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TODAY'S WEATHER

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Hamilton County Reporter

\$20 million addition...

Government and Judicial Center plans to proceed

By FRED SWIFT
Meeting in joint session Thursday morning Hamilton County Commissioners and County Council members agreed to proceed with plans which will result in a \$20 million addition to the Government and Judicial Center. The expansion has been discussed for more than a year. Now the preliminary stage of the project can proceed with a \$550,000 allocation for a schematic design of the expansion.
The major addition will give the building a new front to the west. There will be space for additional courtrooms and offices. Commissioners are also considering moving offices in the old courthouse into the new space.
The judicial center, completed in 1992, was built so that it could be expanded. American Structurepoint and Meyer Najem will be doing the design work. Construction is likely at least a year away. Parking for the enlarged building is yet to been addressed in public session although there has been hope that the city would join the

county in providing an overall answer to downtown parking needs.
No decisions were made at the Friday meeting on other capital projects county commissioners hope to pursue including jail expansion, a new White River bridge at Pleasant Street to allow a bypass of downtown Noblesville, a domestic violence shelter, and a public safety training center.
In their joint meeting county officials also announced a new plans for expanded public relations. A part time public information officer will assist commissioners with media relations. Andrea Davis, formerly with the Indianapolis Business Journal, has been engaged to work up to 15 hours a week for the county.
In addition, if all goes as planned, county council meetings will soon be found on a live stream probably through the county website. Details are yet to be worked out, but a target date of October 1 was set for beginning the new service.

A detailed list of capital project priorities will now follow:
Capital Project Priorities: Infrastructure
1. Corrections Campus Master Plan
Phase I
Housing POD for female and special needs inmates: \$6,000,000-6,400,000
New Kitchen Complex: \$1,900,000-\$2,000,000
Relocate Laundry: \$550,000-700,000
Dining Hall at HCCC: \$400,000-450,000
Secure Circulation: \$600,000-\$650,000
Kitchen Loading Dock: \$600,000-\$750,000
Timing: begin design in 2016
Cost Estimation: \$11,973,500
Funding for Construction needed in late 2017 or early 2018

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SR 37 crash injures three

A Tuesday morning crash on State Road 37 just north of 146th Street sent three people to the hospital.
At approximately 9:36 a.m., police officers and firefighters from the Noblesville Police & Fire Departments responded to the 14800 block of southbound SR 37 in reference to a report of a motor vehicle crash involving two vehicles. Officers and firefighters arrived on the scene a short time later and began to investigate.
Based on witness statements and evidence at the scene, it appears that a 2005 Chevrolet pickup truck was traveling southbound in the 14800 block of SR 37 when it crashed into another vehicle. The other vehicle was identified as a 2012 Ford Escape registered to Certified Engineering, Inc. in Indianapolis. The Ford was reportedly parked on the right shoulder of the roadway in order for the occupants to conduct surveying work. Evidence at the scene suggests that the Chevy veered to the right side of the roadway causing it to strike the Ford and the two occupants who were standing outside the vehicle at the time of the collision.
The driver of the Chevy was identified as Timothy L. Osburn, 72, Frankton. Osburn was transported by ground ambulance to St. Vincent's Hospital in Indianapolis with non-life-threatening injuries.
The occupant of the Ford standing on the driver's side was identified as Derek J. Knowing, 31, Roachdale. Knowing was transported by air ambulance to IU Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis in critical condition.
The second occupant of the Ford was standing on the passenger's side of the vehicle and he is identified as Brian

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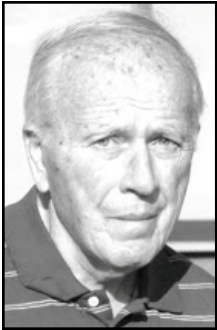


Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The planned roundabout interchange at 96th Street and Keystone Parkway is one of Hamilton County's Capital Project Priorities. The county will contribute \$2 million to the project.

Good communicating...that's our job; it appears we are doing it well

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor
One of the items discussed at the nearly three-hour joint meeting yesterday of the Hamilton County Commissioners and Hamilton County Common Council was communication, or lack of it.
Basically, the discussion centered around:



*The Council's interest of streaming its meetings.
*The Council wanted more knowledge of the recent hiring by the commissioners of a part-time public relations director, Andrea Davis.
Since my job as a newspaper editor is communications, I was all ears while listening to the discussions.
One of the concerns I heard from the Council was that often they read the county's news in "the paper" before they have been informed. There really are only two Hamilton County-wide newspapers

which send reporters to government meetings and then report on what they observed, the Hamilton County Reporter, which is our daily newspaper, and the Current, a weekly newspaper.
Before we came along more than three years ago, no Hamilton County newspaper was covering government meetings regularly. In fact, I worked for newspapers who owners insisted on not using two or three hours of valuable reporter's time to sit in on a government meeting.

