

➔ **TODAY'S VERSE**

*Psalm 119:89
For ever, O
LORD, thy word
is settled in
heaven. (KJV)*



*Faces of
Hamilton County*

People who call our community their own

Betsy Reason is taking some well deserved time off and her column won't be in today. Betsy is consistently a Winner or Runner-Up in The Times' annual Readers' Choice contest -- so we all hate it when she's out. But then again, hard-working journalists deserve a little time off, don't they?

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NHS Alumni On Display



Photo courtesy of Jeff Zecke

Some board members of the Noblesville High School Alumni Association got together over winter break to put together a display case at the NHS cafeteria. The alumni board hopes that not only will this spur a few memories for other alumni, but perhaps let current NHS students know a bit more about the proud history and traditions of NHS. The board members (from left) are Vice President Terri Sigman Kennedy, Historian Debbie Davis Bastin, President Karen Williams Pryor and Past President Jeff Zeckel.

Instead of Writing '23, Remember it is '4



PAULA DUNN From Time to Thyme

These days New Year's Eve gets most of the attention, but during the last decades of the 19th century and the first years of the 20th century, New Year's Day was a bigger deal — at least in Hamilton County.

Oh, you can find references in newspapers of that time period to

2024

Happy New Year

people getting together to observe the end of one year and the beginning of the next, but those gatherings were nothing like the big, rowdy New Year's Eve countdowns of today. They were small, informal affairs that featured activities such as oyster suppers, games, sing-alongs or dancing.

By contrast, according to the Jan. 4, 1898 Hamilton County Ledger, New Year's Day was "more elaborately observed in society than any other holiday of the twelve months."

Back then it was the custom for some of the women on the upper rungs of Noblesville's social ladder to hold open houses during the afternoons and evenings of New Year's Day.

These receptions provided an acceptable setting for "lovely maidens" and their "beaux" to meet and mingle. The most popular girls in town would gather at the open houses, "dressed to kill and bubbling with happiness and hospitality to welcome the New Year" — AND all the gentlemen who came calling.

("Dressed to kill" indeed. The Jan. 5, 1894 Noblesville Democrat noted that many of the female guests at Mrs. Leonard Wild's 1-4 p.m. open house arrived in evening dress!) These New Year's Day

➔ **See PAULA Page A6**

➔ **TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Seniors should get rid of throw rugs or at least tape them to the floor.

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 **NEIL & MARJORIE HORN** for subscribing!



➔ **TODAY'S QUOTE**

"To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often."
Winston Churchill

➔ **TODAY'S JOKE**

What are cows saying about now?
Happy Moo Year!

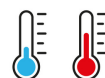
➔ **OBITUARIES**

Mable Charlene Haughey

The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset

RISE: 8:06 am
SET: 5:31 pm



High/Low Temperatures

HIGH: 38°F
LOW: 26°F



Today is...

- National Chocolate Covered Cherry Day
- Festival of Sleep Day



What Happened On This Day

• **1959** Alaska becomes the 49th U.S. state. The territory had been bought from Russia in 1867 for a mere \$7.2 million.

• **1957** The first electric watch is available. The Hamilton Electric 500 came in "modern" asymmetrical designs to reflect the revolutionary technology.



Births On This Day

- **1956** Mel Gibson - American/Australian actor, director, producer, screenwriter
- **1892** J. R. R. Tolkien - English philologist, author

Deaths On This Day

- **2005** Will Eisner - American illustrator
- **2003** Sid Gillman - American football player



7 DAY FORECAST

TODAY: MOSTLY CLOUDY HIGH 39

28/39 CLOUDY WED	26/36 COOL THU	21/39 RAIN AND SNOW FRI	30/36 RAIN AND SNOW SAT	31/37 RAIN & SNOW POSSIBLE SUN	29/42 WARMER MON
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OBITUARY

Mable Charlene Haughey

Dec 5, 1940 – Dec 25, 2023

Mable Charlene Haughey, age 83, passed away on Christmas morning, December 25, 2023, at her home in Sheridan, Indiana. Born December 5, 1940, in Clinton County, Indiana, she was the daughter of the late Claude Vinton Burtron, Sr. and Gladys A. (Honeas) Burtron.



She attended Sheridan High School and participated as a yell leader (as it was called in those days). She was a member of the Boxley United Methodist Church. After the closure of the church in Boxley, Charlene moved her membership to the Sheridan First United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the Red Hat Society.

