

Farrar house to get \$500K makeover

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A historic house in McMinnville is undergoing a renovation estimated at \$500,000.

The house is located at 349 West Main Street and was the former home of Frank Davis Farrar, a prominent lawyer who passed away in November 2016. It is estimated the house was constructed in 1826 and its garage/apartment built in the early 1900s.

Located in the Historic Zoning District, exterior changes must be approved by the McMinnville Historic Zoning Commission in the form of a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA). Presenting the application to commission members was Butch Stamp, representing the Frank Davis Farrar estate.

"We are doing structural changes, cosmetic changes, as well as improvements to the utilities as far as plumbing and electrical," said Stamp. "We've also had to dig the driveway and want to put a retaining wall based on the elevation changes. We want to extend the deck on the rear of the house. We are also doing some work on the interior of the main home as well."

Not much of the house and garage will remain untouched. Exterior work includes doors, façade, gutting, light fixtures, parking, porch, retaining walls,



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A half million dollar renovation is being undertaken at this house on Main Street. The former home of Frank Davis Farrar is 191 years old. Once the makeover is complete, an effort will begin to have it placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

roofing, shutters, windows, and chimney.

Within the main house, there will be construction of a new master bath, master closet, and a laundry/mudroom, as well as remodeling of the existing kitchen, among other items of work.

The 191-year-old structure it is not on the National Register of Historic Places. By the COA application, nomination papers will be submitted after renovation.

"It is our goal, especially in regard to primary residence, to submit nomination papers to place the

home on the Historic Register in the future."

There will also be an extensive renovation of the garage/apartment interior. Among the projects will be all new wall and floor finishes, plumbing, fixtures, lighting, cabinets, HVAC and appliances, etc.

Historic Zoning Commission members approved the work.

"The work I've seen looks good," said Bobby Kirby. "The plans look good. I have no issue with it."

Tom Ward added, "As an interested neighbor, I see

great construction taking place down there."

"I'm just so happy it is being restored and we're saving another historic structure," said Rachel Killebrew.

The Certificate of Appropriateness was unanimously approved.

Run from law ends in pond

BY **DUANE SHERRILL**
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A man faces a long list of charges after he led lawmen on a chase through hills and dales just before Christmas, the pursuit ending when he drove his vehicle into a pond.

The fugitive, Anthony Steven Alley, 41, was originally wanted for violation of probation but now faces charges including evading arrest and reckless endangerment. Officers went to a residence on Taylor Road to arrest him but before they could place him into custody he jumped behind the wheel of a 2001 Chevy Tahoe and took off, racing through a nursery field.

"He drove through

numerous fences and came out on Bethany Road," said sheriff's investigator Steven Carpenter, noting he then went racing through someone's front yard and then behind their house. "There were children present inside the residence."

Unable to give lawmen the shake, Alley tried to go cross country, bushwhacking through a thick area of small trees and brush before driving into a pond.

"His vehicle became stuck and he fled on foot," said Carpenter, noting the fugitive was chased down and arrested by investigator Aaron Roberts.

A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed 100 alprazolam pills, netting additional charges of possession of drugs.



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Holiday Fun Days

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Elijah Richard enjoyed his time at the Civic Center.

"I liked archery," he said. "It was my first time playing. My favorite activity is Uno. I love Uno. I have three kinds of Uno at home."

The goal of the program, which has ended, was to give children something to do in the days before and after Christmas.

Leah Mara says she received the doll she requested for Christmas.

"I got an L.O.L. Doll," she said. "It comes with a bottle. You feed it. It tinkles, cries, spits and its color will change."

Grace Rangel said she received the moped she wanted and plans on riding it in the driveway.

An Elf on the Shelf came to Aniston McClure's house. As the holiday tradition goes, an elf arrives before Christmas and reports back to Santa if a child is being naughty or nice. However, the elf can be mischievous.

The activities during



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Uno, developed in 1971, is still popular after all these years. During Holiday Fun Days at McMinnville Civic Center, it was played the most among all the card and board games offered. Pictured, from left, are Saydie Farmer, Christy Farmer, Emily Richardson, and Leah Mara.

Holiday Fun Days were free with paid \$3 admission to the Civic Center. It was for children ages 6 to 18.

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