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Isaiah 43:1-3 Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the LORD thy God.



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What makes Amanda Roush smile? "Seeing my kids smile is my No. 1 reason to smile. But I also love living in our little community and seeing so many wonderful faces out and around the Square," said the Old Town Noblesville resident, whose 1890s house was featured among 11 stops in this year's Noblesville Preservation Alliance 35th annual Historic Home Tour. She is married to Matt Roush, who works at Allison Transmission, and they have two children, Addison, 9, a fourth-grader at North Elementary; and Hudson, 2. They also have two Shih Tzus, Peyton, Bella and Sophie. The Roushes relocated to this area about six years ago from Georgia. Matt's family is from Fishers, and he graduated from Hamilton Southeastern High School in 1998. He was attending college in Georgia when they met. Besides working on their house, she enjoys playing with her kids and reading. Celebrate Halloween during Noblesville Preservation Alliance's entertaining evening exploring murder ballads music genre during "Murder in Noblesville" from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. this Saturday at Preservation Hall, with tickets \$10 each at the door.

And Another Thing...

1. Free Yoga in Fishers

Free yoga classes are making their return to Billericay Park this winter starting Nov. 9! Join Fishers Parks from 9 to 10 a.m. every Wednesday for a class that's open to all skill levels. No pre-registration is required; Just bring your yoga mat! All sessions are guided by Roots & Wings Yoga Wellness.

2. Trunk or Treat

The First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville has invited Noblesville to a free Trunk-or-Treat event in the church parking lot on this Saturday from 5-7 pm at 1207 Conner Street, Noblesville.

Bring your little ghouls and goblins and enjoy lots of treats, a make-n-take craft, music, and a brown bag hot-dog dinner. In the event of inclement weather, all festivities will be held inside. For any questions, call the church at (317) 773-2383.

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Photo provided by Lisa Stokes-Bear

Friendly characters greet folks on the Cicero Haunted Trail during a previous year.

Cicero Haunted Trail: Enter if You Dare...



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

This Friday and Saturday, the ghosts and goblins will be out in Cicero.

Look for three Cicero Haunted Trail Trolley Stops. Then park your car and climb aboard a "Spooky Trolley" and head for Cicero Parks' third annual Haunted Trail at Red Bridge Park.

Kid-friendly hours are 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., and spooky after-dark hours are 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. both Friday and Saturday.

The Halloween event has been a huge success, thanks to its

many volunteers and the people from the community attending the event, said Lisa Stokes-Bear, organizer of the Haunted Trail and a member of the Friends of the Park committee for Cicero.

The early hours are daylight hours, "not spooky," she said. "Just tents to walk through. No one scares you." But after dark it will be scary. "It is dark, and things will jump out at you."

The Haunted Trail, in its third year, takes about a week to set,

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County to Expand Broadband Access with \$9M in Public and Private Funds

The Hamilton County Commissioners and Invest Hamilton County have attracted an estimated \$9 million to expand broadband access to nearly 3,600 unserved or underserved homes, businesses and farms in the county. The funding, which comes from a mix of federal, state and private sources, will be used to extend high-speed internet access, including fiber optic access.

Hamilton County has advanced its broadband expansion

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Getting into the Spirit(s) of Halloween



PAULA DUNN
From Time to Thyme

I couldn't let Halloween pass without an appropriately spooky column!

Westfield's Michael and Nicole Kobrowski are probably best known for their books on the paranormal and for their Historic Indiana Ghost Walks & Tours, but did you know they also conduct ghost investigations?

I'm not talking about "giggle-giggle-let's-scare-ourselves-silly" ghost hunting. These are serious inquiries into the

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We're Doing It Again!

The Noblesville Times once again has free tickets to give away for the Christmas Gift + Hobby Show. This year's extravaganza is scheduled for Nov. 9-13 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds.

All you have to do to win two tickets (valued at \$28) is send us a selfie of you and our front page (Print or Online Edition). Be sure to tell us who you are, where you are from and a little bit about yourself so we can include it if your photo is selected to publish on our front page. If we use your smiling photo on

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HONEST HOOSIER

Does anyone soap windows anymore? It's so sad that we live in a world where harmless pranks are no longer safe.



