

**Melissa Nelson and Kelly Lee are organizing a new group called Hard Times Association to help people in need. The inaugural meeting is set for April 14.**

# Hard Times Association looking to lend a hand

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Local resident Kelly Lee is forming a new organization geared toward helping people in need. Appropriately named Hard Times Association, Lee is planning the inaugural meeting for Saturday, April 14. “I want to create an organization to help people in this community who might be having trouble,” said Lee. “It might be someone who is having difficulty with an

electric bill or paying for groceries. We’re working right now to set up funds for people who recently lost their home to a fire on Harrison Ferry Mountain. It’s a way to show we care and we want to help.” Lee says framework will be established during the inaugural meeting. His plan is to have a board of directors and it will be up to board members to determine who receives assistance. The board will also decide on fundraisers. One early idea that’s already generating

money is Hard Times Association T-shirts. Lee says a number of T-shirts have already been sold and they are available in a variety of colors. Lee says he’s provided volunteer hours for several organizations in the past. He said he’s helped the annual Toy Ride organized by Rob Wolford and he’s also been part of work done by the motorcycle club Silent Creed. Lee says his vision is for Hard Times Association to be a family-based association that’s open to anyone in

the community. Lee says he hasn’t secured a location for the inaugural April 14 meeting, but will announce that closer to the time. For more information, he can be reached at (931) 316-5473.

## WCHS grant

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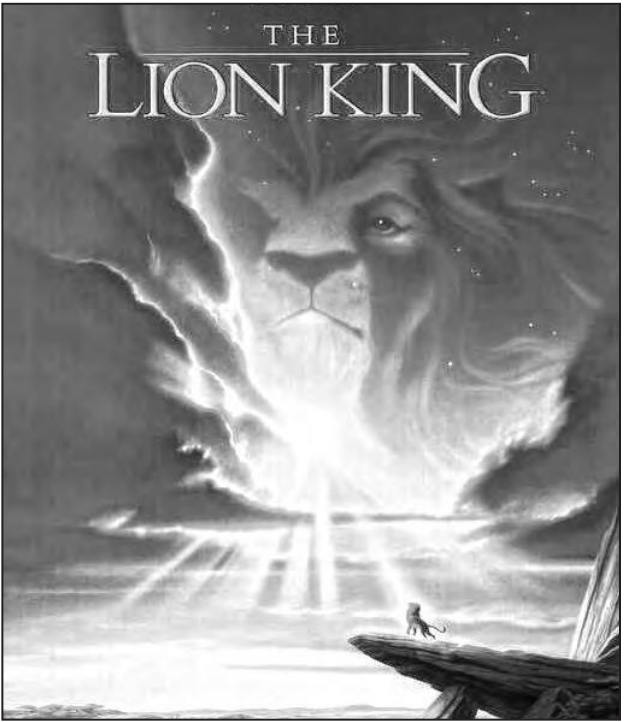
Using advanced speech recognition, ALEX can interact with students while they listen to normal or various abnormal lung/ heart/ bowel sounds with a stethoscope, measure blood pressure, check respiratory rate, airways, circulation, and if the medical situation calls for it, administer CPR and arm injections. Instructors can deliver remote simulations. In the midst of a normal patient assessment, teachers can adjust vitals, speech and sounds to mimic a serious medical condition, and students must diagnose the situation. The school purchased two of the patient communication simulators for the school’s Health Science program using part of a \$125,000 grant obtained from the state to purchase equipment for the school’s Career and Technical Education program. Funds also purchased: Welding Program: two Millermatic 252, four Millermatic 210 welders, one Miller 625 plasma welder, one plasma cam cutter, one Dell computer for plasma cam cutter, and three Clean Air America dual weld stations. Mechatronics/ Robotics Program: seven Dell computers for Moto-Sim Touch-Mechatronics/

Robotics Senior Erik Trujillo says the additional welding equipment was very much appreciated because it allows more students to participate in welding activities at the same time. “We only had two welding stations,” he said. “You’d come in here and both of the stations would be in use. You’d have to wait to use one. Now, we have five stations and 11 welders. We might have two students at each station, but that’s OK. No one is waiting in line.” CTE director Tracy Risinger thanked Gov. Bill Haslam, the Tennessee General Assembly, and the Tennessee Department of Education for providing the grant that will help high school students become college and career ready. “Up-to-date industry standard equipment is vital for students to participate in hands-on activities to develop skills needed for post-secondary and the workforce and this CTE Equipment Grant has made it possible for our welding lab and health science labs to have equipment to help WCHS students be college and career ready,” said Risinger. Tennessee Department of Education awarded \$15 million in grants to fund new equipment for Career and Technical Education programs across Tennessee.

# Movies in the Park begins March 31

BY **LISA HOBBS**  
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McMinnville Parks and Recreation Department is offering 10 free movies this year, and The Redemption Center will provide free popcorn. Movies in the Park kicks off March 31 with “Despicable Me 3” at Cat Walker Field behind McMinnville Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. “We’re partnering with The Redemption Center to bring these free movies throughout the year,” said McMinnville Parks and Recreation event coordinator Kyle Clyde. “This year’s films series will tour some of our great parks. If the weather is too cold or wet, the Movies in the Park will be moved into the Civic Center.” Movies in the Park lineup: • “Coco” at Cat Walker Field on April 14 • “Mary Poppins” at Pepper Branch Park on May 12 • “Paddington” at



Pistole Park on June 30 • “Paddington 2” at Rocket Park on July 7 • “Calamity Jane” at Cat Walker Field on July 28 • “Peter Rabbit” at Ramsey Park on Aug. 11 • “Sherlock Gnomes” in Court Square on Aug. 25 • “Lion King” at Cat Walker Field on Sept. 8 • “Hocus Pocus” at Cat Walker Field on Oct. 6 Bring chairs or blankets and enjoy a family-friendly flick under the stars. The first movie on March 31 begins at 7:30 p.m., while all others begin at dusk.

