The 2017 Fishers State of the City was unlike the previous two speeches. Mayor Scott Fadness had no big announcements to make, so he reflected on the past year and looked forward. He gave brief opening remarks, then had a conversa-
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The mayor spent a lot of time talking about how the Indianapolis metropolitan area has an important story to tell, and his point is that, as a region, we are not doing a good job telling that story. The metro area can gain much more collectively than individually, Fadness says.

The mayor likes to talk about the 2016 numbers, and Fishers has a lot of positive statistics—over 1,500 new jobs; $200 million in private investment. The Police Depart-
ment responded to over 53,000 calls, the Fire Department more than 2,500. Fishers maintains the lowest tax rate of any city in the state. Fadness says the city has a AAA bond rating, the only city in Indiana to have that and one of only 1.5 percent communities in the nation with such a solid bond rating.

The biggest challenge Fishers faces, according to the mayor, is maintaining sustainability once the city is no longer the new and shiny place it has become lately. The key is to continue to invest in every area of the city and prevent urban decay from setting-in to any part of the city. It was no surprise to anyone that traffic came up, and Fadness says widening of 106th Street near S-49 and the 106th Street interchange have been key projects. $200 million is in the pipeline for road infrastructure in the next five years, including the State Road 37 project.

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The mayor cited a number of people at the beginning of his address, including members of the city council, his staff, county commissioners, his wife Aunna and students from the House of Representatives during the 2017 legislative session.

Colin Mulvaney, a resident of Noblesville, is the son of Craig and Kelly Mulvany. He is a senior at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis where he is earning a bachelor’s degree in public safety management. As a legislative intern, Mulvany corresponds with constituents through phone calls, letters and emails. He also assists with floor proceedings.

“Interning with the House of Representatives is a great opportunity for college students,” Richardson said. “Colin and his peers are gaining workplace experience and a better understanding of the legislative process, all while earning some money and strengthening their resumes.”

The House of Representatives offers paid internship opportunities to college students, law-school students, graduate students and recent college graduates for the duration of each legislative session. Visit www.IndianaHouseofRepresentatives.com/internship for more information about the House Republican internship program.
Applications being accepted for 2017 Great American Songbook Academy®

The national application deadline is approaching for the Great American Songbook Academy®. The academy, a summer music and performance intensive for high school students led by Foundation founder and five-time Grammy Award nominee Michael Feinstein, known as "The Ambassador of the Great American Songbook." 

Now in its eighth year, the weeklong Songbook Academy® is the only high school intensive in the United States focused on the jazz standards and classic Broadway and Hollywood song repertoire known as the Great American Songbook. The 2017 academy is scheduled for July 15-22 at the Songbook Foundation's headquarters, 15-22 at the Songbook Foundation's headquarters, the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel. The application deadline is March 21.

"We have kids from all over the United States who come here to learn how to interpret and share this amazing American heritage," Feinstein said. "They learn how to sing these songs in a way that is honest to where they are in their lives."

Only 40 students nationwide are selected each year for this life-changing opportunity to experience workshops, master classes and concerts, focusing on music and theater programs and Broadway classics. Educators from respected universities are available at www/TheSongbook.org to evaluate every applicant. Applications must be submitted by March 25 to be considered for the 2017 academy.

For more details and application information to apply, call 317-756-6446. More...

COUNTY LINE

Scott Faulkner of Farmers, and Hamilton County Commissioners.

The local officials have announced intentions of pursuing a conversion of the rail line going through the Senior Center hosts Open House March 25

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They would put a metal rod from my shoulder down to my elbow to stabilize the broken bone. The broken bone was my hamstring. This bone was the same bone that had already had a surgery to remove the tumor. So the bone was already weak. It basically crumbled when I fell.

Little did I know that breaking the bone would actually be the easiest part. The doctors put me on Percocet to relieve the pain from the surgery. If I remember correctly, I was supposed to take the Percocet every four hours. I ended up taking an incredible amount of Percocet. After several days, I felt like I was sleeping my life away. Therefore, I decided that I did not want to take this drug anymore. So I basically quit taking it. I might have taken it again, I don't remember.

