TODAY'S VERSE

Isaiah 55:12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.



FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY People who call our community their own.

What makes Craig Thurston smile? "My family," said the 49-year-old Noblesville resident. His wife's name is Ashley and he has two stepkids, Dylan, 15, and Gwen, 9, and two sons, George, 5, and Colter, 4. He was born in Kokomo and moved to Noblesville after second grade in the summer to start third grade at Hinkle Creek Elementary School. He graduated in 1991 from Noblesville High School. He started playing guitar "late," at age 19, while attending Indiana University Kokomo. From there, he went to Indiana University Bloomington and studied music with Atanas Tzvetkov as his guitar instructor. Today's feature is a look back at one of The Times' previous Faces of Hamilton County. Craig plays ukulele, mandolin, bass, keys and harmonica. He performs regularly, on the first and third Thursday, at Grindstone Public House in downtown Noblesville. His next performance is tonight. He didn't start a family or get married until he was in his 40s. He said, "My greatest achievement is my family. I never thought I would be a part of a family like this, with kids. I feel so blessed to

And Another Thing...

have them."

1. Volunteers Needed:

The Westfield-Washington Historical Society is in need of volunteers to host the opening of the Museum and Barker Cabin. The Museum and Barker Cabin are open Saturdays from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. For those who have not volunteered for one or the other, training will be provided. Please consider helping the Historical Society by volunteering to be a Museum or Barker Cabin host. We need two volunteers for Saturday 23rd immediately. Text Jeff Beals at 317-460-4844 or email jbeals@wwhs.us to be scheduled.

2. Birdies & Brews VIII

Birdies & Brews has been a catalyst for local businesses for 8 years. Building relationships, conducting business, and connecting with partners is best done with a 7 iron in one hand and a cold beverage in the other. We did just that this past Thursday, September 14th. Thank you to all those who played, partook on tastings, attended the 19th Hole BBQ Reception, and enjoyed the day on the course with us. This event provides the needed resources for the Chamber to serve our local business community.... and we are very grateful for the overwhelming support of so many businesses and City of Noblesville Economic Development.

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Rotary Supports NHS Robotics



Jeff Derda, fundraising chair for the Noblesville Rotary Club, presented a \$5,000 donation this week to the Noblesville High School Robotics Club. The funds will be used to buy student robotics kits, hardware and field components. The Rotary's donation was part of their overall effort to support technology education with funds raised from their annual BrewBQ event. Noblesville Schools is a top district recognized nationally for academic achievements in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education.



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Sweeney Todd (Michael Lipphardt of Noblesville) and Mrs. Lovett (Claire Slaven) in Main Street Productions' next show, "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," a dark-comedy, horror-musical that opens tonight at Basile Westfield Playhouse.

'Sweeney Todd' Musical Is 'Creepy,' 'Magnificent'

Noblesville Director Brings Big Show to Westfield Playhouse



BETSY REASON From The

Andrea Odle can't think of a better way to bring in the spooky season than "Sweeney

She's

Todd." directing the musical, Editor's Desk... "Sweeney

Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," which opens tonight at Basile

Westfield Playhouse. "Sweeney Todd is completely different than most musicals. It provides a dark comedy view where most musicals are either

Want TO GO?

What: Main Street Productions Inc. presents "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," a dark-comedy, horror-musical with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, and directed by Noblesville's Andrea Odle.

When: Opens tonight and continues through Oct. 1. Show times: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays.

Where: Basile Westfield Playhouse, 220

N. Union St., Westfield. How much: \$19 for adults, \$17 for students with ID and ages 62 and older, and free for active military and veterans with ID.

What else: Season tickets are \$70 for adults, \$62 for ages 62 and older. How to buy tickets: www.

westfieldplayhouse.org Where to call for tickets or information: 317-402-3341.

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Nerf And Humane Society Of Hamilton

County Ask For

A Helping Paw

Well hello! My name is Nerf and I need your help. I want to make sure my HSHC friends have



all the items necessary to take care of me and my furry friends. Sin-I am just a simple pup and don't have opposable thumbs, I can't go shopping, but you can! Will you help me help HSHC?

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What Happened On This Day

• 1964 Malta gains its independence from the UK. The southern European island country came under British control in 1814 as part of the Treaty of Paris. The country initially retained the Queen of England as its head of state but declared itself a republic on December 13, 1974.

