

**TODAY'S VERSE**  
Luke 10:19 I give unto  
you power to tread on  
serpents and scorpions,  
and over all the power of  
the enemy: and nothing  
shall by any means hurt  
you.



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What makes Fulton Mraz smile? "I'm a Special Olympics (gold medal winner) for the 100-meter dash," said the 24-year-old Cicero resident. "I have autism," said the 2018 graduate of Hamilton Heights High School. "Right now, we're focusing on helping other people and trying to do entertainment for other people ... like singing and writing some songs." He loves to entertain. He was found in July at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair, sporting dark sunglasses and a black T-shirt printed with "Subscribed" to his YouTube channel, "Mr. Fulton Mraz," for which he has more than 2,000 subscribers. Earlier this year, he competed in Noblesville's Got Talent in downtown Noblesville and Cicero's Got Talent. He also competed a previous year at the 4-H Youth Talent Show during the Hamilton County 4-H Fair. He is the son of Emily and Tony Mraz. What else? "I have a job at Texas Roadhouse ... in Carmel ... I do the silverware." His mom takes him to work. "After high school, I looked for opportunities to volunteer and after that I went to college ... at Limitless (Transition Program) for special needs ... It helps people get jobs and opportunities." The most fun activity at the Fair? "Meeting a lot of people and having fun." He was watching the Swine Show, watching for his friend, Liam, from his neighborhood. He said, "This perfect day makes me smile." Look for Hamilton County 4-H Fair results in a special online section in upcoming editions this month in The Times.

**And Another Thing...**

**1. Iguanas and Snakes**

You can imagine the shock Crystal Collins of Hollywood, FL had when her husband discovered an iguana in a toilet bowl in their home recently. "We both looked at each other like what are we going to do. I joked about burning the house down. Neither of us do lizards." They wound up calling a friend to come over and help get rid of the creature. Meanwhile, in Tucson, AZ, Michelle Lespron had a similar shock when she returned from vacation; she lifted the lid of her toilet and found a black and pink coachwhip snake. "I slammed the lid back down right away when I saw it," she told reporters. Michelle wasted no time in contacting a snake wrangler who explained that coachwhip snakes aren't poisonous but can get aggressive.

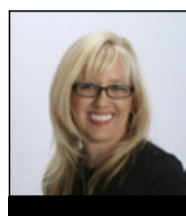
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## At 99, Helen Loves Volunteering At Red Geranium Market



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

Helen LeCount doesn't mind sharing her age with anybody who asks. The 70-year member of the First Presbyterian Church in Noblesville -- who can be found this Saturday volunteering at the church's eighth annual Red Geranium Artisan Market -- is 99 years old.

She loves to play Euchre, take walks and do good with the ladies of her church.

LeCount especially likes to volunteer each year at the Presbyterian Women Bake Sale during the church's Red Geranium Market.

She likes working the cash box.

"I count money," she said. When she makes change, she counts the money aloud to her customers. "You know you're getting the right change, and I know I'm giving it to you," she said.

Being at the bake sale, LeCount said, "I enjoy seeing my friends, enjoy taking their money, and I enjoy counting it and seeing how much we make. I enjoy being with my friends and seeing a lot of my friends I haven't seen for a while ... and talking with them. I love them. I love my church." (Her friend Gigi Nash, 93, has been alongside her for years, I'm told.) Saturday's market is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and features more than 50 juried artisan booths, a stage with live entertainment, food and, of course, the bake sale. All proceeds fund church mission projects.

LeCount has been involved in the Noblesville church since 1953 and has volunteered at the church rummage sales and bake sales for the past 55 years, since 1968.

"I was in charge of the rummage sales for years, and I started the bake sales," she said. LeCount baked chocolate chip and peanut butter cookies, brownies, and apple and cherry pies for many, many bake sales. "I baked a lot," she said, although LeCount "wasn't much for baking cakes."

She baked for many years. "At first, I did every year, then in later years, I hadn't," she said. "I just donate money."