Charlene worked for a number of Sheridan businesses throughout the years, including Pickett's Dime Store, Ben Franklin, and BIMCO. She also worked for a short time at Firestone in Noblesville. The career path that fit her the best, however, was when she became a caregiver. Whether it was taking care of patients in the nursing home, or in their own homes as a private duty nurse, there was nobody who cared for them more than Charlene. It takes a special person to be in that line of work, and Charlene fit the bill. When it came to her home and family, there was a way to do things, and a definite order to which they needed to be done. Charlene and Tad chose to raise their children in a very strict but loving household. This would provide a wonderful foundation and example for their children and their families. Charlene always insisted on a clean house; to call her a clean-a-holic would be an understatement. She was also well known for her cooking. Charlene loved fixing meals and did so for just about any occasion, big or small. She loved family gatherings, but one of her favorite times was when the friends and neighbors would gather down at the house, the men would play music, the wives would listen, and Charlene was in the thick of things, making sure everyone was getting plenty to eat.

Charlene had her favorite shows and programs. Among the top of the list were Survivor and Indianapolis Colts games. Elvis and Donna Summer were some of her favorite musical artists, a she was an avid bird watcher. Toward the very bottom of her "favorites" list were Indiana winters. She and her husband Tad lived the snowbird lifestyle for many years. Charlene is survived by 2 sons, Allen Dale Haughey of Sheridan, and Mitchell David Haughey (Lisa) of Sheridan; 2 daughters, Deborah May Haughey of Lebanon, and Monica Wood (Darryl) of Sheridan; 11 grandchildren, Amber Charlene Carey (Toby), Colett Pearl Berak (Paul), Jeremiah Allen Haughey (Brenda), Lorinda Kay, Ryan Neil Dobbs, Corey Lee Haughey (Stephanie), Michael David Haughey, Briana Renee Barnes (Austin), Jeffrey Allen Haughey, Carrie Kelm (Robert), and Katie Hilt; 25 great grandchildren; 9 great-great grandchildren; 2 brothers, Carl E. Burtron (Elaine) of Sheridan, and Rick L. Burtron (Jean Ann) of Lebanon; 6 sisters, Phyllis A. Litteral of Strawtown, Carolyn Biddle of Sheridan, Isabelle B. Cummins (Wesley) of Middletown, Sandra K. Spencer of Sheridan, Janet Wallace (Randy) of Bedford, Tina Burtron-Stephens (Ken) of Sheridan; 2 sisters-in-law, Wilma Newby of Sheridan, and Jeannie Shelburn of Lebanon; and many, many, many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Claude Vinton Burtron, Sr. and Gladys A. (Honeas) Burtron; brothers, Robert L. Burtron (Barbara), Thomas C. Burtron, and Claude V. Burtron (Libby); sisters, Kathy Jo Burtron, and Mary Lou Pickett; brothers-in-law, James Haughey, Robert Haughey, and Bill Spencer; sisters-in-law, Miriam "Mic" Hillock, Margaret Ann Bailey, Janet Handley, Pauline Davis, and Pat Pauley; and by her husband, Tad Haughey on March 8, 2008. She and Tad were married on June 8, 1957.

Services will be held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th Street, Sheridan, Indiana, with visitation from 11:00 AM until the time of service. Burial will follow at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan, Indiana. Rev. Mike Bullick will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to either the Parkinson's Foundation, or to the Alzheimer's Association.

Noblesville, Carmel, Westfield Lions Help Gleaners in December



On Thursday, Dec 21st, the three Lions Clubs handed out food to over 100 families. This was done at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds. This is a monthly activity of the local Lions Clubs. Some of those who helped included, from left, included Steve Shaw (NLC), Lane Sims (CLC), Krys Keller (WLC), and (NLCs) Jerry Baker, Dale Unger, Jeff Kozicki, Ron Williamson, Gary Hipes, Matt Best (CLC), and Gleaners Driver. Unfortunately, two names were missing.

Local Groups Getting Almost \$2 Million to Support Child Care

Noblesville and Hamilton County organizations are the recipients of almost \$2 million in grants from the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning. Crawfordsville Community Schools are getting \$200,000 and the Montgomery County Community Foundation is getting \$698,576. Advancing Noblesville Chamber Foundation is getting \$749,600, Hamilton Southeastern Schools \$750,000, Hamilton County Economic Development \$119,780 and Sheridan Community Schools \$86,100.

