of Engineering, founded the company. Aerovy has been supported since incorporation in September 2022 by the John Martinson Entrepreneurial Center. Gunady said the Startup Foundry investment represents a significant milestone in Aerovy Mobility’s effort to enable the future of electric aviation.

“The funds will be used to launch our cloud-based live operations tool, VEMS, at airports and airports around the world,” Gunady said. “This investment from Purdue is a major vote of confidence from a major brand in aerospace toward our pre-seed round.”

Aerovy Mobility anticipates several milestones in the next 12 to 18 months.

“These include development of critical intellectual property and worldwide deployments of our cloud-based software tools for electric aviation planning and management,” Gunady said.

Uniform Sierra Aerospace is a drone manufacturer for public safety departments. Purdue alumni Duncan Mulgrew, Trevor Redpath and Jeremy Frederick founded the company. Mulgrew said the Startup Foundry investment will aid Uniform Sierra Aerospace’s fundraising efforts.

“It has been challenging to raise venture capital, given the vast majority of funds are exclusively focused on business-to-business SAAS (software as a service) companies,” Mulgrew said. “Having the backing and the name Purdue in our raise has helped us both to get the money we need for the current stage and trajectory of the business and to close some other investments faster.”

Mulgrew said Uniform Sierra Aerospace is moving into a new production facility in the Purdue Technology Center, a business incubator in the Purdue Research Park of West Lafayette.

“This will allow us to greatly improve the production rate of our aircraft,” Mulgrew said.

“Right now, manufacturing speed and space are our largest limiting factors; this will be a massive improvement for us. We are on track to deliver more than 32 full systems to users this year.”

The next Black and Gold Awards competition is scheduled for the fourth quarter of 2023. The competition is industry-agnostic; Purdue-connected startups across all industry sectors are encouraged to apply.

Purdue Global’s New Aviation Management Degree Program Can Take Students To New Heights

While the U.S. aviation industry expects a need for around 130,000 pilots over the next 20 years, it is also expecting an increased need over the next decade for those who work in managerial roles within airlines, airports, departments of transportation and other related areas.

To prepare for those needs, Purdue Global has launched a new Bachelor of Science in aviation management degree program. The program is 180 quarter credit hours (equal to 120 semester hours) and is a collaboration between Purdue Global’s School of Aviation and the School of Business and Information Technology. Students will learn from faculty who are experts in a wide range of fields within aviation, business and management.

“Those with skilled labor jobs within the aviation industry may want to advance

into a managerial position after graduation,” said Sara Sander, vice president and dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences and interim head of the School of Aviation.

Purdue Global is Purdue’s online university for working adults.

Possible postgraduation occupations include airline or airport manager, airport security manager, air traffic controller, freight and cargo manager, airport consulting, aircraft manufacturing and sales, aviation insurance, airfield operations specialist and corporate aviation director.

“When people think of the aviation industry, they think of pilots, mechanics, flight attendants, gate agents and ramp personnel. They are only a mere fraction of the people working in the industry,” Sander said. “There are

many positions across the industry that are needed for it to operate. In some instances this degree program can help an aviation company take its current employees and upskill and grow their talents.”

“The School of Aviation and Transportation Technology has a long history of educating students that have recently graduated from high school in all aspects of the aviation industry,” said Brian Dillman, acting head of Purdue University’s School of Aviation and Transportation Technology.

“We are excited that our colleagues at Purdue Global are launching a degree program in aviation management that is available for working adults who desire to enter into the challenging but rewarding aviation industry.”

For more information, please complete a form on the Purdue Global website.

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Will China Buy Your Land?



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The world's total land mass consists of 36.8 billion acres of inhabitable land. (Businessinsider.com)

A few people own a lot of our planet.

King Charles III or the Crown Estate owns 6.6 billion acres of land worldwide. This includes Great Britain, Northern Ireland, Canada (90%), Australia (23 %) and a few other spots here and there. They also own the Falkland Islands.

With 6.6 billion acres, King Charles III or the Crown Estate, is far and away the world's largest landowner, with the closest runner-up (King Salman, Saudi Arabia) who holds control over a mere 547 million acres and a net worth of over \$18 billion.

Coming in number three on the list is Pope Francis. 110 acres owned by The Holy See constitute Vatican City. Also, roughly 17 million more acreage of various lands are owned by the Catholic Church throughout the globe, including the hundreds of Vatican embassies that are legally titled to The Holy See as an independent nation.

Ted Turner ranks high in major world land owners with over 2 million acres of land owned in Georgia, Montana and Argentina. (Businessinsider.com)

Jeff Bezos owns about

400,000 acres with much of that being in Texas. (Payback.fm) Bill Gates owns about 242,000 acres of farmland according to celebrity.net.

According to the US Department of Agriculture, USDA, there are approximately 911 million acres of farmland in the United States

There has been concern about China's growing land purchases in the United States. Chinese purchases of U.S agricultural land has sparked concern in Congress among a bipartisan group of lawmakers—but 18 other countries own more American agricultural acres than China.