• **1942** Boeing B-29 Superfortress flies for the first time. The bomber was used extensively by the US in World War II and the Korean War. The two planes – Enola Gay and Bockscar - that dropped atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were from the silverplate series of Boeing B-29s.

• 1937 JRR Tolkien's The Hobbit is published for the first time. The Hobbit, or There and Back Again is a young adult fantasy novel that follows the adventures of the hobbit Bilbo Baggins as he traverses through Middle Earth to find treasure guarded by a dragon named Smaug.

Births On This Day

- 1947 Stephen King American author
- 1866 H. G. Wells English author

Deaths On This Day • 1860 Arthur Schopenhauer

German philosopher • 1832 Walter Scott Scottish novelist, poet

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

The Institute of Medicine recommends 600 IU of vitamin D daily to age 70 and 800 IU after that. 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 thetimes24-7.com



HONEST HOOSIER

How can September be two-thirds over? Wasn't it just April?



TODAY'S QUOTE

"We generate fears while we sit. We overcome them by action.' -Dr. Henry Link

🗢 TODAY'S JOKE

Did you hear that the inventor of Velcro passed away? RIP!



OBITUARIES

None

The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank 🧥 **WILLIAM LYNCH** for subscribing!





PAGE TWO THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023

Noblesville Lions Award Scholarship And Induct New Member





Photos courtesy of Noblesville Lions

On the left, On Sep 13th the Noblesville Lions inducted Hayden Parsons into the club. Hayden is new to the Noblesville area, and was welcomed by the club. He is sponsored by Lion Walt Scheid. Pictured: Lion Jeff Kozicki inducted Hayden Parsons, along with Sponsor Lion Walt Scheid. On the right, the Noblesville Lions awarded the \$500 lvy Tech Scholarship to Morgan Testa. Morgan plans on Radiology as a major. After completing lvy Tech, she plans on continued studies at a college or university. Her parent is Jennifer Testa. Pictured: Morgan Testa and Lion Gary Hipes, Scholarship Committee Chairman.

























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TIMMONS Two Cents

me, but this week is about us. . . the little newspaper industry that could . .

and you.

Let's start

Forgive

with an old saying: Only a fool believes they're safe because the hole in the canoe is at

the other end. We got trouble in this country. I've borrowed that line from Robert Preston, AKA Prof. Harold Hill a few times over the years. Hard to believe A) we need to keep using it and B) things are worse, perhaps worse than ever? Certainly not in recent memory anyways. A wise old buzzard observed that it hasn't been this bad since tanks and National Guard were in the streets in the late '60s, early '70s.

The left is fighting the right, the right is swinging away at the left and a lot of noses in the middle are getting bloodied. Think about this for a second. There is a distinct possibility that Donald Trump may be found guilty, sentenced and win the presidential election from inside a jail cell.

What would that say about our country? Can you imagine?

In the midst of this, a little newspaper in Kansas was raided recently. I'm told that the local government was upset about questions the paper was asking. How dare it! So a judge issued a search warrant and the search and seizure that followed went way beyond norms. Computers, databases and cell phones were taken by people who may as well have been wearing brown

It's a long story, but the important takeaways are that our government shouldn't be able to basically shut down a newspaper because they don't like something that newspaper is doing. Most importantly, the elderly owner of the paper died of a heart attack the next day. Five

days later, everything was returned to the paper . . . like nothing had happened. A person died and freedom of the press was flushed down a toilet.

Like. Nothing. Had. Happened.

Let's look at our national political scene.

Love him, hate him or don't care about him, Donald Trump probably isn't deserving of being the target of almost 100 indictments.

Hey, to be clear – Even some Trump supporters have been on record for a long time saying he's an arrogant, pompous, blowhard. It's hard in historical terms to paint him as the greatest president. The facts show that he did not drain the swamp like he said he would, and in fact, added a few trillion to our national debt. Before anyone goes nuts, let's be more specific. He grew the national debt by 40 percent.

We should not be OK with that.

But we should also not be OK with the guy being the target of an investigation from before he took the oath of office – an investigation that everyone now agrees was made up as a campaign tactic against him. We should not be OK with multiple politicians lying that they had personally seen the evidence (hello Adam Schiff, Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer) against Trump that he was an agent of a foreign government. We should not be OK with the constant witch hunt that ran throughout his entire presidency. We should not be OK with Trump's constant lies or over exaggerations or whatever you want to call them. Nor should we be OK with how he treats women – or his idiotic mugshot.