The money is from the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration's Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning and is part of \$18.1 million in employer-sponsored child care grants to 64 businesses, community groups and school corporations. The initiative, part of Gov. Eric Holcomb's 2023 Next Level Agenda, is mobilizing employers and communities to create or expand child care offerings that address the needs of working Hoosiers.

"We wanted those who know first-hand the critical needs of their employees, and those who are best positioned to partner in their communities, to create child care solutions for their workforce, and they delivered," Gov. Holcomb said. "This effort harnesses the combined efforts of businesses, community groups, and schools that want to support working Hoosiers' careers and our youngest learners across the state." Thirty-three employers plan to provide on-site child care to their employees, and 13 will offer child care tuition

benefits to their workers. The remaining awardees plan to support child care for their employees in a variety of other ways, such as reserving seats at partner child care centers. This round of awardees will receive 72% of available funding from the \$25 million fund. Round two awardees – which will be announced in early 2024 – will receive the remaining funds. Thirty large employers with 1,000 or more employees will receive up to \$750,000 each. Twenty-five mid-sized employers with between 100 and 999 employees will receive up to \$350,000. And nine small employers with between 20 and 99 employees will receive up to \$50,000. "I look forward to seeing all the inventive approaches to child care come to life in communities across the state, and partnering with more businesses, community groups and schools on this important, collaborative effort to support children, their families and the state's economy," said Courtney Penn, OECOSL director. "Birth to age 5 are the most critical in a person's life, and now more of our next generation will receive early education that is crucial to their brain and social development." The program, a partnership with the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, uses a portion of the state's remaining federal relief funds from the COVID-19 pandemic and is part of the state's broader efforts to strengthen the early care and education sector, providing support for today's workforce and investing in tomorrow's. The program is also supported by the Indiana Manufacturers Association

Hoosier Businesses Face New Reporting Requirements

Secretary of State Diego Morales wants Hoosier business owners to be aware of new federal reporting requirements going into effect over the next two years. Starting in January, new businesses registered in Indiana must report beneficial ownership information to the Federal government within 90 days of formation. Businesses registered in Indiana prior to January 2024 will be required to report beneficial ownership to the Federal Government starting in 2025.

The Indiana Secretary of State's Office has deployed a webpage with resources to guide businesses on how to comply with new requirements under the Federal Corporate Transparency Act ("CTA"). Enacted by Congress in 2021 as part of the National Defense Authorization Act, the CTA includes reforms to anti-money laundering laws and is intended to help prevent and combat money laundering, terrorist financing,

corruption, and tax fraud. The CTA establishes a beneficial ownership reporting requirement for corporations, limited liability companies, and other similar entities formed or registered to do business in the United States. Beneficial ownership reports must be filed with the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN), a bureau within the U.S. Department of Treasury. FinCEN has a comprehensive website, tools, and a call center to help businesses determine their filing requirements. Businesses registered in Indiana are advised to check with a corporation service company, accountant, CPA, or Attorney for individual guidance on the reporting requirements. The implementation date and deadlines are currently being discussed by federal lawmakers. The Indiana Secretary of State's office will keep Hoosier businesses informed with updates.

Eliana Lo Named to Dean's List at Lehigh

Dean's List status, which is awarded to students who earned a scholastic average of 3.6 or better while carrying at least 12 hours of regularly graded courses, has been granted to Eliana Lo in the Fall 2023 semester.

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CELEBRATING HAMILTON COUNTY'S 200TH

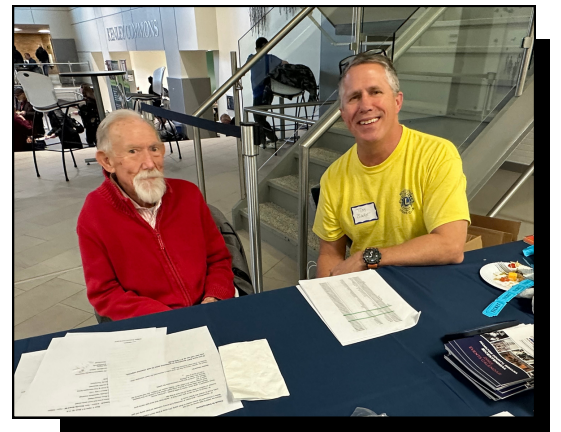
Hamilton County in 2023 celebrated its 200th birthday with a 12-month celebration that culminated with a Bicentennial Bash in December. Here are some of the highlights of the bash, which took place Dec. 3 at Ivy Tech Hamilton County Campus in Noblesville.

