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At just 22 years old, Preston Cooper is emerging as one of the most compelling new voices in country rock, combining soulful storytelling with a vocal style that can shift from intimate emotion to explosive power in an instant.

A native of Fredericktown, Ohio, Cooper has become known for a voice that draws comparisons to acclaimed artists such as Chris Stapleton and Bob Seger. His blues-inspired sound and commanding stage presence have quickly distinguished him as a rising talent in the genre.

Cooper's musical

journey began when he picked up a guitar as a high school freshman. After graduation, he joined the U.S. Postal Service, earning local recognition as "The Singing Mailman." While delivering mail and walking as many as 14 miles a day, Cooper often sang throughout his route before spending evenings performing at venues across the region.

After hundreds of live performances, Cooper's talent caught the attention of renowned songwriting and production duo Brad and Brett Warren, known for their work with Tim

McGraw, Dierks Bentley and Keith Urban. The brothers discovered Cooper during a songwriter's round in Toledo and immediately recognized his exceptional potential.

That promise comes to life on his debut album, *Toledo Talkin'*, released Aug. 29. The 12-track project showcases Cooper's distinctive blend of raw country music and edgy alternative rock. Unlike many contemporary recordings, the album was created using a traditional full-band recording approach, emphasizing authentic musicianship and the

intensity of Cooper's vocals. The album features standout tracks including "Weak," "One More Place I've Never Been," "Numbers on a Mailbox," "One for the Road," and "The Takedown." Cooper co-wrote nine of the album's 12 songs, further demonstrating his talents as both a vocalist and songwriter.

His growing reputation has already led to major touring opportunities. Cooper recently completed a run as direct support for Kameron Marlowe's *Keepin' the Lights On Tour* and also joined select dates of Riley Green's *Damn Country Music Tour*.

Another milestone came on Oct. 24 when Cooper made his debut at the Grand Ole Opry, where he was introduced by country music legend Vince Gill.

Looking ahead, Cooper is expected to maintain a busy schedule throughout 2026, performing at fairs, festivals and a series of headlining shows as his fan base continues to expand.

For more information about Preston Cooper and upcoming tour dates, visit prestoncoopermusic.com.



Tri-County YMCA Staff Members Honored by Indiana Alliance of YMCAs

JASPER, IN — Several staff members of the Tri-County YMCA were recently recognized by the Indiana Alliance of YMCAs for their outstanding leadership, service, and commitment to strengthening communities across Dubois, Perry, and Spencer counties.

The awards were presented by Wade Hampton and Melissa Everhart on behalf of the Indiana Alliance of YMCAs. Sierra King received the Rising Star Award, which honors YMCA professionals with less than three years of experience who demonstrate exceptional promise and dedication to the mission of the YMCA.

In her time at the Clem and Mary C. Lange YMCA, King has taken on a variety of responsibilities in aquatics, youth sports, and member relations. Her passion for serving the community is evident in her work each day and in the positive impact she has made on YMCA members and families.

Christine Kleaving was presented with the Award of Excellence, recognizing YMCA employees who consistently go above and beyond in service to their communities.

Kleaving has dedicated 20 years of service to building the YMCA's summer day camp program, providing full-day care for school-age children at three locations throughout Dubois and Perry counties. She also leads the YMCA's PreK sports programs in Dubois and Perry counties, engaging hundreds of children each year in

soccer, basketball, and T-ball programs that promote teamwork, confidence, and healthy lifestyles.

In addition, Mike Steffe received the prestigious CEO Award from the Indiana State Alliance of YMCAs. Steffe was just the seventh COE ever selected for this non-periodic award from among 41 YMCA CEOs across the state.

Steffe was recognized for his innovative leadership and commitment to growth throughout the Tri-County YMCA service area. His accomplishments include pioneering 24-hour YMCA access, leading several successful fundraising campaigns, and guiding the Clem and Mary C. Lange YMCA through a period of consistent growth and expanded impact across Dubois, Perry, and Spencer counties.

"These awards are a reflection of the incredible dedication our staff members bring to the YMCA mission every day," said Stuart Curtis, Board Chairperson for the Tri-County YMCA. "Their passion for serving others continues to strengthen our communities and positively impact the lives of countless individuals and families."