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Between State Road 37 and Campus Parkway...

Northbound patching & paving continues on I-69 Major Moves 2020

Milestone Contractors plans to continue paving an asphalt overlay on northbound I-69 between State Road 37 (Exit 205) and Campus/Southeastern Parkway (Exit 210). Crews will also continue patching existing northbound pavement north of Exit 210. The patching operation will continue north over the next several weeks to the end of the project limits, which is just past State Road 38 (Exit 219), before returning southbound on I-69 back to Exit 210. Milestone is repairing pavement on about 15 miles of interstate before paving a new asphalt overlay on existing

lanes. Motorists may temporarily experience rough pavement after sections are patched and before sections are paved. Weather permitting, patching and paving operations require alternating lane closures six nights a week on Monday through Saturday nights from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. One lane of I-69 will remain open at all times, and two lanes will remain open during peak daytime travel times. The speed limit on I-69 through the work zone is

reduced to 60 mph and further reduced to 50 mph when workers are present. After pavement is repaired and resurfaced, crews will start work to rehabilitate interstate bridges and build the additional travel lane. Beginning after Independence Day (July 4), traffic lanes between Exit 205 and Exit 210 are scheduled to be shifted toward the outside shoulders to set temporary concrete barriers and begin construction of an additional travel lane in the median.

CRASH

T. Rees, 59, Indianapolis. Rees was transported by air ambulance to St. Vincent's in critical condition. Investigators from the NPD Accident Reconstruction Unit were summoned to the scene to collect evidence and gather information. As a result of the investigation, traffic on SR 37 was either restricted and/or closed between 146th Street and Greenfield Avenue until approximately 1 p.m. The closure also caused Conner Street in downtown Noblesville to back up as well.

JELLISON

I believe we've changed that type of covering in Hamilton County. I should know. I've been around a few years. Not sure, but perhaps the Council was referring to a weekly column which appears in the Hamilton County Reporter and written by Hamilton County Commissioner Steve Dillinger. We have more columns than any newspaper in the Hamilton County area. Two come from, pardon the expression, the "horse's mouth," Dillinger's column and one written by Noblesville City Council person Mary Sue Rowland. You readers will get in on the ground floor by reading these columns. Steve and Mary Sue's tell things as they see them and both have been doing so for a long time. It's tough covering government, throughout the county and through city council and town board meetings. I'll admit to you, I go to meeting and never have a clue what was decided, if anything was. That's why having a Rowland or a Dillinger and long-time veteran newsman

Fred Swift is so valuable to us ... so valuable to you readers. We also open our editorial pages to anyone and everyone. Today, for example, you'll find a letter-to-the-editor from Chris Jensen, County Councilor from District 2. So, in my opinion, it might be good for the County Councilors to each morning read the Hamilton County Reporter so they, too, can keep on track with what is going on in Hamilton County. The other issue I would like to address is the hiring of Andrea Davis as a public relations person. We applaud this. She should be full time. Public relations from Noblesville City to the press have been excellent since the hiring of Robert Herrington by the City. Not only does Robert pound out the press releases, he also is available to answer any question any time I call. Davis should work both for the commissioners and for the council. Then we can all be informed. She can't do the job on a few hours a week.

PLANS

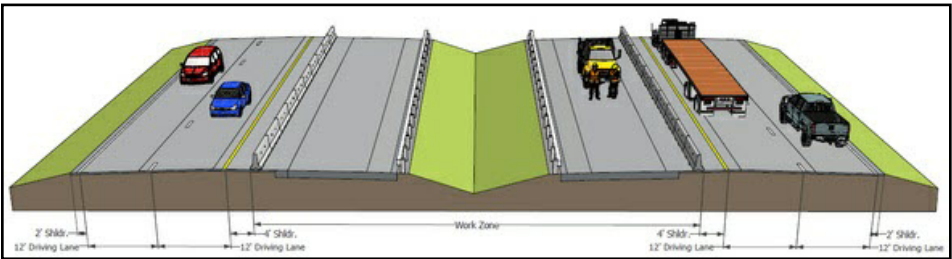
- Funding source: TBD (TBD=To be determined)
2. Judicial Center Expansion
Will need in 2016, \$507,975 for schematic design and \$30,000 for project cost estimation.
Total Project cost estimated to be \$22,000,000 to \$27,000,000 depending on available funding and level of buildout desired for Phase I.
Funding Source: current assumptions for funding are \$12,000,000 bond issue for which a tax rate is available and a pledged \$10,000,000 cash appropriation from Council.
Timing would be 2017 for balance of funding for construction(a more definitive project cost will be determined once Schematic design is completed).
3. Domestic Shelter
Will need \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000
Timing: TBD
Funding source: TBD
4. Training Center
Will need \$3,000,000 in 2016
Funding Source: Council appropriation

