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**Shortly after being carved out by Animal Control, the circle drive is slated to be closed to traffic.**

## Concerns arise about circle drive

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A circle drive at Warren County Animal Control and Adoption Center was meant to ease parking issues, but it could have created others.

During a joint meeting of the county's Building and Grounds Committee and Health and Welfare Committee, commissioners toured the site and expressed concerns.

"I'm concerned about the building getting flooded out," said Commissioner Kenny Roberts, who said water is being directed toward Animal Control.

Commissioner Tommy Savage suggested the placement of rip rap in a stair-stepped pattern in the ditches to slow water down.

Simerly Excavation was hired to cut through the hill and connect the upper and lower driveways. Once the area was gravel-ready, Road Superintendent Levie Glenn offered to place gravel. Gravel work is pending committee approval on the dirt work.

Roberts says heavy rain will wash the gravel

down the steep hill.

"The loose dirt on the banks has gotten me concerned, also. If you put rock down on the drive itself and we have some big rains like what we have at times, that rock is going to be washed right down to the front door."

The original intent was to use the newly connected drive as an exit with motorists traveling up the hill. When discussion turned to people spinning on the gravel and making the erosion situation worse, consideration was given to reversing the flow of traffic and using the hill as an entrance.

"It might be smarter to be going up it, if there's ice and stuff," said Commissioner Blaine Wilcher.

Commissioner Teddy Boyd stated, "If they come off that hill and start to slide, the next thing you know we'd have one in the building."

Boyd suggested any further work to the area may have to wait until spring due to the condition of the ground.

Committee members approved blocking the bottom of the hill to prevent access until the issues can be addressed.



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**Junior Auxiliary of McMinnville is organizing another Sip & Saveur to showcase downtown, its businesses and local talent. McMinnville officials have approved April 21 from 5-9 p.m. and the requested street closures. Pictured is Carolyn Hunter as she enjoys a sip of wine by the fountain during last year's event.**

## Sip & Saveur set for April 21

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Sip & Saveur: Tasting and Art Showcase is returning to downtown McMinnville in 2018.

The event, slated for April 21 from 5 to 9 p.m., is organized by Junior Auxiliary of McMinnville to showcase downtown businesses, local artisans and caterers.

It received unanimous approval from the McMinnville Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

"For the success of the event, we are asking permission of the city of McMinnville for street closures," said Junior Auxiliary member Amanda Collier, in her letter request to the city.

Closed will be West Court Square, Depot Street, North Spring Street, and East Main Street beginning at the intersection of Main Street and

North Chancery beside Magness Library and ending where Main Street connects to Sparta Street, from 4:30 to 10 p.m.

"Last year's Sip & Saveur was wonderful," said Collier. "We had such an outpouring of support from previous guests, artists, and local businesses who love this event as much as we do and their enthusiasm shows."

During the adults-only event, visitors are given the chance to sample wine and hors d'oeuvres while admiring the work of some of the area's finest artisans while visiting participating businesses.

"This event does a great job of showing how much talent we have in McMinnville and how lovely our downtown is," said Junior Auxiliary member Emily Stefanick, following last year's event. "We've had nothing but positive feedback."

Want to display and sell your art-

work at this year's Sip and Saveur? For an application and instructions, email [JASipandSaveur@gmail.com](mailto:JASipandSaveur@gmail.com).

"We also would love to have any interested event sponsors know they're welcome to come on board early," said Collier. "The funds raised help us to continue work throughout the year, for families in McMinnville/Warren County area, and the members of Junior Auxiliary of McMinnville appreciate the support and excitement that surrounds Sip & Saveur. We are in our early planning stages, and already have an exciting new event sponsor ready to come aboard. We welcome inquiries and interest in participating."

Interested sponsors may also email [JASipandSaveur@gmail.com](mailto:JASipandSaveur@gmail.com). More details regarding participating businesses, caterers and artists, as well as how to purchase tickets, will be available as details are finalized.

## PUBLISHER'S Pics

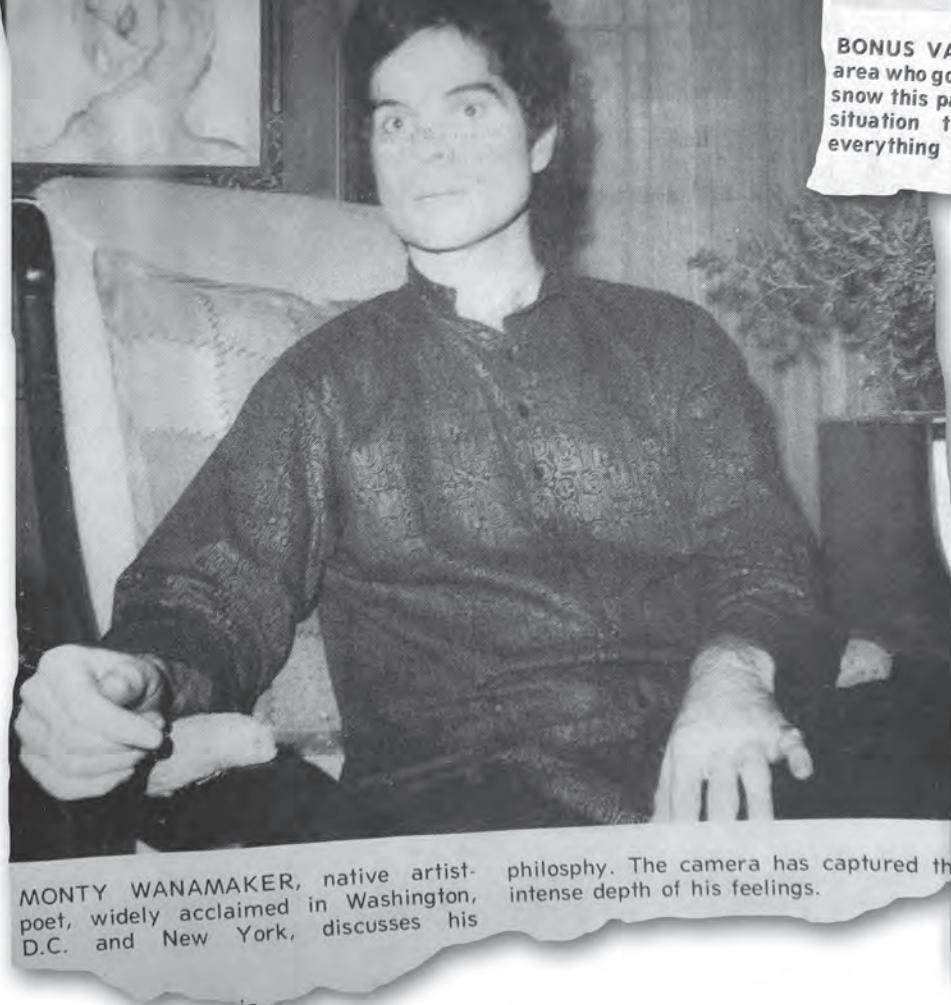
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**BONUS VACATION** -- Youngsters of the area who got a "bonus" vacation due to the snow this past week took advantage of the situation to get in some sliding on everything from conventional Christmas

sleds to cardboard cartons and garbage-can lids. Seen here are Karen Payne, Steve Payne, along with outdoor-type dog who's having as much fun as anybody.

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MONTY WANAMAKER, native artist-poet, widely acclaimed in Washington, D.C. and New York, discusses his philosophy. The camera has captured the intense depth of his feelings.