The Tri-County YMCA continues to serve as a vital community resource focused on youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility throughout southern Indiana. To learn more about the Tri-County YMCA and their mission, visit www.tricountyymca.org.

Isabelle Gaug of Jasper named to Cedarville University Spring '26 Dean's Honor List

CEDARVILLE, OH — Isabelle Gaug of Jasper, was named to the Dean's Honor List at Cedarville University for Spring 2026. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a

minimum of 12 credit hours.

Cedarville University, an evangelical Christian institution in southwest Ohio, offers undergraduate and graduate residential and online programs across arts, sciences

and professional fields. With 7,265 students, it is among Ohio's largest private universities and is ranked among the nation's top five evangelical universities in *The Wall Street Journal's* 2026 Best

Colleges in the U.S. Cedarville is also known for its vibrant Christian community, challenging academics and high graduation and retention rates. Learn more at cedarville.edu.

ATHENA Leadership Award Nominations Due June 8th

Rotary Club of Dubois County



The Rotary Club of Dubois County is reminding the community that nominations for the prestigious ATHENA Leadership Award are due by June 8, 2026.

The ATHENA Leadership Award recognizes outstanding women

who demonstrate excellence in their profession, contribute meaningfully to their community, and actively support the advancement and leadership of women. Nominees are leaders who inspire others through mentorship, service, integrity,

and professional achievement.

Community members are encouraged to nominate women who make a lasting impact through leadership in business, education, healthcare, nonprofit work, public service, or other areas of community involvement.

The ATHENA Leadership Award has long celebrated individuals who

embody the spirit of collaboration, encouragement, and servant leadership while helping pave the way for future generations of leaders.

Nomination forms and additional information are available at www.duboiscountyrotyary.com.

All nominations must be submitted by June 8, 2026.

UK scientist trying to solve state's white oak mystery

By Jordan Strickler

Lexington, Ky.— Sybil Gotsch has spent her career climbing trees in some of the world's most remote rainforests — from Costa Rica to Brazil to Mexico. Now, one of the hardest questions in her career is rooted in Eastern Kentucky.

It's been coined "the white oak problem" and has been worrying foresters, ecologists and bourbon distillers for years. White oak seedlings sprout just fine on the forest floor. Mature white oaks tower overhead in the canopy. But the middle-sized trees — the teenagers of the oak world — keep disappearing. Something is preventing young oaks from growing, and nobody is quite sure

what.

"The stakes go well beyond the forest," said Gotsch, an associate professor of forest ecophysiology in the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources (FNR) in the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment. "White oak acorns are a food source for deer and turkey, and the trunks provide roosts for bats. The wood is also essential for furniture, flooring and cabinetry."

And then there's bourbon. By law, bourbon must be aged in new, charred white oak barrels. Kentucky's bourbon industry alone is valued at \$10.6 billion. According to the White Oak Initiative's 2021 assessment, an estimated 60%

of surveyed mature white oak acres had no white oak seedlings present, and about 87% had no white oak saplings.

Gotsch, along with fellow researchers John Lhotka and Lance Vickers, have described the situation as two bottlenecks: one where seedlings fail to develop into saplings, and another where saplings fail to climb into the canopy overhead. If the next generation of white oaks doesn't break through, the ripple effects could last decades.

As an ecophysiologicalist, Gotsch studies how plants function in their environment — how they take in water, handle stress and spend their energy. Most of the researchers tackling



Sybil Gotsch, second from left. Sybil Gotsch, second from left, and her team are trying to tackle an issue in Eastern Kentucky which could have a long-lasting impact. Picture provided by Gotsch.

the white oak problem have been foresters and ecologists, tracking which trees survive and which don't. Gotsch is asking a different kind of question: What is happening inside the tree that causes it to stall out?

"There are several possibilities," Gotsch said. "One is drought

stress. Young oaks stuck beneath the shade of taller trees may not be getting enough water or light to push through to the canopy, especially during dry summers. Another possibility is what scientists call an allocation problem — the tree might be putting its energy into roots or defenses

instead of growing taller. Then there is a third factor, which could be competition."

From rainforests to oaks

Gotsch's hands-on approach is something she has

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May 2026 landscape architecture graduate Anna Melchers presents her capstone project to Thomas Woltz at The Architectural Symposium at Shaker Village. Photo by Christina Wilson.