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Getting up at the same time every day is very important to getting good sleep.

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.



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



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TODAY'S QUOTE

"On Hallowe'en the thing you must do is pretend that nothing can frighten you An' if somethin' scares you and you want to run Jus' let on like it's Hallowe'en fun."
- From an Early Nineteenth Century Halloween Postcard

TODAY'S JOKE

What do you call a fat pumpkin?
A "plumpkin!"

7 DAY FORECAST						
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Fire Departments Receive Grants Administered by DNR Forestry

The Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department is one of more than eighty rural and volunteer fire departments from 50 counties that have been awarded more than \$351,000 in Volunteer Fire Assistance grants.

The Sheridan Volunteer Department received \$2,367.50 for water handling.

The awards, which were announced yesterday by DNR Director Dan Bortner, will be used for training, installation of dry hydrants or to purchase necessary firefighting equipment and gear to combat wildland fires. The grants are administered by the DNR Division of Forestry and made available through the U.S. Department



of Agriculture Forest Service.

Recipients were selected based on population density, acres of public lands protected, and wildland fire reporting to DNR Fire Control Headquarters. As in past years, emphasis is given to projects that involved the fighting of wildfires. The awarded grants

range from \$1,250 to \$5,000.

Fire departments interested in applying for future grants should contact Mark Huter, Assistant State Fire Coordinator by calling (765) 792-4654.

To view a list of all grant recipients, as well as all DNR news releases, visit dnr.IN.gov.

Fishers Department of Public Works Earns APWA Accreditation for Third Time, Remains only Accredited Agency in Indiana

APWA Accreditation recognizes agencies that lead in best practices, continuous improvements of operations and management

Fishers DPW manages street, park, and facilities maintenance of City-owned properties, conducts snow and ice removal throughout the city, and manages and maintains the wastewater and stormwater utilities that serve Fishers.

Ninety-five full-time and 35 part-time men and women serve the residents of Fishers as employees of Fishers DPW.

Fishers, Ind. – The Fishers Department of Public Works (DPW) received full accreditation by the American Public Works Association (APWA) for the third time, maintaining its place as the only accredited public works department in Indiana. The accreditation formally verifies and recognizes that the agency is in full compliance with the recommended management practices set forth in APWA's Public Works Management Practices Manual.

The purpose of accreditation is to promote excellence in the operation and management of a public works agency, its programs, and employees. Accreditation is designed to assist the agency in continuous improvement of operations



and management, and in providing a valid and objective evaluation of agency programs as a service to the public and the profession.

"The awarding of our third APWA Accreditation reflects the dedication from all the staff toward continuous improvements and excellence. We are extremely proud to receive this honor," said DPW director Eric Pethtel.

"Recognition for this prestigious APWA award goes to all the staff from public works whose mission is to provide professional services and programs that contribute to making Fishers a great place to live and work. We received our first APWA accreditation award in 2013 and have worked hard to maintain that status for nearly a decade."

Open to all governmental agencies with responsibilities for public works functions, initial accreditation from APWA is for a four-year period, during which time semi-annual updates are required to demonstrate continuing compliance. After that time, there is a re-accreditation process which builds on the original accreditation, encouraging continuous



Mayor Scott Fadness

improvement and compliance with newly identified practices.

Formally awarded the prestigious accreditation by APWA's Accreditation Council for the third time, the Fishers Department of Public Works was originally awarded APWA Accreditation in 2013.

"I'm extremely proud of the men and women of our public works team who work tirelessly 24-7 to keep our community running," said Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness.

"With accreditation comes industry acknowledgement of their hard work, and frankly, innovative approaches to making sure our roadways are clear and maintained, our parks remain well-kept, and sewer and storm water are appropriately processed. This is a department who can oftentimes be taken for granted but without their dedication, Fishers wouldn't be the community we all know and love."

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Dairy Queen No More!



The Times Photos courtesy of Betsy Reason

The Dairy Queen on South 10th Street in Noblesville is demolished on Monday afternoon to make way for the coming Pleasant Street roundabout. Demolition continued on Tuesday. The Noblesville DQ has served the community for 68 years, since 1954, and the current location since 1975. The DQ is owned by the Reasner family (J.D. Restaurants), who bought the Noblesville Dairy Queen in 1989. Cathy McConnell Zeller, a 1972 graduate of Noblesville High School, started working at the original Dairy Queen across the street in March 1969, at age 15. She was general manager when the store closed on Aug. 7 and is now managing the Greenfield location.



