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Buying tickets early is recommended. The McMinnville Board of Aldermen has approved concert patrons parking in the Blue Building parking lot (front, side, and rear). It is expected that two courtesy vans will shuttle patrons from this parking area up to the Park Theater before and after the concert.

Steve Wariner's best known songs are "Holes in the Floor of Heaven" (Grammy winner for Song of the Year), "Kansas City Lights," "The Hand that Rocks the Cradle," and "All Roads Lead to You."

Steve was cited by Chet Atkins as one of the six best guitar players in the world. Steve plays the bass, steel, acoustic, electric, and Dobro guitars. Steve became a member of the Grand Ole Opry in 1996, was inducted into the Music City Walk of Fame in Nashville in 2008, and the Kentucky Music Hall of Fame in 2011.

Steve is 62 years young, married to wife Caryn, and has two sons. The family lives near Nashville in Franklin. Steve is known as a great guitar player and a genuinely nice guy.

The Citizens for Progress (CFP) Scholarship Fund was begun in July 2007 to provide a bridge to higher education for our youth. Since 2007, over $800,000 has been raised and over $650,000 awarded to students primarily for classes at TCAT and Motlow-McMinnville.

CFP preceded TN Promise by eight years. With the advent of TN Promise and TN Reconnect, CFP is aimed today at supporting the rapid expansion of dual enrollment classes at WCHS. Over 200 students are now taking dual enrollment.

TN Promise does not provide funds for dual enrollment. CFP also funds specialty training, such as a STEM camp for 72 students during the 2017 summer. Fundraising for the CFP Fund includes private donations, public donations, and events like this concert. CFP has now helped over 700 students with financial aid. Many have been first in their families to go onto higher education.

Our own Thomas B. Vaughn will be the concert emcee. Thomas is an acquaintance of Steve Wariner and will introduce him. The WCHS select choir will sing the national anthem. This will be a most memorable event. We recommend buying tickets early. Come to be lavishly entertained.

Self-driving car hits, kills woman

FLAGSTAFF, ARIZ. (AP) — A self-driving Uber vehicle struck and killed a pedestrian in a Phoenix suburb in the first fatality involving a fully autonomous test vehicle, prompting the ride-hailing company Monday to suspend all road-testing of such autos in the U.S. and Canada.

This self-driving Uber vehicle struck a woman in Arizona on Sunday night, leading to her death.

Depending on who is found to be at fault, the accident could have far-reaching consequences for the development of self-driving vehicles, which have been billed as potentially safer than human drivers.

The Volvo was in self-driving mode with a human operator behind the wheel when a woman walking outside a crosswalk in Tempe on Sunday night was hit, police said. The woman, identified as Elaine Herzberg, 49, died at a hospital.

Uber suspended all of its self-driving vehicle testing in the Phoenix area, Pittsburgh, San Francisco and Toronto.

The testing has been going on for months as automakers and technology companies compete to be the first with the technology.

Uber CEO Dara Khosrowshahi expressed condolences on his Twitter account and said the company is working with local law enforcement on the investigation.

The federal government has voluntary guidelines for companies that want to test autonomous vehicles, leaving much of the regulation up to states.

But Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao also has said technology and automobile companies need to allay public fears of self-driving vehicles, citing a poll showing that 78 percent of people fear riding in autonomous vehicles

The number of states considering legislation related to autonomous vehicles gradually has increased each year, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. In 2017 alone, 33 states introduced legislation.

California is among those that require manufacturers to report any incidents to the motor vehicle department during the testing phase. As of early March, the agency received 59 such reports.

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