UK students partner with Shaker Village to explore design, landscape and place

By Haley Simpkins

LEXINGTON, Ky.— Students from the University of Kentucky College of Design and the Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food and Environment recently shared design proposals created in partnership with Shaker Village

of Pleasant Hill, one of Kentucky's most significant historic and cultural landscapes.

The partnership involved students in LA 426: Senior Capstone Studio, led by Jordan Phemister in the Department of Landscape Architecture at Martin-Gatton CAFE, and ARC 356: Design Studio VI, directed by Jordan Hines, senior lecturer and design-build program coordinator in the School of Architecture. The studios explored how architecture and landscape architecture can reveal stories embedded in the land while supporting the future of the 3,000-acre site.

Students presented their work during "The Architectural Symposium at Shaker Village: Exploring Design, Landscape & Place," which brought together students, design professionals and preservation experts to examine the connection between architecture, landscape and cultural history. The symposium also featured expert-led discussions and a keynote lecture by internationally recognized landscape architect Thomas Woltz.

"Shaker Village's unique combination of historic architecture, conservation efforts, agricultural practices and public access makes it one of Kentucky's most remarkable properties," said Billy Rankin, president and CEO of Shaker Village of Pleasant Hill. "It also requires constant examination and strategic planning to provide a balanced approach to management. The students and faculty from the University of Kentucky have

provided fresh insights through their thoughtful study of the Village's 3,000-acre property. During their spring studio projects, they have challenged norms, questioned approaches, and provoked the types of discussion that lead to increasingly creative responses to the challenges of a diverse landscape."

In the landscape architecture studio, students worked from a draft Cultural Resource Management Plan created by Liz Sargent Historic Landscape Architects. Using the plan's character area analysis, Phemister identified six project sites outside the Historic Centre and asked students to develop creative, forward-thinking proposals that honored Shaker Village's history while exploring new opportunities for visitation, education, exploration and sustainability.

"I am incredibly proud of the growth and work produced by these students over the semester," Phemister said. "Senior spring is busy, hectic and bittersweet, and I have been impressed and inspired by their commitment to and investment in their projects."

One landscape architecture proposal, developed by May 2026 graduate Tate Harberson, focused on the North Lot and Shaker Landing area. The design, titled "A View for All," proposed a three-tiered trail system connecting the North Lot to the Historic Centre while expanding access to historic and cultural viewsheds. The trail network ranged from

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VICTORIOUS *Living* ...in a troubled world

Faith and character marked as conditions for divine protection

By Teresa A. LeNeave
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Do you ever wonder what the Lord requires of you? From what I understand it's not more works, but a change of heart that changes everything for the better. Drawing from the book of Isaiah 33: 15-16 and of Micah 6:8, their messages emphasize that God provides protection and care for those who walk uprightly before Him during times of rebellion and spiritual decline. I think you'd agree, we live in a time of rebellion and spiritual decline.

There are scriptures that declare, "He shall dwell on high," describing a place of safety and defense prepared for the faithful. These passages promise that "bread shall be given him" and "his water shall be sure," which, to me, describes a picture of God's



provision and security for His people.

All throughout Scripture, attention is given to several areas of godly conduct: one's walk, speech, actions, hearing, and sight. Isaiah's question concerning who will stand "when the devouring fire comes," explains that divine protection is connected to the condition of a person's life. How we walk with

God and interact with people, apparently, is important to God

Psalm 24:4 refers to the kind of heart God expects. The call from God is for people to "speak uprightly" and live with "clean hands and a pure heart." The writer of Psalm clearly states, we need both clean hands and a pure heart, which indicates our intentional interaction with the

world and how we treat others; acting for the right reasons and not harboring hidden resentments, are things God pays attention to.

Micah 6:8 asks what the Lord requires of His people in an age of idolatry and rebellion. The answer was not extravagant sacrifice and working until you have nothing left to give, but simple obedience: "to do

justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God."

Justice can be described as living honestly; fulfilling obligations, being fair, and letting God be the ultimate judge because He sees the big picture. We don't. Mercy is explained as having compassion, refusing revenge, and learning to place oneself in another person's position.

We are reminded not to hold grudges or retaliate against criticism or hatred. Instead, believers are encouraged to love those who oppose them, pray for those who mistreat them, and bless those who curse them. Only God's spirit in us can help us forgive like that, but there is a blessing promised to those who do.

