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TODAY'S VERSE

Proverbs 28:1 The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.

Hamilton Happenings

The first phase of the Reimagine Pleasant Street project, which includes Pleasant Street from River Road to the new roundabout at 10th Street, is open to traffic. Phase 1 construction also included the new bridge over the White River, a roundabout at River Road and Pleasant Street, and two roundabouts along Eighth Street. This phase also connected the Riverwalk Trail, Nickel Plate Trail, and Midland Trace Trail to enhance access to downtown for pedestrians and cyclists.

Three Things You Should Know

1 With winter in full swing, warming centers are open across the state for those in need of a safe and warm place to stay. Indiana 211 is your community's resource for updated locations and hours of warmings centers in your area. Please partner with Indiana 211, a division of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, to make help make Hoosiers aware that they can call 211 or 866-211-9966, or visit IN211.org, to find their nearest warming center.

2 Pacers Sports & Entertainment announced this week a partnership with WTHR, the local NBC affiliate and the news-gathering partner with Sagamore News Media, owners of the Noblesville Times and Paper of Montgomery County, to air five Pacers games for free over-the-air, beginning with the much-anticipated home game against the Golden State Warriors at 7 p.m. Friday.

3 Traverse City, Mich., just straight up Highway 31, has climbed to the top as a world travel destination, according to a recent article in the Wall Street Journal. The WSJ included it on its list of "10 Best Places to Go in 2025." The story highlighted the beauty of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, the vibrant culinary scene and beverage tourism that includes nearly 50 wineries. Only three U.S. locations, other than Traverse City, made the top 10 list: Maui, Hawaii, and Macon, Georgia.

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Saluting 2024 Notable Nineties, Sensational Centenarians



PAULA DUNN From Time to Thyme

Normally, I would have saluted our Notable Nineties and Sensational Centenarians in the last column of

2024, but the holidays interfered with that, so I'm paying tribute to them at the beginning of 2025 instead.

For anyone who doesn't know about the Notable Nineties, it's something Jerry Snyder came up with when she was writing her column for the Times several years ago.

Jerry noticed that Hamilton County had an unusual number of people older than 90. She felt that was an achievement worthy of some kind of special recognition, so she created the Notable Nineties list.

After Jerry passed away, I kept her list going and added the "Sensational Centenarian" designation ("100+!") for people who have celebrated their 100th birthday.

You don't have to do anything special to get on the list. Any Hamilton County resident who has observed his or her 90th birthday can be a Notable Ninety.

If you're aware of someone who meets that requirement and would enjoy seeing their name in the paper, let me know — at any time during the year. I'll make a special note in the column and put them on the list.

My only condition is that



someone asks for a name to be added to the list. That way I know it's okay for me to make that person's age public. (You can even add yourself, if you want!) I'm aware that some people would rather have their age remain private and I want to respect that.

Keeping the Notable Nineties list current is more difficult than it used to be. Although I've done my best, I can't guarantee the list below is 100 percent accurate.

If you're aware of any changes or corrections, please let me know — again, at ANY time during the year. I'd especially like to know when a Notable Ninety turns 100, so I can recognize them as a Sensational Centenarian.

A belated Happy New Year to everyone, especially to our Notable Nineties and Sensational Centenarians!

(Thanks to Nancy Massey and Lisa Hayner for additional research help.)

- Richard "Dick" Beaver
- Charlotte "Char" Beer
- Clarence "Clem" Beer
- Betty Brattain
- Charles Burkhardt
- Barbara Cartwright
- Sarah Cloud
- Eunice Collins
- Jay Curnutt
- Kathryn Mildred Dierdorf