Capital Project Priorities: Highway

1. SR 37
Phase I will need \$12,000,000 in 2017
Possible funding source: Bond(backed by COIT) or front from Rainy Day funding and then reimbursed at a later time from Bond issue.)
- Phase II will need \$4,500,000 to \$10,000,000 (depending on scope)
Timing: TBD
Possible Funding Source: TBD
2. 96th and Keystone
Will need \$2,000,000, Hwy will put in 2017 budget submittal
Funding source: Major Bridge
3. Lowes Way to Keystone Pkwy, phases I and II
\$920,000 appropriation request will be needed for Final plans for Phase I and Phase II, will be submitted for the July, 2016 Council mtg; \$500,000 for R/W, request will be submitted for October, 2016 Council meeting
October, 2016 Council meeting
Additional 1.15 million for R/W needed in early 2017, TIF should support all of these requests.
Will need \$9,440,000 for construction and inspection in 2018 for Phase I.

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Scheduled to begin after Independence Day, after existing pavement between Exit 205 and 210 is patched and resurfaced, two traffic lanes will be shifted toward the outside shoulders to allow space to build an additional lane in the median.



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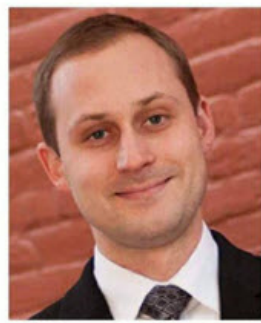
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Stephen Douglas Waltz

November 9, 1943 - June 22, 2016

Stephen Douglas Waltz, 72, of Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on November 9, 1943 to Raymond and Mabel (Rafferty) Waltz in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Steve was an administrator with the Indy Parks & Recreation Association, where he had been Executive Director for Eagle Creek Park from 1980-2005, Executive Director of Indiana Parks & Recreation Association from 2006-2010 and retired in 2011 from Lester Recreation Designs. He received his undergraduate degree from Purdue, where he was a member of the rowing team; and earned his Master's degree from University of Washington. Steve was a wonderful grandfather, dad and husband who had a quick smile and a great laugh. He was very easy-going, was a hard worker and was a detailed administrator who was considerate of those who worked with him. He loved to drive his pontoon boat, and was known as 'Captain Steve'; and he also collected baseball hats. He was named the Indy Parks & Recreation Outstanding Professional of the Year, and was responsible for establishing the Eagle Creek rowing course for the 1987 Pan Am Games held in Indy.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Waltz; three daughters, Holly Walsh, Lesly (Rob) Huffman and Wendy (Lee) Ackerman; a brother, Tom Waltz; five grandchildren, Colleen & Allison Walsh, Joey & Anna Ackerman, and Cameron Huffman; and his beloved dog, Alex.

Services will be held at 3:00 pm on Sunday, June 26, 2016 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road in Noblesville, with visitation beginning at 1:00 pm prior to the service. Burial will be at Cicero Cemetery on Monday, at 11:00 am. Condolences: www.randallroberts.com

State Sen. Luke Kenley to serve on study committees



Kenley

State Sen. Luke Kenley (R-Noblesville) will serve on the following study committees and councils during the summer and fall months to help prepare for the 2017 session of the General Assembly:

- Budget Committee
- Interim Study Committee on Courts and the Judiciary
- Simplified State Sales Tax Administration Delegates
- Indiana Stadium and Convention Building Authority

"I am looking forward to serving on committees that focus on Indiana's fiscal health," Kenley said. "The work and research these groups perform is critical in

providing the legislature information when making decisions about how to invest taxpayer dollars, especially since, during the upcoming session, we will be drafting the state's next two-year budget."

When Indiana's part-time legislature is not in session, lawmakers serve on [interim study committees](#) that meet to review the state's top issues, as identified by the General Assembly during the prior legislative session.

Study committee topics are assigned by the bipartisan [Legislative Council](#), comprised of 16 voting members — eight from the Senate and eight from the House of Representatives.