In conclusion, when we ask ourselves, "What does the Lord require", we're reminded that all people stand in need of redemption and that true humility before God produces compassion, mercy, and a willingness to seek the good of others. There is no room for a judgmental spirit, if we want clean hands, a pure heart, and divine protection. As followers of Christ, I believe that is something we all continue to work toward.

Taking a moment to appreciate our soulmate

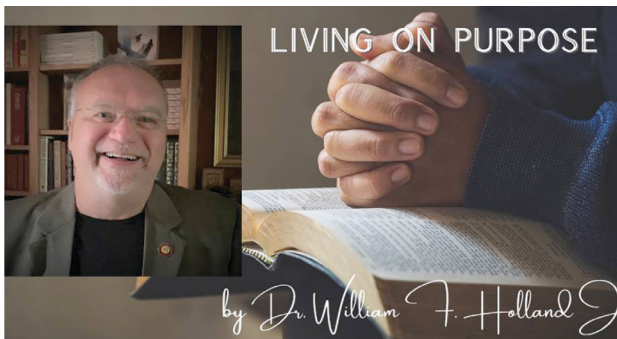
By Billy Holland

Recently, I was sitting in my office on a dreary afternoon, tapping on the keyboard and listening to the rain blowing against the window. The house is quiet during the day as my writing routine includes our dog sprawled out on the cool hardwood floor, snoring contentedly around my desk. Then it suddenly dawned on me, June fourth will be the forty-ninth year of our marriage. I then thought about our upcoming golden wedding anniversary in 2027, and how blessed I am to share this milestone with the one I love. I'm confident she feels the same way and definitely deserves a medal for her patience, support, and for embracing the work and shared vision with me for nearly five decades. It's been an amazing journey so far, and throughout the hard times and the good times, we know we are

truly blessed.

Familiarity is a slow-growing deception that can cause us to take people for granted, and in the realm of marriage, this is one of the many reasons couples become distant. Those of you who have been married for a while can relate when I say that holidays, birthdays, and even vacations can lose a little of their sparkle and excitement after years of repetition. It's not the occasion, it's the awareness of who we are with. Could it be that falling into a predictable routine can cause our love to grow cold as we just go through the motions? When we were dating and then became newlyweds, life was like a romantic, magical fairy tale. Even just taking a walk around the block or going for a drive was exciting simply because we were together.

But as the years pass by, the exhilaration seems to wear off, and when we would come



home from a hard day of work, it became mutually agreeable that a peanut butter sandwich, a candy bar, and watching Wheel of Fortune would be plenty of excitement for the evening. Whatever happened to all the hugging, kissing, and holding hands? Do you remember how the first years of marriage had three-word phrases like "I love you" and "you are amazing," and then after a few years, they evolved into "toilet seat down," "car needs gas", and "need more Advil?" When we were younger, we didn't know the meaning of tired, and now we become giddy

about an afternoon nap. Nonetheless, it's a comfort to know that the person who shares our couch with us every night is there because they love us and wouldn't have it any other way.

Showing appreciation to the one we love doesn't require a special holiday or a fancy restaurant. It's the little things that prove how we feel. Of all the people in the world we could have set our sights on, the person we are with now is the one we selected. They are the ones who stole our hearts, so there is nothing preventing us from expressing how

much we need them. We assume they already know we love them, and they do, but there's nothing wrong with showing it more than just a Valentine's Day card. Another thing that we avoid thinking about is that life will not always be like it is now, which is another reason to cherish the moments we have together. Life is precious, let's appreciate each moment. We can also turn to the Bible as a wonderful source of wisdom, as it reminds us of our responsibility to honor our vows. We made a pledge as we lit the unity candle, promising that having God at the center of our marriage would bind us together with Him.

I heard someone say that marriage is finding that one special person you want to annoy for 50 years- ha!. But seriously, we do not need to be a marriage counselor to understand the dangers of allowing the fires of our passion to grow cold. May we use our own

imagination to come up with fresh ideas that can fan the embers of our love into a bonfire of affection? I would rather have someone give me a candy bar while telling me how much they love me than to receive elaborate, expensive gifts like a new house, car, or jewelry out of obligation. Character traits like respect, forgiveness, sacrifice, and humility are foundational pillars that strengthen the covenant bond with our spouse. Let's remember: God is love, and walking in communication with Him is the key to maintaining a lasting relationship with our soulmate.