- Clifford Eckles
- Gwen Galbreath
- Don Garrison
- Nancy Garrison
- Bernice (Reel) Heiny
- Glen Heiny
- Peggy Hodges
- Geraldine (Whelcher) Kinzer
- Nancy Lacy
- Wilbur Lacy
- Helen LeCount (100+!)
- Joan Love
- Billye Meadows
- Ruby Sanders Randall
- Mendell
- Joyce Menefee
- Peggy Randall Merrill
- Geraldine (Burwell) Miller
- Ronald Miller
- Rosemary (Leonard) Miller
- Jane (Long) Morton
- Pat Mosbaugh
- Winona Moss
- Marianna Mounsey
- Helen Nelson
- Pat (Guilkey) Paskins
- Cathy Rodgers
- Jane Roudebush
- Alice (Simmerman) Rulon
- Carol Rushton
- Evelyn Harvey
- Schmollinger
- Ivan "Sonny" Sherman
- Iva Lou Sission
- Ruth (Guilkey) Stoops
- Marilyn Sutton
- Carol A. (Roudebush) Swaynie
- Mary Waltz
- Harriet (Guilkey) Wise
- Peggy Yancey

Paula Dunn's From Time to Thyme column appears on Wednesdays in The Times. Contact her at younggardenerfriend@gmail.com

Generosity Makes This Work



MARK HALL Guest Columnist

In one sense we love this time of the year, the spirit of giving is everywhere, people are generally more cheerful, and a natural renewal of hope, priorities and goals happen with the changing of the calendar to a new year. In almost sixty-five years on this planet, nothing has reset my way of thinking more than the simple magic of the date, January 1st. Goals, hopes, and plans all seem to rotate around this magical first day of the first month of the new year.

As 2024 ended, eighteen new pantries were placed in service during the year. Some managed by hosts and some by our volunteers. Each pantry holds several hundred meals, and we have no accurate way to report meals that are donated by you, by pantry hosts or volunteers that donate food directly into a pantry. We do track the meals that Feeding Team volunteers place in pantries. Throughout 2024 over one hundred thousand meals have gone from volunteers into volunteer managed pantries. It is safe to say that another seventy thousand have gone from hosts into host managed pantries. This does not include pet food, personal hygiene, and toiletries.

Contrast this with the opposing sense, fear, shame, the sense of need, of desperation and of hunger. In over two decades of doing food charity service, we have never seen the need at present levels. Other local food charities report that 2024 has been the highest need year in memory. With food costs up, distribution costs increasing, and demand skyrocketing, despair meets discouragement and the smallest of hiccups in life, force people to find alternatives to feed their families.

The generosity of our neighbors is on full display as together we continue to meet the needs of hungry neighbors. As an example, this week an errant driver on State Road 38 took out the mailbox at the Feeding Team office. Unfortunately, the driver

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Eating 100 less calories a day will prevent yearly weight gain in most people.



Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts.

TODAY'S QUOTE

"Let our New Year's resolution be this: we will be there for one another as fellow members of humanity, in the finest sense of the word."

Goran Persson

HONEST HOOSIER

OK, it wasn't the Blizzard of '78 but I'm still digging out.



TODAY'S JOKE

What do you call a Christmas joke after Christmas? NoLOL!



The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank MARVIN HANCOCK for subscribing!

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# OBITUARY

## Richard Law

February 18, 1938 - January 2, 2025

Richard Allen Law, age 86, of Ekin, Indiana, passed away on Thursday morning, January 2, 2025, at Sunrise of Old Meridian in Carmel, Indiana. Born February 18, 1938, in the family home in Ekin, he was the son of the late Donel Richard and Marjorie Pauline (Partlow) Law.



He was a 1956 graduate of Sheridan High School, where he was a dedicated athlete, as well as an active member of the Future Farmers of America (to which he later became a lifetime alumni member). Following graduation, Richard proudly and honorably served in the National Guard. Here he was a member of the East Union Christian Church (where he served as an Honorary Deacon), Pickard Lodge F&AM 690, and the Ekin Odd Fellows Lodge.

A lifetime resident of Ekin, Richard was the unofficial historian of the community. He knew and shared the tales (quite a few of them very, very, tall) of the colorful characters who called Ekin home.

Richard was a dedicated farmer throughout his life, truly embodying the spirit of a steward of the land. Growing up on the family farm, Richard, being the oldest of five children, usually got the short end of the chore stick. Those early years growing up on the farm, following in his father's footsteps, caring for the animals and attending to the crops, instilled in him a love for the land and a passion for farming. One of his first jobs off the farm was working for Chrysler in Kokomo. Even though that was steady work at the time, that wasn't where his heart was at. Richard eventually left Chrysler and returned to the farm to work alongside his father, learning the best way a young farmer can – by doing, and learning from those who share the same passion for agriculture. As the farm operation started to grow, Richard was joined by his younger siblings. Together, John, Donnie, and Richard worked tirelessly to build Law Brothers Farms into what it has become, and what it stands for – dedication and family.