For some events, she made banana bread but doesn't do much cooking any more. "When you're 99 years old, you're not supposed to. But I do keep busy. Tomorrow, my friends are picking me up at 11 a.m., and going to play Euchre



Photo provided courtesy of Jennie Auble of Red Geranium Artisan Market

**Helen LeCount, 99, Noblesville, volunteers every year at the bake sale at the Presbyterian Church of Noblesville's eighth annual Red Geranium Artisan Market, which is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the church on Conner Street in Noblesville.**

**Want TO GO?**

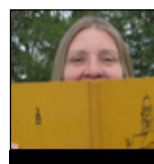
**What:** Eighth annual Red Geranium Artisan Market.  
**When:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.  
**Where:** First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville, 1207 Conner St., Noblesville.  
**How much:** Admission free.  
**Good to know:** More than 50 different juried vendors.  
**Live entertainment:** Holly Jones, 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.; Julia Keller-Welter, viola, 10:30 a.m.-noon; Rhythm and Cues Cloggers, 12:15 p.m.-1 p.m.; Emily Ann and Kelly Thompson, Celtic and American oldtime, folk, bluegrass, country, 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.  
**Food:** Smokey Blue Texas-style BBQ food truck, Stacco House by Mammamia Gelato, Presbyterian Women Bake Sale.  
**Missions:** Feeding Team Food Pantry (onsite), The Cooper House, Good Samaritan of Hamilton County, Third Phase, Camp Pyoca, Serve Noblesville and Christmas in Action; Henderson Settlement, Last Bell Ministries, Dorcas Basket, Jonathan Long and Zach Hanje.

and play Hand and Foot." She no longer drives but relies on friends and family. "I drove until age 92 or 93," said LeCount.

Her typical day? "Getting up around 7 a.m.," she said. "Sometimes if I get to bed late, I sleep until 9, maybe 10. ... but I don't like to do that. I like to get up and maybe take a nap later. I get up and fix my coffee, then I come back, get dressed before I go out of the

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## Noblesville's Lost Log Cabin



**PAULA DUNN**  
From Time to Thyme

If you've lived in this area as long as I have, I don't have to tell you today's Noblesville is nothing like the city I knew growing up here in the 1960s and '70s.

I used to be comforted by the thought that at least I was surrounded by familiar buildings, but even that's not as true as it once was.

It's a little scary to think how many iconic Noblesville landmarks have disappeared in just the last 30 years -- the Firestone building, the Carnegie library, the ABC Drive-In, the Noblesville Milling Company's concrete silos and wooden grain elevators . . .

I could keep going, but I want to stop and focus on one of those lost landmarks that I've never featured in this column before, Forest Park's log cabin.

The cabin was said to have been built in the 1860s by a German immigrant named William "Billy" Warnica. (A couple of articles written around the time the cabin was moved to the park spell the name "Warnaca," but based on older newspaper items, I believe "Warnica" is correct.)

Forest Park was only a year old in 1927 when members of the park board found the cabin on the George Webster farm, near the intersection of 209th Street/Carrigan Road and Hague Road in the rural neighborhood known as "Stringtown."

The board members, Dr. Earl Brooks, Will Hayes and Samuel Mott, ponied up \$50 of their own money to buy the building, but they had to depend on donations of money, material and labor to restore it -- and it did need a lot of work.

Although the cabin's poplar walls were sound, the roof had fallen in and had to be replaced. A new foundation, a new chimney and a fireplace were also needed.

Members of the local American Legion post came to the rescue. They raised the money to pay for the roof and for moving the dismantled cabin to its new location on the west edge of the park, near the intersection of the park's two main drives. They also helped reassemble the cabin.

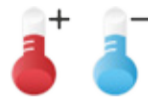
The fully restored "Cabin Club House," as it was originally called, was dedicated June 9, 1929 in a ceremony attended by several hundred people.

At the time of the dedication, the upper floor contained 15 double bunks for overnight stays. The lower floor was furnished with rustic furniture and boasted a fully equipped kitchen with service for 30 ("Forest Park" was printed on every

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## The Daily Almanac

**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 6:58 a.m.  
SET: 8:45 p.m.



**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 80 °F  
Low: 56 °F



**Today is...**

- National Airborne Day
- National Rum Day
- True Love Forever Day



**What Happened On This Day**

- **1960** Cyprus Attains Freedom From the British. The mediterranean island country first came under British control in the early 20th century as a strategic British outpost.
- **1954** First Issue of Sports Illustrated Hits the Newsstands. The sports magazine which is famous for its annual swimsuit issue was not profitable for the first few years of its existence. The boost in spectator sports eventually helped it become successful.
- **1858** The First Transatlantic Telegraph Message is sent. The message sent by Britain's Queen Victoria to American President James Buchanan, read 'Europe and America are united by telegraphic communication. Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace, goodwill to men.'