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Ron Wilson, president of Hamilton County Veterans, talks to visitors at his booth last month.

Dave Brandt (left) and Noblesville Lion Tim Baker work an information table where everyone came to check in.



Families visit a complimentary table of goodies in the Kenley Commons.



Families visit a complimentary dessert buffet table set up in the Kenley Commons.



Emily Ann Thompson, a professional violinist and fiddler specializing in Celtic fiddle, American old-time and bluegrass fiddle, performs during Hamilton County's Bicentennial Bash.



Steve Martin, first vice president of Sheridan Historical Society, shares some information about what he calls the friendly side of Hamilton County.



Members of the Westfield-Washington Historical Society greet visitors and documents the community's past.



Westfield Washington Township previews renderings of the future Westfield Washington Township.



Noblesville Preservation Alliance volunteers, including Sandy Stewart (left) and Amy Coyle, chat with visitors to Hamilton County's Bicentennial Bash.



Les Reinhardt, Fishers Arts Council executive director, volunteers at the organization's booth in December.

PUBLIC NOTICES

**CARMEL/CLAY BOARD OF PARKS & RECREATION
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Project: White River Greenway North Trail Extension
Notice is hereby given that the Carmel/Clay Board of Parks and Recreation will receive sealed bids for the above described Project at the Board's Administrative Offices located at 1411 East 116th Street, Carmel Indiana 46032 on January 23, 2024 at 10:00 am local time and, commencing as soon as practicable thereafter on the same date, such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Conference Room of the Administrative Offices. No late bids will be accepted.

All bids and proposals shall be properly and completely executed on the proposal forms provided with the plans and specifications, which will include the non-collusion affidavit as required by the State of Indiana. The bid envelope must be sealed and have the words "BID - White River Greenway North Trail Extension."

A bid bond or certified check in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount bid must be submitted with each bid. A one hundred percent (100%) performance and payment bond will also be required of the successful bidder. It is intended that actual construction of all work divisions shall be started as soon as practicable, and each bidder shall be prepared to enter promptly into a construction contract, furnish performance and payment bonds, and begin work without delay in the event the award is received.

The Project consists of, but is not necessarily limited to, the following: Construction of a new trailhead and pedestrian trail, including incidental items such as restroom building, parking lot, river overlook structure, concrete curb, pavement markings, signage, retaining walls, temporary and permanent erosion control measures, HMA/PCCP trails and sidewalks, bike racks, bollards, drainage culverts, landscaping, and lighting on the overlook structure.

Contract Documents for the Project have been assembled into one bound project manual, which together with drawings, may be examined at and obtained from the office of Eastern Engineering Supply Company, 9901 Allisonville Road, Fishers, Indiana 46038; Phone: (317) 598-0661. The plan charge will be listed on the online plan room. Payments and costs of Contract Documents and related supplemental materials are non-refundable. NO DEPOSITS ACCEPTED.

Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of drawings and Contract Documents and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in bids prepared in reliance on incomplete sets of drawings and Contract Documents.

A pre-bid conference for discussions of the Project, the bidding requirements and other important matters will be held on January 9, 2024 at 10:00 am local time in the Conference Room of the Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation Administrative Offices, 1411 East 116th Street, Carmel, Indiana 46032 and, weather permitting, shall conclude with a site visit to the location where the Work is to be performed. All prospective bidders are invited to attend the pre-bid conference. The pre-bid conference is not mandatory.

The Board intends to award a contract for the Project in accordance with Ind. Code §36-1-12 et seq., to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder whose bid does not exceed the funds available for the Project. The Owner shall have the right to accept any alternates in any order or combination or accept on the basis of the Base Bid alone, unless otherwise specifically provided in the bidding documents and to determine the lowest responsible and responsive Bidder on the basis of the sum of the Base Bid and any alternates accepted.

For special accommodations for individuals planning to attend the pre-bid conference or public bid opening meeting and in need of assistance, please call or notify Ben Deichmann at (317) 566-0629 or bdeichmann@sjcainc.com at least forty-eight (48) hours prior thereto.

No bidder may withdraw any bid or proposal within a period of thirty (30) days following the date set for receiving bids or proposals. Carmel/Clay Board of Parks and Recreation reserves the right to hold any or all bids or proposals for a period of not more than sixty (60) days and said bids or proposal shall remain in full force and effect during said period. Carmel/Clay Board of Parks and Recreation reserves the right to reject and/or cancel any and all bids, solicitations and/or offers in whole or in part as specified in the solicitations when it is not in the best interests of the Board as determined by the Director.

