

# CIRCUS SWORD PLAY



The circus was a powerful force when it was in town last week at the Civic Center. In addition to death-defying aerial acts and jungle animals, the circus also offered illuminated toys like these lightsaber swords. Pictured, from left, are Jeremiah Frazier, Jaxson Frazier and Matthew Hopkins.

## EMS grant could save taxpayers

BY LISA HOBBS  
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A resolution is on its way to full Warren County Commission that could save taxpayers approximately \$267,000.

"We have a grant that we've applied for \$315,000," said Commissioner Teddy Boyd, chair of the Safety Committee. "If we get it, it has a match of \$50,000. It will be enough for a remount, a new ambulance, and also about \$30,000 worth of equipment."

The match, said EMS director Preston Denney, was right at \$48,000 so the phrase "not to exceed \$50,000" was used for the grant match.

"We get \$315,000 and we give them, it was \$47,000 and some change, close to \$48,000, we're really getting \$267,000 for about \$48,000," said Denney.

The grant is from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development and is a Community Development Block Grant.

Denney is attempting to sweeten the deal with the state, because he doesn't believe \$315,000 will be enough to purchase everything.

"The price of the ambulances are unreal," he said. "I told them at \$315,000 we may end up being short."

Denney estimates a new ambulance at \$170,000 and a remount at \$110,000, which brings the total to \$285,000. Without \$30,000 in new equipment, those two items alone exceed the total amount of \$267,000 by \$13,000.

Safety Committee members approved in December Denney's effort to obtain the grant. However, due to the grant match, Warren County Commission consideration is required. A resolution will be presented during February's monthly session.

## Morrison Ruritan accepting Citizen of Year nominations

BY LISA HOBBS  
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A tradition that has spanned over four decades will continue this year as Morrison Ruritan is accepting nominations for its annual Citizen of the Year Award.

Club president Wes Williams says March 3 is the deadline for nominations for the 2018 Citizen of the Year. The 2017 Citizen of the Year recipients was Marian Jacobs.

The following guidelines are the basis for selecting the honoree:

- Nominations are to be made by the general public
- Persons nominated must live in the Morrison area or have some connection, past or present, with the Morrison community
- Nominees will be judged on



Morrison Ruritan is seeking written nominations for its next Citizen of the Year. Nominees must live in Morrison and will be judged on their community service. Pictured is last year's recipient, Marian Jacobs.

church work, community activities or public service, or a combination of the three.

A panel of judges will review the nomination letters and select a recipient. While the primary emphasis will be on the activities of the nominee during the past 12 months, consideration will also be given to contributions made over the years. Mike Holland, who chairs the Citizenship Committee, urges those submitting nominations to take a moment to tell the selection committee why they feel their nominee should be considered. Judging is not based on how many nominations a person receives, but on the résumés detailing the merits of the nominee. Holland is also urging individuals to recommend past nominees who did not win, because they are still eligible. All nominations for Citizen of the Year should be mailed to Mike Holland, 1796 Cooper Road, Morrison, TN, 37357 and marked "Citizen of the Year" on the outside of the envelope. This will ensure the nomination will not be opened until it is turned over to judges for their consideration. Members of Morrison Ruritan are not eligible for the award, but a Ruritan of the Year will be named and will receive the Arry Youngblood Memorial Award on the same night as Citizen of the Year. The selection will be made by a secret ballot of club members, and the identity of the recipient will not be revealed until the banquet. Announcement of this year's Citizen of the Year will be made shortly following the March 3 deadline along with details of the banquet.

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The last day to pay your 2016 taxes in the Trustee's office is March 30, 2018. Payment must be received at the Trustee's office by March 30th. Postmarks not accepted.

#### 2017 TAXES:

You are advised that after February 28, 2018 additional penalties will be imposed upon the 2017 property taxes. Taxpayers can avoid these extra penalties by paying their 2017 taxes before the February 28th deadline.

For your convenience, the Trustee's office will be open Saturday, February 24th from 9:00 until 12:00.

Tax Relief: The last day to sign up for tax relief is April 5th.

Bank locations: Security Federal Savings Bank, Homeland Community Bank and Citizens Tri-County Bank are now accepting current tax payments through Feb. 28th.

Automatic Draft: The Trustee's office is now offering taxpayers the opportunity to pay future taxes by automatic bank draft. Contact the Trustee's office for more information.

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