**Births On This Day**

- **1958** Madonna American singer-songwriter, actress, producer, director
- **1954** James Cameron Canadian film director, screenwriter, producer

**Deaths On This Day**

- **1977** Elvis Presley American singer, guitarist, actor
- **1959** William Halsey, Jr. American Admiral

**HONEST HOOSIER**

Do you realize that our tax dollars probably paid somebody in the government to change the term UFO to UAP? Glad that money was well spent!



**INSIDE TODAY**

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**TODAY'S QUOTE**

"How far that little candle throws its beams. So shines a good deed in a naughty world."  
-William Shakespeare

**TODAY'S JOKE**

What's Forrest Gump's password?  
1forrest1

**TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Most sinus infections are due to viruses and will get better without antibiotics.

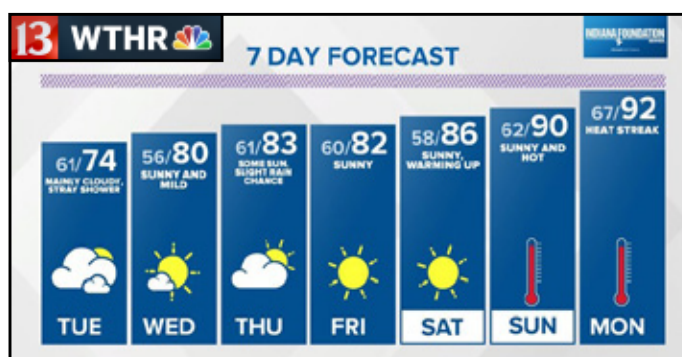
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➤ Meeting Notes

**Carmel Plan Commission Hearing Officer Meeting Agenda**

C2/mixed use district hearing thursday, august 24

Time: 3 P.M.  
Hearing Officer: Mr. Michael Hollibaugh, DOCS Director  
Location: Carmel City Hall, Caucus Rooms, 2nd Floor,

1 Civic Square, Carmel  
NOTE: This in-person meeting will be audio recorded and minutes taken by the Plan Commission Meeting Coordinator; the recordings will be available via Laserfiche online.

Agenda:  
A. Public Hearings  
1. Docket No. CRC PZ-2023-0125 DP/ADLS: Merchants Bank HQ2 at Carmel Midtown Lot B. This partnership project is for site plan and design approval of a five (5) story, 111,000 s.f. office building on a one (1) acre parcel at 420 3rd Avenue SW. The site is zoned C-2/Mixed Use District, filed by Walter Freihofer.

2. Docket No. CRC PZ-2023-00127 DP/ADLS: Monon Square North Mixed-Use Development. This partnership project is for site plan and design approval of two (2) buildings totaling 498,726 sq. ft. The buildings will be constructed on two parcels comprising of 4.15 acres; the address is 620 S. Range Line Road. The site is zoned C-2/ Mixed Use District, filed by David Stirman.

3. Docket No. CRC PZ-2023-00169 ADLS - Proscenium Tavern.

The applicant seeks architectural design, lighting, landscaping and signage approval for a proposed, one-story, 4500 square foot 'Tavern' building, to house two commercial tenants. The property is zoned C1/ City Center and located at 22 Proscenium Parkway. Filed by Tim Hill of Novo Development on behalf of the owner, Birkla Investment Group.

➤ Letters

**Writer Says Library Banning Books**

Dear Editor,  
In the book "Palm Sunday," Kurt Vonnegut writes, "Whenever ideas are squashed in this country, literate lovers of the American experiment write careful and intricate explanations of why all ideas must be allowed to live. It is time for them to realize that they are attempting to explain America at its bravest and most optimistic to oranges."

