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Hamilton County Reporter

City budget proposes 11 new employees, lower tax rate

By FRED SWIFT

A proposed budget for the City of Noblesville's 2017 operations has been submitted to the city council by Mayor John Ditslear's administration. It calls for 11 new city employees, a two percent raise for most employees and a slight decrease in the property tax rate.

The decrease in the tax rate from \$1.61 per hundred dollars of assessed valuation to \$1.56, is partially due to the unexpected state disbursement of more County Option

Income Tax collections and increases in the overall assessed value of taxable property in the city.

The 11 new employees will include three in the street department, two in parks, two in police, and one each in fire, planning, mayor's office and information technology. The increase in the number of employees is largely attributed to the growth of the city, now nearing a population of 60,000.

Pay raises of two percent include all staff, also two percent for the mayor and city judge, and 10 percent for the clerk, but no increase for city council members.

The total city budget for next year is proposed to be \$70,830,000, down slightly from the current year's budget. The city council will consider the budget over the next two weeks and enact a final version on October 25, according to the city Public Affairs Manager Robert Herrington.

Ward appointed Chair of EELU Water sub-committee

Hamilton County Surveyor Kenton C. Ward has been appointed Chair of the Water Sub-committee of the Environment, Energy & Land Use (EELU) Committee for the National Association of Counties (NACo). The appointments were made by Bryan Desloge, Commissioner Leon County, Florida, President of NACo.

Ward's committee reviews federal legislation and regulations to provide NACo and members of the Association with technical assistance on water related issues. The EELU Committee reviews federal legislation and regulations on issues such as air quality, solid waste, energy, water and land use.

Ward also serves on three other NACo committees. Those are the Information Technology Standing Committee, Essential County Technology Sub Committee and the GIS Subcommittee and is a member of the NACo Board of Directors.

Little Haunt means big family fun at Cool Creek Park

Little Haunt on the Prairie at Ghoul Creek Park promises to be big fun for the entire family on Thursday, October 27. Spooky, yet age-appropriate Halloween activities will be offered for children ranging from preschool to school-age and their families. Hamilton County Parks invites everyone to come in their favorite costume and enjoy nature interpretation, entertainment, a hayride, roasting marshmallows over a campfire, face painting, food for purchase, and tons of activities for the little ones as they trick-or-treat their way through this spooky event. Festivities run from 5 until 9 p.m. Admission is only \$3 per person. The public is encouraged to bring a non-perishable or canned food item to donate to Amanda Strong Food for the Needy.

Hamilton County Parks and Recreation is seeking volunteers who like to have fun and help the community by assisting with its "Little Haunt on the Prairie at Ghoul Creek Park" event on October 27, from 4:30

See Cool Creek...Page 2

Bicentennial Torch comes to Hamilton County



Reporter photo by Perry Williams

The Bicentennial Torch made its way through several Hamilton County communities on Thursday, making a stop at Noblesville to wrap up its journey through the county. Several well-known county residents served as torch bearers

LEFT: Scott Schmelzer (far left), grandson of the late Noblesville Ledger owner Jim Neal, served as one of the torch bearers. Also picutred (left to right after Schmelzer) are State Rep. Kathy Richardson, Georgianne Neal (Jim Neal's wife), Andrea Neal (Jim Neal's daughter).



Reporter photo by Perry Williams

Sheridan football coach Bud Wright, who recently won his 400th career football game, hands off the torch to Al Patterson, the Director of Hamilton County Parks.

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Stolen credit card used for purchases...

Carmel Police searching for theft/fraud suspect

The Carmel Police Department is looking for a man that has been making fraudulent purchases with a stolen credit card.

On Sunday, Sept. 11, a vehicle was broken into in the 400 block of Beverly Court in Carmel. Several items were stolen from the vehicle to include the victim's wallet. The suspect made several fraudulent purchases using the victim's credit card at various fast food establishments in Indianapolis.

The pictured vehicle is a white, Chevrolet city express van that was used in those frauds. The suspect is an unknown white male. The white van also appears to have damage to the front bumper.

The Carmel Police would like your assistance in identifying the suspect and vehicle in the accompanying surveillance photos. Police are asking that if anyone has information on this suspect to contact the Carmel Police Department Investigations Division at 317-571-2511 or Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana at 317-262-8477 (TIPS).

Photos courtesy the Carmel Police Department



DAILY BIBLE VERSE

And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel.