Photo by Mark Winemiller courtesy of Jake Waterman

Noblesville Masons Clean Up Their Adopted Street

Last Saturday morning, the Masons of Noblesville Lodge No. 57 gathered, for the second time this year, for their street cleanup with participating Masons, Chris Hurlock (chairman, from left), Jake Waterman, Jerry Matlock, Gene Beck and Ron Williamson. Mark Winemiller was on the back side of the camera. The Masons several years ago joined the Noblesville Adopt-A-Street program, which assists the Noblesville Street Department in keeping the city beautiful. Groups select a city street to clean at least twice during their year-long commitment; the Masons do cleanup spring and fall on their adopted street, which is Hague Road from 196th Street to Carrigan Road in Noblesville. The street department provided the Masons with safety vests, garbage bags and gloves and picked up and disposed of all trash bags and debris collected in the right-of-way following the work day. A sign with their organization name is posted in their cleanup area on Hague Road just south of Noblesville West Middle School bus garage.

Westfield Chamber of Commerce Seeking Two Board Candidates

The Westfield Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is seeking candidates to fill two vacancies on their fifteen-member Board.

The Westfield Chamber welcomes individual applicants with relevant skills and experience to help the Board continue to meet the needs of the Chamber's growing organization to serve a growing community.

Serving on the Chamber Board is an important way to give back to Westfield, develop friendships and working relationships, meet personal leadership goals and advance your career.

There are two three-year

terms available to ensure a staggered board transition moving forward. Each candidate would be eligible for a second three-year term when your initial term has ended.

Since 1981, the Westfield Chamber of Commerce has served its members, the greater Westfield Community, and Hamilton County. The Chamber has been a thoughtful partner with the community and a champion of progress and a positive business environment. We are interested in finding applicants from all career experience levels to help us continue to represent our diverse and growing community. The board encourages

you to review the application if interested. The packet includes information about the application process, the application, job description, commitment statement, and conflict of interest form. The application can be downloaded at [d31hzlhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20221024/d3/47/6a/36/d29e301bb2d5d7c58ca069e9/2023 Westfield Chamber Board of Directors Application WRT.pdf](https://d31hzlhk6di2h5.cloudfront.net/20221024/d3/47/6a/36/d29e301bb2d5d7c58ca069e9/2023%20Westfield%20Chamber%20Board%20of%20Directors%20Application%20WRT.pdf)

Questions about the position or completed applications can be sent to info@westfieldchamberindy.com. Applications will be accepted through Nov. 18.



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READI to Bring New Life, Vibrant Downtown District to McCordsville

Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers joined local officials Monday to break ground on the McCord Square Downtown District, a \$50 million, 48-acre quality of place investment in McCordsville.



Secretary Brad Chambers

The project, which is advancing with support from the nationally recognized Indiana Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative, will create a new central hub and identity for the fast-growing community in central Indiana that will serve as a central gathering space for residents and visitors, establishing a vibrant new sense of place and increasing outdoor, commercial and residential amenities.

“Indiana’s transformational READI initiative is breathing new life into neighborhoods, communities and urban cores across the state,” Chambers said. “It’s an exciting day for McCordsville and for the Central Indiana region as we break ground on a landmark development that will help transform this growing community into a future-focused destination that will attract and support the entrepreneurs, innovators and talent of tomorrow’s economy.”

The nationally recognized READI program is allocating \$500 million to 17 regions across the state to accelerate shovel-ready

projects and programs that are expected to transform Indiana communities, attract talent and improve the quality of life for Hoosiers in the short and long term.

In Central Indiana, McCordsville is part of the White River Regional Opportunity Initiative Partnership that was awarded \$20 million in READI matching funds advance the region’s vision focused on equity, environment and economy, supporting population growth, talent attraction and retention, and smart economic development.

McCord Square is a 48-acre mixed-use development that is a key project in the White River corridor, designed to establish a new, future-focused identity for this growing community that has been transforming from a rural farming town.