Hoosier-born Vonnegut was no stranger to book bans during his career. "Slaughterhouse-Five," his most well-known novel, has been challenged, removed, burned and banned from 1975 through the 2010s. A satirical sci-fi novel, people found Slaughterhouse offensive due to scenes involving sex, foul language, the acknowledgment of homosexuality, as well as its strong anti-war themes.

Now the bans have come to Central Indiana. Hamilton East Public Library (HEPL) board members will call this a "book-moving" crusade, as the teen sections in Noblesville and Fishers now resemble book ghost towns.

Another famous Hoosier author, John Green, is appalled at the removal of

"The Fault in Our Stars," a book written for teens with teen protagonists. Has the board read it? I doubt it.

Book bans and removals are a sad attempt at adults who feel threatened by people who don't think like them to hold onto the power they fear is disappearing. What is actually happening is an attempt at equality.

You have LGBTQIA neighbors. Black co-workers. Non-Christian family members. Drag queens exist. Let their perspectives be represented.

As a syndicated grammar columnist, I don't agree with any of the HEPL board's reasoning or perspectives on removing books from the library. Censorship has no place in the public library. It's a thinly veiled attempt at suppressing the public's First Amendment rights.

The HEPL board is wasting Hamilton County tax dollar money by combing through books to flag them for suspicious perspectives. I'm a proud Noblesville resident but ashamed of the HEPL board. We can't let this continue to happen.

Respectfully,  
Curtis Honeycutt  
AKA Grammar Guy  
Noblesville

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# ABA In Indiana At Risk

Founder Sherry Michael and her team want to bring awareness that the office of FSSA and Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) is working on cutting Reimbursement rates for ABA Providers in the State of Indiana so low that at least 90% will be out of business in a few months.

On August 8th, 2023 OMPP proposed cutting reimbursements rates so low that all 84 providers in the meeting were concerned they would go out of business because the new proposed rates are much lower than what it cost to do business. OMPP does not understand what ABA Providers do.

Indiana Medicaid has

just released proposed insurance rates that will take effect in 2024. The proposed rates are dramatically below the current average rate. If the proposed rates take effect, they are likely to result in many families no longer having access to ABA services.

With at least 1 in 59 children diagnosed with autism each year, primarily in the African American, Hispanic, and Indian communities, Indiana needs all the funding and support it can get. Our centers help patients with autism live productive lives as men and women. From Occupational/Speech Therapy to Center-Based, we provide the best services possible.

This is a setback that will defer their progression and leave them at risk. This news has left many parents scared, upset, and uncertain that their children will soon lose services they need. With inflation on the rise and families struggling to make ends meet, the last thing we need is for cuts that will decide the future of patients who are on the spectrum.

We are asking you to please share this with as many connections as you have. If you have any questions or need more information about this matter please email Sherry Michael at sherry@appliedbehaviorcenter.org. You can also reach her by phone at (317) 432-7408

# Play-It-Safe Tips To Protect Young Athletes' Feet And Ankles

(StatePoint) In today's competitive youth sports landscape, injuries are common, and when they do occur, young athletes are often pressured to play through the pain.

"The back-to-school season is prime time for foot and ankle injuries from fall sports like soccer, football and cross country," says Richard Baker, DPM, FACFAS, a foot and ankle surgeon and Fellow Member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS). "Fortunately, there are many steps parents, coaches and young athletes can take to prevent injuries from occurring in the first place and to discourage kids from playing through pain."

Here are eight play-it-safe tips from the foot and ankle surgeon members of ACFAS to help prevent injuries and to treat them properly when they do occur.

1. Get a pre-season checkup. A pre-season medical evaluation can help identify whether your child could possibly benefit from using an orthotic or wearing a supportive ankle brace while playing. This is especially important for those with previous sprains and injuries.
2. Start the season with new shoes. Old shoes can wear down and become uneven, causing the ankle to tilt. And, as your child's feet may have grown between seasons,

their old shoes may not fit. The smart move is to replace athletic shoes at the start of each season. While children under 10 should wear all-purpose sports shoes, older youth athletes should wear sport-specific footwear.

3. Train for the season. It's important that your child's feet and ankles are accustomed to the level of activity required for the sport. Adequate conditioning in the off-season can help maintain a player's ability to meet these demands, reducing their risk of injury and improving their performance during the season.