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Legal Ad

The following mobile home will be offered for sale at public auction in conformity with IC 26-1-2-328 and IC 26-1-7-210: 1992 Breezewood VIN# 11241455 with the owner of record being David E and Kathleen J Mutchler. The auction will be held on Monday, January 22, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. at the Suburban Estates MHC Office located at 3222 Cicero Rd., Noblesville, IN 46060.
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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NO. 29D01-2311-EU-000529
IN RE THE UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
OF THE ESTATE OF: JUDEANN MCCONNELL, Deceased.
Attorney: Lawrence J. Kemper
550 Congressional Blvd., Suite 210,
Carmel, IN 46032

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE PROBATE COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.
In the matter of the Estate of Judeann McConnell, deceased.
Cause Number: 29D01-2311-EU-000529

Notice is hereby given that, on the 20th day of December, 2023, Mark McConnell was appointed personal representative of the estate of Judeann McConnell, deceased, who died on June 29, 2023.

All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of the Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, this 20th day of December, 2023.
/s/ Kathy Kreg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Superior Court
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STATE OF INDIANA) 29D03-2311-EU-000528
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR
COURT PROBATE DIVISION) SS:
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NO. 29D03-2311-EU-000528
IN THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED)
ESTATE OF RONNIE D. WILKINS
DECEASED.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
TO: ALL CREDITORS
In the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Notice is hereby given that Joe A. Wilkins and James W. Wilkins were on November 27, 2023, appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Ronnie D. Wilkins, deceased.

All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.

Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, November 27, 2023
Kathy Kreg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County Superior Court
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**CITY OF FISHERS
ADVISORY PLAN COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CASE TA-23-6**

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY SUBMIT COMMENTS BY GOING TO: https://townoffishers.formstack.com/forms/public_meeting_comment_form
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY STREAM THE LIVE MEETING BY GOING TO: <http://tinyurl.com/CityOfFishers>

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Fishers Advisory Plan Commission at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at Launch Fishers Theater 12175 Visionary Way Fishers, IN 46038.

REQUEST: At that hearing, the public will be invited to offer comments on the following request ("Proposal"): Case # TA-23-6 - Consideration of a text amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance to remove Section 4.2.1. Commercial Use Limit Overlay.

LOCATION: Generally located at the common address of 7274 Fishers Crossing Dr and 12520 E 116th St.

The case file about this project is available for public review in the office of the Department of Planning and Zoning, located at Fishers City Services Building, 3 Municipal Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. The meeting agenda with room location details and case related information will be posted on the City's website forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting specified above. If you have specific questions or want to provide written contacts to the case planner directly, please contact:

City of Fishers Planning & Zoning Department
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Noblesville Offers Workshops for 11th Annual Comic Book in a Day Challenge

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The Noblesville Creates 11th Annual Comic Book in a Day Challenge, presented by Browning Day, is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 20. Prior to the day of the event, Noblesville Creates is offering a series of workshops to prepare for the challenge and/or to celebrate your love of comics. These workshops are free and will be held at the Hamilton East Public Library in Fishers from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**Comic Book in a Day Workshops
Thursday, Jan. 11**

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Learn the Basics of Comic Books: Story & Art: Artists and comic book enthusiasts of all ages can discover the basic building blocks that make comic books such a unique medium. This workshop will focus on how to develop a sequential story, with some tips and tricks to make your own comics even better! The presenter is Erik Lundorf. Erik is a professional comic artist known for creating murals, and educational comics, as well as telling comic stories. In the summer of 2023, Erik released his first graphic novel titled Revealed!

Registration opens on Thursday, December 28 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 16

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

What Makes Telling Stories in Comic Books Great: At a glance, comic books can seem to be just pictures and words, but comic-lovers know that they are so much more than the sum of their parts! Whether you are a long-time comic book fan or brand new to this genre, this workshop will open

your eyes to some great storytelling techniques and maybe even point you toward some great new titles! The instructor is Bill Wilkison. Bill is a professional artist, educator, historical interpreter, actor, and clown.