To view interim committee agendas and stream hearings online, visit www.in.gov/iga. More information about topics that will be examined can be found [here](#).

DAILY BIBLE VERSE

Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?

- Matthew 7:10

50 Years Ago

News: Thunderstorms and strong winds pounded areas of Hamilton County Monday. Indiana's two-week heatwave was temporarily interrupted yesterday, but the thunderstorms did little to alleviate the real rainfall shortage. Emergency work crews from two telephone companies and Public Service Indiana labored most of the July 4th holiday restoring service in Riverwood, Cicero and Lapel.

Sports: Don Powell, always on or near the top in most local golf tournaments, but still searching for his first city tourney championship, today holds the lead for medalist honors in qualification action for the 1966 city affair.

Ad: ABC Drive-in Theatre: For 7 Big Days, it's ELVIS! *Frank and Johnny!*

Legacy Fund awarded \$1.5 million grant

Legacy Fund, a Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF) affiliate, was awarded a \$1.5 million matching grant from Lilly Endowment's sixth phase of Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT).

Legacy Fund leveraged just over \$1,032,244 of the GIFT grant from Lilly Endowment to raise an additional \$657,825 for The Endowment For Hamilton County, a permanent fund used by Legacy Fund Board of Directors that allocates grants to a wide variety of not-for-profits serving Hamilton County. The Endowment For Hamilton County increased by \$1.69 million.

Legacy Fund used the remaining GIFT grant to raise \$1 million to help launch The Community Leadership Innovation Fund in conjunction with The Indianapolis Foundation, a CICF affiliate serving Marion County. With the GIFT grant and new contributions, Legacy Fund was able to add a total of \$1,467,756 to The Community Leadership Innovation Fund.

For 25 years, Legacy Fund has supported charitable organizations and initiatives in the eight Hamilton County cities by awarding grants from its unrestricted endowment. Through its participation in Lilly Endowment's GIFT VI initiative, Legacy Fund has bolstered the unrestricted Endowment For Hamilton County by \$1.69 million. This will substantially increase the grant making power of Legacy Fund and generate greater impact and influence for the entire Hamilton County community.

"The immense generosity of Legacy Fund board members, our community partners and leaders, and Legacy Fund donors made this grant from Lilly Endowment a reality," says Terry Anker, Legacy Fund president. "This grant reinvigorates our unrestricted endowment and opens the door for new opportunities for grant making and investment in Hamilton County now, and for at least another 25 years."

In addition to a significant unrestricted endowment boost, Legacy Fund and its sister affiliate, The Indianapolis Foundation, launched The Community Leadership Innovation Fund. This new endowment will support philanthropic efforts throughout Central Indiana by allocating quick, significant grants to community leadership initiatives that are paramount to the mission of Legacy Fund, The Indianapolis Foundation and CICF. Through continued fund-

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Letter to the Editor

A millennial’s definition of Noblesville

By CHRIS JENSEN
I often get asked “How would you define Noblesville?” It is a question I have pondered a lot lately, and I think I have come up with a pretty fitting answer. **A desirable suburban city with a unique and dynamic urban core.** That’s my answer, but I would love to hear yours.
I have called Noblesville home for my entire life, almost 32 years. What was once a quaint county seat, with historic buildings and corn fields, now looks very different. While many of the historic qualities remain the same, the corn fields have transformed into retail, commercial and residential developments.
While our downtown remains the gem of our community, we are no longer just defined by our historic

courthouse square. Areas such as Exit 10, Morse Reservoir, Hazel Dell Parkway, the SR 37 corridor and the booming east side prove that we are a diverse melting pot of assets.
So, how does this city blend the strong urban core with its growing suburban culture? It is a question I grapple with daily. I am confident that it starts with our residents. They are families, business owners, historians, farmers, retirees and hipsters, just to name a few. What do they all have in common? A love for our city.
So how do we come together and solve the issues of our future? The same way we have solved the issues of our past. We will collaborate on items we agree on, and we will passionately and positively debate and seek compromise on the issues where we disagree. Will we

have challenges? Sure. All cities do. Even great ones like ours. However, I believe challenge is just another word for opportunity.
As I stated in the beginning, I have my definition of our hometown. It is one that has changed, and will continue to change as Noblesville moves forward. So, what is your definition? How would you define Noblesville in one sentence? Or, what would your ideal definition be? As we continue to move forward, I would welcome your input. Noblesville will only continue to get better so long as residents take an active role. Please feel free to contact me via email (ctjensen1@gmail.com) or phone (317-509-3134).
Jensen is the Noblesville City Councilor for District 2.