If Trump and Biden are the best we can offer as a country . . . well, is there a sadder statement?

Lastly, we should not be OK with a government that tries to silence its enemies – enemies who are Americans, we might add – not a foreign power.

So, what does the newspaper in Kansas, the crappy presidential contenders and the war between the left and the right have to do with each other?

Us.

You've all heard the definition of insanity keep doing the same thing and expect a different outcome. Well, we – as in we the people - have to stop doing the same thing. If you are a Biden or Trump fan, how about hopping off the crazy train to nowheresville for a minute and admit neither did or are doing a good job? How about instead of ripping the guy or gal across the aisle from your political bent we try to see if we can find some common ground? How about if we all acknowledge that our government ain't what it used to be?

How about if we work together to demand better? Hell, I'll vote for a Democrat if they have a decent plan and seem to be at least halfway honest. I'll do the same for a Republican if they meet those standards.

I'll start trusting our government again when we band together and fire those in power who are

only about power. We've fallen and I'm not sure we can get back up. But get up we must, and the only way we can do that is by working together. If anyone hasn't learned by now that the federal government doesn't have the answer, they never will. Keep electing good people at the local level and demand more from inside the Beltway.

I hate to break it to you, but it's one of the very few answers that has a shot at a happy ending.

-Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically in The Times. Timmons is the chief executive officer of Sagamore News Media, the company that owns The Noblesville Times. He is also a proud Noblesville High School graduate and can be contacted at ttimmons@thetimes24-7.com.

Sustainable Parenting 101

Dear EarthTalk: How can I be a more environmentally responsible

parent?

EARTHTALK

Sustainable parenting isn't easy given all the ways modern society has become largely a profusion of disposable products. Besides making conscious decisions about the products you buy, you also have to think about teaching your kids to do the right thing—and you can never start too early.

One way to do the right thing by the planet is opting for reusable diapers. The average American baby uses 7,000 disposable diapers over the course of a typical threeyear run. Some 200,000 trees are cut down each year in the U.S. alone to provide the wood pulp found in diapers. To make matters worse, the diaper's plastic and absorbent polymers are not recyclable.

Nowadays you can purchase reusable diapers at a local Walmart or Target, or online. Popular brands include Cotton Babies, Nora's Nursery and Green Mountain. Many people are concerned about the washing process, but it is relatively simple. For liquid waste, you should pre-rinse the diaper with water. For solid waste, you should allocate a spatula or knife as a "scraper" and dispose of the waste in the toilet.

You can purchase a dry pail to hold the diapers until laundry day. Keep in mind, reusable diapers must be washed with water that is at least 140 degrees Fahrenheit (60 degrees Celsius) to kill bacteria.

Another environmental hazard of parenthood is baby wet wipes. Almost all, even the "flushable" ones, contain microplastics which do not biodegrade. This causes buildup in pipes because grease tends to accumulate on the plastic. Also, these microplastics can get into local water bodies and be ingested by marine wildlife. A solution is to create your own reusable wet wipes. Buy cotton or bamboo baby washcloths and cut them into eight-inch by eightinch squares. For the wipe solution, oft-used ingredients include aloe vera, gentle baby wash or Castile soap, natural oils, and water. Other recipes can be found online. You can keep this solution in a spray bottle to use when needed. Store not-yetused wipes in a clean airtight container. Spray them thoroughly with the solution before use. Store soiled wipes in a dry pail until you do laundry. As with reusable diapers, you should scrape off sol-

id waste before washing. Another major source of waste from kids is toys, most of which are made of cheap plastic and end up landfills. According to the Yale Environmental Review, toys constitute six percent of landfill plastics worldwide. Today, there are many online services where you can order a monthly subscription for rentable plastic and wooden toys. If your child gets bored, you can send the old toys in and receive new ones in the mail in the matter of days. The toys that you send in are sanitized and sent to other families.

Aside from these options, you could also make homemade food to reduce packaging waste. Buying second-hand clothes is also a simple and cheaper way to reduce your landfill footprint. But arguably, the most important thing you can do is to educate your children about environmental issues and encourage sustainable practices.

-CONTACTS: How to be a sustainable parent, bbc.com/future/article/20221123-how-to-bea-sustainable-parent; Most materials are recyclable, so why can't children's toys be sustainable? environment-review.yale.edu/ most-materials-are-recyclable-so-why-cant-childrenstoys-be-sustainable; Should We Ditch Wet Wipes? envirotech-online.com/news/ water-wastewater/9/breaking-news/should-we-ditchwet-wipes/46063.