Dr. Holland is an ordained minister, chaplain, counselor, and author. To learn more about a life filled with purpose, visit: billyhollandministries.com.

Butterfly believers

By Brandon Bramlett
Pastor - Bandana Baptist Church

Peck. Peck. Peck. The nettlesome noise awakened the woman from a sound sleep. A peckish sparrow perched outside her window trying to eat breakfast—a butterfly frantically fluttering against the inside of the glass. There was a misunderstanding—the butterfly believed it was history, and the hungry bird was frustrated because it couldn't reach its meal due to the invisible barrier between them. The

butterfly had no reason to have the butterflies—it was as safe as if it had been thousands of miles away.

Crippled with panic, yet completely protected. How frequently do we as believers suffer from paralyzing dread regarding our souls when we have no reason to? Lacking assurance, we often live as though our salvation hangs by a thread, as if heaven's door is barely open and poised to slam shut in our faces. We fear losing our salvation, out-sinners the grace of

God, disappointing our Savior one too many times, or being snatched away by the world or the devil. But according to the Scripture, there is something infinitely greater than a glass pane standing between us and falling away from the faith: the nail-scarred hands of Christ Jesus.

Jesus graciously assured that there is no reason for His sheep to live in trepidation: "I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand" (John 10:28).

Believer, your salvation does not depend on your grip of Christ, but upon His grip of you—and He will never let you go (cf. Heb. 13:5). He likewise promised, "All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. . . And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day" (John 6:37, 39). And your name is inscribed in the Book of Life with immortal ink—even graven in the palms of His hands

(Rev. 3:5; Isa. 49:16), and it cannot be erased by your transgressions nor made more permanent by your obedience.

Is this not why Paul exclaimed, "I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:38-39, KJV)? God's grace-kept, eternally-secure, and

never-lost children have no reason to live like anxious butterflies. Rather, there are a thousand reasons to mount up with wings as eagles and soar in the joy of blessed assurance. For all who are in Christ, the Lord's promise remains unchanged: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee; be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness" (Isa. 41:10).

Area Deaths



John George Schnarr

John George Schnarr, age 78, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away on May 21, 2026 surrounded by loved ones. A Celebration of Life for John G. Schnarr will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2026, at Trinity United Church of Christ. Pastor Elisabeth Baer will officiate. An interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery. The V.F.W. will conduct military graveside rites.

Linda L. Mullen

Linda (Mangin) Mullen, 85 years old, passed away on May 28, 2026 at The Scenic Hills at the Monastery in Ferdinand, IN. She was surrounded by her family. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with burial held at 2:30 p.m. at St. Martin Cemetery in Whitfield, Indiana.

David "Pee Wee" Schnell

David "Pee Wee" Schnell, 59, of Schnellville, Indiana, passed away peacefully on May 25, 2026. A funeral service for David "Pee Wee" Schnell was held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 30, 2026, at the Becher-Kluesner Downtown Chapel in Jasper, Indiana, with burial to follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Schnellville, Indiana. Ryan Scherer and Jerry Tackitt officiated.

Eva Vogt

Eva Vogt, 69, passed away at her home on May 30, 2026. A private burial will be held at Simons Cemetery in Tobinsport. Huber Funeral Home, Cannelton Chapel, is assisting Eva's family with her requests.

Anthony E. Evrard

Anthony E. Evrard, 43, passed away on Monday, May 25, 2026. A visitation was held on Saturday, May 30, 2026, from 4:00 until 7:00 PM at Huber Funeral Home, Tell City Chapel, to pay respect to Anthony and his family.

Bruce Harold Hastings

Bruce Harold Hastings, age 86, of Cochranon, Pennsylvania, residing in Velpen, passed away at 7:11 p.m., on Friday, May 29, 2026, at his son's house. A private service for Bruce Harold Hastings will be held at Rainey Funeral Home in Dale. Burial will take place at Peters Cemetery in Pennsylvania.