Little did I know that this would be a life mistake. No one had instructed me on how to stop taking the pain reliever. In hindsight, I wish they would make you and quit this drug. I understand that when I do not feel well, I naturally want to self-medicate myself off of it slowly or else I will experience major side effects. I stopped taking it cold turkey. This was a huge mistake so I would become increasingly depressed all within 24 hours of stopping this drug. I have had a lot of things happen in my life, but I have never been a depressed person. This was so foreign to me. I remember thinking about Robin Williams and thinking maybe this is why he committed suicide. As luck would have it, my parents were out of town and my boyfriend had a major out of town. I was in horrible shape.

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George P. White
December 3, 1924 - March 13, 2017

George P. White, 92 of Noblesville, passed away on Monday, March 13, 2017, at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville following a brief illness.

He was born on December 3, 1924, in Paragould, Arkansas to Charles and Clara (Rodgers) White.

George graduated from Greene County High School and received a bachelor’s degree from Arkansas State College in 1949.

George was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and he owned the former White Oldsmobile dealership in Noblesville with his brothers, Wesley and Eddie. He also worked at the former C and E. Rental in Noblesville.

He was a member of the Prairie Baptist Church in rural Noblesville where he served as a deacon for 38 years; church treasurer for 18 years; Missions treasurer for 16 years; and served as a Sunday school teacher for children and adults.

George is survived by three sons, Perry Gail White of Fort Smith, Arkansas, Chuck (wife, Rhonda) White of Louisville, Kentucky, and Greg (wife, Tammy) White of Anderson; four grandchildren, Chris (wife, Tiffany) McDaniels, Natasha (husband, Brent) Evans, Rebecca White, and Kelli (husband, Tyler) Provence; and four great-grandchildren, Jake, Emily, Kinsey, and Landen; and one sister, Inabeth Peacock.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 57 years, Joan E. (Sylar) White; six brothers and six sisters.

A funeral service will be held at 12:00 PM on Saturday, March 18, 2017, at Prairie Baptist Church, 14796 East 206th Street, Noblesville with Pastor Stephen Passmore officiating. Burial will follow in Prairie Memorial Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Saturday, March 18, 2017, at Prairie Baptist Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Prairie Baptist Church Mission Program.
Lilly Scholars organize Give Back Initiative to pay it forward

Each year since 1998, Lilly Endowment has awarded four-year, full-tuition Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship to selected Indiana high school seniors enabling more than 4,000 students from across the state to pursue higher education in their communities of choice. In Indiana. Now, both current and alumni scholars are joining forces to make an impact in communities throughout Indiana and beyond. Grateful for the incredible scholarships they were awarded, recipients of this prestigious award are banding together to pay it forward through volunteer efforts beyond our borders.

"As Lilly scholars we are incredibly fortunate to have received such a generous gift, and we are challenged with the opportunity to serve as leaders. The Give Back Initiative is our chance to bring people together to serve in our local communities," said Beth Winter, President of the Lilly Scholars Network, who received her scholarship from Marion County in 1996 and went on to earn her degree from IU Bloomington. "We’re excited to be able to plug in and help organizations that are already working hard to improve our communities for everyone.”

Thanks to Lilly Scholars, the Give Back Initiative is off to a strong start. In April, current and alumni Lilly scholars will roll up their sleeves to volunteer on projects around the state and internationally. The Lilly Scholars Network Give Back Initiative is coordinoating projects to serve as Project Leads and organize a countywide Gives Day, which will take the lead and make an even greater impact for the local communities.

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Lilly scholars who signed up as Project Leads can organize service projects in the following Indiana counties: Allen, Greene, Elkhart, Huntington, Howard, Johnson, Marion, Posey, Ripley, and Washington Beyond Indiana, some scholars are volunteering service opportunities throughout the United States and overseas.

"We have two alumni scholars who are also Fulbright scholars making an impact abroad," said Catherine Connell, assistant coordinator for the Give Back Initiative, who received her award from Allen County in 2012 and went on to receive her degree from Butler University. "One founded a nonprofit organization in Nicaragua that helps hundreds of families to avoid the quality of life of coffee farming families through integrative education and by providing the necessary tools to access farmland. The other is completing her Fulbright Scholarship in Poland. We look forward to hearing about the incredible impact of their volunteer efforts from their scholars. Lilly Scholars are also activating their networks, friends and family and other community members to volunteer alongside them to serve nonprofit organizations in communi- ties around the state of Indiana during the month of April 2017. Those interested in the Lilly Scholars Network Give Back Initiative can visit lillyscholars.org/givebackinitiative to learn more and register.

