

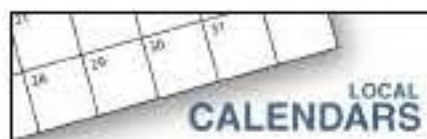


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Should Delaware County commissioners and City of Delaware officials provide funding to help support the historic Strand Theatre?

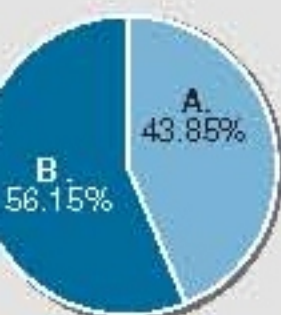
- A. Yes
- B. No
- C. Undecided

VOTE & COMMENT

Comments may appear on the gazette's editorial page in the coming week.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS:
the election was tomorrow, who would you vote for as Delaware County commissioners?

A. Dennis Stapleton (R) - 43.85%
B. Will Young (D) - 56.15%



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Remembering Hayes

Jamie Corbett, front, and other visitors to the Old Bag of Nails in downtown Delaware look over Rutherford B. Hayes memorabilia on display at the restaurant Monday. The books, paintings and autographs were on exhibit in recognition of Hayes' 188th birthday. The former U.S. President, Ohio governor and Delaware native was born Oct. 4 1822.

DELAWARE CITY COUNCIL

Council weighs growing needs with shrinking budget

MELISSA MACKEY
Staff Writer

Delaware City Council on Monday discussed the city's capital improvement plan for 2011 to 2015, a challenging topic given the city's declining budget.

Each year, the city's sets out a five-year capital improvement plan that includes replacing old equipment and technology. The funding comes from city income tax, which has been declining due to the economy. The 2011 budgeted transfer remains flat at \$1.5 million, which doesn't provide much in way of capital improvements, city finance director Dean Stelzer said.

In 2009, the budget transfer was \$1.7 million, but at city manager Tom Homan's recommendation, the transfer was decreased to \$1.5 million for 2010.

As part of the discussion, council also debated on whether to purchase a new \$225,000 street sweeper or to contract out the service. The current sweeper, which was purchased more than 10 years ago, is now inoperable and requires additional repairs if it cannot be replaced, city public works director Tim Browning said.

Not only is street sweeping used for aesthetic purposes, but also to keep the storm sewers

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Commissioners OK \$150k for Strand

ANDREW TOBIAS
Staff Writer

Delaware County commissioners in a 2-1 vote on Monday granted \$150,000 for renovations to the historic Strand Theatre.

Commissioner Tommy Thompson said an enhanced Strand, the tenth longest-operating movie theatre in the country, would help improve Delaware's economy by attracting people downtown. He also said it would help enhance Delaware County as a tourist destination.

"I see a lot of possibilities here," Thompson said. The grant will need approval from the state.

Now that commissioners have given the OK, county officials will review the project to make sure it fits federal criteria that require revolving loan funds be used in economically blighted areas, Delaware County Economic Development Director Gus Cornstock said.

Commissioner Ken O'Brien voted against awarding the money, which will be paid from federally-funded revolving loan funds, because of the dollar amount. The Strand's board members had initially requested \$50,000 from the county, but the number grew following talks between board members and Cornstock.

O'Brien said he wanted to make sure revolving loan funds were available for similar requests from other organizations before making a motion to award the initial \$50,000 request. O'Brien's motion died for a lack of a second.

The county's grant will pay for upgrades include installing digital projectors and surround sound systems, refurbishing the theatre's mechanical and electrical systems, as well as making general interior and exterior improvements.

William Rogers, the treasurer for the non-profit that owns the Strand, called the improvements a "face-lift." By modernizing the Strand, board members hope to at some point in the future be able to pay to install three additional screens, he said.

The theatre will also receive \$50,000 from the City of Delaware's share of revolving loan funds. Delaware

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Delaware City Schools Alumni Hall of Honor inductees are pictured, from left, Douglas P. Gordin, Dr. Nicholas Shaheen, Hayes High School principal Brad Faust (not inducted), Dr. Cheri Florance and Dr. Tiffany Lefevre Lillie, on the projector screen.

Four join Delaware schools hall of honor

MELISSA MACKEY
Staff Writer

Four Hayes High School alumni were inducted into the ranks of the Delaware City Schools Distinguished Alumni Hall of Honor.

A ceremony recognizing the new inductees was held Monday in the Hayes High School auditorium. Cheri Florance, Douglas P. Gordin, Tiffany Lefevre Lillie and Nicholas Shaheen were selected by the hall of honor committee consisting of retired city schools teacher Brent Carson, Hayes librarian Karen Whitney, Hayes principal Brad Faust, city schools communica-

tion director Jen Ruhe and community members Julie Weller and Scott Cubberly.