- Matthew 9:33

50 Years Ago

News: Edward Harrison, 48, executive vice president of Hamilton County Bank, has resigned to take a position with the American Fletcher National Bank of Indianapolis. George F. Burrell, who recently accepted a position as vice president of Twin City State Bank, Gas City, Ind., was named to succeed Harrison as vice president.

Sports: Noblesville's Millers dropped another football game here Friday evening, but not before Coach Bill Nevitt's Millers put a real scare into a once-beaten band of bigger Lebanon Tigers. The Tigers, with the aid of a penalty here and there in the second half (and a few of the officials failed to see), won the football battle, 33-27. But the Millers proved to a small home town following, and perhaps even more important proved to themselves, that Noblesville is capable of playing a good, smart, exciting brand of football.

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LEFT: Bill Kenley was one of the torch bearers during the Indiana Bicentennial’s torch run through Hamilton County Thursday. The torch here is an artificial one – Kenley exchanged it with the next torchbearer who was getting into the Conner Prairie Balloon. The real torch could not go aloft due to safety concerns.

ABOVE: Hamilton County dignitaries light the big torch during the opening ceremony in downtown Noblesville.

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For fifth place in Hoosier Conference...

Huskies host running Rensselaer

By **RICHIE HALL**
Reporter Sports Editor

Here's how tough the Hoosier Conference was this past season: Hamilton Heights finished tied for first in the East Division, but will have to play for fifth place.

The Huskies, Tipton and Northwestern all finished with 3-1 East records, but the tiebreaker went to the Blue Devils, who play Lafayette Central Catholic for the conference championship tonight. Northwestern gets a date with West Lafayette for third place. And Heights will host Rensselaer Central for the fifth-place game, also tonight.

Kickoff is at 8 p.m. to accommodate the change in time zones for Rensselaer, which is in the Central Time Zone.

The Bombers are 5-3 overall, with victories over North Newton, North Judson and Hammond Clark in non-conference play, and Twin Lakes and Benton Central in Hoosier West Division play. Rensselaer is 2-2 in its division, having lost to West Lafayette and Lafayette Central Catholic. The Bombers dropped a non-conference game to Kankakee Valley to open its season.

"Rensselaer is another example of a football program within our conference," said Huskies coach Mitch Street. "They are well coached and have good players. Even in years when they have been down, they are still good, and that speaks to the tradition they have built there."

The Bombers appear to be a team that likes to keep its feet on the ground.

Rensselaer has rushed for 2024 team yards this season; its running leader is junior Jordan Owens, who has 565 yards on 78 carries, including six touchdowns.

The Bombers' quarterback is junior Jaylen Gilbert, who has passed the ball sparingly, but is good when he does throw it. Gilbert is 30-of-51 for the season with 572 yards, and has thrown for seven touchdowns. Senior Jonathan Hickman has 11 catches to lead in that category, while sophomore Braden Wright has four touchdown receptions, the most of his team.

"This year's team is a very talented, physical, and tough-nosed football team," said Street. "Their offensive scheme is very unconventional in today's football, which presents its challenges. Likewise, they play a diverse defensive system, in which they attack you with their front 7 guys," which Street said also presents challenges.

In sum, Street said Rensselaer makes its opponents play a disciplined brand of football in order to beat them.

"We are looking forward to try and get a week better, as we move towards the playoffs," said Street.

Heights' stat leaders include senior Clayton Cowan, who has compiled 492 yards rushing on 87 carries. Another senior, Josh Feltz, as quarterback has thrown for 934 yards on a 58-of-109 passing rate, including 10 touchdowns. Senior Jesse Brown has the most catches with 20 (totaling 315 yards), both he and Riley White have caught four touchdown passes each.



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Clayton Cowan leads the Hamilton Heights rushing with 492 yards in 87 carries.

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Heights Probable Lineups

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C, Jarrod Flanders, Sr., 210

RG, Zach Stevens, Sr., 210

RT, Hunter Wiles, Jr., 245

QB, Josh Feltz, Sr., 210

TE, Sterling Weatherford, Sr., 195

FB, Clayton Cowan, Sr., 175

WR, Riley White, Sr., 160

WR, Caymn Lutz, Sr., 180

WR, Jesse Brown, Sr., 190

Defense

ANC, Luke Herr, So., 200

T, Dylan Bannon, Jr., 270

N, Wyatt Boyd, Jr., 275

E, Nick Burk, Sr., 235

LB, Clayton Cowan, Sr., 175

LB, Zach Stevens, Sr., 210

LB, Riley White, Sr., 160

C, Michael Cross, Jr., 160

C, Jesse Brown, Sr., 190

SS, Sterling Weatherford, Sr., 195

FS, Caymn Lutz, Sr., 180

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Senior Night for the Shamrocks...