This new town center, located on the southeast corner of Broadway Avenue (S.R. 67) and Mt. Comfort Road, will serve

as a dense, central gathering spot and will establish a true downtown for the community, bolstering business and talent attraction.

“This groundbreaking is the next big step in creating a new identity for McCordsville” said McCordsville Town Councilman Larry Longman.

“Town leadership and staff have spent over a decade planning for this development, and today represents the culmination of so many moving parts coming together to create a new direction for our community. With the addition of the READI grant we are able to add many more amenities and details to this first phase to make this project unique.”

READI matching funds are being used to support phase one of the project (\$3.5M READI allocation), which includes McCord Square Apartments, the district’s anchor development that will feature 205 new apartment homes and commercial studios on the first floor, as well as essential infrastructure projects, including roadways and trails with lighting, landscaping and water features, 15 acres of open park space, and irrigation and stormwater facilities.

The apartments and the surrounding infrastructure are scheduled to be complete in early spring

of 2024, paving the way for community growth and future development.

Through READI, 17 regions across the state that represent all 92 counties are moving forward with projects and programs designed to enhance Indiana’s regions for current and future generations of Hoosiers. Collectively, the state’s \$500 million investment is expected to yield an additional \$9.86 billion public, private and nonprofit dollars invested (19.72:1 investment leverage ratio) in enhancing Indiana’s quality of life, quality of place and quality of opportunity.

About IEDC:

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) is charged with growing the State economy, driving economic development, helping businesses launch, grow and locate in the state. Led by Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers and governed by a 15-member board chaired by Governor Eric J. Holcomb, the IEDC manages many initiatives, including performance-based tax credits, workforce training grants, innovation and entrepreneurship resources, public infrastructure assistance, and talent attraction and retention efforts.

For more information about the IEDC, visit iedc.in.gov.