Robert Collins

Robert "Bob" Collins, age 90, of Santa Claus, Indiana, passed away peacefully at 11:20 a.m. on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at the Linda E. White Hospice House in Evansville. A memorial service for Robert "Bob" Collins will be held at 7:00 p.m., C.D.T., on Thursday, June 4, 2026, at Rainey Funeral Home in Dale. Visitation will be held from 5:00-7:00 p.m., C.D.T., on Thursday, prior to the service at the funeral home.

Our deepest condolences to those who have lost loved ones. Prayers of comfort and peace.



Farbest Foods Honors Seniors with Scholarships

Farbest Foods, Inc. awards up to two, \$1,000.00, scholarships from each of the following Dubois County High Schools: Southridge, Jasper, Northeast Dubois, and Forest Park.

The eligibility requirements for the scholarship are as follows:

- The first scholarship will be for an applicant pursuing a career in engineering, mathematics, physics, or chemistry.
- The second scholarship will be for an applicant pursuing a career in agriculture.
- The recipient must be a citizen of the U.S. at the time of application.
- The recipient must be a high school senior and have at

least a 3.5 GPA based on a 4.0 scale for 10th & 11th grades.

Farbest Foods, Inc. has chosen the following eight applicants for their 2026 scholarship.

Benjamin Rasche is the son of Brad & Brandi Rasche of St. Anthony. He has been active in Forest Park High School FFA, Golf, Archery, Football, and the National Honor Society. Ben has held various leadership positions in FFA, including Vice President, Treasurer, and Student Leader. He has received several Degrees in FFA and has been recognized for outstanding Academic Honors the past four years. After Graduation, Ben plans to pursue a degree in Electrical

Engineering at Purdue University

Bailey Anderson is the daughter of Beau Anderson & Christie Schneider of Ferdinand. While attending Forest Park High School, Bailey has been active in FFA, Cross Country, Basketball, Track, and National Honor Society. She has held leadership positions in the Forest Park FFA Chapter as both President and Vice President. Some of her honors and awards include Academic Honors, Sports Letter, and Indiana FFA Hoosier Degree. Bailey plans to attend Vincennes University to Major in Agribusiness.

Alexandra Hohler is the daughter of Edward & Karla Hohler of Huntingburg. While

attending Southridge High School, she has been active in the Track & Field, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and National Honor Society. Alexandra has been involved in both FFA and 4-H for multiple years. She has held leadership positions as Football Manager, Basketball Manager, and FFA Chapter Reporter. Alexandra will pursue a degree at Purdue University in Natural Resources and Environmental Science.

Jaylynn Goodwin is the daughter of Mark & Lynn Goodwin of Holland. She has participated in Southridge High School FFA, FCA, Track & Field, and

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Alexandra Hohler



Jaylynn Goodwin



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ENDS MONDAY JUNE 15TH @ 6PM (CST)

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Cheerleading. Some of Jaylynn's awards and honors include Cheer Varsity Letter, Track & Field Varsity Letter, and Huntingburg Optimist Youth of the Month. She has been committed to 4-H for 13 years and has held various leadership roles. Jaylynn will attend Kansas State University and pursue a degree in Agricultural & Natural Resources Communications.

Claire Linette is the daughter of Andrew & Bridgett Linette of Jasper. Some of her activities while attending Jasper High School include

FFA, Student Council, 4-H, Dubois County Livestock Judging, Cross Country, and Track. Claire has held leadership positions as Jasper FFA President and V.P., Dubois County Jr. Leaders President and V.P., and District X FFA Reporter. Claire's passion for Agriculture has fueled her career path toward a Major in Agricultural Communications at Oklahoma State University.

Molly Kramer is the daughter of Ryan & Blayr Kramer of Jasper. While attending Jasper High School, Molly has been active in Jasper Dance, Cheerleading, Track & Field, Soccer, and Fellowship of

Christian Athletes. Some of her awards and honors include Rising Star of Indiana, AP All Star, and All Academic Soccer Player. Molly has also held leadership positions as Team Captain for JV Girls Soccer, Peer Mentor, and Wildlife Leader. After graduation she plans to Major in Chemistry at Auburn University.

Raynie Schnell is the daughter of Lee & Danielle Schnell of Celestine. Some of her activities while attending NE Dubois High School include FFA, FCA, Beta Club, Volleyball, and Softball. Rayniereceived awards and honors including High Honor Roll 9th, 10th 11th

Grades, and multiple Varsity Letters in Volleyball and Softball. She served as Class Office President and was Beta Club and Student Council President her Senior year. Raynie will be attending Hanover College and Major in Biochemistry.