Westfield hosts Brebeuf Jesuit

By RICHIE HALL
Reporter Sports Editor

Nobody needs to convince Westfield football coach Jake Gilbert that Brebeuf Jesuit, the team the Shamrocks will host tonight in their regular season finale, is a good team.

"They just beat Cathedral so that tells me a lot," said Gilbert.

The Braves, a Class 3A school, defeated the Irish, a 6A program, last week by the score of 24-17. That evened Brebeuf's record to 4-4 for the season. Other victories have come over South Bend St. Joseph, Cardinal Ritter and Culver Academy.

"Brebeuf is very good on defense," said Gilbert. "I'm impressed with how hard the play."

Westfield played the Braves last year, winning 24-21. Gilbert remembers that Brebeuf's quarterback, Luke Iffert, "hurt us bad last year."

Iffert, now a senior, is having a splendid season. He has thrown for 1247 yards on a 107-of-198 completion rate, including nine touchdowns. Iffert is also the Braves' leading rusher, with 248 yards and five TDs on 86 carries.

"He's a great competitor," said Gilbert.

Another senior, Max Kucer, is Brebeuf's leading receiver, with 35 catches, including three touchdowns. Junior Jacob Pressler also has three touchdowns, that's a significant part of his 24 season catches.

Andrew Sweet continues to lead the way for Westfield's offense, with 914 passing yards and nine touchdowns. Nate Froelich is the Shamrocks' top rusher, with 741 yards on 134 carries, including eight scores. Johnny Swidan counts seven touchdowns among his 100 carries and 487 yards. Evan Manley is Westfield's leading receiver with 23 catches, 475 yards and eight TDs.

"It should be a great game," said Gilbert. "Friday is our Senior night. This has been a special group for us. I'm hoping to really go out and honor them the right way."



Brian Reddick/File photo

Westfield's Nate Froelich has rushed for 741 yards and eight touchdowns in 134 carries this season.

Westfield Probable Lineups

Offense
QB, Andy Sweet, Sr., 190
RB, Johnny Swidan, Sr., 205
WR, Evan Manley, Sr., 165
WR, Drew Neustifter, Sr., 160
WR, Clint Hostler, Sr., 140
RB, Nate Froelich, Jr., 190
TE, Hayden Russell, Sr., 240
T, Matt Robinson, Jr., 250
G, Chad Reeh, Sr., 260
G, Spencer Stachyra, Sr., 290
C, Austin Dollens, Sr., 270
T, Gannon Asher, Sr., 190

Defense
E, Matthew Tongate, Sr., 175
T, Griffin Lickfeldt, Jr., 240
DT, Elisha Lennon, Sr., 205
E, Byron Hubbard, Sr., 190
LB, Justin Frey, Sr., 160
LB, Jackson Garrett, Sr., 205
LB, Hank Grenda, Sr., 205
LB, Dillon Simpson, Sr., 170
C, Dorian Henson, So., 180
C, Chris Zolto, Sr., 173
SS, Koby Hauser, Jr., 190
FS, Lucas Schultz, Sr., 160

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Both teams looking for HCC win...

Tigers travel to Zionsville

By RICHIE HALL
Reporter Sports Editor

The Fishers and Zionsville football teams will both be looking for the same thing when they meet tonight at the Eagles' field.

Their first Hoosier Crossroads Conference win of the season.

It's been a tough season for the Tigers, but they will be trying to end the regular season on a positive note at Zionsville. Both teams are 3-5 for the season.

The Eagles started off their year with victories over Pike and Lebanon, scoring 55 points in each game. Zionsville beat Brebeuf Jesuit in Week 4 as well.

Losses have been to Westfield, Noblesville, Hamilton Southeastern, Brownsburg and Avon. Still, Zionsville's potent offense has been able to put up an average of 33.8 points per game throughout the season.

"Zionsville is a very good offensive team that will require us to play with discipline, effort, and awareness," said Fishers coach Rick Wimmer.

The Tigers coach said that players at the Eagles' skill positions "are outstanding," beginning with running back Brenden Mikesell and wide receiver Jay Edwards. Mikesell, a senior, has rushed 181 times for 950 yards, and has scored 11 touchdowns. Edwards is also a senior, and has caught 31 passes for 578 yards and eight touchdowns.