BlueSky groundbreaking ceremony set for Wednesday

A groundbreaking ceremony for the new BlueSky Technology Partners headquarters will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 29 at the project site at the intersection of Westfield Road and John Street near downtown Noblesville.
This new headquarters is a four-story, 42,000 sq. ft. facility with the top three levels for collaborative office use. The main level at grade is intended for a restaurant tenant space and outdoor dining. An outdoor terrace off their common breakroom area on the fourth floor provides BlueSky with scenic views of historic downtown Noblesville and the new Federal Hills Commons area.
BlueSky employees will have access to an indoor bike storage area as well as locker rooms to promote wellness and also to encourage employees to connect with the larger community outside their new office space.
The eCommerce and Digital marketing consulting company’s new international headquarters is the first major development since the Federal Hill Commons project (a new city park) began. The partnership will spur economic development and extend downtown Noblesville to the west side of the White River.

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LEGACY

raising, The Community Leadership Innovation Fund has a goal to ultimately reach a minimum of \$10 million. A grant making committee comprised of donors to The Community Leadership Innovation Fund and board members from The Indianapolis Foundation, Legacy Fund and CICF will make allocation decisions.

Lilly Endowment’s GIFT initiative has played an essential role in the formation of Legacy Fund over its past 25 years and has

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amplified the dedication and generosity of not only the 20-member Legacy Fund board, but also Hamilton County community leaders and donors. The new growth of the unrestricted endowment will ensure more families reach self-sufficiency, more children pursue a postsecondary education, and a more livable Hamilton County for everyone.

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2016 Grand Junction Derby sign-ups are open

The 2016 Grand Junction Derby is still months away, but now is the time to start your engines if you want to compete.

Westfield’s Parks Department is accepting applications until Friday September 23, as well as offering resources on how to build your very own derby car.

“Building a derby car from scratch can be a fun way to spend time with your family and friends, and really create a sense of accomplishment when completed,” Parks Director Melody Jones said.

Families, businesses and nonprofits are encouraged to enter their cars in this year’s race. Registration guarantees your car and pit crew a spot in the derby, provided the car meets regulations.

This year’s derby will take place on Saturday October 1 at the intersection of Main and Union streets. The festival will include vendors, music and a new feature with Janus Developmental Services called Janus at the Junction.

The derby will also feature a special appearance by IndyCar Driver, Conor Daly and former driver, Derek Daly.

For more information on how to build and register your very own derby car, visit www.enjoywestfieldevents.com/derby-1

Includes many key features...

FEMA urges residents to download its smartphone app

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is urging residents across the nation to download and use the FEMA smartphone app. The app is designed to help families prepare for a wide array of natural and man-made disasters, and can help affected Americans recover, should disaster strike. FEMA officials will be available for interviews to discuss the importance of residents preparing for severe weather, and specific features contained in the app that can help families and individuals stay safe and recover from disasters.

According to [a recent survey](#) by Pew Research, 40 percent of Americans have used their smartphone to look up government services or information. Additionally, a majority of smartphone owners use their devices to keep up to date with breaking news, and to be informed about what is happening in their community.

Some key features of the app include:

- **National Weather Service Alerts:** The app enables users to receive weather alerts from the National Weather Service for up to five locations across the nation. This new feature allows users to receive alerts on severe weather happening any-

where they select in the country, even if the phone is not located in the area, making it easy to follow severe weather that may be threatening family and friends.

- **Safety Tips:** Tips on how to stay safe before, during, and after over 20 types of hazards, including floods, hurricanes, tornadoes and earthquakes.
- **Preparation Checklist:** Helps users put together emergency kits and develop family communication plans to determine how they will reunite with loved ones in the event of a disaster.
- **Maps of Disaster Resources:** Users can locate and receive driving directions to open shelters and disaster recovery centers.
- **Apply for Assistance:** The app provides easy access to apply for federal disaster assistance.
- **Information in Spanish:** The app defaults to Spanish-language content for smartphones that have Spanish set as their default language.

The latest version of the FEMA app is available for free in the App Store for Apple devices and Google Play for Android devices. For more information visit <https://www.fema.gov/mobile-app>

Public input meetings for Helping HAND

HAND invites the public to a discussion about HAND’s home repair program, Helping HAND.

This program is now in its second year of assisting Hamilton County homeowner with much needed home repairs and costly home modifications.

HAND is seeking public input on the impact of the program and assistance with developing future goals.

HAND continues to seek funding from local and state sources.

For more information about the program, please contact Michelle Westermeier at 317-674-8108.