Tryp Verkamp is

the son of Jason & Shawna Verkamp of Jasper. While attending NE Dubois High School, he has participated in the Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and French Club. Some of Tryp's awards include Rising Stars of Indiana Academic Achievement, as well

as various soccer and basketball awards. Tryp has held leadership positions as both Soccer and Basketball Team Captain. His interest in problem solving and innovation have led him to pursue a Degree in Mechanical Engineering at USI.



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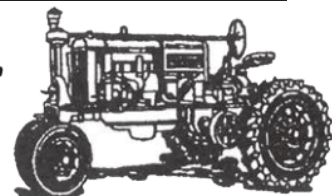
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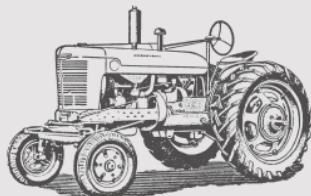
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7:00 AM Registration and Set-up Opens
8:00 AM Vendors Open for Business
9:00 AM Opening Ceremonies
10:00 AM Working Exhibit Demonstration
1:00 PM Tractor Dyno Opens
2:00 PM Working Exhibit Demonstration
3:00 PM Tractor Games
4:00 PM Skillet Toss/Nail Driving Contest
5:00 PM Working Exhibit Demonstration/Cruise-in Opens
6:00 PM Tom Fiddlerly at the Gazebo
9:00 PM Cruise-in Ends

SATURDAY, JUNE 27th

Food Opens at 8 AM Served All Day

7:00 AM Registration and Set-up Opens
8:00 AM Vendors Open for Business
9:00 AM Opening Ceremonies
10:00 AM Working Exhibit Demonstration / Motorcycle Ride Leaves Fairgrounds / Touch A Truck / Tractor Begins
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2:00 PM Working Exhibit Demonstration / Pet Adoption Ends / Touch A Truck / Tractor Begins
3:00 PM Pedal Tractor Games & Races
4:00 PM Adult Pedal Tractor Pulls

5:00 PM Working Exhibit Demonstration

6:00 PM Tom Fiddlerly at the Gazebo

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For Harberson, the project connected professional design training with a place he had known since childhood.

"This project allowed me to connect those early experiences with my skills I have developed the last four years at UK to create a really fulfilling and enriching project to work on," Harberson said.

The architecture studio approached the partnership through a different but complementary lens. Students in ARC 356 designed shared housing for seasonal employees, exploring how architecture could support community, collective responsibility and the daily life of those who help care for Shaker Village. Located adjacent to the historic village rather than within the

preserved core, the site allowed students to engage Shaker ideas through contemporary methods while avoiding disruption to protected land. May 2026 architecture graduate Ethan Smith's "Post-Shakerism: South Dwelling Seasonal Employee Housing" reinterpreted Shaker philosophy for contemporary use. Preserving and grafting onto an existing barn, his proposal used light wells, rainwater collection, a social greenhouse and terraformed program areas to balance private living, shared gathering and connection to the agricultural landscape.

The project also challenged students to think about Shaker history as a living source of design inspiration rather than a fixed aesthetic to preserve or replicate.

"My hope is that the project inspires a more 'Shaker' perspective on the future of Shaker Village," Smith said. "To me, that means understanding Shaker methodology not as something fixed in the

past, but as a radical and innovative way of responding to the needs of a particular time. I hope this approach invites new ways of connecting with Shaker Village through processes that are as forward-thinking today as the Shakers were in their own time."

Working with a real-world client allowed Smith to practice community-based design, developing a space that worked not only as an architectural form, but also as a practical response to the daily needs of the people who would live and work there.

"We were able to have a very dynamic dialogue with the client regarding the programs and operations of the residents' lives," Smith said. "Where does land management equipment go? What about transport vehicles? In communal living, where do the public and private sectors depart one another? These questions became central through our engagement with the client and site."

Harberson said conversations with Shaker Village staff

also helped students understand both the organization's current needs and its long-term vision.

"Working with Billy Rankin, Ben Laffew and the rest of the Shaker Village staff to understand and develop our idea made this one of the most realistic projects I have been able to work on in school," Harberson said. "It really allowed us to understand the perspectives of the people who work and take care of Shaker Village, now and into the future."