Wimmer said Zionsville forces teams "to spend some extra time on special teams and defense because of onside kicks and gadget plays. Offensively we will need to score points and be very efficient."

Zionsville's quarterback is senior Blake Levy, who has thrown for 1530 yards on 108-of-204 passes. Levy has 13 touchdown throws for the season.

Senior Trevor Newman is Fishers' leading rusher, with 269 yards and two touchdowns on 82 carries. Sophomore Jon Vore has stepped in and played well at quarterback for the Tigers, with 422 yards on 35 of 66 passes over four games. That includes four touchdowns. Senior DeVonte Adams is Fishers' leading receiver, with 20 catches for 227 yards.



Kirk Green/File photo

Fishers sophomore quarterback Jon Vore has thrown for 422 yards and four touchdowns in the four games he has played for the Tigers this season.

Fishers Probable Lineups	
Offense	Defense
QB, Jon Vore, So., 174	E, Eli Kipp, Sr., 205
TB, Trevor Newman, Sr., 175	T, Jeff Inman, Sr., 235
WR, DeVonte Adams, Sr., 185	N, Nick Douglas, Jr., 225
TE, Bryce Gee, Jr., 190	ANC, Jake Winkle, Sr., 202
FB, Isaiah Dunnuck, Jr., 191	LB, Emmanuel Davis, So., 182
TE, Angelo Howze, Sr., 230	LB, R.J. Potts, Sr., 202
LT, Charlie Bernhardt, Sr., 248	LB, Michael Nettleton, Jr., 194
RG, Nick Douglas, Jr., 225	C, Bryce Reardon, Jr., 166
LG, Andrew Voskuhl, So., 315	C, Michael Prewitt, Jr., 164
RT, Luke Martin, Jr., 302	FS, Jalen Moss, Sr., 178
C, Nathan Pairitz, So., 232	R, Jake Willard, Sr., 175

Volleyball

UHS wins in four sets

The University volleyball beat Northpoint Home School in four sets Thursday, 18-25, 25-19, 25-13, 25-18.

Junior Clare Little led the Trailblazers with 10 kills and freshman Gillian Monroe contributed 23 assists.

Sheridan lost a tough battle Thursday against Indiana School for the Deaf, 25-18, 23-25, 25-19, 25-14.

The Blackhawks had a total of 23 kills but couldn't pull off the win. Maddi Christy led with seven kills and Senior Hunter Birsfield had four kills. Rachel Adams and Lauren Railer recorded three kills each. Rachel Hunt and Maddie Zola hit two kills each. Josie Devaney and Olivia Raines recorded one kill each.

Sheridan will play Frankton at 7:30 p.m. next Thursday at the Class 2A Wapahani sectional.

Guerin hosts Roncalli for Circle City championship

Football games don't get any bigger than the one that will take place at the Eagles Nest tonight.

Guerin Catholic, the No. 2 ranked team in Class 3A, will host Roncalli, the No. 1 ranked team in 4A, in a game that will decide the inaugural champion of the Circle City Conference. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

The Rebels will come into the game perfect at 8-0. Roncalli has beaten Southport, Franklin Central, Bishop Chatard, Plainfield, Seccina, Brebeuf Jesuit, Martinsville and Decatur Central to earn its undefeated record.

The Golden Eagles are 7-1, with the only loss to 1A No. 1 Lafayette Central Catholic. Guerin has victories over Martinsville, Heritage Christian, Howe, Broad Ripple, Greenwood, Brebeuf Jesuit and Bishop Chatard.

Senior Carter McGinnis continues to run lights out for Guerin, with 1264 yards in 162 carries this season. McGinnis has scored 17 touchdowns.

Junior Luke Keller has thrown for 823 yards and 10 touchdowns this season on 42-of-75 passes. Senior Grant Fremion and junior Thomas Kaser both have nine receptions.

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Boys soccer regional semi-finals

Panthers come back, beat ‘Hounds in OT

By RICHIE HALL
Reporter Sports Editor
The Carmel boys soccer team found itself on the wrong side of a comeback victory in Thursday's Class 2A North Central regional.
The No. 8-ranked Greyhounds were leading the host and No. 4-rated Panthers 2-0 in the first half, then 3-1 in the second half. But North Central got two goals to send the game into overtime, and then scored the game-winner in the extra period, sending Carmel to a 4-3 defeat and ending its season.
"I thought our guys played fantastic," said Greyhounds coach Shane Schmidt. "They played their hearts out. They gave everything they had."