4. Encourage warmup exercises. Calf stretches and light jogging before competition help warm up ligaments and blood vessels, reducing injury risk.

5. Check fields for dips, divots and holes. Ninety percent of ankle sprains are due to poor playing conditions. That's why some surgeons recommend walking the field, especially in non-professional settings like public parks, looking for spots that could catch a player's foot. Alert coaching officials to any irregularities.

6. Watch their technique. A difference in the way your child is moving is often a tell-tale sign that something is wrong. Playing with pain is never a winning strategy so encourage kids to be honest about pain or discomfort.

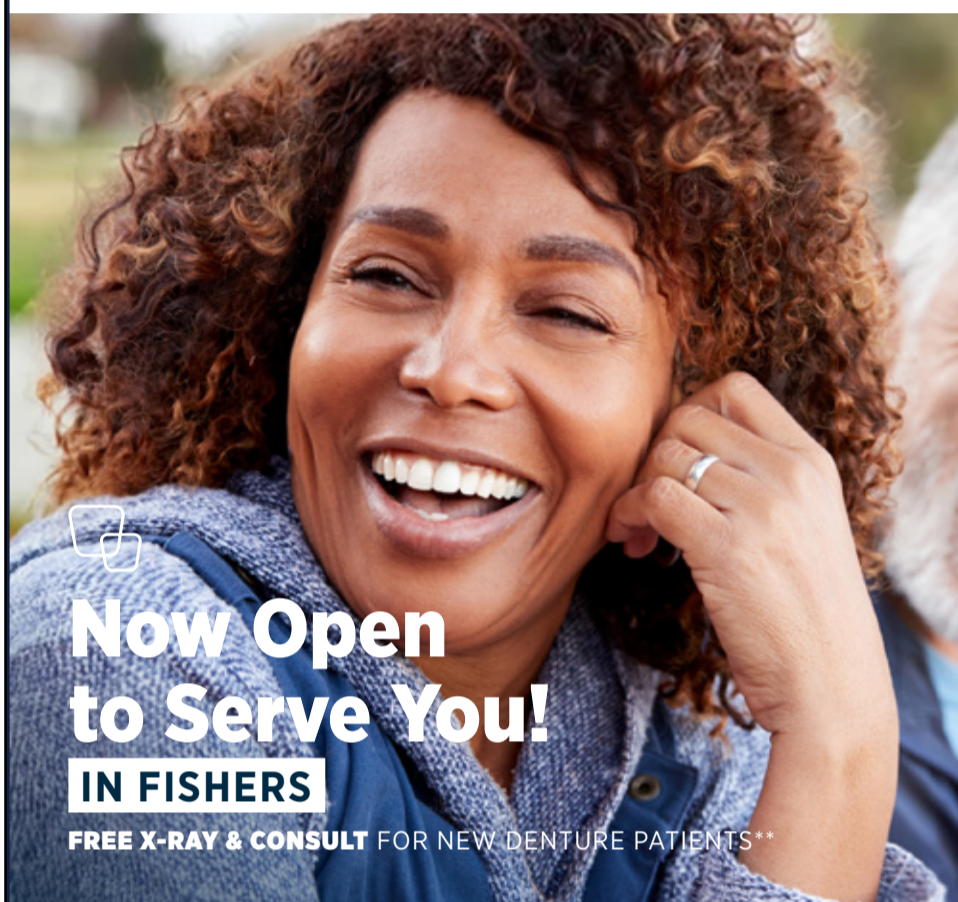
7. Be mindful of other

physical activities. Your child doesn't need to be involved in a formalized athletic program to be vulnerable to sports-related injuries. Foot and ankle surgeons warn of common injuries like plantar fasciitis, bone spurs, fractures and Achilles tendonitis due to repetitive, forceful motions, which can occur in activities such as skateboarding. When skateboarding or engaged in other non-formal activities, always wear protective gear, including supportive shoes, and seek treatment when there is pain or injury.

8. Remember RICE. Often, an injured foot or ankle can be treated with rest, ice, compression and elevation. Those with foot or ankle pain should take a break from playing and allow time for recovery. If pain persists, something more serious may be happening, such as cartilage injuries or broken bones in the foot. Consult a foot and ankle surgeon for a complete evaluation, proper diagnosis and treatment plan. The sooner rehabilitation starts, the sooner your child can safely get back into the game.