Looking out his window over the farm, or on one of his many walks to work, the whole operation was more than Richard could have ever imagined all those years ago, yet at the same time was exactly what he dreamed it would become. To Richard, the farm was more than a livelihood, it was a legacy that was built around generosity, pride, and a labor of love that connected multiple generations. One of his most humbling moments was when he was awarded the Indiana Prairie Farmer's Master Farmer Award.

When the days (and nights) warmed up, the daytime was reserved for farm work, but the evenings were reserved for pitching horseshoes. Richard was a member of the American Horseshoe Pitching Association, pitching at Biddle Park in Sheridan for over 40 years. Be it skill, luck, or holding his mouth just right, he earned a well-deserved spot in the Horseshoe Pitching Hall of Fame. He also enjoyed several family hunting and fishing trips, and loved to be on the water, whether boating, water skiing or fishing.

Family was always at the center of Richard's life. On May 29, 1959, Richard married Marianna McKinney, and together they raised two children, Kimberly Sue (born in 1959) and Mark Allen (born in 1964). They shared a loving and strong family bond until Marianna's passing in 1984. Richard continued to cherish the family they built together. Richard was lucky enough to find love twice in his life. In February of 1985, he married Nancy Bankert, and they enjoyed many happy years together until her passing in 2011. Richard was again blessed to share his life with his devoted partner, Louella Stanley. Their bond was one of deep affection, and their love and companionship brought Richard great strength and happiness. While they weren't married, the bond they shared was clear to all who knew them.

Richard is survived by his children, Kimberly (Roger) Rudolph and Mark (Melissa) Law; his beloved siblings, Bernetta (Larry) Scott, John (Chris) Law and Donnie (Susie) Law; and his brothers-in-law, Larry McKinney and Mike McKinney. His legacy lives on through his grandchildren, Matt Rudolph, Kristin Ray, Claire Law, Wyatt Law, John H. Law, Boone Law and Ellery Law, as well as three great-grandchildren, Logan Ray, Granger Ray and Kolt Ray. They brought him great joy and pride. He was deeply loved by his family and friends, and his memory will be held in their hearts forever.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Donel Richard and Marjorie Pauline (Partlow) Law; sister, Betty Moore; brother-in-law, Kenny Moore; his first wife, Marianna (McKinney) Law on July 28, 1984; and by his second wife, Nancy Berniece (Bankert) Law on November 28, 2011.

Services will be held at 10:30 am on Saturday, January 11, 2025, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th Street, Sheridan, Indiana 46069. Burial will follow at Union Cemetery in East Union, Indiana. Pastor Rex Dunning and Pastor Mark Knapp will be officiating. Visitation will take place from 4:00 – 8:00 pm on Friday, January 10, 2025, at Kercheval Funeral Home in Sheridan, with Masonic services taking place at 7:00 pm.

## Clock Ticking – How Much Time Do We Have?



**TIM TIMMONS**  
Two Cents

One of the folks I hold in high regard reached out a few days ago. Like many of us, he's upset over the current political reality that is today's country. He – in my humble – very much hopes that Trump can make things better, but also understands that it's a matter of time before things go south.

Let's be honest. Trump is not the greatest president in U.S. history – not even close. He loves to point out how this or that are the greatest or biggest ever . . . and he may indeed rank atop the list of 47 (or 45 individuals) if we're ranking the biggest egos. However, he was FAR better than the alternative. (Disagree? That's OK. This is my two cents; you can write your own and we're happy to publish it.)

The problem is that the system itself is so, so, so broken that it's hard – if not impossible – to see a path forward that fixes things. No, check that. It's easy to see a fix. (Install term limits for every elected office, outlaw lobbyists, make government MUCH more transparent, strengthen and add teeth to laws that regulate personal gain for those in office and make the hired hands subject to the laws they pass – no exceptions. Those things may not completely fix the problem, but they sure as hell get us closer.) Easy to see – hard as passing a camel through the proverbial eye of the needle.

