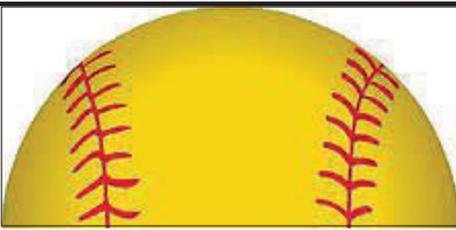


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Nearly \$1 million in revenue listed in proposed budget

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The City of Hanson's proposed fiscal year 2014-2015 budget outlines nearly \$1 million in projected revenue.

Hanson Treasurer Patty Thomas said the budget, which was disseminated to the Hanson City Commission

Tuesday night, mirrors the current 2013-14 spending plan in many aspects, but exhibits a larger overall revenue total due to the inclusion of a state grant.

"There's an increase in the total revenue, because of the coal severance grant we got for water line improvements," she said.

Hanson's Water and Sewer Commissioner Margaret Vaughn said the \$50,000 grant will be utilized for improvements to city water lines.

"It will strictly be used for water line usage only," Vaughn said. "When we got one last year, it was used for other

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Ride event will benefit autism awareness

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Area motorcyclists will gear up and ride for autism awareness during a Spring Dart Run kickoff at the Madisonville City Park.

The charity event will benefit the newly-founded Facing Autism Challenges Together Center and activities begin with a bike registration at 9 a.m. Saturday.

"We are trying to bring autism awareness here," Cathy Pierce, the director of F.A.C.T., said. "We have expanded so much that we need to get a building and a non-profit license, that's what the event is for."

F.A.C.T. — which is operated by volunteers — was organized in August to provide resources and a support center for families with autism.

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F.A.C.T. director

A Blessing of the Bikes ceremony will take place at 9:30 a.m. and the first bike out will be at 10 a.m.

The ride is slated to last approximately 4 hours.

"Right now, we have around 200 bikes and 50 vendors signed up for the event," Pierce said. "The bike run will have a 50/50 pot with half of the money going to the winner. We have gotten trophies and have different people judging the bikes."

The best bike will be chosen by autistic children, she said.

A patch with the center's logo will also be available for bikers to order.

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'Wednesday Waterers' brave the heat



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From left to right, volunteers Ken Bivins and Debbie Hoodenpyle braved the heat while watering flowers on the corner of East Arch and North Main streets Wednesday. Hoodenpyle and Bivins said they are "Wednesday Waterers." It usually takes between four and five hours to finish watering flowers located downtown, Hoodenpyle said.

Relay for Life of Hopkins County sets \$135,000 fundraising goal

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More than 500 participants will assist the American Cancer Society in hosting Relay for Life of Hopkins County — a fundraising event that generates money organizers said will help cancer victims in their battle with the disease.

The event, which has been held annually since 1996, will take place from 5 p.m. June 6 until 1 a.m. June 7 at Hopkins County Central High School's track.

"We want to try to make a difference by raising money so that we can use that money towards research to find a cure for cancer," Lauren Wood, the team development director for Relay for Life, said. "We are tired of seeing our loved ones suffer and go through the chemo and the



Photo provided

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life of Hopkins County fundraising event will take place from 5 p.m. June 6 until 1 a.m. June 7 at Hopkins County Central High School's track.

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