Here are some of the American landowners:

1. Canada (12,845,000 acres)
2. Netherlands (4,875,000 acres)
3. Italy (2,703,000 acres)
4. United Kingdom (2,538,000 acres)
5. Germany (2,269,000 acres)
6. Portugal (1,483,000 acres)
7. France (1,316,000 acres)
8. Denmark (856,000 acres)
9. Luxembourg (802,000 acres)
10. Ireland (760,000 acres)

Source: Forbes.com

China ranks number 18 and owns roughly 384,000 acres of U.S. agricultural land, according to a 2021 report from the Department of Agriculture. Of that, 195,000 acres, worth almost \$2 billion when purchased, are owned by 85 Chinese investors, which could be individuals, companies or the government. The other 189,000 acres were worth \$235 million when purchased and are owned by 62 U.S. corporations with Chinese sharehold-

ers. Chinese agricultural land ownership only increased about 550 acres from 2015 to 2019. Then, their ownership jumped 30% from 2019 (Forges.com)

Chinese food manufacturer Fufeng Group bought 300 acres of land near Grand Forks, North Dakota, to set up a milling plant. The project is located about 20 minutes from the Grand Forks Air Force Base, raising national security concerns. (CNBC.COM)

Then known as Shuanghui Group, WH Group purchased Smithfield Foods in 2013 for \$4.72 billion. It was the largest Chinese acquisition of an American company at that time.

Bourbon lovers might be surprised to learn that a large number of Kentucky favorites are owned by Japanese companies. Way back in 2014 Japan-based Suntory bought Jim Beam at a 25 percent premium over market value for \$16 billion. That means the world's best-selling bourbon, Jim Beam, is actually owned by a Japanese company. Suntory also owns Maker's Mark, Knob Creek and Basil Hayden. (NBCnews.com)

If you have American land or business to sell, no worries, someone from China or another foreign country just might be interested.

Dr. Glenn Mollette is a graduate of numerous schools including Georgetown College, Southern and Lexington Seminaries in Kentucky. He is the author of 13 books including UncommSense, the Spiritual Chocolate series, Grandpa's Store, Minister's Guidebook insights from a fellow minister. His column is published weekly in over 600 publications in all 50 states.

It Is Not Working

By Dr. James Thrasher

As you reached for the alarm this morning what were your first thoughts? Did this endless work ritual conjure up depressing emotions causing you to bury your head in the pillow? Did you immediately ask yourself, what is the point of this meaningless and useless drudgery, other than bringing home a paycheck? Join millions of Americans if you said, "I can't take it anymore."

Welcome to the vocational calling disaster: it's not working. And that's not "working."

It's not working because all the research studies overwhelmingly show that most people dislike or hate their jobs. Yahoo! says that American workers hate their jobs so much that nearly half wouldn't wish it on their worst enemy. Something is terribly wrong.

That's not "working" because we're clueless on why we work. Work is not about us. Work has meaning and purpose because it matters to God, now and eternally. Colossians 3:23 says, "whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." We must look beyond ourselves and acknowledge that work is an opportunity to serve God and others.

So, what is the purpose of work and how does one find true meaning, satisfaction, and fulfillment through employment?

All of life is to honor Christ. This, then, is the proper starting point for realizing a true understanding of work. Embracing a biblical view of calling and vocation is the only thing that provides intrinsic motivation and

truly enlivens the call to work.

Work is not a result of the fall, but a divine mandate to serve the Lord. God is a worker, and He created us in His image to faithfully serve Him and transform the culture through work. We are charged with the responsibility to utilize, to the fullest extent, Christ's blessings to pursue excellence on His behalf.

Through Ephesians 2:10, the Lord has encapsulated in one verse with three parts, a very instructive summary of a biblical view of calling. The verse says, "For you are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

God designed you. You are His workmanship. He has uniquely and specifically crafted you. Scripture supports the notion that each person has been entrusted with distinctive aptitudes, personalities, talents, passions, interests, and transferable skills. The Lord of the universe has fashioned you, and you have great significance in His eyes. He calls you to be a steward of all your gifts and abilities, unto His glory. Self-assessment is incredibly foundational and profound. Know your differentiating design. You will never know your fit in the marketplace until you know who you are.

The verse continues by stating that you were created in Christ Jesus to do good works. The Pharisees asked Jesus which is the greatest commandment. Jesus responded: "love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with

all your mind. And the second is like it; love your neighbor as yourself." This is the blueprint for vocational calling. We are to faithfully serve God and others through our work in any field or career. This work is meaningful, inherently good, and purposeful. Our calling is to glorify and honor the Lord in our work. If you pursue your design, with the greatest commandment in mind, you will find vocational meaning, satisfaction, and purpose.

God is sovereign, and He has, in advance, prepared good works for you to do. He works providentially in your life. Before He crafted you, He prepared the work that you were called to do. Ponder that for a moment—that is truly incredible. He has an exclusive plan, just for you, to serve Him and others in your current time and place. God cares enough about you that He ordains the minute details of your life.

Unsatisfied in your job and unsure about your calling? Be expectant, by finding out who God has made you to be. Seek to serve Christ and others as a steward of your gifts and abilities. And trust in the God who providentially and sovereignly created you for a purpose to do good works.

With this new perspective, purposeful work awaits you. Inspiring and soul-satisfying work is found here.

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