So? Are we doomed? Should we start learning Chinese? Is the demise of

the Republic drawing near?

No, or at least not yet.

I've never claimed to be the smartest guy in the room – and don't intend to start now. But I can say that I've seen a lot in a journalism career that's worn out more than a few pairs of Weejuns from one coast to the other. One thing I've learned is that We The People are a pretty damn resilient bunch. We put up with a lot, but we don't do it forever. We have our limits. Push us far enough and we push back.

I think this last election was proof positive.

To be clear, there are Trump fanatics out there – just like there are for Biden or Obama or Bush . . . this missive isn't for them. Again, just my two cents but I think the majority of people who voted for Trump were really voting against politics as usual.

They know the pain at the pump, the ridiculous prices at the grocery store, the flood of illegal immigrants . . . and they're tired of explaining they have nothing against immigrants, they just don't want illegal ones. They are more than a little frustrated with the explosion of insane policies regarding children – LITTLE CHILDREN – and sex. They saw that voting for Kamala Harris was at best a continuation of such. They voted for Trump in the hope that some of it might get fixed, or at least improved.

The answers are simple, and they start with you and

me. We cannot sit back, nor can we show up at the polls every couple of years, and expect things to change. What's that old definition of insanity? Just casting ballots isn't working. Answers aren't on the ballot yet.

In our case, at least when it comes to saving the Republic, the biggest danger is no longer the hired hands – it's apathy.

We have to get involved if we're going to get back on track. It's been said in this space many times that the problem isn't so much a local one as it is state . . . and to a much bigger degree, national. But it still starts here. Demand more locally. If something isn't being done right, get it fixed, or elect someone who will. Find those folks and get them in office. Then get them to run for higher office. Support them. Work to get them elected. And. Keep. Holding. Them. Accountable.

Will it take a while? Of course. It took a while to break this great system our Founding Fathers handed us. It'll take a while to fix it.

Get the right people. Let them start out as the minority and grow into the majority. Start there. Start now. We don't have forever.

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

## Pecan Pie and the Poinsettia: God's Recipe of Grace



**BONNIE ZICKGRAF**  
Learning the Journey

The anticipation of our first major snowstorm of 2025 seemed to go on for days. All the meteorologists in the area were projecting a huge storm with treacherous ice accumulations similar to the one that crippled Kansas City and millions of other towns on Jan. 4. Yes, we were all waiting for the big mess!

Well, I guess you might say that I "chickened out" and decided to play it safe by participating in online worship before the storm began that Sunday. It was Epiphany Sunday.

I listened to Pastor Jesse's sermon based on John 1:10-18 which (in part) explains, "the world did not know him (and)...his own people did not accept him...The Word became flesh...and grace and truth came through Jesus Christ."

As part of his sermon, Pastor Jesse explained that he was recently offered a free pecan pie. FREE! How can free pie be bad? He was trying to resist temptation of the sugar and all that wonderful caloric "goodness," so he declined that sinfully delicious free gift. (Talk about self-control!) The pie was offered with no strings attached. No strings whatsoever. Really? Wouldn't we all be a little

suspicious? Free? Really?

Then through sharing his auditory hallucinations, the pastor received another gift, one that was beautifully wrapped in shiny gold paper. The "mystery" voice (that we could all hear) explained there were no strings attached, no need to repay any favor, no need to buy it. The only need was to accept it and to receive it.

That's how the grace of God works. God's unmerited favor. We are bestowed by gifts all the time in this world, but sometimes we can't see it. Or when we do see it, we reject it anyway, perhaps in a moment of unbelief.

Nah....God didn't paint the beautiful sunset for me or have the birds sing their glorious songs...just for me... at this very moment. Did God really offer the gift of this life, and eternal life, to me, even after sacrificing His very own Son? Because He loves me? Really? Me?

We are given the gift of life here on earth, with a heartbeat and a breath and with blood that runs through our veins, complete with a Spirit that warms our heart yet longs for more. One that longs for the love of Father, the love of God through Jesus.