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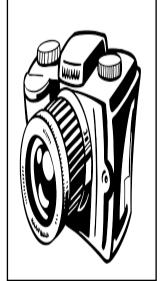
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dramatic or upbeat and full of sunshine," said the Noblesville resident, whose

show continues weekends through Oct. 1.

The storyline: Sweeney Todd, an unjustly exiled barber, returns to 19th century London, seeking vengeance against the lecherous judge who framed him and ravaged his young wife. The road to revenge leads Todd to Mrs. Lovett, a resourceful proprietress of a failing pie shop, above which he opens a new barber practice. Mrs. Lovett's luck sharply shifts when Todd's thirst for blood inspires the integration of an ingredient into her meat pies that has the people of London lining up... and the carnage has only just begun.

It's Odle's second time directing for Main Street Productions at the Westfield venue. Her first show was "White Christmas" musical, a massive undertaking in itself.

So what would make her determined to do another big show?

"I enjoyed the challenge 'White Christmas' brought and wanted another show that would put butts in the seats and grab the patrons' attention for the rest of Westfield's upcoming season," Odle said.

The major difference in the two musicals is the dancing and choreography. "White Christmas" required tap dancing and heavily choreographed company dance numbers. "Sweeney" is more strategic placement "and fancy blocking, as I call it," she

"Sweeney Todd" was on Odle's bucket list to direct because of the depth of the characters.

"Yes, Sweeney is out for revenge, but his heart was broken and his drive to rectify his horrible situation is admirable.'

The production's music and lyrics are by Stephen Sondheim.

"The music is especially challenging," she said. "Sondheim, at times, has a wonderful way with words. In other instances, his words make absolutely no sense. But we love them because the music is so captivating.'

Challenges of the show? "The No. 1 challenge of the show -- other than the insane musicality -- is the set," Odle said. "This set is two stories and very elaborate. We need to have a trap door in the second story for Todd's victims to descend. We also need to allow the audience to step into the world of 1860s London."

Directing the show "was certainly a labor of love," Odle said. "I've enjoyed working on this masterpiece for the past eight weeks."

"Sweeney Todd" is a dark comedy, horror-musical.

"The eerie factor is the most intriguing part of the production," Odle said. "The music lends itself to being dark and creepy, so that helps. The fantastic lighting effects that (2022 Noblesville High School grad) Clay Howard expertly designed pulls the audience into Sweeney Todd's world and holds them there until the end."

The show attracted many to the auditions.

"We had almost 70 enormously talented musicians audition for 'Sweeney Todd."

She said, "The show is not done too often because of its immense undertaking, so I think people flock to it when it is offered." What else?

Odle said, "When I first received the honor of being chosen to direct 'Sweeney,' there were three phone calls I made."

First, she called set designer Jay Ganz. "In my humble opinion, he is one of the best set designers

Meet the CAST

Sweeney Todd, Mike

Lipphardt, Noblesville; Mrs. Lovett, Claire Slaven, Indianapolis; Anthony Hope, Nate Moore, Kokomo; Johanna Barker, Lizzie Schultz, Noblesville; Tobias Ragg, Alex Bast, Indianapolis; Judge Turpin, John Parks Whitaker, Westfield; The Beadle, Bailey Hunt, Noblesville; Beggar Woman, Tessa Gibbons, Noblesville; Adolfo Pirelli, Chris Ritchie, Indianapolis; Jonas Fogg, Ensemble, Aidan Morris, Lawrence/ Geist; Ensemble, Brynn Lee and Cassidy Maymon of Carmel, Claire Couture of Castleon, Dezi Dagey of Tipton, Grant Bowen, Jake Hobbs of Lawrence, Jericho Franke of Fishers, Laura Hicks, Laura Wertz of Noblesville, Lindsay Herr of Lebanon, Lucas Bowley, Molly Lewis of Kokomo, Tanner Brunson of Noblesville.

