It’s Halloween. A day that we trick-or-treat. We attend Halloween-themed parties leading up to today. And many dress in costume to celebrate. Dressing up and celebrating Halloween out and about has always been a lot of fun. But it’s become more fun to stay home and welcome countless trick-or-treaters to our front porches. We love to see all of the kids in their costumes.

Tonight’s official trick-or-treat hour in Noblesville is 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Noblesville Police Department will have extra patrols out, and motorists are asked to see extra care while driving tonight. Thinking more about Halloween, I wondered what kinds of weird or unexplained things happen in Noblesville.

Year-round ghost walks in downtown Noblesville are often sold out. As the most nearby city, tonight’s haunted underground railroad tour in Westfield is sold out. Michael and Nicole Kobrowski operate the ghost tours based on real paranormal stories and history, with more ghost walks in downtown Noblesville starting at the Old Fall & Sheriffs’ Residence in the spring. I asked county historian David Heighway about any ghost stories, and he admitted that he’s “kind of a skeptic.”

Heighway told me the reasons for what people claim that they see.

Happy Halloween!

And Other Thing…

The Hamilton County Community Corrections Advisory Board will meet at noon on Thursday, Nov. 1, at Hamilton County Community Corrections, 18104 Cumberland Rd., in Noblesville. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the future of the board.

The Hamilton County Buildings and Grounds Department is hiring a custodian to work Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., with weekends. The position is full-time, 75 hours bi-weekly. The starting pay is $10.54 an hour. More information is available at https://hamiltoncounty.in.gov/

Duck Creek awarded $50,000 grant for enhancement project

Duck Creek in Hamilton County has been awarded a grant of $50,000 from the DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife’s Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) program. The grant will be used for stream bank stabilization. The grants were awarded by DNR’s Office of Natural Resources and are made possible by funds from stream improvement projects in 20 counties and office 26 different lakes, rivers and streams. They include grants benefiting projects ranging from Paisley County on the Ohio River to the City of Elkhart, near the border with Michigan.

Local sponsors submit applications for LARE assistance and commit to sharing a portion of the total cost. DNR’s share comes from a fee paid annually by boat owners when registering their boats with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

“Our LARE program is over 30 years old and these new grants continue the use of funds from boat owners to support conservation efforts to protect and enhance our lakes and rivers,” said Mark Reiter, director of DNR Fish & Wildlife.

“With funding from LARE, local partners are making our waterways safer, enhancing ecological, recreational and improving opportunities for boating and fishing throughout our great Hoosier state.”

“TODAY’S VERSE

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” – 1 Corinthians 15:58

TODAY’S JOKE

When it is bad luck to meet a black cat.

When you’re mouse.

The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Hamilton County Historian David Heighway of Noblesville talks to school children about the county’s history. Around Halloween, Heighway especially likes to look at creepy or weird happenings, particularly finding interest in stories about unexplained phenomena.
Charles E. Ranker

May 18, 1946 – Oct. 28, 2018

Charles E. Ranker, 72, of Noblesville, Indiana, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 28, 2018 at Harbour Manor Care Center in Noblesville. He was born on May 18, 1946 to Richard and Florence (Corry) Ranker in Tiffin, Ohio. Charles was a 1964 graduate of Columbus High School in Tiffin and received a bachelor’s degree in marketing and retail from Bowling Green State University in 1969. He worked as a buyer of cloth and glass for many years for L.S. Ayers and was co-owner of C&G Emporium. Charles also was a flatware sales rep and delivered across America. He loved boating and spending time with his grandkids. Charles was an avid Ohio State University fan and an Indianapolis Colts fan.

Survivors include his wife, Laurel A. Ranker; daughter, Heather Greg Ranker (Debbie); and sister-in-law, Sharon Ranker. He is preceded in death by his parents and sister, Amy; three nephews, nieces, friends and his dog, Huntley.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1, at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Noblesville. He will be laid to rest in the Crossland Cemetery in Noblesville.