The God that gifts us hope and peace, joy and love...and beyond. Much more than our human brains can possibly imagine, yet God loves us anyway and always. His divine gift of Grace is cataloged through His Words as written, read and experienced through the Holy Bible. The holiest gift we could ever receive is Jesus who is one with our Father (John 10:38 and 14:11).

Later as I was logging off that website, another church worship service popped up on Facebook. It was Pastor Brittney preaching about the gift of the Magi and how they followed the star to finally find the baby Jesus. This trip took them 12 days to get to their destination in Bethlehem, hence the 12 days of Christmas or the period between the birth of Jesus and the arrival of the three wise men. This story is told in the gospel of Matthew 2: 1-12.

Pastor Brittney also shared her personal story when she struggled with thoughts of leaving the seminary until her professors asked the class to write a hymn on a subject chosen specifically for each student. Pastor Brittney's topic was "epiphany". It was when she wrote and read the lyrics of her personal hymn to her instructors, that she understood her calling, reigniting her desire to remain in seminary. Her heart was tenderly touched by the

➡ See BONNIE on Page A5

# County Honors Employees for Nearly 2,000 Years of Combined Service



**Pictured (left to right): Steve Dillinger, Christine Altman, Peggy Nation and Mark Heirbrandt.**



**Pictured (left to right): Steve Dillinger, Christine Altman, Sheena Randall and Mark Heirbrandt.**

Hamilton County is celebrating 131 employees for their service to the community. Each year the Board of Commissioners and Human Resources Department recognize and honor employees for long and meritorious service by presenting service awards at the end of each five years of employment.

Each recipient will be given a service pin with the number of years on it. Human Resources Director Sheena Randall says, "Our goal is to give the citizens and taxpayers of Hamilton County the most responsive governmental services possible. Employing top quality people, providing them with meaningful work, and retaining their services helps serve the public efficiently and effectively."

Former auditor Robin Mills, Director of Human Resources Sheena Randall, Janet Hansen, an Administrative Assistant in the Surveyor's Office and Peggy Nation, a Filings Deputy in the Clerk's Office top this year's list of employees with the most longevity. They have each been with the county for 45 years.

"I am a Hamilton County born and raised gal," Mills says. "I started my county career right out of high school. I stayed all these years because Hamilton County is a great place to work and raise a family."

"The county offers great benefits too," adds Randall. "Such as health insurance, paid holidays, and a 37.5-hour work week."

This year, five employees will celebrate 40 years of service with the County, two will observe 35 years, five

will mark 30 years, and 12 will observe 25 years. Another 14 employees will be honored for reaching the 20-year milestone with 14 marking 15 years, 27 celebrating 10 years, and 48 reaching five years of employment. The complete list is attached.

### 5 Year Service Pins

- Steven Rushforth
- Ryan Tennesen
- Leslie Taljaard
- Beth Semester
- Tom Pouch
- Shandell Foust
- Samuel Clark
- Debra Mueller
- Todd Whisman
- Tanner Partain
- Alvin Losh
- Kim Franklin
- Jared Mills
- Rachel Jefferson
- Toula Guedel
- Angela Spicer
- Karen Morris
- Victoria Lemasters
- Kelcey Stiles
- Austin Moore
- Justin Rhodes
- Teresa Woods
- Eddie Hansen
- Dee Chandler
- Henry Stevens
- Amanda Whaley
- Megan Contreras
- Caleb Collier
- Daniel Wallace
- Melissa Yarger
- Ryan Mosley
- Jared Wilcox
- Andrew Bloch
- Blake Inglis
- John Lowes
- Cassandra Whitesell
- Celia Presley
- Patricia McGuckin
- Sarah Buitendyk
- Steffanie Pickett
- Heather Dailey
- Emily Viehe
- Jeffrey Kushel
- Kristen Gamble
- Stacy Parker
- Taylor Munoz
- Burgandy Nugent
- Samantha Filbin

### 10 Year Service Pins

- Alex Davis
- Mike Wood
- Robbie Ping
- Christy Broken
- Kyle Stocks
- Mike Godby
- James Thatcher
- Allison Moss
- Celia Saal
- Laura Sadler



