

MyRide TN now available to Gibson County seniors

By Crystal Burns

Did you know that older Tennesseans without reliable transportation make 65 percent fewer trips to visit family and friends, 59 percent fewer trips to shop or eat out and 15 percent fewer trips to the doctor?

As a result, older adults have poorer health care access and lower health statuses, lack of socialization, depression/anxiety and poor nutrition.

MyRide TN, now available in Gibson County, seeks to remove those barriers. Jeana Mills, Northwest TN MyRide coordinator, hosted a reception in the Gibson County Courthouse in Trenton last week

to kick off the program. MyRide TN is open to seniors age 60 and over who are able to walk on their own or with assistance of a walker or cane. A yearly membership is \$25 and includes the first three trips. Additional trips are \$2 per round trip with \$1 each for additional stop requested. Trips are pre-paid through a secure website, and scholarships are available.

The Gibson County MyRide service will travel outside the county to a 60-mile radius from the rider's home for doctor's appointments only. Mills said the steering committee understands that going to doctors' appointments in other counties is a great

need for local seniors. Volunteer drivers must be 21 or older and use their own personal vehicles for transportation. Volunteers are thoroughly screened, and background checks are performed.

Mills said that MyRide TN isn't out to take the place of existing transportation models in and around the area but is another option for seniors who are looking for a more personalized ride to keep them active and enhance their daily lives.

To book a ride or to volunteer for the program, call 1-800-750-6866 or 731-587-4213.



NATIONAL PIE DAY - Bookworms met at the Gibson County Memorial Library Jan. 23 to celebrate National Pie Day at Story Time. They listened to "Pie in the Sky" by Lois Elhert. The bookworms made paper plate "pies" and danced along to some fun songs. Bookworms in attendance were Tucker, Emmett, Hattie, Evie, Ruby, Cheyenne, Christopher, Mathiaz, Greyson, Garrett, Boyd, Jack, Korbyn and Alexander.

UT students recognized

The University of Tennessee recently recognized local students named to the dean's list for the fall 2018 semester.

Gibson County students honored were Belle V. Barnes, Trenton, cum laude; Noah P. Bell, Milan, magna cum laude; Hannah C. Blackwell, Milan, magna cum laude; Sydney K. Bland, Trenton, magna cum laude; Jessi L. Brown, Trenton, magna cum laude; Evan P. Bushart, Medina, magna cum laude; Codi J. Drake, Medina, magna cum laude; Darcie N. Halliburton, Rutherford, magna cum laude; Allison R. Hart, Milan, magna cum laude; Isaac W. Haynes, Humboldt,

summa cum laude; Victoria C. Hooper, Humboldt, magna cum laude; Jarod A. Jelinek, Medina, magna cum laude; Ainsley E. Kelso, Medina, magna cum laude; Kailey E. Kyle, Milan, magna cum laude; Mitchell S. Lencioni, Milan, magna cum laude; Taryn D. Lester, Trenton, magna cum laude; Jacob J. London, Dyer, magna cum laude; Brittani A. Lopez, Medina, magna cum laude; Jasmine S. Love, Trenton, magna cum laude; Jenna K. Mangalindan, Humboldt, magna cum laude; Laura N. Mathis, Trenton, magna cum laude; Ryan D. Mayfield, Milan, magna cum laude; Phillip D. Min-ton, Medina, magna cum

laude; Holland E. Parkins, Milan, magna cum laude; Nikita P. Patel, Milan, magna cum laude; Eli A. Pearson, Milan, magna cum laude; Sarah K. Rainey, Milan, magna cum laude; Ryan W. Smith, Humboldt, magna cum laude; Landry E. Stidham, Medina, cum laude; Stephanie G. Taylor, Medina, magna cum laude; Elizabeth G. Thetford, Trenton, magna cum laude; Alexander S. Twilla, Milan, magna cum laude; Virginia L. Webster, Milan, magna cum laude; Jacob D. Wilbert, Milan, magna cum laude; Dylan T. Wright, Humboldt, magna cum laude; and Jill A. Yates, Humboldt, magna cum laude.

Kenton mayor touts...

(Continued from page 1) brush and debris that can clog up the entire system and contribute to the flood problem rather than alleviating it.

Another improvement the city of Kenton received in 2018 was the installation of new automated water meters. The water meters the town had been using were obsolete and in desperate need of updating.

"Every month we were issuing waivers for residential water leaks," Jowers said.

The old water meters had to be individually checked manually once a month. There was no way to detect a broken pipe or busted line, until the meters were read and the overages noted.

The new meter system is digital and read automatically. When a residence has a sudden rise in water usage, the city can detect the usage and alert the resident to a possible leak much faster.

Another high point for the year was the purchase of more Christmas decorations for the town this year. Jowers wanted to thank everyone who made the purchase possible, including the White Squirrel Commission and several businesses that made very

generous donations.