Meet the CREW

Producer, Ka'Lena Cuevas, Fishers; Director, Andrea Odle, Noblesville; Assistant Director/ Choreographer, Amber Shatto, Indianapolis; Musical Director, Laura Hicks, Pendleton; Assistant Musical Director, Kata Ewigleben; Vocal Captain, Chris Ritchie; Student **Director and Sound** Operator, Clay Howard, Noblesville; Stage Manager, Dwayne Lewis, Westfield; Set Designer, Jay Ganz, Fishers; Set Construction Lead, Mason Odle, Noblesville; Set Construction, Mason Odle, JB Scoble, Amber Shatto, Fred Margison of Speedway, Tom Riddle of Indianapolis, Jacob Spencer, Xavier Lewis, Dwayne Lewis, Claire Slaven, Molly Lewis, Lindsey Herr, Rylee Odle of Noblesville; Sound Operator, Rob Stokes; Lighting Designer, Sue Kuehnhold; Lighting Operator, J Herold of Noblesville; Costumes, Karen Webster-Cones, Indianapolis; Properties, Haley Wright, Broad Ripple; Hair and Makeup,

in the business. We spoke for a moment, and he put our vision to paper. It is exactly what I saw in my head."

Tessa Gibbons.

"Two: I needed someone to build it. Someone that that would not give up until it was perfect and would put their heart and soul into the structure. Keeping everyone safe and accepting change orders with grand and the words 'yes, dear.' Mason Odle, my husband."

'Third: I needed a magnificent artist that would transform wood into whatever we needed it to be. Every surface of that stage has been painted to create the multidimensional feeling of the dirty streets of London. Amber Shatto is an exceptional artist, and I couldn't have

done this without her." Costuming was "especially tough due to the sheer volume." Costumer Karen Webster-Cones was in charge of coming up with more than 100 costumes for the show.

Hair and makeup were crafted by Tessa Gibbons, and the props, all 50 of them, were crafted by the talented Haley Wright. Odle said, "I truly believe that girl could make anything."

Lastly, she said, "My right hand and stage manager Dwayne Lewis took our masterpiece and made it his own. I could not have done any of this without him. If we needed anything, props, set pieces, muscle, an extra, he was there.'

-Betsy Reason writes about people, places and things in Hamilton County. Reach The Times Editor Betsy Reason at betsy@thetimes24-7.com.



Photo courtesy of Rob Slaven of Indy Ghost Light Photography

Lizzie Schults of Noblesville, a 2023 Noblesville High School graduate, plays the role of Johanna Barker, who's raised in a chamber and whose only connection to the outside world is her window, with Anthony Hope (Nate Moore) in "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," a horror-musical that opens tonight at Basile Westfield Playhouse.



Photo courtesy of Rob Slaven of Indy Ghost Light Photography

Adolfo Pirelli (Chris Ritchie) knows Sweeney Todd's true identity and threatens to expose him in "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," a horror-musical that opens tonight at Basile Westfield Playhouse.



Photo courtesy of Rob Slaven of Indy Ghost Light Photography Aidan Morris, Tanner Brunson and Jericho Franke in a scene from "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," a musical that opens tonight at Basile Westfield Playhouse, and features a fabulous set designed by Jay Ganz and constructed by director



Photo courtesy of Rob Slaven of Indy Ghost Light Photography

Beggar woman (Tessa Gibbons of Noblesville) in a scene from "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," a musical that opens tonight at Basile Westfield Playhouse.





PUBLIC NOTICES

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- (1) Cover Page (2) Notice to Bidder
- (3) Instructions to Bidder
- (4) Bid Form
- (5) Agreement (6) Notice of Award
- (7) Manufacturer's List (8) Subcontractor's List

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A Performance Bond with good and sufficient surety as required by the Owner on the Form provided in the Project Manual, shall be required of the successful Bidder in an amount equal to at least one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the Agreement. The surety of the Performance Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.

The Contractor shall provide a Payment Bond with a good and sufficient

surety as required by the Owner on Form provided in the Project Manual, in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum. The Payment Bond is binding on the Contractor, its subcontractors, and their successors an assigns for the payment of all indebtedness to a person for labor and services performed, material furnished, or services rendered. The Payment Bond must stat that it is for the benefit of the subcontractors, laborers, material suppliers, and those performing services. The surety of the Payment Bond may not be released until one (1) year after the Owner's final settlement with the Contractor.

All out-of-state bidder corporations must have a Certificate of Authority to do business in the State. Application forms may be obtained by contacting the stary of State, State of Indiana, Statehouse, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.
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- Adams County has three high schools, the Bellmont Braves, South Adams Starfires, and **Adams Central Flying Jets**
- Decatur is the county seat of Adams County. Berne, Geneva and Monroe are its other cities
- In 2017, about a quarter of the county's population (estimated 8,600) was Swiss Amish
- David Anspaugh, the director of Hoosiers, was born in the Adams County seat of Decatur
- Adams County has a population of 35,491

Got Words?

benefited settlers at that time?