**Pictured (left to right): Steve Dillinger, Christine Altman, Robin Mills and Mark Heirbrandt.**

- Danielle Pollard
- Tracy Stiner
- Keil-Anne McMahon
- Janet Privett
- Kevin Mulroony
- Dana Harmison
- Jessica Spray
- John Cline
- Robert Pontius
- Richard Buckler
- Adam Lockrone
- Mike Heinzman
- Kristi Wright
- Meryle Pettiford
- Derek Davis
- Kirsten Gonzalez
- Lydia Fairchok

### 15 Year Service Pins

- Darby Brown
- Chris Mertens
- Jason Uhrick
- Breanne Lewis
- Chuck Hobson
- Ronnie Feltz
- Sandra Estes
- Christopher Collins
- Heather Pinkerton
- Tony O'Connor
- Nathan Gray
- Robin Roberts
- Matt Etchison
- Seth Reichert

### 20 Year Service Pins

- Cheryl Hobson
- Chris Kuner
- Kevin Sloderbeck
- Chris Hurlock
- William Inglis
- Denise Kozlovich
- Kelly Anderson

- Jackie Wariner
- Joe Murray
- Robert Stevens
- Brian Niec
- Ryan Meier
- Scott Hazel
- Larken Uhrick

### 25 Year Service Pins

- Jenny Engle
- Darren Wilson
- Lynette Mosbaugh
- Nick Christiansen
- Tim Knapp
- Chris Burt
- Kevin Morgan
- Mark May
- Kevin Poore
- Sean Bauer
- Tami Knauer
- Tonya Wright

### 30 Year Service Pins

- Michael Carter
- Lee Graham
- Tom Thomas
- Nancy Williamson
- Pete Jakositz

### 35 Year Service Pins

- John Higginbotham
- Mary Box

### 40 Year Service Pins

- Tammy Baitz
- Brad Cowan
- Madonna Wagoner
- Ralph Watson
- Pam Higgs



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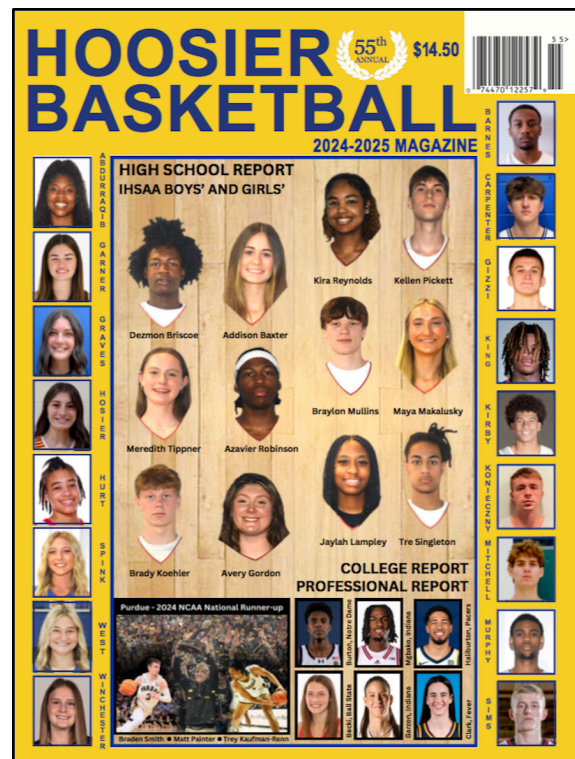
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# County Well Represented in Hoosier Basketball



Hoosier Basketball Magazine presents an annual comprehensive survey of all high school (boys and girls), college (men and women) and professional (Pacers and Fever) basketball in Indiana. And like many years, Hamilton County hoopsters are well represented.

Twelve high school seniors are featured on Hoosier Basketball Magazine's front cover, six boys and six girls. The boys pictured in the middle are Dezmon Briscoe (Indianapolis Attucks), Brady Koehler (Indianapolis Cathedral), Braylon Mullins (Greenfield-Central), Kellen Pickett (Fort Wayne Blackhawk), Azavier Robinson (Lawrence North), Tre Singleton (Jeffersonville). Photos of the girls front and center are Addison Baxter (Columbia City), Avery Gordon (Brownsburg), Jaylah Lampley (Lawrence Central), Maya Makalusky (Hamilton Southeastern), Kira Reynolds (South Bend Washington), Meredith Tippner (Noblesville).

