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More homes sought for 135

Developers submit plans to add homes, apartments in area

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Future residents of more than 100 apartments might soon add to the traffic at a busy Center Grove intersection.

A 120-unit apartment complex is proposed to join offices, retail space and an assisted-living center already planned for the northeast corner of State Road 135 and Stones Crossing Road.

The Village at The Grove is planned to span across 13 undeveloped acres west of The Grove at Stones Crossing, Indianapolis-based developer Bennett & Reindl already owns the land.

What the apartments will look like, how tall the buildings will be or how much the apartments will cost is unclear. Developer Duane Reindl said the company makes it a policy not to comment on developments that are moving through the planning process.

Under the current zoning, multi-family residential, apartments are allowed at the site. Developers would not have to request a zoning change from the county, meaning the planning process will have one less step, said Bill Peebles, county planning director.

The apartments are planned to include a playground, tennis courts and a clubhouse, according to plans on file with the planning department.

Some residents argued when the commercial development was proposed last year, saying that shops and offices would bring more traffic to an already congested area.

Commissioners unanimously approved the first section in March, but limited the sizes of buildings and required the land have a higher number of offices than businesses.

Members of the technical review committee, which includes officials from the fire departments and planning department, will review the development next week, Peebles said.

In other development news, more than 150 new homes will add more students and traffic to the southeast side of the Center Grove area if a plan by a south-side builder is approved.

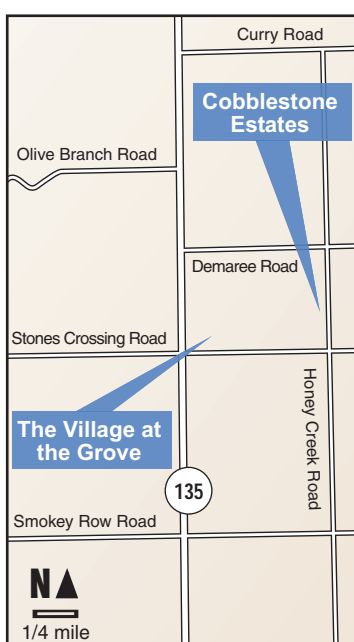
Greenwood-based developer G. Brizendine & Associates Inc. recently proposed Cobblestone Estates. The 176-home subdivision would sit on 95 acres at the west side of Honey Creek Road between Stones Crossing and Demaree roads.

What the homes will look like, who will live in them or how much houses will cost still is unclear. Calls to developers were not returned Thursday or Friday.

The plans are for a private, gated community, according to plans on file with the planning department. Often residents of private communities pay for work to their roads, meaning the county doesn't plow or repair streets in the new community.

More development

Two builders are hoping to construct apartments and a gated community along State Road 135 near Stones Crossing Road.



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Stephanie Wood, left, and Nancy Coner, center, discuss how they want to market their film with Franklin librarian Heather Grantham, right. Grantham and 15 teens made a documentary about kids with disabilities.

Teens make film about strength

Disability documentary in final stages

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A group of Franklin teenagers is using film to teach how people with disabilities are more than just their condition.

About 15 Franklin teenagers have spent the past year making a documentary they want to enter in the Heartland Film Festival.

The film, tentatively titled "When I Grow Up," features interviews with five Franklin children, asking them about how they handle their disabilities and about their lives.

The documentary takes its name from what the teens, adults and families working on the film saw that the youngsters had in common, Franklin librarian Heather Grantham said.

They hope the film will show audiences what makes these children similar to them, rather than different.

Filming began in late October.

The children and their families came to the library on Saturdays for three- to four-hour interview sessions.

Teens working on the film said talking with the children gave them insight into people with amazing personalities.

"We want (people) to look, to see these kids laughing and coloring and expressing their talents and to see that they are not victims. ... They are fighters," Olivia Ehrle, said.

The 13-year-old said she enjoyed developing a special bond with John Estes, a child with cerebral palsy who would often only talk to her in interviews.

With each child, Ehrle said, they would take turns talking with them, trying to find a subject they could open up about in front of the camera.

Estes shared his love of dinosaurs and sang "Jesus loves me" to the teens.

Ruthie Sinkhorn, who has spina bifida and uses a wheelchair, said she wants to be a ballerina.

"The point of the whole thing was to see what was inside (a person)," Ehrle said.

They asked the children how they felt about their disabilities.

One girl told the teens about how children wouldn't play with her on the playground and she couldn't understand why, Ehrle said.

Nathan Biberdorf, 16, said he hopes the

film will offer audiences a chance to look at people with disabilities in a different light.

"It's an important subject that we need to cover so that we respect these people as people, not being ignorant of their disabilities but also not mothering them or pampering them," he said.

Stephanie Wood, 17, not only helped with the project but also spoke on film about her experiences with congenital myasthenic syndrome, a type of muscular dystrophy. She said she explained why she gets tired because of her disability and talked about people who ask her why she may sit out in gym.

She hopes the movie will show people that differences aren't something to fear, but that people can see it as another part of life, she said.