The partnership also gave Shaker Village a broad range

of student-generated ideas to consider as it continues to balance preservation, public access, ecological stewardship and future development.

"My hope is that projects like this open more people's eyes to the uniqueness and history of this place and that it pushes the boundaries for what Shaker Village could be in the future," Harberson said. "Allowing students to explore and share big ideas for the site, from each of our unique perspectives, enriches the design process for the Shaker Village staff and

donors moving into the future."

Together, the studios offered Shaker Village more than speculative design. They created a shared conversation about how architecture and landscape architecture can honor the past, respond to present-day needs and help imagine a more sustainable future for one of Kentucky's most treasured places.

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Ethan Smith's model for his architecture studio project "Post-Shakerism: south dwelling seasonal employee housing." Photo provided by Ethan Smith.

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been refining for over two decades. She got her start in 1998 in the dry forests of Costa Rica, studying how plants survive months without rain. She was supposed to stay six months. She stayed two years.

"I was doing a good enough job that my adviser kept finding money for me to stay," Gotsch said.

Later, while working in the cloud forests of Mexico, Gotsch learned to climb towering oaks and place instruments

right next to the leaves, measuring how trees absorb water directly from fog. It was painstaking, physically demanding work hauling sensors and data loggers into the canopy by rope. But it also gave her something most forest researchers never get: a direct read on what a tree is doing in real time, high above the ground.

Those same techniques are what she's now bringing to Kentucky's white oak stands. She's collaborating with Lhotka, a UK FNR professor of silviculture, on a

project based in Berea. Because the work involves tracking trees across seasons and years, she expects to return periodically to run new rounds of physiology measurements and build a clearer picture over time.

Gotsch said the canopy is where the real answers tend to hide. Plenty of scientists study forests, she said, but very few actually climb into them. According to her, most of the biologists who do are studying animals such as birds, bats and primates. Tree physiologists like

her are rare up there. "It feels like this secret world that I have the great honor to be able to study," Gotsch said.

The best part, she said, are the surprises — the moments when the data doesn't match what the textbooks predicted.

"You think it works a certain way, and then you get up there and realize you were completely wrong," Gotsch said. "That's what I love about this work — it never stops raising new questions."

That curiosity is now aimed squarely at the white oaks of

Appalachia. If Gotsch and her colleagues can figure out exactly why young oaks are stalling, it could help land managers across the region make smarter decisions about which trees to protect and how to give the next generation of oaks a fighting chance.

Gotsch's broader research on cloud forests and canopy ecology will be featured in an upcoming episode of "Overview," a PBS series of short science documentaries, expected to air this summer. Check local PBS listings for air

dates.

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Hoosier National Forest female wood duck perched on a limb

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 - June 6, 2 p.m. EDT - Guided Bird Hike at Pioneer Mothers Memorial Forest (Orange County)
 - June 6, 9 - 9:15 p.m. EDT - Twilight Hike at Hemlock Cliffs (Crawford County)
 - June 26, 6 - 7 pm CDT - Mushrooms

of Indiana & Craft at the Rickenbaugh House (within the Indian-Celina Lakes Recreation Area - Perry County)

- June 27, 10 to 3 CDT - Open House at Historic Rickenbaugh House (Indian-Celina Lakes Recreation Area - Perry County)
- June 27, 9:30 - 11 p.m. EDT - Moonlit Trek at Hardin Ridge Recreation Area (Monroe County)

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- June 5 - Woodsy Owl Storytime - Greensburg Public Library, 10:00 a.m. EDT
- June 6 - Hike and Learn- Jasper Farmers Market and Riverwalk, 8 - noon
- June 21 - Science and Nature Cafe - Unearthing Archaeology - Bedford Public Library - 6 to 7 p.m. EDT
- June 17- Smokey Bear Storytime - 10:30 a.m. EDT - Crawford County Public Library
- June 18 - Unearth a Story- Walk at Pioneer Mothers Memorial Forest, Paoli, 2:00 p.m. EDT
- June 26 - Skins and Skulls - 1 p.m. EDT - Brownstown Public Library
- June 27- Conservation Fair - Washington Farmers Market, 8 a.m. - noon EDT

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