Registration opens on Tuesday, January 2 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 18

6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Next Level Comic Book Creating: Are you feeling confident about your comic book knowledge? Are you looking for a new creative challenge? This workshop will give you pro-level tips on taking your own original comic books or comics-inspired art to the next level. The presenter is Stuart Sayger. Stuart is an internationally renowned comic book artist, who has produced interiors and covers for Lego Bionicle, DC Comics, IDW, Dynamite, his own book, Shiver in the Dark, and many others. Stuart is an engaging teacher and will be a Featured Artist during the Comic Book in a Day event.

Registration opens on Thursday, January 4 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Noblesville Creates champions the arts as an essential element of the economic health and cultural vitality of Noblesville and central Indiana. As Noblesville's local arts agency, we catalyze opportunities for the arts and local creatives of all skill levels to thrive and lead in central Indiana. We are also the Region 7 Arts Partner for the Indiana Arts Commission, serving the six counties at the center of the state. We cultivate classes, events, programs, and services for art-lovers and artists of all backgrounds and experience levels. Start your creative journey with us: we'll help you connect and flourish.

FOR THE RECORD

**FIREFIGHTER MERIT COMMISSION
2024 MEETING DATES**

The City of Noblesville Firefighter Merit Commission will meet on the following dates in 2024. Meetings will be held at 4 p.m. in the City Courtroom, 135 S. 9th Street.

- January 17, 2024
- February 21, 2024
- March 20, 2024
- April 17, 2024
- May 15, 2024
- June 19, 2024
- July 17, 2024
- August 21, 2024
- September 18, 2024
- October 16, 2024
- November 20, 2024
- December 18, 2024

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Fishers Fire Emergency Services Hangs Out Help Wanted Sign

The Fishers Fire and Emergency Services is accepting applications for qualified candidates interested in becoming firefighters. As one of the most respected professions in the community, firefighting is not just a job; it's a noble calling. Firefighters play a pivotal role in safeguarding lives and property, responding to emergencies, conducting rescues, and providing essential assistance during crises.

FFES is a mission focused, mission driven, all-hazards organization serving a rapidly growing city of 105,000 residents in the Indy metro area. The department provides service to over 50 square miles of single and multi-family dwellings as well as clean industrial and high-end technology parks. The FFES offers an environment that fosters professional growth, teamwork, and a rewarding career path within the emergency services sector. Applicants will undergo comprehensive training and have access to state-of-the-art facilities and equipment.

They are seeking individuals who possess a commitment to service, a strong work ethic, and the ability to perform under pressure. Joining our department means becoming part of a close-knit team dedicated to making a difference in people's lives every day. The ideal candidates should exhibit physical fitness, adaptability, and a willingness to continuously learn and improve. Interested candidates who meet the requirements and possess the drive to serve our community are encouraged to apply.

Applications period closes on Jan. 19. To apply or find more information about the eligibility criteria and the application process, please visit the FFES firefighter job listing. Starting salary ranges from \$65,793 FF/EMT to \$71,377 FF/Paramedic. Starting salary for lateral applicants based on qualifications ranges from \$68,163 FF/EMT to 73,748. The FFES current pension base is \$84,837.

Cicero Kiwanians Know Joy of Giving



King's Treasure Toys

The members of the Kiwanis Club of Cicero are the embodiment of serving others throughout the year, but during the holiday season they take the "season of giving" to heart. "For most of us, the holiday season is a time for joy and giving," explained Jan Unger Kiwanis Club of Cicero member and chair of the King's Treasure event. "Unfortunately, for families and individuals struggling during the holidays, it can be anything but joyful." King's Treasure was started in 1996 by Cicero Firefighter Danny Kelly. When Kelly was transferred to another department the Cicero Fire Department and the town of Cicero continued the holiday event until 2006, when Kiwanis Club of Cicero took over the event. King's Treasure is a day-long event, months in the making. Unger and her committee members work to solicit donations and sponsorships throughout the year. Wrap and place toy collection boxes throughout the communities during the months of November and December. Work out all the "day of" events details with the Cicero Christian Church. Spend a delightful day shopping for truckloads of gifts and arrange for all the food the day of the event. Families arrive at the church and the children are greeted by the sight of 100's of toys from which they get to choose anything they want. Once they have decided on their treasures, they have lunch with their families and at some point, during the afternoon, the jolliest of elves arrives to visit with the children. "Christmas is a magical time for children," stated Todd Clevenger Kiwanis Club of Cicero President.



Kiwanis Club of Cicero President Todd Clevenger telling Santa he truly has been good all year!