The ceremony not only recognizes and honors district graduates who have made exceptional achievements, but also helps inspire the Hayes High School freshman class.

Dr. Cheri Florance
Kerry Shandkin introduced Florance who she has been best friends with for more than 30 years, she said. Florance's creativity and refusal to be bound by the habitual, contributed to the successful person she is today, Shandkin said.

Florance told the crowd she learned her creativity from two

people: Shandkin and her mother, Dotty Florance. A 1966 Hayes graduate, Florance earned a dual doctorate in speech and hearing science and psychology from The Ohio State University.

She is an international expert on the brain and consults with ministries of education, heads of government, medical schools and families around the world. Florance won the coveted Career Development Award from the National Institutes of Health, one of the highest science honors in the United States.

Florance has had more than

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30 years of clinical experience and did 12 years of research for U.S. governmental agencies, including the U.S. Office of Education and the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. She was one of the youngest researchers to be named fellow by the American Speech, Language and Hearing Association, an award given to fewer than 1 percent of its members.

She is the mother of Vanessa, William and Whitney and the daughter of Jack and Dotty Florence of Delaware.

Douglas Gordin

Richard Gordin introduced his son, Douglas Gordin during the ceremony.

Douglas Gordin said that being inducted by the people who know him best is a great honor.

Douglas Gordin attended Ohio Wesleyan University. He was an assistant coach at Alabama, head coach at Campbell and head coach at Georgia Southern. Since 1995, Gordin has been the head golf coach and physical education instructor at Florida Southern College. His teams have won 33 tournaments and 12 conference championships. Four of Gordin's players have reached the PGA Tour — Jodie Mudd, Gene Sauer, Olentangy's Travis Perkins and Jeff Klauk. He was also named National Coach of the Year four times.

For the past 31 years, Gordin has compiled a coaching record that places him among the top coaches in collegiate golf. He has been active in the Golf Coaches Association of America and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He was inducted into the Golf Coaches

Association of America Hall of Fame, the Florida Southern Athletic Hall of Fame and received the Robert Strimer Honor Award from the Ohio Wesleyan University Athletic Hall of Fame.

Tiffany Lefevre Lillie

Stephanie Buckingham provided the introduction of her cousin Lillie who was present through video conferencing.

Lillie, a 1991 Hayes graduate, told the students that they should find their great love and give back as a volunteer.

Lillie graduated from Ohio University in 1995. She was a Peace Corps volunteer in Burkina Faso from 1995 to 1997. During that time, she discovered her passion for public health and HIV/AIDS prevention. She obtained her master's and doctorate from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in 2002 and 2006, focusing on international HIV/AIDS.

Lillie has traveled to more than 15 different countries, including Haiti, Lesotho, Ethiopia and Botswana working in HIV/AIDS prevention through her time at the United States Agency for International Health.

She currently is an independent HIV/AIDS prevention consultant and lives with her family in Morocco. In January 2011, Lillie will move to Armenia with the Peace Corps.

Nicholas Shaheen

Jimmy Shaheen introduced his brother Dr. Nicholas Shaheen, a 1983 Hayes graduate.

Nicholas Shaheen said that people should pick a career that helps get them up in the morning, but added that family is also important.

"No matter how successful in your career, you are a failure if you're a failure to your fam-

ily," Shaheen said. Shaheen has been a faculty member at UNC for the past 10 years.

Shaheen is an associate professor of medicine and epidemiology at the UNC School of Medicine and UNC School of Public Health and the director of the UNC Center for Esophageal Diseases and Swallowing.

Shaheen attended college at Harvard University and earned his medical degree at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine where he fulfilled his internship and residency requirements. He completed his clinical fellowship training at UNC where he also earned his master's at the school of public health. He then completed a National Institutes of Health fellowship in epidemiology.

The Hayes String Quartet played music as guests were seated Monday. The Delaware Hayes Air Force Junior ROTC was on hand to present the colors. The Hayes Symphonic Choir, under the direction of Dara Gillis, performed the National Anthem, Hayes alma mater and fight song and two other pieces during the ceremony.

Florance, Gordin, Lillie and Shaheen join the ranks of several others who were previously inducted: William Hastings Bels, '42; Esther Jo King, '77; F. Sherwood Rowland, '43; John Michael "Mick" Seidl, '57; Henry Clay Thomson II, '26; James Tull, '80; Jeffrey T. Benton, '71; Christopher "C.D." Davies, '83; Douglas H. Dittick, '51; and Richard E. Lee Jr., '69; Lorraine Bahrick, '71; Richard D. Gordin II, '69; and Anthony M. Heald, '67.

A celebratory luncheon followed the program.