For more information on pediatric foot care or to find a foot and ankle surgeon near you, visit FootHealthFacts.org, the patient education website of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons.

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Photo courtesy of Jennie Auble of Red Geranium Artisan Market

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room, and I always take my showers at night. And I make my bed every day."

She's made a lot of friends in the church and the community. "We used to have dinners and sometimes we still do."

LeCount, who was born Helen Clare Howe on May 25, 1924, in Winona Lake, Ind., near Warsaw, had three brothers and one sister, and is the only one still living. "My mother lived to be 97. I even beat her," LeCount said. "God has a lot to do with my life, and he's taken care of me. That's about all I can say because I don't eat right, I don't exercise, although I used to. But I do walk some."

She lives with her son and his family who have a driveway that she walks. "Sometimes I take a book with me, and I stop and maybe read a few pages. I sit down on my walker and rest a little bit and read a little bit."

She married her husband, Corlyss "Cory" LeCount (who was in the military for two years) on Nov. 15, 1945, in Fort Wayne. "How I got here, my husband was a coach, and he came here as the b-team basketball coach and moved up to varsity and was varsity for several years. He was then vice principal and principal," she said. She quit college and worked and then stayed home to raise a family. Later, she worked at JCPenney as a cashier in the office and then worked for 20 years with special needs kids at Noblesville Schools. They lived in the 1400 block of Clinton Street, then on James Drive and then on 17th Street between Harrison and Monument streets. Her husband died March 24, 1995, at age 73. She has four sons, 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren (ages

**What ELSE?**

-Presbyterian Women has many fundraisers throughout the year. The group donated \$12,000 to various communities, as well as national charitable organizations in 2022, and also sponsored a Giving Tree which provided Christmas gifts and food to four local families, and at Easter gave gift cards to the same families "in hopes of making their Easter a bit brighter," Sandi Blackburn, Presbyterian Women's moderator, said.

-Three of the members of the First Presbyterian Church dance with Rhythm & Cues Cloggers, which will perform during the Red Geranium Artisan Market. The Cloggers are a recreational group of 16 dancers who enjoy clogging and introducing others to clogging.

-A very special booth at the market is Padelka, which means handcrafted in Ukrainian. First Presbyterian will be selling hand painted Pysanky eggs and other items made by Ukrainian artisan Marina Shepeluk, who is an orphan graduate of Last Bell Ministries, an organization that cares for the region's orphanage graduates. All sales from this booth will go directly to Marina to help support her and her family who are living in Zhytomyr and dealing with the challenges of the war

12 and younger).

Artisan Market bake sale organizer Ann Green said of LeCount's volunteering at the cash box and being a stickler for accuracy: "Never a mistake counting, and you better be sure the bills are facing the right direction and put with the same denomination," said Green, who refers to LeCount as "A kind, wonderful Christian."

Money raised at the 2022 Red Geranium Artisan Market goes to Franklin Graham's Operation Christmas Guild. Green said, "Helen's work certainly has helped create funds to help many needs over the years."

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piece of the dinnerware!)

The park board's main objective in buying the old cabin was to provide meeting space for local organizations, but they soon decided it would also be the perfect place to house a county museum.

To that end, the Hamilton County Museum Association was organized to provide funds for the museum's maintenance. Members paid annual dues of \$1.00, and promised to attempt to recruit one new member during the year.

The museum only lasted a short time, but the cabin itself remained a popular feature of the park for nearly 70 years. Countless meetings, pitch-ins, reunions, church classes and scout outings were held in it.

In the 1970s, when the historic old building needed repairs, the Women's Division of Noblesville's

Chamber of Commerce took the lead in gathering donations for the project.

The community responded and the newly restored cabin was rededicated July 5, 1976, during the American Bicentennial celebration.

Twenty-some years later, the aging structure was again in need of major work. This time, however, efforts to raise funds for the cabin's preservation failed, even though the city had managed to get it placed on the State Register of Historic Sites and Structures in 1990.

Noblesville's historic old log cabin was demolished in 1997 — and the city lost another little piece of its soul.

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