PUBLIC NOTICES

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
 Notice is hereby given that SEALED BIDS will be received:
BY AND AT: Hagerman, Inc. / C/O Noblesville Schools
 18025 River Road
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 Attn: Dr. David Hortemiller
FOR A NEW: Noblesville High School Athletics Addition
 18111 Cumberland Road
 Noblesville, IN 46060
UNTIL: 2:00 P.M., local time, November 22, 2022.
DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: Work includes a new Athletics Addition to the existing Noblesville High School.
RECEIPT OF BIDS: Bids received by mail or other carrier must be addressed to: Hagerman, Inc. c/o David Hortemiller, Noblesville Schools 18025 River Road, Noblesville, IN 46062 and received on or before 2:00 pm, Tuesday November 22, 2022 to be valid. Bids received after the designated day and time listed above will be returned unopened. Any postal/courier service is the agent of the Bidder.
BID OPENING: Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at 2:00 pm local time in the Board Room of the Noblesville School Educational Services Center located at 18025 River Road, Noblesville, IN 46062.
PRE-BID MEETING: A pre-bid meeting for interested parties will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 1:00 PM local time. We will plan at the project site, Noblesville High School located at 18111 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060. This meeting is not mandatory, but all Interested Bidders are encouraged to attend.
CONTRACT TYPE: The project(s) will be constructed utilizing the Construction Manager as Constructor (CMc) delivery method for public work. The Construction Manager will contract with multiple First Tier Subcontractors for the Bid items listed below, with bids received on a lump sum basis for each bid item. Each proposal shall include all labor, equipment, and materials necessary to complete the project in strict accordance with the Construction Drawings, Project Schedule, Project Manual and Technical Specifications.
 The Construction Manager will receive sealed Bids for the following Bid Item(s) of work:
 Bid Item #01: Pre-Engineered Metal Building, Precast Concrete Planks and Steel Work
SUBCONTRACTOR PREQUALIFICATION: All subcontractors must be pre-qualified prior to submission of the bid. Pre-qualification forms can be obtained by contacting Misael Ramirez, Hagerman, Inc., 317-577-6836, MRamirez@HagermanGC.com. The completed pre-qualification forms with attachments shall be submitted to Misael Ramirez by 5:00 PM Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Completed forms may be emailed to Misael Ramirez or a hard copy delivered to Hagerman’s office (10315 Allisonville Road) in a sealed envelope. Financial information will be kept confidential. Pre-qualified subcontractors will be notified of approval by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, November 9, 2022.
Documents Prepared by:
 CSO Architects, Inc.
 8831 Keystone Crossing
 Indianapolis, IN 46240
Construction Manager as Constructor (CMc):
 Hagerman, Inc.
 10315 Allisonville Road
 Fishers, IN 46038
BID DOCUMENTS: Interested Prime Bidders may purchase Bidding Documents at Eastern Engineering. Documents will be available on or after October 26, 2022. Documents are available electronically by contacting:
 Misael Ramirez, Hagerman, Inc., MRamirez@HagermanGC.com
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 Hagerman, Inc. Main Office (Fishers, IN): (317) 577-6836.
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<http://distribution.easternengineering.com/View/Default.aspx>
 Office: (317) 598-0661
 Any questions concerning bidding this project, project completion, scheduling, project administration, etc. shall be directed to:
 Mike Holtkamp, Hagerman, Inc., MHoltkamp@HagermanGC.com
 Hagerman, Inc. Main Office (Fishers, IN): (317) 577-6836.
BID DOCUMENTS - REVIEW: Construction will be in accordance with the bid documents, which may be viewed at the following locations, as well as local plan rooms:
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 18025 River Road
 Noblesville, IN 46062
 2. Hagerman, Inc.
 10315 Allisonville Road
 Fishers, IN 46038
 3. CSO Architects, Inc.
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BID SECURITY: Bids are not required to include a Bid Security or Bid Bond or Certified Check.
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E-VERIFY AND BACKGROUND CHECKS: The Contractor and subcontractors shall fully comply with all the E-Verify requirements set forth in Ind. Code 22-5-1.7. <https://www.uscis.gov/e-verify> and background checks.
SAFETY: All Contractors shall comply with OSHA and IOSHA rules and regulations regarding Safety for this project and all contractors shall abide by the 2020 Hagerman Safety Manual. The safety manual can be found accessible at www.thehagermangroup.com using password “safety”.
TAXES, PERMITS, INSPECTIONS: All Bids shall be submitted without inclusion in the bid price for the amounts, if any, of Indiana State Gross Retail and Use Tax (generally called the “Sales Tax”) for materials and properties that are to be purchased by the Bidder that will become a permanent part of the Project. Owner will provide a tax-exempt form.
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Stokes-Bear said.

The organizer and her committee descended upon Red Bridge Park community building on Monday, starting to lay out props for the Haunted Trail.

The event takes about 75 volunteers -- who hail from the community and within the Cicero Friends of the Park and Hamilton Heights High School clubs -- who help with set up and those who are on the trail waiting to spook visitors.

The Halloween event takes several months of planning, meeting with Cicero Police, Fire and Parks Superintendent Jimmy Hunter, Stokes-Bear said. "The department heads of Cicero are great to work with," she said. "The park superintendent is very accommodating, and his staff is willing to help."

There is no admission fee to this Halloween event. However, freewill donations will be accepted and go to Cicero Parks. The Haunted Trail is paved and wheelchair accessible.

"It is very important to us to always keep the Haunted Trail free," Stokes-Bear said. "My husband, Brian Bear, and myself and Cheryl Trietsch are the main coordinators and we love doing this for the community and want to give back."

"Part of it is all of the fun for volunteers," she said. There are all kinds of duties for volunteers, from characters on the Haunted Trail to trolley-stop hosts in town, to golf-cart drivers for shuttle across the bridge, and Haunted Trail line host greeters.

"It is a blast. We love doing it," Stokes-Bear said.

In 2021, the event raised \$7,500 in donations that went to Cicero Parks.

Besides the trail, the event offers food and vendors. "We are excited to add the Boy Scouts of Cicero to our event," she said. Boy Scouts are cooking and serving up ham and beans and cornbread.

"We have several food vendors, and large fire pits to sit around and stay warm."

Hamilton Heights Business Club will be there on Friday, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., leading games.

There will also be special Royal Events entertainment.