The first half goals all came within an eight-minute flurry. Grant Gold got the 'Hounds on the board with a score 12 minutes into the game, and Ethan Abbott soon followed with a goal of his own. Joe Kaefer scored for the Panthers with 20 minutes left in the half.
It appeared that Carmel had things in hand after Gold scored his second goal of the game in the 46th minute, making the Greyhound lead 3-1. But Kaefer added another goal for NC with 23:43 left, then Levi King converted on a penalty kick to tie the game with 8:58 to go. Both teams were scoreless in regulation after that, so it was on to overtime.
North Central scored its go-ahead goal with 1:41 left in the first overtime period. Kaefer's third score of the night

put the Panthers up 4-3. NC then held off Carmel in the second OT to secure the win.
The Greyhounds ended their season with an 11-3-5 record, but not before defending their sectional championship.
ROYALS REACH FINAL
Up at the Class 2A Kokomo regional, Hamilton Southeastern advanced to the championship match there with a 5-2 win over Marion.
Chayton Davidson scored two goals for the No. 10-ranked Royals, with Evan Barnes and Darrian Ghaffari each scoring one.
Next up for HSE is 2A's No. 1 team, Harrison. The Raiders beat Delta 9-0 to move on to the final.

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Class 2A soccer
regional pairings

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At Goshen South Bend St. Joseph 1, Goshen 0 1-Penn 7, 18-Warsaw 1 Championship: South Bend St. Joseph (7-4-2) vs. Penn (18-0-1), 2 p.m.	At Fort Wayne Carroll Fort Wayne Northrop 5, Norwell 0 15-West Noble 2, HM-Homestead 1 Championship: Fort Wayne Northrop (15-2-3) vs. West Noble (20-1), 6 p.m.
At East Noble 13-Fort Wayne Carroll 2, Norwell 0 DeKalb 1, Concordia Lutheran 0 (PK 4-2) Championship: Fort Wayne Carroll (12-4-2) vs. DeKalb (16-1-1), 2 p.m.	At South Bend Adams 5-Penn 4, Plymouth 1 17-Concord 1, South Bend St. Joseph 0 Championship: Penn (17-0-2) vs. Concord (15-3-1), 7 p.m.
At Valparaiso Highland 3, Crown Point 2 (5-4 PK) 10-Munster 2, 16-Valparaiso 0 Championship: Highland (12-4-3) vs. Munster (16-3-1), 7 p.m.	At Kokomo 10-Hamilton Southeastern 5, Marion 2 1-Harrison 9, Delta 0 Championship: Hamilton Southeastern (15-2-4) vs. Harrison (18-0-1), 6 p.m.
At East Central Floyd Central 2, Richmond 0 20-Columbus North 2, Batesville 1 (3-1 PK) Championship: Floyd Central (17-2-1) vs. Columbus North (12-2-4), 6 p.m.	At Mount Vernon 13-Center Grove 3, Franklin Central 1 Perry Meridian 1, Greenfield-Central 0 Championship: Center Grove (12-3-3) vs. Perry Meridian (10-3-1), 7 p.m.
At Carmel Guerin Catholic 1, 2-Avon 0 4-Brebeuf Jesuit 4, North Central 0 Championship: Guerin Catholic (8-7-1) vs. Brebeuf Jesuit (19-1-1), noon	At North Central 4-North Central 4, 8-Carmel 3, OT 3-Avon 3, Pike 2, OT Championship: North Central (16-1-3) vs. Avon (16-1-3), 2 p.m.
At Shelbyville Franklin Central 2, 19-Center Grove 1 Greenfield-Central 2, Roncalli 1 Championship: Franklin Central (11-4-2) vs. Greenfield-Central (10-4-2), 5 2 p.m.	At Columbus North HM-Columbus North 3, Floyd Central 2 East Central 5, Richmond 0 Championship: Columbus North (14-5-1) vs. East Central (14-1-1), 2 p.m.
At Jasper 5-Evansville Memorial 3, Bloomington South 1 12-Terre Haute North 2, HM-Evansville North 1 (2-0 PK) Championship: Evansville Memorial (18-3) vs. Terre Haute North (17-2-1), 2 p.m.	At Jasper 9-Evansville Memorial 3, 6- Bloomington South 2 (4-2 PK) Terre Haute North 3, Evansville North 1 Championship: Evansville Memorial (15-4-1) vs. Terre Haute North (11-7-1), 4 p.m.

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