OBITUARIES

Phyllis Jean Doig

Aug. 29, 1929 – Oct. 28, 2018

Phyllis Jean Doig, 89, of Noblesville, passed away on Oct. 28, 2018 at Riverview Health. She was born on Aug. 29, 1929 to Herman and Margie (Grooms) Templin in Bixby, Illinois.

Phyllis was a member of First Christian Church of Noblesville and member of the Eastern Star. She worked for Merle Watkins Accounting, and as a secretary for the principal at Waldron Schools, for Noblesville Parks and for the superintendent of Noblesville Schools.

Survivors include her son, William Alan Doig (wife, Leslie); daughter, Laura Lynn Phillips (husband, Darrell); three grandchildren, William Garrett Doig (wife, Jane), Anne Olivia Doig Philips and William Christopher Philips; two great-grandchildren, Aya Alileen Doig and Brenley Lynn Doig.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Doig in 2017; three brothers, and one sister.

Funeral services are scheduled for noon on Thursday, Nov. 1, at First Christian Church in Noblesville, with visitation from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Rev. Cheryl Baswell will officiate. Burial will be at Crossland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Phyllis E. Davis

Nov. 18, 1914 – Oct. 28, 2018

William B. Davis of Fishers, formerly of Crown Point, passed away peacefully Friday, Oct. 26, 2018. Born Nov. 18, 1914 in Gary, Ind., he was the son of Henry B. Davis and Margaret (Engle) Davis.

He married Linda Kay Brungton on July 11, 1940 in Griffith. They were married for 78 years.

Bill graduated from Horace Mann in 1939 and attended Walsh College running cross country. He transferred to IU and graduated in 1941 and received a J.D. from IU School of Law, Bloomington, in 1947. In 1948, he joined the law firm of Hodges and Davis in Gary. Indiana (now known as Mootz Meffert and Bellera) where he practiced until there one time.

He was a board member and board president for the Methodist Hospital in Gary, member and past president of the University Club, past city attorney for Crown Point, member of the Lakes and Lake County Park District, founding member of the Big Sky, Montgomery and member of the Big Sky Chamber of Commerce. He also served a term for the Valpo School Board. He loved to ski, ski, shoot golf, play, and was a master swimmer, having competed in the Winter White State Games. He also previously owned and operated Sun Car Washes in northwest Indiana.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Davis; daughter, Catherine “Kat” Beirlant (Craig); son, Geoff Davis (Amy); sister, Marita Hentschel, grandson, Cyrus Beirlant; two granddaughters, Halley and Sydney Davis; many nephews, nieces and his dog, Hunter. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Dorothy Driver.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1, at Randall & Robert’s Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Rd., in Noblesville, with visitation from noon until the time of service. Pastor Blackman will officiate.

Burial will be at Crossland Cemetery in Noblesville.

Memorial contributions may be made to White River Christian Church, 1065 North 10th St., Noblesville.

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OBITUARIES

Judith "Judy" Ann (Pickett) Sylvester
Sept. 29, 1950 - Oct. 14, 2018

Judith "Judy" Ann (Pickett) Sylvester, age 68, of Noblesville, passed away peacefully at her home on Thursday, Oct. 14, 2018. She was the daughter of Kenneth D. "Kenny" and Jane (Laignel) Forbush. Judy was a 1984 graduate of Sheridan High School and attended Indiana University. She worked for Indiana Bell/Ribbon Dairy for several years.

Judy was preceded in death by her father, Charles Sylvester in 2011; her mother, Judy is survived by a son, Michael Sylvester (Michelle); two grandchildren, Steven Sylvester and Alex Hernandez. She adored her grandkids; unfortunately, the two great-grandchildren, Peyton Sylvester and Alex Hernandez were born after her death.