Franklin resident Duane Sprong helped direct the film, having recently started his own film company, M.T.X. productions.

Sprong said he was impressed with the level of maturity that the teens showed in their questioning.

The group didn't hold back in posing tough questions to the families. They asked parents how long their children might live and how they react when people stare or make comments about the children.

Parents were also asked that if they had a choice between having a child born with a disability or not, which would they choose, Grantham said.

The parents said they thought it might be nice not to have the challenges, but that God had given them what they could handle, she said.

They also asked parents what kinds of challenges they face daily and what kind of future they want for their child, Grantham said.

Siblings were asked if they get frustrated with their brother or sister's disability.

Now that filming is done, the group is starting the next stage of the project: marketing.

Teens spent Tuesday poring over movie posters and offering turns of phrase, hoping to find the best way to explain their film for a movie synopsis.

They also are faced with the challenge of editing the 15 hours of footage into about a one-hour documentary, which they will submit to the festival. Editing should be done by March, Grantham said.

ON THE RECORD

Police

Jail bookings

The following people recently were arrested and booked into the Johnson County jail:

Mark A. Reeves, 34, 1222 E. Pleasant St., Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of contempt; released on \$100 bond.

Cecil E. Cox, 64, 3317 S. County Road 550E, Franklin; arrested on charges of possession of marijuana/hashish and possession of paraphernalia; released on \$2,000 bond.

Kimberly N. McCauley, 19, 317 Beechwood Lane, Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of driving without a license; released on \$1,000 bond.

David James Snyder, 40, 408 Lincoln St., Edinburg; arrested on a Marion County warrant; held without bond.

Lindell S. Fleitz, 57, 555 Shady Brook Heights, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana/hashish; held on \$1,000 bond.

Sara E. Fleitz, 20, 555 Shady Brook Heights, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance; held on \$3,000 bond.

Solomon Fleitz, 22, 555 Shady Brook Heights, Greenwood; arrested on charges of possession of marijuana/hashish, possession of a controlled substance and possession of paraphernalia; held on \$5,000 bond.

Bryanna L. Taylor, 23, 146 W. Madison St., Franklin; arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana/hashish; held on \$2,000 bond.

Erica D. Burton, 21, 2071 E. Benjamin St., Apt. 3, Franklin; arrested on a charge of burglary; released on \$3,000 bond.

Michale Lavonne Mullins, 32, 19 S. State St., Whiteland; arrested on a charge of driving while suspended with a prior conviction; released on \$1,000 bond.

Adam T. Smith, 23, P.O. Box 244, Trafalgar; arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana/hashish; released on \$1,000 bond.

Stefanie Pamela Rodriguez, 18, 3096 W. Smith Valley Road, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of public intoxication; released on \$1,000 bond.

Robert S. Greggs, 18, 605 W. Pearl St., Trafalgar; arrested on a charge of public intoxication; held on \$1,000 bond.

Sherri L. Epperson, 42, 1174 Westminster Row, Apt. 323, Greenwood; arrested on a charge of driving without a license; held on \$1,000 bond.

Josh Bowman, 20, 255 Old Trail Court, Bargersville; arrested on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession, consumption or transportation of alcohol by a minor; released on \$4,000 bond.

Camilo Reyes, 20, 5025 Turtle Creek, Apt. 8, Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of driving without ever having a license; held on \$1,000 bond.

Shawn Addison Riddle, 18, 207 S. Leota St., Indianapolis; arrested on a charge of burglary; released on \$20,000 bond.

Mark Hexamer, 41, 1811 W. Eighth St., Anderson; arrested on a charge of invasion of privacy; released on \$1,000 bond.

The following people recently were arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and booked into jail:

Daniel L. Outcalt, 18, P.O. Box 317, Trafalgar; also arrested on a charge of possession of paraphernalia; released on \$2,000 bond.

Mary A. Winkle, 54, 1985 S. Shelby County Road 900W, Franklin; released on \$1,000 bond.

Meetings

Bargersville

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Teen sentenced in carjacking incident

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A man who attempted to steal a vehicle while a woman was waiting at a Franklin stoplight was given jail time and several years of probation.

Franklin resident Josh Alan Weaver, 19, was given an eight-year sentence for the attempted carjacking, which happened at Walnut and Clark streets.

Weaver will have to serve almost two years in prison, with six years of probation. He also has to undergo a psychological evaluation, and a protective order was issued for the victim.

If he commits a crime while on probation, he may have to serve

up to six more years in prison, along with any new sentencing requirements.

In the October 2004 incident, a woman was waiting at the stoplight while heading north on Walnut Street when a man wearing a dark ski mask and black hooded sweat shirt approached her passenger door.

The man had his right hand under his sweat shirt, indicating he had a weapon, and told the woman, "Get out and give me the car," according to a police report.

The woman didn't see a weapon, but she sped away in the car heading north on Main Street, the report said.

Weaver was later picked up by police, since he was wearing clothes that matched the description of the carjacker, and he had a pocket knife with him.

Weaver was 17 and a Franklin Community High School junior at the time of the incident.



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