During the Haunted Trail event, only golf-cart parking will be permitted at Red Bridge Park. There will be no public parking at the park, and no parking along Morse Landing



Photo provided by Lisa Stokes-Bear

A free "Spooky Trolley" will pick up event goers at three parking lots in Cicero.



Photo provided by Lisa Stokes-Bear

Park your car in Cicero and look for the Cicero Haunted Trail Trolley Stop, where you might also meet a scary character.

Drive during the event.

A free "Spooky Trolley" will pick up event goers at three designated parking lots, along Jackson Street in Cicero: Boathouse Kitchen & Swan Dive, 409 W. Jackson St.; corner of Jackson and Washington streets; and corner of Jackson and Pearl streets. Look for Trolley signage. The trolley gets to every stop about every 10 to 15 minutes. Two six-seater golf carts will also transport guests for free.

But event goers don't have to wait on the trolley. They can also walk. "It's only a five-minute short walk across the bridge if they park in Cicero parking lots," Stokes-Bear said.

A \$100 cash prize will be awarded during a pumpkin-carving contest during the Trail. Bring your carved pumpkin during these drop-off times: 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Label pumpkin with name and phone number and provide a battery-operated candle.

Want TO GO?

What: Cicero Parks' Haunted Trail.

When: 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, kid-friendly hours 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. and spooky hours 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Where: Red Bridge Park, 697 W. Jackson St., Cicero.

How much: Freewill donations go to Cicero Parks.

Good to know: The trail is paved and wheelchair accessible. Golf cart parking only at Red Bridge, Spooky Trolley will pick up at designated parking lots in Cicero, no parking along Morse Landing Drive.

Spooky Trolley offers three pickup locations: Boathouse Kitchen & Swan Dive, 409 W. Jackson St.; corner of Jackson and Washington streets; and corner of Jackson and Pearl streets. Look for Cicero Haunted Trail Trolley Stop signage.

What else: \$100 cash prize for a pumpkin-carving contest during the Trail. Bring your carved pumpkin during these drop-off times: 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 26-27, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 28, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 29. Label pumpkin with name and phone number and provide a battery-operated candle. Pumpkins will be judged by Haunted Trail staff and will be showcased along the Haunted Trail on Saturday.

Pumpkins will be judged by Haunted Trail staff and will be showcased along the Haunted Trail on Saturday. The Bears and Cheryl Trietsch are sponsors of the contest.

They are among several Haunted Trail creators who include: Brian and Lisa

Bear, Cheryl Trietsch, Ron and Shannel Ewing, Steve Stackhouse, Chris and Mel Lovell, Allen Gross, Crystal Bannon, Tina Harris and Cicero Friends of the Park.

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paranormal.

I know because I've participated in some of them. If you could see all the equipment the Kobrowskis take to the various locations, you'd know they were serious investigators.

I've watched them lug around things like EMF (electric and magnetic field) meters, deer cams, digital cameras, heat sensitive cameras, digital recorders (to record EVPs — electronic voice phenomena) and laser grids. (Laser grids project a pattern of colored dots that can be interrupted by shadowy figures.)

They've also used smaller, non-"techy" tools to communicate with spirits, such as dowsing rods, flashlights (they can be rigged so that ghosts can respond to questions by turning them on and off,) and various "trigger items" (familiar objects to which a ghost might be drawn, like a toy for a child spirit.)

It never hurts to have a psychic along, either.

The Kobrowski's investigations have taken them out of state to such well known paranormal hotspots as the Lizzie Borden House in Fall River, Massachusetts (it's now a bed & breakfast and museum,) the Waverly Hills Sanatorium in Louisville, Kentucky, and the Villisca Axe Murder House in Villisca, Iowa. (Eight people were murdered there in 1912.)

They've also explored many haunted properties right here in central Indiana. Some of these were private investigations, undertaken with a loose-knit group of like-minded friends, while other investigations were open to the public.

Their public investigations are generally fundraisers for the organization that operates whatever building is being investigated.

Past local investigations include Lebanon's Strange Cragun House (home of the Boone County Historical Society,) the Wayne County Historical Society in Richmond, Noblesville's A. H. Lacy Block, and the Slippery Noodle Inn in downtown Indianapolis — just to name a few. Currently, there are

three upcoming public investigations on the calendar: the Athenaeum in downtown Indianapolis on Nov. 19, the Old Sheriff's Residence and Jail on the Hamilton County courthouse square on Dec. 3 and the Morris-Butler House on Indianapolis's Old Northside on Jan. 28.