At the Bridgewater Club...

Indy Connect hosts public open house on transit June 30

Indy Connect will host an informational meeting, open to the public, to answer questions on the transit plan for Carmel and Westfield.

The meeting will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 30 at the Bridgewater Club, 3535 E. 161st St. in Westfield. A presentation is scheduled for 7 p.m.

On June 28, Clay and Washington Township Boards will be voting on certifying a referendum for Nov. 8. This will allow citizens to vote on a dedicated transit fund for their townships. Residents can learn about the details of the plan at this meeting. Additional open houses will be scheduled throughout the summer and fall in the both townships.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF REDUCTION OF APPROPRIATION

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Sheridan Public Library, Hamilton County, Indiana, that the proper fiscal body will consider the following reduction of appropriation of the budget for the current year at the location of the Sheridan Public Library, 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan, IN 46069, at 6 o'clock pm on the 11th day of July, 2016.

Fund Name: Lease

Major Budget Classification: Other Services & Charges

Charges \$(35,816.00)

Total \$(35,816.00)

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The reduction of appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance. The Department will make a written determination as the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Sheridan Public Library, Hamilton County, Indiana, that the proper fiscal body will consider the following additional appropriation in excess of the budget for the current year at the location of the Sheridan Public Library, 103 W. 1st St., Sheridan, IN 46069, at 6 o'clock p.m on the 11th day of July, 2016.

Fund Name:: Operating Rainy Day

Major Budget Classification: Other Services & Charges

Charges \$20,000.00 \$15,816.00

Total \$20,000.00 \$15,816.00

Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance. The Department will make a written determination as the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a Certified Copy of the action taken.

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Meeting Notice

The Jackson Fire Territory Executive Board, The Atlanta Town Council, and the Arcadia Town Council will meet Friday, July 1, 2016 at 6 p.m. at the Atlanta Town Hall, 105 E. Main Street.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SHERIDAN TOWN COUNCIL

Notice is hereby given that the Sheridan Town Council will have a Special Meeting at 6:00 pm on Monday, June 27, 2016 at the Sheridan Town Hall, located at 506 South Main Street, Sheridan, IN 46069. This meeting is to gather information on the possible sale of the Sheridan Water and Sheridan Waste Water Utilities. Please note the change of location for this already advertised meeting.

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Summer basketball...

Leonard likes his Fishers Tigers

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

Fishers coach Joe Leonard has no complaints about the summer basketball season with his Tigers.

Facing a big reloading job, for sure. But, no complaints.

“We’re currently 9-3 in the Fishers Fieldhouse league,” Leonard said. “Two of those losses were to North Central. They’re big, physical and quick. We played well but lost both games.”

Graduation losses from last season were great, including leading scorers Lance Dollison (16.1) and Cameron Wolter (15.1).

Leonard took his Tigers to the very tough tournament at Carmel last weekend. In pool play, Fishers lost to Ft. Wayne North and defeated Evansville Bosse and Perry Meridian. After that, the Tigers defeated Terre Haut South and Brownsburg before losing to, yes, again, North Central.

“We defeated Brownsburg on a shot by (junior-to-be) Jamil Turner-Hall,” said Leonard, “with four seconds left.”

Turner-Hall is expected to be one of the sparkplugs in Fishers’ attack next season. Another is (senior-to-be) Reid Stephens and another is Arman Franklin, a sophomore-to-be who last season played at Cathedral. Franklin, before enrolling at Cathedral, had played in the Fishers junior high system. Willie Jackson is back after seeing varsity time as a freshman last year.

Leonard also has a big surprise this summer.

“Connor Washburn (6-7) has been a big surprise,” said the coach. “He really has improved and is playing well.”

Fishers is playing in the Purdue team camp this week.

“We’ll start with Merrillville and we could play Pike,” Leonard said. “We’re guaranteed four games.”

Earlier in the summer the Tigers played at IWU in Marion, going 3-1. Fishers lost to New Castle in an early morning, 9 a.m. game.

“We’re trying to come together as a team,” Leonard said his summer goal has been. “When we share the ball and play as a team we can be really good. We have shooters, size and quickness.”



Kent Graham/File photo

Senior-to-be Reid Stephens is expected to be a big part of the Fishers boys basketball team next season. The Tigers are playing in the Purdue team camp this week, after going 3-1 at IWU earlier this summer.

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Noblesville Swim Club Senior Trip Day 3...