"It is heartbreaking to imagine a child not being able to experience the joy and wonderment of the season, or the thought of a parent working hard to pay bills and buy food, knowing they just don't have anything extra for Christmas." The Kiwanis Club of Cicero works with the Good Samaritan Network to determine which families to invite to the King's Treasure event each year (this year 160 children were invited to participate). Invitations are sent out to the families in November and the Kiwanis members count down the days in anticipation until the event. Any toys left over from the event are donated to Riley Hospital for Children, which gives out approximately 4,000 toys a month. "As children we're often taught that giving is better than receiving. Looking around the gym at the faces of our club members during the event, I am going to have to challenge that adage," said Clevenger. "Giving back during the holidays is more than just spreading good cheer, it's about ensuring everyone can experience the joy of this special time of year. By giving, we receive so much more!"

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The regular meeting schedules for the City of Noblesville Redevelopment Commission is set for the following dates in 2024. Meetings will be held at 9 a.m. in the Council chambers at City Hall, 16 S. 10th Street.

January 25, 2024
 February 15, 2024
 March 14, 2024
 April 11, 2024
 May 16, 2024
 June 13, 2024
 July 11, 2024
 August 15, 2024
 September 12, 2024
 October 17, 2024
 November 14, 2024
 December 5, 2024

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CITY OF NOBLESVILLE TREE BOARD

The regular meeting schedules for the City of Noblesville Tree Board is set for the following dates in 2024. Meetings will be held at 5 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room A213.

2/5/2024
 4/1/2024
 6/3/2024
 8/5/2024
 10/7/2024
 12/2/2024

Note that there will not be tree board meetings in these months:
 January
 March
 May
 July
 September
 November

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CITY OF NOBLESVILLE TREE BOARD COMMITTEE

The regular meeting schedules for the City of Noblesville Tree Board Committee is set for the following dates in 2024. Meetings will be held at 3 p.m. in the upstairs Conference Room at City Hall.

1/8/2024
 2/12/2024
 4/9/2024**
 6/10/2024
 8/12/2024
 10/14/2024

** Tuesday meeting

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open houses were also opportunities for the ladies who organized them – primarily married women – to show off their hosting skills.

This was serious business. At each home, the lady of the house was assisted by six to twelve of her friends, some of whom had traveled here from out-of-town, or even out-of-state, for the occasion.

Every home was decorated to the hilt, generally with evergreens, and a variety of potted plants and “natural” flowers (as opposed to artificial ones, presumably.) There was room for some creativity, however. A review of Mrs. G. E. Springer’s 1892 open house noted that her decorations included a three foot tall block of ice with a large bouquet of flowers frozen inside.

In 1894, when Noblesville teacher Louanna Taylor hosted the Cooking Club’s open house, her home was adorned with all kinds of cooking utensils – graters, rolling pins, spoons and forks, etc.

Of course, plenty of “delectable” refreshments were always provided. Cider might be served if the hostess was a Prohibitionist, or wine, if she wasn’t. Sometimes there was entertainment in the form of music. It was the favors everyone took home from the open houses that really stand out in the newspaper accounts, though.

These were small items such as calendars, cigars, or button hole bouquets. Usually, a card containing the names of all the women who served as hostesses at that particular house would be attached to the favor with colored ribbons.

Here again, some hostesses got creative. In 1892, the guests of Mrs. S. A. Keiser received small pieces of leather shaped like a shoe sole. Each one bore the initials of the women who gave the reception and the words, “I wish you a happy New Year from the bottom of my sole.”

Two years later, Mrs. Leonard Wild passed out small cards fastened with a little bow of baby ribbon (whatever that was) that contained the following poem:

“A HAPPY NEW YEAR.
The lessons learned a year ago
Must now be learned once more –
Instead of writing ‘93,
Remember it is ‘4.”

That might not be a bad rhyme to remember this year. If you change ‘93 to ‘23, it still applies!

Notable Nineties Update: We have our first Notable Ninety for 2024! Peggy Beaver added her father-in-law, Richard “Dick” Beaver, of Noblesville.

Congratulations, Dick!

Noblesville's Reagan Wilson on Cover of Hoosier Basketball

A Noblesville player is featured on the cover of the venerable Hoosier Basketball magazine, Reagan Wilson is one of 12 players, six boys and six girls gracing the cover.

Hoosier Basketball Magazine is an annual comprehensive survey of all high school (boys and girls), college (men and women) and professional (Pacers and Fever) basketball in Indiana.