Seventeen more high school seniors are pictured on Hoosier Basketball Magazine's front cover. Boys are Chase Barnes (Fort Wayne Wayne), Grady Carpenter (Tipton), Julius Gizzi (New Palestine), Damien King (Anderson), Justin Kirby (Fishers), Chase Konieczny (South Bend St. Joseph), Maguire Mitchell (Zionsville), Dominique Murphy (East Chicago Central), Shane Sims (Evansville Harrison). Girls are Laila Abdurraqib (Lawrence Central), Kenzie Garner

(Sheridan), Lily Graves (Franklin Central), Jacklynn Hosier (Alexandria-Monroe), Kya Hurt (Lawrence North), Gabby Spink (Gibson Southern), Leah West (Greensburg), Brooke Winchester (Warsaw). For 2024-25, Hoosier Basketball Magazine recognizes Purdue's 2024 NCAA runner-up finish with a photo collage of Braden Smith, coach Matt Painter and Trey Kaufman-Renn. There are four other college players that appear on the front cover including Markus Burton (Notre Dame), Mackenzie Mgbako (Indiana), Ally Becki (Ball State) and Yarden Garzon (Indiana).

Two professional players ... NBA All-Star Tyrese Haliburton (Pacers) and WNBA Rookie of the Year Caitlin Clark (Fever) ... are also spotlighted on the magazine's front cover.

There are five high school seniors that appear with action pictures on the table of contents page. The featured players are Addie Bowsman (Twin Lakes), Bryson Cardinal (Guerin Catholic), Mark Zackery (Ben Davis), Alex Couto (Carmel) and Ellie Richardson (Scottsburg).

The 2024-25 edition can be ordered by mail now by e-mailing hoosierblllmag@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.

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## MARK

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left the scene and left us to deal with the damage. But as Paul Harvey would say, here's the rest of the story. Since we posted about the incident on our social media platforms, no less than ten different neighbors offered to repair the damage or donate to have it done. Shout out to Dave Absher for his time and repair skills, to Lee Ackerman and the team at LA Landscapes for donating time to fix the mess. One local company even donated a big bright yellow industrial size mailbox. Thank you Hammer Metalwerks and Derek Hammer. We love the color choice and will proudly display your work soon.

This month over a dozen groups from all over Hamilton County collected non-perishable food and donated it to us for general distribution or donated directly into multiple pantries. The incredible generosity of people is on display often. It is important to acknowledge that without all that you do, we could not help as many people and there would be more families going without. If you find yourself in need, maybe occasionally you are like I was, a member of the working poor, then Feeding Team Pantry's are especially for you. They are here for you, 24-7-365. They are completely anonymous, with no shame and no guilt. We take no information and have no expectations of you other than you merely take only what you need please. Leave food for others that are also in need. Some future day, we hope that you consider giving what food you can and sharing your blessings with others that could use some help.

The Feeding Team launched pantry 76 recently, with location 77 already secured, it will be deployed in the coming weeks. We are grateful for the support of our community,

volunteers, sponsors, and donors. Thank you.

With over 40,000 food challenged neighbors in Hamilton County, [www.Feedingteam.org](http://www.Feedingteam.org) is a registered 501C3 not for profit organization that provides outdoor 24x7x365 no questions asked, free food pantries throughout the county. The pantries exist, to meet the food insecurity needs of GAP families, neighbors that may not qualify for public assistance and could use a few meals before payday. The pantries serve as many food-challenged neighbors as possible, and our hearts are with those that, like my family, could not always make ends meet.

Thank you for supporting the pantries. We love serving with so many neighbors across Hamilton County. In future columns we will share more stories about how your generosity served neighbors in times of need. The face of hunger in Hamilton County is not what you may think.

In practical terms this straightforward way to help neighbors is having a real impact on lives, families, and our communities. Thank you. A few meals can change the course of a person's life. A can of green beans means so much more when you have nothing to feed your kids. Would you like to get involved? Volunteer opportunities are available. We are evaluating new pantry locations. If you think you have a potential location, please contact us.