One of the biggest events for the city of Kenton over the past year was the November elections, which saw 11 residents run for the Kenton Board of Aldermen. The election resulted with three current aldermen — Wade Simpson, Delores Agee and Glenn Zarecor — retaining their seats on the board, while Harold Banks, Tim Johns and Jesse Griggs were elected to fill two seats vacated by Sarah Skinner and Lisa Skinner, neither seeking re-election and one seat by defeating Alderman Gerald Keele.

Jowers also expressed gratitude to the residents of Kenton for electing him to be their mayor for the first time. Jowers had been appointed by the Board of Aldermen to finish out the term of elected mayor Virginia Davidson, who passed away in 2016.

Looking forward to 2019, Jowers plans to continue making improvements to the town's infrastructure in the form of paving and drainage updates. He said the city would be applying for grants to fund projects concerning the sewer system, parks and recreation and road work. Jowers hopes to speed the project concerning the downtown lots by reinstating the

town's industrial development board.

Probably the biggest change Kenton residents can expect is the updating of the town's charter, which has already begun. At the January meeting of the mayor and board of aldermen several suggestions were made to update the charter by eliminating outdated resolutions and ordinances and clarifying others.

Jowers said he also plans on updating City Hall to make the office more efficient and secure for both the staff and residents.

Finally, Jowers said he wants to thank every business and industry for choosing to be located in Kenton. He noted the importance of the role these businesses are to small towns like Kenton.

According to Jowers, small towns are under increased pressure due to increasing costs and declining populations. Without the small town businesses and industry, small towns could not exist.

Jowers expressed his hope for Kenton to thrive as a result of the improvements the town is making to ensure a bright future for his town and other small towns in West Tennessee.

Miss Tennessee visits Gibson Co. schools

The Gibson County Special School District hosted Miss Tennessee Christine Williamson on Jan. 30.

On her tour, Williamson stopped at South Gibson County Elementary, Yorkville, Spring Hill, Kenton, Rutherford and Dyer schools. During her talk with students, Williamson stressed the importance of respect in the areas of friends, family, and self. Her message was anti-bullying as she encouraged students to treat others as they want to be treated and to stand up for others. She also shared that all actions have consequences whether positive or negative and students should remember this in order to make healthy and smart choices.

Her visit was arranged by Amy Richardson, GCSSD Coordinated School Health Coordinator, who escorted Miss Tennessee to the schools.



MISS TENNESSEE Christine Williamson recently visited several Gibson County schools, speaking to students about respect.

Eric Allen celebrates anniversary as Trenton financial advisor

Eric Allen, an Edward Jones financial advisor in Trenton, still remembers the day he decided to join the financial services firm. That was 20 years ago.

"The strength and spirit of this town are synonymous with our firm. Trenton has been a great place to call home," Allen said.

The fact that Eric Allen works in the same community in which he lives is unique among financial services firms, most of which do their business by phone. By establishing branch offices in communities throughout the country, however, Edward Jones enables its financial advisors to establish one-on-one business relationships with its investors.

"I've enjoyed doing business the old-fashioned way - in person," Allen said. "And I am looking forward to many more years serving the investment needs of my friends, neighbors and business associates."



Allen



McEwen

Barbara McEwen, the branch office administrator in Allen's branch office, also is celebrating her anniversary with the firm. McEwen has been with Edward Jones in Trenton for 20 years.

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High school seniors encouraged to apply for Bethel scholarship

This spring, one deserving high school senior will win full tuition, room and board at Bethel University thanks to the Hendrix Scholarship.

Established in 1988, the Hendrix Scholarship Competition was the brainchild of the late Nashville businessman Willard R. Hendrix.

The competition, which will be held in March, is a two-day event in which students' academic abilities will be tested with a written exam, an academic exam and an interview. Lodging and meals will be provided on the Bethel campus. Additional activities include a meet-and-

greet with current Honors students, interaction with faculty, a campus tour, activities and a banquet celebrating the participants and winners. The winner of the competition will earn full tuition, room and board; the runner-up will earn full tuition. All others who compete will be considered for other Bethel academic scholarships.

In order to be considered for the Hendrix Competition, high school seniors must have a minimum 3.25 GPA and a 23/1130 or above ACT/SAT score. The winner and runner-up must maintain a 3.6 GPA to renew the scholarship each year.

The Hendrix Competition will be held March 15-16. Application deadline is March 8. For more information, go to bethelu.edu/Hendrix.

Snyder earns degree

Whitley Snyder of Newbern has earned the Associate of Arts from Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Georgia.

Snyder was among more than 900 undergraduate and graduate students who completed the requirements for their respective degrees during the fall 2018 semester.

Community Calendar

County Democrats to meet

Thursday, Feb. 28, 6:30 p.m. at the Teapot Room in Trenton City Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to plan the bi-annual reorganization as required by law.

American Legion meeting

American Legion Post 0218 at Rutherford will meet Tuesday, Feb. 12, 6:30 p.m. at the Woodmen of the World building to discuss planning projects for the upcoming year. All veterans are welcome.



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