Word Early settlers were attracted to the nearby Erie Canal around 1835. These settlers found dense forest Scramble and wild prairie when they arrived in the area. Why do you think the canal, forest and prairie would have Unscramble the words below! 1. ADECRUT 2. SMIAH 3. RATSS 4. NERBE 5. TEJS



are Swiss Amish, about how many people

are Swiss Amish?

2. Adams County was established in

1835, how old is it?

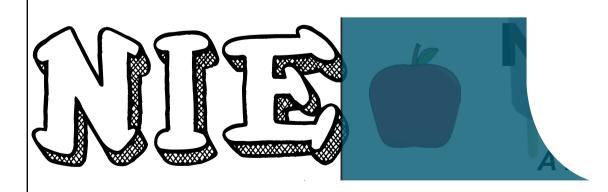
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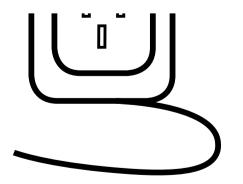
County have?

4. With an area of 340 square miles, about how many people per square mile

are there?

4. About One Hundred and Five Answers: 1. 8,600 2. 183 Years Old 3. Three.





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Purdue Welcomes Its Most Selective Incoming Class

Purdue University is welcoming its most selective class of incoming students for the 2023-24 academic year, marking a ninth consecutive record-breaking year of undergraduate applicants and enrollments, and another overall record for the number of graduate and undergraduate students. This year's incoming undergraduate class was selected at a 50% admission rate — 3 percentage points lower than last year — from among 72,800 applicants. "The Class of 2027 is

the most selective drawn from the largest pool of undergraduate applicants since the Common App was used at Purdue," said Purdue President Mung Chiang. "We also welcome master's and doctorate students who are arriving to the largest graduate student enrollment on record. Excellence at scale is truly reflected in our students."

Propelled by a string of strong rising national and global rankings reflecting its heightened academic profile, a sustained commitment to affordability from a dozen years of frozen tuition, and the resultant record applicant numbers, total enrollment at Purdue's West Lafayette campus has reached an all-time high of 52,211 students this semester, including 47,889 in residence at West Lafayette.

Driven by scholarly excellence, this figure includes a record 39,170 undergraduates from all 50 states and over 120 countries as well as 12,136 graduate students, the most ever, pursuing advanced degrees — up 42% over the past decade. Another 905 students are pursuing professional degrees.

Undergraduate applications increased nearly 7% this year to 72,800— and have surged 82% from 40,025 since 2013 when Common App was adopted. That has powered a 34% jump in total undergraduate enrollment since the 2014-15 academic year.



Photo courtesy of Purdue University

Students were welcomed to campus with a variety of activities, including campus tours, Fountain Fest and the traditional "Crossing the Tracks."

As West Lafayette student numbers approach a plateau and construction begins on new student housing projects recently approved by Purdue's Board of Trustees, this year's incoming class of undergraduate beginners is 9,285 — intentionally smaller than the record incoming class of 10,191 set in 2021. On average, this year's incoming student reports a 3.78 GPA, its highest level in 15 years.

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and **Diversity Patrick Wolfe** said, "Our decade-long push to enhance scholarly excellence at Purdue while maintaining affordability and access has proved a winning strategy. I'm especially proud that our enrollment of students from underrepresented groups has reached its highest count and proportion — 6,215, or 12% of total enrollment — in at least a decade. This reflects the strides being made by our faculty through Purdue's \$75 million Equity Task Force initiative, launched in 2020 by our Board of Trustees.

Purdue's College of Engineering and College of Science received over 22,000 and 18,000 applicants, respectively, followed by the newly reimagined Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. School of Business with over 7,300 applicants. Health and Human Sciences exceeded 7,000 applications for the first time, while the Purdue Polytechnic Institute and Liberal Arts received over 5,100 and 4,600 applications, respectively. More than 3,200 prospective students applied directly to Exploratory Studies, over 2,000 to Agriculture and more than 600 to Education, with undergraduate programs in Pharmacy and Veterinary Medicine drawing an additional

1,400 applicants in total. Purdue's record graduate enrollment includes over 5,200 residential PhD students across 84 subjects, more than 3,600 master's students enrolled through Purdue University Online and nearly 3,000 residential master's students, among others.