For updates on the LSN Give Back Initiative throughout the month of April, visit lillyscholars.org/lsngivebackinitiative or follow us on Twitter at @LillyScholars

Let’s work together to save the Nickel Plate late
Knotts reflects on Millers’ wrestling success

By RICHIE HALL
Reporter Sports Editor

Noblesville wrestling coach Tom Knotts, who retired after 19 seasons with the Millers, had this to say about what he would miss the most.

“I will miss my other coaches - my staff and my competitors,” said Knotts. “Wrestling coaches are a breed apart.”

If anyone stood apart from other coaches, it was Knotts. He coached at Noblesville from 1984-95, then returned for 10 highly successful seasons, 2007-17. In those 19 years, Knotts won 11 team sectional championships, plus a regional title in 1991 - in addition to numerous individual champs.

During his first period with the Millers, Knotts won five sectional titles, claiming them in 1987, 1988, 1989, 1991 and 1992. With a stint at Tipton in between, Knotts came back and added six more sectional championships. Five of those came in a spectacular streak that lasted from 2010-14, and another sectional victory in 2016 made it six out of seven.

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HSE’s Zack Teffeteller signs with UConn

Hamilton Southeastern senior Zack Teffeteller has announced his intent to continue his swimming career at the collegiate level. Zack will attend the University of Connecticut in Storrs, Connecticut. The Huskies compete in the American Athletic Conference under the direction of Coach Robert Goldberg. Zack is the son of Scott and Sondra Teffeteller. At HSE, Zack has earned three varsity letters in swimming thus far. Last season, Zack was the IHSAA Sectional Champion in the 100 Free. He was also a member of the 200 Free Relay team that finished seventh at the IHSAA State Finals. Zack is a two-year member of the HSE Student Athletic Council.


Brickyard Crossing opens Friday with 'Pay The Temperature'

Sharing the green of St. Patrick’s Day will find new meaning Friday, March 17, as golfers can take aim on Opening Day at Brickyard Crossing Golf Course with a fantastic greens fees special that continues through March.

The popular “Pay The Temperature” promotion returns Friday at the championship-caliber course at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, which includes four holes inside the famous oval. The greens fee for 18 holes and a cart will be equal to the air temperature within one hour of a golfer’s tee time, providing significant savings in the cooler weather of spring over regular greens fees. This promotion continues daily through March 31. Call 317-492-6417 or visit brickyardcrossing.com to book tee times.

Opening Day marks the start of an exciting season for the award-winning course. Professional golf returns to Brickyard Crossing on Sept. 4-10 during the LPGA Indy Women in Tech Championship presented by Guggenheim tournament, with the best female players in the world taking on the challenging, Pete Dye-designed layout.

Visit IMS.com to buy tickets for the Indy Women in Tech Championship presented by Guggenheim, to volunteer to work at the tournament or for more information on the tournament and Brickyard Crossing.

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commanding 17-point lead into the fourth outscoring the Hornets 33-16 to take a however, the Pacers switched into overdrive, the Pacers’ offense was stuck in neutral. first half against the Hornets made it feel like of the season on Tuesday night, a 42-point Pacers switch gears, run past Hornets Out of the halftime locker room, After their worst offensive performance Things came easy because of the offensive flow.” George said.” Also, playing this team for the fourth time, I knew how take advantage. But, it all came within the flow of the offense.” George said. “Also, playing this team for the fourth time, I knew how good I had to guard me and I tried to use. But, it all came within the flow of the offense.”

Tonight we saw the execution and ball movement.” With under a minute remaining in the opening half, Zeller connected on an and-1 bucket, tying things up at 42 as the teams went into their locker rooms. When the whistle blew to open the third, however, a different Pacers offense emerged, led by the lights-out shooting of George, whose six made 3-pointers led the way for the 23-5 run, sending their advantage to 19 points. Even a Charlotte timeout did little to slow the Pacers, who finished the night making 12- of-28 3-point shots and outrebounding the Hawks 42-30.

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