Conquering the traditional 800-meter swim



By JOSIE GRIFFIN and ALEXA AKERS
Alexa: Yesterday I thought things couldn't get any harder. I was wrong.
Josie: Once again, we woke up, ate breakfast, and got ready for practice. The mood within the team was very tense. We knew what Rich had planned for us.
Every year, it's a tradition to do an 800 meter swim of our best stroke. We choose between butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke, or IM (a mix of every stroke). Personally, I'm a butterflyer. This makes today the hardest day of my life. The maximum yardage we swim in one of the aforementioned strokes is 200 meters.
Even that is brutal! So everyone knew we were in for a tough day.
Everyone was on edge as we walked into the pool. We had an easy warm-up and stretched afterwards- it was the calm before the storm. Then, our coach pulled a fast one on us. We didn't just do one 800, we did five. One was regular IM, one IM kick, one IM pull, one IM with fins (also known as flippers), and the final one being our choice of stroke. Our jaws dropped, but we were determined to persevere.
We finished the first. The second. The third and fourth. We were tired, we were sore, and you couldn't help but think negative thoughts. But the time had come for

the 800 stroke. We split into our lanes, said our last goodbyes, and embarked on a painful journey that would take about 15 minutes. Gasping for every breath, we eventually made it to the wall. It was one of the most painful things I've done, but I'm so glad I did it. I did the hardest stroke without stopping or giving up, and that's something to be proud about.
Well, breaststroke is pretty hard too...
I don't think so.
Anyways, we then moved on to a much deserved lunch. Afterwards, we either slept or were in a state of delirium. Personally, I wanted nothing more than a nap, but our team had other plans. It was time for the Amazing Race.
If you've ever seen the show Amazing Race, you might know the basics. We're split into teams, given a clue, and set off on a road trip. In theory, camaraderie, teamwork, and cooperation will help groups win. Much easier said than done.
Each team stumbled. There were a few errors planning. What was thought to take 20 minutes ended up taking over 2 hours. We ran in the 100 degree heat for as long we could. It wasn't that long. Regardless of the heat, my team prevailed and won the honor of bragging rights. Alexa's team got last.
Alright, we may have gotten last, but at least I finished.
Okay, I had heat exhaustion, it wasn't my fault.
Alright. I'll let you have that one. Sweaty and agitated, we moved from our attitude from competition among each other towards competition against ourselves.
Like yesterday and the day before, we had a team meeting based on an inspirational word to drive us in and out of the pool. Today, that word was opportunity. Every day we make decisions. These decisions can create or limit the opportunities we have in the future.
With that in mind, we make our way to the final practice of the day. Of course we were tired and sore. Of course we were slightly agitated from spending over 48 hours straight with our teammates. But when we're in the water, none of that matters. All that matters is you. Your effort. Your journey. Your passion.
We made it through that practice, and truth be told, it wasn't even that bad. That's the key to the senior trip- we can do it, it just takes a bit more determination and a whole lot more hard work. In the end, the result will always pay off. In two days we leave for our first competition as a real team, and I could not be more excited to do so.
Now, we really have to get some sleep. Tomorrow is another day, and with all that has happened, I really don't want this trip to end. Until tomorrow, this has been Josie and Alexa.

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Hamilton County Reporter Boys Golf Player of the Year

Cedric McAree, Hamilton Southeastern



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Hamilton Southeastern’s boys golf team made history this season, and senior Cedric McAree led the way.

McAree won the individual state championship, and that coupled with a consistent record throughout the season makes him this year’s choice for the Hamilton County Reporter’s Boys Golf Player of the Year. McAree had Top 10 finishes at the Hoosier Crossroads Conference, Hamilton County, sectional and regional meets, then culminated his season with a record-tying 65 in the first round of state at Prairie View, which helped propel him to HSE’s first-ever golf individual state championship.

Hamilton County Reporter All-County Boys Golf Team

First Team

Player	School	Class
Drew Alexander	Southeastern	Junior
Parker Deakyne	Noblesville	Junior
Johnny Deck	Westfield	Senior
Jeff Doty	Carmel	Junior
Matthew Godfrey	Guerin Catholic	Junior
Nate Isenthal	Guerin Catholic	Senior
Will Kirchmer	Southeastern	Junior
Nick Kuster	Southeastern	Senior
Andrew Lewis	Westfield	Sophomore
Thomas Lewis	Westfield	Senior
Kent Linton	Guerin Catholic	Senior

Cedric McAree	Southeastern	Senior
Clay Merchant	Noblesville	Freshman
Curtis Robertson	Carmel	Sophomore
Kevin Stone	Carmel	Junior
Palmer Tweedy	Carmel	Senior