She was a very active member of the Sheridan and Noblesville communities. Judy was a member of Sheridan United Methodist Church and a dedicated volunteer with their youth ministry. She loved walking with her dog, taking drives, and watching sports on TV. She was an avid pilot and flight instructor for Paul Andrew Crenshaw, 69, of Noblesville, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 21, 1966 - Oct. 27, 2018

Paul Andrew Crenshaw, 69, of Noblesville, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2018. He was born on Aug. 3, 1949 to the late Ralph and Betty (Alley- cay) Crenshaw in Indianapolis.

Paul proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. For over 30 years, he worked as a maintenance supervisor for Indiana Bell/AT&T, and after retirement worked for Edgeworth Laskey Properties. Paul was an avid pilot and flight instructor for many years. He was an avid traveler who enjoyed exploring the world.

He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Linda Crenshaw; son, Jack Crenshaw; daughter, Olivia Clark, Alex Clark, Taylor Savage, Lauren Crenshaw and Jillian; brother, Alan Crenshaw; and nieces, Kevin (Doreen) Crenshaw, Mary Gillespie and Luisa Crenshaw.

Funeral services are scheduled for 1 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 5, 2018 at the funeral home of Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1131 Logan St., in Noblesville, with visitation from 11 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will be at Crossroad Cemetery in Noblesville.

Wendy Kay Forbush
Oct. 26, 1969 - Oct. 27, 2018

Wendy Kay Forbush, 49, of Noblesville, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 27, 2018. She was the daughter of Kenneth D. "Kenny" and Jane (Mills) Forbush. Wendy was a 1987 graduate of Sheridan High School and worked for Buckle Inc. in Noblesville.

Family played a very significant role in her life. If Wendy was going to do something, you better believe someone in the family was going to be right there with her. Traveling definitely fit the bill in that regard. Wendy and her mom always found a new place to go; sometimes on a whim. They would go on one of their trips. They had always been able to come up with a way to make it happen.

Wendy was survived by her mother Jane Forbush of Brookville, Texas, her sister, Candice Forbush and her son, Cameron. She is also survived by her brother-in-law, Robert Forbush, and her son, Cameron. Wendy’s family would like to extend a very heartfelt Thank You to the wonderful nurses and staff of Brookview Health for their dedication, professionalism, and their loving care.

Funeral services are scheduled for 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018 at Kostelnik Funeral Home, 1025 N. Main Street, in Sheridan. Burial will follow at Spencer Cemetery in Sheridan. Pastor Mark Weibley will be officiating. Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 2, 2018 at Kostelnik Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Thanks for reading The Times!
Dear Editor,

From the Generations to Baby Boomers. Generation X is Millennials, teenagers are in every photo and have challenges growing up.

In today's digital world, high school students are being socialized in unique and demanding ways. The Washington Post confirmed that 75 percent of all American teenagers own their own smartphone and are on social media, spend almost nine hours a day texting, chatting, gaming, browsing, streaming and calling with friends online. Although conclusive research showing a direct correlation between the mental health of teenagers and smartphone use has yet to be completed, it is not a great concern for teens, but rather for a student to discover online that everyone else seems to have more friends.

In addition, recent figures indicate that more than 31 percent of America's 42 million teenagers are overweight or obese, compared to only 16 percent in 1980. According to the 2010 National Survey of Children's Health, Indiana ranks the ninth most obese state in the nation. An estimated 33.9 percent of all teenagers are depressed than ever before. Todays teenagers are more lonely, anxious and depressed than ever before. Not surprisingly, many psychologists and researchers agree that today's teenagers are more lonely, anxious and depressed than ever before.

Growing Up in the Digital Age

As the new school year gets underway, the Digital Age is one that everyone is talking about the fall colors, the most recent survey by the National Survey of Children's Health, Indiana is ranked the ninth most obese state in the nation. An estimated 33.9 percent of all teenagers in high school are a great way to maintain and exercise habits that will carry them side for weeks on end with teammates. A common goal face-to-face, side-by-side for weeks on end with teammates.

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The Fishers location is the newest of Riverview Health's 12 current locations and will operate 24/7, with urgent care hours from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. The ER will be staffed by ED physicians and will see all patients. However, they will only be billed for the level of care provided.

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