If you're interested in signing up for one of those — or any future public investigation — be aware that they all take place at night and usually run past midnight. (The Athenaeum investigations go all night long!)

In addition, space is limited and certain rules must be observed (like always using your "indoor voice" to avoid interfering with someone attempting to record EVPs.) You'll also be asked to sign a liability waiver.

If you have any questions, visit the Historic Indiana Ghost Walks & Tours Facebook page or their website, www.unseenspress.com.

You should check out their web pages anyway, if only to see photos they've posted from past investigations. Ghosts aside, all the buildings are pretty fascinating in their own right.

At this point, you're probably wondering if they've had any success contacting the Other Side.

Oh, yeah. It's not unusual for them to receive information that's confirmed by later research. Strange odors have popped out of nowhere (like fried chicken in a kitchen where nobody is cooking,) ghostly footsteps have been heard, shadowy figures and orbs have been observed and/or photographed . . . the list goes on.

If you're skeptical, there's one particular photo on the Unseen Press website you really need to see. It was taken at the old Hamilton County jail and shows Michael and Nicole's former daughter-in-law in one of the juvenile cells.

She's NOT alone — if you get my drift.

Happy Halloween!

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initiative through the formation of a Broadband Task Force, a diverse group of stakeholders representing agriculture, education, health, business, economic development and local leadership. The group's goal is to identify broadband connectivity issues within the county.

Using mapping information along with analysis from government advisors at Katz, Sapper & Miller, the Commissioners, Invest Hamilton County and the Broadband Task Force have identified areas that are unserved or underserved and will be developing a strategic plan for future investment.

"Commissioners Altman, Dillinger, and I are pleased with the efforts of the county to get broadband to more residents than ever before." Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt said.

"The work done by Invest Hamilton County and our Broadband Taskforce has positioned us to successfully receive grants from federal, state, and private sources both now

and in the future. While we are pleased by the progress made, we understand there is much more work ahead of us to get broadband connectivity to as many residents as possible."

To see if your location is now funded as a part of one of the federal investments, visit fcc.gov/reports-research/maps/rdo-phase-i-dec-2020/. Please note, LTD Broadband defaulted on 181 locations (\$151,116) in the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) auction. These locations are no longer funded through this program, and the county is currently seeking new investors in those areas.

The RDOF federal investments are anticipated to be deployed over the next six years, and the county is actively working to reduce this timeline by working with providers to expedite permits, streamline infrastructure investments and provide coordination as utilities seek to serve unserved areas.

How can you help attract broadband to your neighborhood?

Underserved residents and businesses play a critical role in helping attract investment to your area. If you still need high-speed internet service, please visit the following two websites to help the county attract investments to your location:

Indiana Farm Bureau Speed Test: infarmbureau.org/resources/broadband-speed-test

Taking the test will allow residents to determine their current internet speed and provide important data to ensure unserved or underserved areas are eligible for upcoming broadband grants and private investment.

Indiana Farm Bureau formed the Indiana Broadband Strategic Partnership (IBSP) to expand reliable broadband service to Indiana's most unserved and underserved communities. IBSP also includes Cook Medical Group, Duke Energy Foundation, Indiana Association of Realtors, Radius Indiana, and the Regional Opportunity Initiative.

Indiana Connectivity

Program: indianaegms.force.com/nlc/s/login/Self-Register?locale=us

The Indiana Connectivity Program is designed to provide faster grant funding to smaller neighborhoods or locations that are currently near, but just out of reach of, an existing provider. Hamilton County received funding from the program to provide rapid service to 12 locations that were near an existing provider but not close enough to make an extension possible.

The residents at those locations signed up for the new program through the Office of Community and Rural Affairs' (OCRA) Indiana Connectivity Program. Residents and businesses are encouraged to sign up for the program so that providers can apply to receive grant funds, on a rolling basis, to serve those locations.

The County, Invest Hamilton County and the Broadband Taskforce will continue to provide updates and inform residents about how they can help attract investment to Hamilton County.

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