Honorable Mention

Alex Bullington	Southeastern	Junior
Mitchell Compton	Noblesville	Junior
Jake Hutmacher	Southeastern	Junior
Josh Kehl	Westfield	Junior
Shivom Patel	Fishers	Sophomore
Jesse Reed	Heights	Senior
Noah Shanteau	Westfield	Junior

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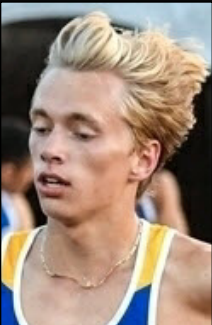
Thursday's scores		Miami 4, Chi. Cubs 2
San Francisco 5, Pittsburgh 3		Atlanta 4, N.Y. Mets 3
Philadelphia 7, Minnesota 3		San Diego 7, Cincinnati 4
Detroit 5, Seattle 4, 10 innings		Arizona 7, Colorado 6
Boston 8, Chi. White Sox, 7, 10 innings		Oakland 5, L.A. Angels 4

American League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Baltimore	41	30	.577	-
Boston	40	32	.556	1.5
Toronto	40	34	.541	2.5
N.Y. Yankees	35	36	.493	6.0
Tampa Bay	31	39	.443	9.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	41	30	.577	-
Kansas City	38	33	.535	3.0
Detroit	38	35	.521	4.0
Chi. White Sox	36	37	.493	6.0
Minnesota	23	49	.319	18.5
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
Texas	47	26	.644	-
Houston	37	36	.507	10.0
Seattle	36	37	.493	11.0
L.A. Angels	31	42	.425	16.0
Oakland	30	42	.417	16.5

National League				
East	W	L	PCT.	GB
Washington	43	30	.589	-
N.Y. Mets	38	33	.535	4.0
Miami	39	34	.534	4.0
Philadelphia	31	43	.419	12.5
Atlanta	25	47	.347	17.5
Central	W	L	PCT.	GB
Chi. Cubs	47	24	.662	-
St. Louis	38	33	.535	9.0
Pittsburgh	34	39	.466	14.0
Milwaukee	32	40	.444	15.5
Cincinnati	28	45	.384	20.0
West	W	L	PCT.	GB
San Francisco	47	27	.635	-
L.A. Dodgers	41	33	.554	6.0
Colorado	34	38	.472	12.0
Arizona	35	40	.467	12.5
San Diego	31	43	.419	16.0

Ben Veatch named Gatorade Indiana Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year

In its 31st year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Ben Veatch of Carmel High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Indiana Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Veatch is the first Gatorade Indiana Boys



Veatch

Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Carmel High School. The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the track, distinguishes Veatch as Indiana's best high school boys track & field athlete. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year award to be announced in June, Veatch joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Ryan Hall (1999-01, Big Bear HS, Calif.), Meb Keflezighi (1993-94, San Diego HS, Calif.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Cen-

tral HS, Ill.), Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.) and Lolo Jones (1997-98, Roosevelt HS, Ia.). The 5-foot-11, 135-pound senior swept the 1600-meter run with a time of 4:08.38 and the 3200 in 8:58.18 at the state meet this past season, leading the Greyhounds to the state championship as a team. The state's two-time Gatorade Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year, Veatch also took silver in the 2-mile at the Brooks PR Invitational. His season-best times in the 1600 and 3200 both ranked in the nation's No. 25 prep performances in 2016 in those events at the time of his selection. His 8:50.92 at NBNO was the nation's No. 2 clocking in the 2-mile.

Veatch has maintained a 4.20 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of a nursing home, youth running programs and the Children's Museum of Indianapolis. "Ben is a team-first athlete whose time at Carmel has led to the most successful period in program history for cross country and track and field," said Carmel coach Ken Browner. "His work ethic and willingness to do whatever it takes to help the team sets him in a league of his own." Veatch has signed a National Letter of Intent to run on an athletic scholarship at Indiana University this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade high school sports leadership team in partnership with [USA TODAY High School Sports](#), which work with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport. Veatch joins recent Gatorade Indiana Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Deakin Volz (2014-15 & 2013-14, Bloomington High School South), Codie Hamsley

(2012-13, Floyd Central High School), Futsun Zeinasellassie (2011-12, North Central High School), Austin Mudd (2010-11 & 2009-10, Center Grove High School), Corey Shank (2008-09, Northrop High School), Kevin Schipper (2007-08, Bishop Dwenger High School), and Benjamin Roy Stephen (2006-07, Union County High School) among the state's list of former award winners. To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit [www.gatorade.com/poy](#).

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