Professional programs at Purdue also continue to flourish and to strengthen; one sustained high point among several is Purdue's Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Applications there have risen more than 200% the past decade to 1,749, with 99 offers extended this year prior to the national acceptance date of April 15, and an enrollment of 84 new students — making it far and away one of Purdue's most competitive and in-demand programs.

Student excellence and

With affordability and accessibility at the forefront of its mission and buoyed by nearly a decade of record enrollment totals, Purdue has kept tuition at \$9,992 per year for Indiana residents and \$28,794 for out-of-state students for 12 consecutive years since 2012-13.

In tandem with that sustained effort, oneyear loan borrowing per Purdue undergraduate has decreased by 40% since 2012. And with tuition unchanged at least through the 2024-25 school year, savings for Boilermaker students and their families will have totaled more than \$1 billion for educational and living expenses, versus what they would have paid if Purdue had raised tuition and fees at the national average. And annual in-state tuition would be \$1,400 higher today if Purdue had followed the national trend.

Seventy-five percent of Indiana resident applicants were offered admission to Purdue's flagship West Lafayette campus this year, while nearly all others received offers of admission elsewhere within the Purdue system.

A rising national, global profile

The land-grant univer-

The land-grant university's enhanced national profile also continues to play a major role in driving enrollment to record levels:

• Purdue boasts 42 academic programs and specialties — 29 graduate and 13 undergraduate — ranked in the top 10 or top 10th percentile by U.S. News & World Report. Highlights include the No. 1 graduate programs in analytical chemistry and in agricultural and biological engineering and the No. 1 online master's programs in electrical engineering, industrial engineering, mechanical engineering and engineering management.

• QS World University rankings listed Purdue at No. 27 overall in the U.S. and No. 10 among U.S. public universities in 2024, up three spots from 2023. Purdue also was No. 99 among 1,500 global universities, rising 30 spots from 2023 to return to the top 100.

• Purdue was recognized as a top 10 U.S. public university by The Wall Street Journal/ Times Higher Education in 2022. The rankings examined student outcomes, including graduates' salaries and debt; academic resources such as how much is spent on teaching; student engagement and how students feel equipped for the real world; and learning environments, including diversity of the student body and academic staff.

• For the first time, Purdue was named one of the World's Most Innovative Companies by Fast Company — coming in at No. 16 overall and No. 1 in education — for its advances in the vital field of semiconductors and microelectronics. The only university among the magazine's prestigious Top 50 Most Innovative Companies, No. 16 Purdue follows OpenAI (at No. 1, developer of ChatGPT and Dall-E) and leads NASA (No. 17) and The Walt Disney Co. (No. 25). Overall, the list acknowledges 540 organizations across 54 categories and regions around the world.

• For two consecutive years, Purdue has been named a Fast Company Brand That Matters — the only university on the list both years. The annual designation honors

organizations for communicating their brand's mission and ideals with intention and authenticity.

• Purdue has enjoyed five consecutive years as a top 10 Most Innovative university as designated by U.S. News & World Report. In addition, Purdue was named the country's No. 4 most trusted public university by Morning Consult.

Purdue University West Lafayette and systemwide enrollment demographics for fall 2023 semester:

• Graduate enrollment: 12,136, including 3,611 online-only, surpassing last year's record of 12,017 students.

• Professional degree enrollment: 905.

• Undergraduate residency: Indiana students, 18,230; U.S. students from outside Indiana, 16,956; and international students, 3,984.

• Total enrollment by gender: women, 22,117; men, 30,094.

• Total enrollment by self-reported ethnicity: Black or African American, 1,421, the most in over 15 years; Asian, 6,488; Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, 22; Hispanic/Latino, 3,569; American Indian/Alaska Native, 56; and two or more races, 2,317.

• Total enrollment in West Lafayette: 52,211. Polytechnic statewide: 623. Purdue Polytechnic Institute degrees are offered in Anderson,

offered in Anderson,
Columbus, Indianapolis,
Kokomo, Lafayette, New
Albany, Richmond, South
Bend and Vincennes.
Additionally, fall 2023
enrollment reached

enrollment reached 6,606 at Purdue Northwest, 6,288 at Purdue Fort Wayne and 5,496 at IUPUI, pushing total enrollment for the Purdue system to a record 106,331 students.