## GENERAL SESSIONS

Judge Bill Locke issued the following sentences Tuesday during General Sessions court. James Barrett was released on time served and given an 11-month, 29-day probationary sentence for invasion of privacy. He was ordered to have no contact with the victim. Mica Daun Bouldin was ordered to serve five days of an 11-29 sentence for shoplifting and vandalism up to \$1,000, pay restitution and was banned from Dollar General. A judicial diversion was granted, which will allow the charges to be erased if probation is successfully completed. Elaine Clayton was ordered to serve 10 days for violation of probation. Courtney Fults was ordered to serve 72 hours and had probation extended for violation of probation. Christopher Haycox was ordered to serve 30 days of an 11-29 sentence for domestic assault. Keith William Johnson was ordered to serve five days and have no contact with the victim for criminal trespass. Heather Nicole Jones was ordered to serve 10 days for violation of probation. Kellie Phillips was ordered to serve 70 days and have probation extended

ed for violation of probation and failure to appear. Danny Ray Prater was ordered to serve 45 days for violation of probation. Donnie Alan Sparkman had probation revoked and was ordered to serve the remainder of his sentence. He will be allowed to be furloughed into rehab if possible. Zachary Ward had his probation revoked and must serve the remainder of his sentence for violation of probation. Maurie Rambo was given 10 days for failure to appear. Katlyn Hinds was given 10 days for contempt of court. Travis Jennings was ordered to serve 67 days for failure to appear, violation of probation and driving on a revoked license. Christopher Ashby was ordered to serve 60 days for simple possession. Joshua Barnes was given an 11-29 probationary sentence for possession of drug paraphernalia. Matthew Ryan Cross was credited with seven days time served and given 11-29 probation for filing a false report. Ashley English was given 11-29 probation and told to stay out of Dollar General for shoplifting. Justin W. Estes was given 11-29 probation for reckless

endangerment with a vehicle and driving while license suspended. Tiffany Dawn Grodi was ordered to serve 28 days for violation of probation. Reva Howard was given an 11-29 probationary sentence for harassment. Bradley Jackson was given an 11-29 probationary sentence and ordered to make restitution of \$1,391 for passing worthless checks. Aaron Andrew McCormick was allowed to enter the second chance program for domestic assault. Caswella Dawn Pruitt had probation revoked for violation of probation. Lisa Michelle Rhea was ordered to serve 90 days for violation of probation. Joshua Tyler Turner was ordered to serve 30 days of an 11-29 sentence for assault.

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**AMERICAN LEGION POST 173**  
Our MONTHLY MEETINGS are held the first Thursday of each month at Billy's Restaurant (2822 Nashville Highway in McMinnville). Members will meet at 5:00 pm for dinner with the meeting to follow at 6:00 pm. All members are encouraged to attend. Prospective members are also welcome to attend. Everyone is invited to visit our Facebook page @post173 to stay up to date on all American Legion activities.  
New Post address is: American Legion Post 173, P.O. Box 173, McMinnville, TN 37111. The Ladies Auxiliary meets at the same time.

**THE BOBBY RAY DETACHMENT OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE**  
Our MONTHLY MEETINGS are held the first Thursday of each month at the Warren County Administrative Building (201 Locust Street) in the Magnolia Room. Doors open at 1800 and the meeting starts at 1830. All honorable discharged Marines, Navy FMF Corpsman and Navy Chaplains who served with the marines are invited to attend. For more information call 931-934-5619.

**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER (POST 173)**  
Our MONTHLY MEETING are held the fourth Saturday each month at Billy's Restaurant (2822 Nashville Hwy. in McMinnville). Member will meet at 9:00am for breakfast, meeting to follow at 10:00am. Group will go for a ride after the meeting, weather permitting, location to be determined by the Road Captain. We are looking for new members. For information contact Rider Director John Davis American Legion Rider Chapter Post 173, PO Box 173, McMinnville, TN 37111.

**VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, ROYCE DAVENPORT CHAPTER 1112**  
Monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at Billy's restaurant (2822 Nashville Hwy. in McMinnville). Members will meet at 5:00 p.m. for dinner, with meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend. Prospective members will need to bring copy of DD Form 214 to verify service and join. Everyone is invited to visit our Facebook page @ VVA1112 to stay up to date on all VVA and AVVA activities.

**Associate Vietnam Veterans of America, Royce Davenport Chapter 1112**  
Meeting is the same time and place as the VVA (see above). Anyone can be a member. There is no requirement to be related to a Veteran in anyway, however Veterans can also join. Please come and join our organization. Royce Davenport Chapter 1112 will again be collecting non-perishable items for the Warren County Emergency Food Bank during the Main Street Live Concert Series on Friday nights starting June 9, 2017 and continuing through the series. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

**VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 5064**  
Our MONTHLY MEETINGS are typically held on the third Thursday of each month at the VFW Post Home (3340 Sparta Highway) at 7:00 pm. Prospective members are encouraged to attend. Call 931-668-8392 for more information. **The VFW Auxiliary meets at the same time.**

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