The 12 high school seniors are featured on Hoosier Basketball’s traditional front cover are Jack Benter (Brownstown Central), Flory Bidunga (Kokomo), Micah Davis (Franklin), Evan Haywood (Brebeuf Jesuit), Ron Rutland (Indianapolis Attucks) and K.J. Windham (Ben Davis). The featured girls front and center are Alli Harness (Carroll-Flora), Jordyn Poole (Fort Wayne Snider), Chloe Spreen (Bedford North Lawrence), Reagan Wilson (Noblesville), Faith Wiseman (Indian Creek) and Juliann Woodard (Jennings County).

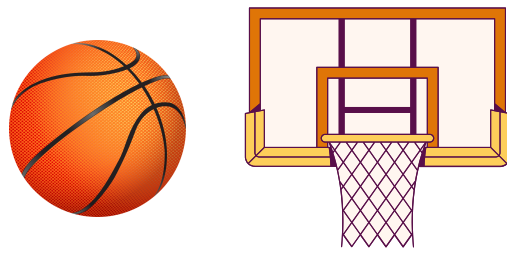
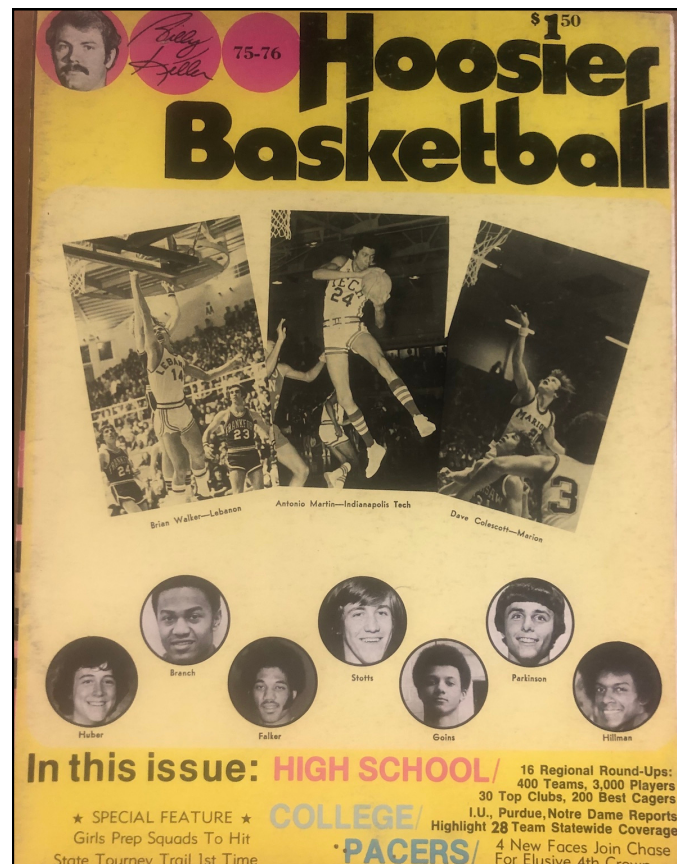
For 2023-24, Hoosier Basketball Magazine has also produced a featured “Champions Cover” edition. Spotlighted on the front of the Champions Cover are six senior players - two 2023 AAAA state champions (Spreen and Windham), a semi-state champion (Bidunga) and three regional champions from last season (Benter, Poole and Wiseman). The design of this special edition cover is a throw-back to the 1975-76 issue that featured action photos on the cover.

There are five college players that appear on the traditional cover including Markus Burton (Notre Dame), Zach Edey (Purdue), Trey Galloway (Indiana), Ella Collier (Marian) and Mackenzie Holmes (Indiana) along with Myles Turner (Indiana Pacers). Both Edey and Holmes are part of the “Champions Cover” based on Big Ten titles won by Purdue men and Indiana women from the 2022-23 season. Edey is a replica of the 1979-80 Joe Barry Carroll cover, while Holmes recognizes the 1977-78 cover that pictured #54 Kent Benson.

There are three high school seniors that appear with action pictures on the table of contents page. The featured players are Lauren Foster (Indian Creek), Kennedy Fuelling (Norwell) and Jaedin Reyna (Hammond Noll).



The 2023-24 edition can be ordered by mail now by e-mailing hoosierbllmag@att.net or you can call/text (317) 925-8200. Newsstand locations such as Barnes & Noble, CVS, Kroger, Martin’s Supermarket, Meijer, Wal-mart and Walgreens will have copies available in January. Call or text 317-925-8200 to find a Hoosier Basketball Magazine in your part of the state.



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