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Fixing a hole



Public Works employees have been busy repairing city streets in recent weeks.

City accelerates efforts to repair rash of potholes

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The recent snow and ice wasn't a winter wonderland for local roads. McMinnville Public Works Department has a plan to combat a rash of potholes which have emerged throughout the city. The effort will take months and motorists are urged to use caution and have patience.

"The recent snow removal efforts have caused a more rapid deterioration of the roadway asphalt repair work done for water line repairs and potholes, and has made what was already a bad situation worse," said

McMinnville Public Works assistant director Brad Hennessee. "Emergency repair work began earlier this week to permanently repair these spots."

Motorists can expect to see steel plates and/or cones in areas that have been repaired.

"All repairs are being made using an 8-inch concrete cap," Hennessee said. "A 1-inch thick steel plate will be used to cover small spot repairs that will allow the repair to be driven on immediately while the concrete cures underneath. Larger spot repairs will require cones to surround the work zone until it can be driven on."

Inconveniences will be minimal-

ized as much as possible. Hennessee urges driver caution.

"Our goal is to have all repairs reopened to traffic in about 24 hours. Every effort will be made by our department to provide effective and efficient traffic control, but driver caution and patience is necessary as many of these repairs are on major roads and are often multi-lane or near the center line of the street."

The department will target major roads first, then tackle residential neighborhoods, with the project estimated to take several months.

Neighborhoods will be reviewed, with priority based on the number and severity of the spot repairs to be made.



Opioids killed 1,186 Tennesseans in 2016, according to the Tennessee Department of Health.

New development emerges as county ponders lawsuit

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A new development in the proposed opioid lawsuit involving Warren County government will be revealed Monday.

County Commissioner Terry Bell announced during a county Budget and Finance Committee meeting Thursday that a discussion with Warren County attorney Larry Stanley and assistant attorney Robert Bratcher has been scheduled for Monday, Feb. 5 at 4:30 p.m.

Galligan & Newman is seeking to represent county government in a lawsuit against opioid manufacturers. Commissioners are slated to decide during February's

monthly session if they wish to hire the law firm.

The actual topic of discussion is being withheld in true cloak-and-dagger fashion.

Commissioner Gary Prater asked, "Is this the same thing?"

"Yes," said Bell. "There is some information that you need to know."

Prater added, "So, it's not that they want to do the lawsuit. It's they've got some information?"

"They've got some information that you need to know," said Bell. "They want to inform you so you'll know what you're doing."

The meeting will be held in the conference room at the administrative offices on Locust Street.

Heart health starts young



Ashton Harmon with her baby Adaline Jane Boyd were eager to promote the Go Red For Women movement Friday at Saint Thomas River Park Hospital. For story, see page 7A.

Man allegedly gets drunk, steals car, causes wreck

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A man accused of being a drunk car thief faces charges after he reportedly stole a vehicle and led lawmen on a high-speed chase, causing a wreck.

The suspect, Timothy Dustin Saylors, 22, is charged with evading arrest, resisting arrest, DUI, third-offense driving on a revoked license, theft over \$10,000, and violation of the seatbelt law. He will face hearing Feb. 15.

According to highway patrolman Joseph VanBommel, Saylors took a 2013 Nissan Altima from Scot's Market. An all-points bulletin was issued for the vehicle with its description.

VanBommel saw the stolen car at



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Walmart and tried to pull it over. "He ran three stop signs and one traffic light, causing a crash at the intersection of the bypass and Sunset Drive," the trooper said, noting Saylors slammed the car into another vehicle.

The lawman said Saylors was not ready to go to jail peacefully even after the crash. "He attempted to exit the vehicle out of the passenger door," VanBommel said. "I ordered him to get on the ground but he refused."

The trooper said he was able to latch onto the suspect but he fought him all the way to the patrol car.



Lisa Hobbs photo
Nylon shade structures have been placed over the eating area at Gilley Pool.

Made in the shade

Gilley Pool adds two new shade structures

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A field of blue could offer a cooler eating experience for Gilley Pool visitors this summer.

Two shade structures have been placed over the eating area next to Gilley Pool's concession stand to offer visitors much-needed sun protection and increased comfort while they eat, relax and socialize.

"When people are out of the pool and trying

to enjoy something to eat or drink, they don't want the sun beating down on them," said McMinnville Parks and Recreation assistant director Justin Scott. "They want shade and we're trying to give them that."

The nylon covers and structures were purchased by the city from All Recreation for \$24,114 in early 2017. Being a made-to-order item, placement was delayed until after the 2017 pool season.

The large, blue canvases will replace individual umbrellas at tables.

"We did have the umbrellas at the tables, but these will cover more of the eating area," said Scott.

Gilley Pool is open Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend each year. Daily admission is \$4.

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for the drawing.

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