Purdue Global, the university's accredited and affordable online solution designed for the working adult with life experience and often some college credit, but no degree, reported an enrollment of 35,107 for September 2023.

Survey Reveals Influences Of Political Ideology On Consumer Food Perceptions

Consumers generally remain more optimistic about food prices compared to a year ago. However, individuals self-identified as having liberal political beliefs predict lower food inflation than those who identify as being conservative, according to the August 2023 Consumer Food Insights Report. The report's authors noted that people who describe themselves as conservative report higher food price inflation over the past year (5.7%) than official government estimates

(4.9%).

The survey-based report out of Purdue University's Center for Food Demand Analysis and Sustainability assesses food spending, consumer satisfaction and values, support of agricultural and food policies, and trust in information sources. Purdue experts conducted and evaluated the survey, which included 1,200 consumers across the U.S.

"Food inflation expectations suggest consumers continue to believe that food price inflation is

cooling," said the report's lead author Joseph Balagtas, professor of agricultural economics at Purdue and director of CFDAS. "Consumers also estimated a larger increase in food prices over the past year than is indicated by official estimates. This suggests that inflationary pressures are still very much at the forefront of consumers' minds."

Consumer reports of

Consumer reports of food spending show an increase of nearly 9% in food at home (FAH) spending from August of last year, while spending on food away from home (FAFH) has remained relatively unchanged.

"Consumers may be opting to eat more home-cooked meals as government measures show FAFH inflation staying higher than FAH inflation," Balagtas said.

There are many positives to note in the category of food security and satisfaction. The survey's tracking shows food insecurity has dropped two percentage points from July (16% to 14%) and is lower than

the 2022 average for the first time in four months. The researchers also see a year-over-year decrease in the rate of consumers forgoing buying food while waiting for their next paycheck. These are all good signs of slowing food inflation during the past year, Balagtas said.

"Despite political differences, the U.S. food system continues to satisfy the diets, needs and tastes of a wide range of consumers," he said.

Additional key results nclude:

• Reported grocery stockouts decreased by three percentage points from July.

• Consumers most satisfied with their diets (thriving) make up 67% of consumers, the lowest recorded by this survey.

• Consumer food values, beliefs and trust vary by political ideology.

The August 2023 survey results show little change between this year and last year regarding the attributes that individuals with liberal, moderate and conservative political beliefs consider important when buying food. The survey showed that people who identify as liberal value the social responsibility and environmental impact of their food purchases more than others. Individuals with conservative beliefs, meanwhile, place greater value on affordability, nutrition and taste.

The survey questions about consumer beliefs and trust showed bigger differences between consumers of differing political ideologies.

"Statements regarding a connection between the food system and climate change fielded varying levels of agreement," said report co-author Elijah Bryant, a survey research analyst at the center. "The responses to the statements about agriculture and meat consumption's link to the environment reveal that a majority of people who check the liberal box agree, while a minority of those who check conservative agree with the statements.'

Bryant further noted that organizations such as the Food and Drug Ad-

ministration continue to be trusted sources of food information by consumers of all political beliefs. Major news media outlets such as Fox News or CNN, however, tend to receive varying trustworthiness scores depending on political beliefs.

The latest report also looked at how consumers might alter spending on pork products in response to animal welfare regulation. This topic was inspired by the Proposition 12, Farm Animal Confinement legislation, which was passed in California and recently upheld by the Supreme Court.

"This regulation increases the minimum space requirements for veal calves, egg-laying hens and breeding pigs on commercial farms that are located in California or supply California consumers," Bryant said. "We find that consumers consider price as the most important attribute when buying pork products, while animal welfare is one of the least important attributes, on average."

This remains consistent across different income levels. However, when consumers were asked to respond to two hypothetical price changes of the same magnitude, one that is a general price change and one that is caused by the Proposition 12 regulation, the following insight was revealed.

"We saw responses that suggest animal welfare may be more important to consumers than previously thought," Bryant said. Even though the price increase is the same size, fewer consumers would decrease their spending on pork knowing that the price increase was caused by animal welfare regulations.

The Center for Food Demand Analysis and Sustainability is part of Purdue's Next Moves in agriculture and food systems and uses innovative data analysis shared through user-friendly platforms to improve the food system. In addition to the Consumer Food Insights Report, the center offers a portfolio of online dashboards.