[www.feedingteam.org](http://www.feedingteam.org) facts – 76 pantries, over 13,000 meals in November 2024, over 130 volunteer families. Mark & Lisa Hall are the Founders of The Feeding Team. They may be reached at [lisa@feedingteam.org](mailto:lisa@feedingteam.org) and [mark@feedingteam.org](mailto:mark@feedingteam.org) or (317) 832-1123.

## BONNIE

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grace of God. (Did you notice how both sermons were connected today? There's more!)

Epiphany comes from the Greek word, "epiphaneia" meaning "appearance" or "manifestation", more specifically the appearance of God in this world, also referred to as "theophanies". I have written about numerous theophanies for the past seven years, yet never published a single story. I have prayed about this many times. Knowing these must be shared, I have been given the recent gift of publishing these true stories as a new columnist in "The Times" for Hamilton and Montgomery counties.

But God provides gifts we can never imagine. I will also be reaching out to the clergy in these areas, encouraging them to share a bit about themselves, their favorite sermon or scripture, and about their current churches with the hope of reaching new audiences and growing God's Kingdom, first in print, then later perhaps through podcasts. Did you know in 2021 (according to Google AI), only 29% of people reported ever reading the Bible and did not read it because they were bored or confused or didn't know where to start? Some shy away due to earlier life experiences. It is clear to me that we all must try to do a better job of sharing the best gift ever given to us- God's

love—by sharing our own stories.

In closing, here is my recent shameful story about grace and epiphany. As I scantily decorated for Christmas this year, I thought about how my husband always bought me a poinsettia for Christmas. I thanked God in my prayers for that and I resolved to buy one for myself as a widow's holiday treat, but never did.

Going about my daily life, I visited a friend in hospice just before Christmas. As I was leaving the facility, a gentleman resident near the exit door explained that the two flowers nearby were free for the taking. Free! Another visitor took one as she left, but I did not, thinking that a resident there might enjoy it (and who was I to take a free gift like that?).

As I drove home, I realized that I just passed up a gift from God in the form a beautiful free red poinsettia- my scornful epiphany. And by the grace of God, I will try to keep my eyes wide open to the gift of God's love shared with us, especially since I've never eaten pecan pie! I wonder what store Pastor Jesse went to that gives away those free pies?

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## FOR THE RECORD

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### NOBLESVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY Meeting Schedule

In accordance with I.C. 5-14-1.5-1 et seq., the Noblesville Housing Authority is providing notification to the public of the 2025 meeting schedule for the Noblesville Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Regular and Annual Meetings of the Board of Commissioners will be held at its office located at: 320 Kings Lane, Noblesville, Indiana. The 2025 Annual Meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time on January 28, 2025. The Regular Meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the following dates:  
 February 25  
 \*March 25  
 April 29  
 May 27  
 June 24  
 July 29  
 August 26  
 September 30  
 October 28  
 November 25  
 No meeting scheduled in December 2025  
 The 2026 Annual meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on January 27, 2026.  
 An Executive Session of the Board of Commissioners shall be held on March 25, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time to discuss a job performance evaluation with respect to specific employees. No other subject matter will be discussed and no final action shall be taken at the Executive Session.

### Keep Carriers Safe by Clearing Paths of Snow and Ice

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service. Customers receiving curbside delivery should also ensure clear access to their mailboxes for letter carriers who deliver from the street. Postal employees make every reasonable effort to deliver mail in many difficult weather conditions. With your help, we can keep our letter carriers, your neighbors, and your property safe. Thank you for protecting our letter carriers as we continue to bring packages and correspondence to your door each day.



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\* Note: Dates subject to change due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.

**Registration Fee:** 2025 Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball registration fee is \$199 (plus processing fee applied at checkout) and includes team jersey, hat, and 2 tickets to the Noblesville Babe Ruth Baseball League Pancake Breakfast/Picture Day scheduled for April 26, 2025 from 8 am-11 am at the Forest Park Inn.

Team/Player photos will be taken at the Pancake Breakfast. Additional tickets for the League Pancake Breakfast will be available at the door for \$5 each.

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