



Valley View Country Store and Bakery of Sparta was one of the few vendors open for business Saturday at the Farmers Market. Customers were lining up for greenhouse-grown tomatoes, which are juicy and delicious.

Leann Schwartz sells several tomatoes to Mary Cantrell.



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A BUSINESS THAT REALLY SHINES

Justin Shrum says he was looking to fill a community need when he opened Clear Shine Window Cleaners. It turned out to be a need indeed as his squeegee has been busy.

"I never knew when starting the business it would be so well received," said Justin while taking a break from cleaning a window Friday at Images, a hair salon on The Strip. "I have been overwhelmed by the show of support from residents and businesses in our community."

Justin said it's always been his dream to own his own business and Clear Shine Window Cleaners hasn't smudged his expectations. He offers professional window cleaning for offices, churches, houses and restaurants. He is proud to say he is fully licensed and insured.

"I feel being properly licensed and insured is part of doing business," said Justin. "You want your customers to be comfortable. Being insured is part of the comfort level."

If you're wondering about the cost, wonder no more. Give Justin a call and he will provide a free estimate. He also offers gutter cleaning.

"I understand the value of good customer relationships," said Justin. "I also understand it's important to give back to the community."

Even though his business is getting started, Clear Shine Window Cleaners has already sponsored a youth league basketball team and it's paid for the movie "Storks" to be shown at the Park Theater for free.

"We want to say thank you to a community that supports us," said Justin.

Clear Shine Window Cleaners can be reached at (931) 224-4531.

LIQUOR STORE NUMBER 4

The last call for alcohol won't be coming anytime soon in McMinnville. It's just the opposite.

What will be the city's fourth liquor store is well under construction on Nashville Highway in Newtown. A sign outside the building site has created some confusion as it says "Future Home of Hina

Retail Center."

A retail center seems like something a little more extravagant than what's being constructed. There will be a separate restaurant, possibly a sub shop, but the bulk of the building, 4,200 square feet, will be for wine, liquor, beer and tobacco.

"I'm excited," said owner Sid Patel, who also owns the market and gas station across the street. "I thought we'd be done by now but we've had so much rain and bad weather we're behind schedule."

Sid said restaurant details have not been firmed up but he's looking to land franchise rights for a sub shop like Subway, Quiznos, or Firehouse Subs. Since Warren County already has three Subways, I'm cheering for one of the other options.

Hina Market will remain open to give Sid stores on both sides of the highway. Despite this being liquor store No. 4 for McMinnville, Sid said he has received positive comments from his customers who like his location on the outskirts of town. He says he hopes to be open in a couple months.

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front page of Wednesday's edition. I thought that was a comprehensive report, but I do want to add just a tad by talking about how Mr. Davis was responsible for thousands and thousands of dollars pouring into this community.

There's no way to determine how many families made a trip to Warren County to tour Cumberland Caverns and then ate a meal at a local restaurant on their way out of town. How many families spent the night here at a hotel because of Cumberland Caverns? How many filled up with gas as they prepared to hit the highway?

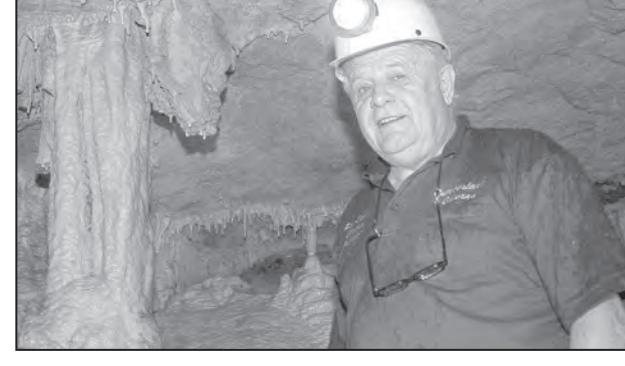
By its 50th year in 2006, there were around 35,000 people visiting Cumberland Caverns each year. It was estimated that about half that total, some 17,000 people, came to visit from outside Warren County.

Using a basic tourism spending calculator of \$35 per night, per person, those 17,000 visitors spent \$595,000 while in Warren County. The \$35 is a low-ball estimate as I've seen tourism calculators that show average spending of \$50 per night, per person.

Regardless, Mr. Davis and his love of caves certainly served to the financial benefit of Warren County.

THAT'S ALL FOLKS

Report business tips by



Roy Davis, who passed away last weekend, sold many hotel rooms and many meals in McMinnville thanks to his business, Cumberland Caverns.

EARLY HARVEST HAS ARRIVED

A stiff wind and chilly temperatures Saturday did not provide a conducive atmosphere for opening day at the Farmers Market. The weather didn't provide an atmosphere to do much of anything except scramble indoors to stay warm.

But it was opening day nonetheless for our fertile Farmers Market. A handful of brave, honorable merchants braved the cold to sell their products to warmly dressed customers.

Market manager Ann Brown said she's gearing up for a stellar year after receiving interest from several vendors who have never sold at the Farmers Market before.

"The whole purpose is to produce an outlet for farmers to sell their crops," said

Ann. "I'd say 80 percent of our vendors are from Warren County. We have just a few from Van Buren, Grundy, and just over the line in DeKalb County."

The market always starts slow before bursting with vegetables in June, July and August. Early produce this time of year includes fresh tomatoes, lettuce, cucumbers and kale. There's also beef from Willow Oak, baked goods, and food from High Roller Smokers and Hickory Creek BBQ.

The Farmers Market is open every Saturday in April from 6 a.m. to noon. In May, hours extend to Saturday and Wednesday.

ONE LAST TRIBUTE

We published an obituary for Cumberland Caverns founder Roy Davis on the

Fed leader paints rosy picture

CHICAGO (AP) — Federal Reserve chair Jerome Powell on Friday painted a mostly sunny view of the U.S. economy and said the Fed remains committed to raising its key interest rate gradually.

In his first speech as Fed

leader, Powell noted the

central bank raised its key

rate by a quarter-point at

its March meeting, just the

sixth increase since late

2015. He depicted that rate

hike as "another step in the

ongoing process of gradually scaling back" the ultra-

low rates it employed to

lift the economy out of the

Great Recession.

In remarks to the

Economic Club of Chicago,

Powell said this "patient

approach has paid dividends and contributed to

the strong economy we have today." He said the Fed will continue to balance the risks of moving too slowly in raising rates or moving too quickly.

Powell, who was tapped

by President Donald

Trump to succeed Janet

Yellen as Fed leader, took

over Feb. 5. He presided

over his first Fed meeting

last month.

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2 BARNS & COLLINS RIVER FRONTAGE

Located just out of the city limits of McMinnville on Red Road. Watch for auction signs.



This nice tract of land consists of 56.749 acres that has been surveyed and divided into 3 tracts. This farm is mostly fenced and lays gently rolling with a mix of woodland and sown pasture land. Each tract will have cleared land and some woodland. This farm is very conveniently located just out of the city limits yet close to most everything. Tract #3 consists of 24.403 acres with frontage on Red Rd and 1249 feet of frontage on the beautiful Collins River and also improved with a large metal barn and a second barn as well. Pasture ground as well as woodland makes this an excellent tract to build a nice house overlooking the Collins River with lots of privacy. Tract #2 consists of 17.90 acres with over 610' of river frontage. Tract #2 will have an entrance from North Collins Street as well as an entrance from Red Road. This tract also has a mix of woodland and lots of privacy as well as a nice roadway to drive down to the river for those lazy afternoons of fishing or playing on the river. Tract #1 consists of 14.446 acres with 989' of frontage on Red Road. This tract is mostly wooded with an excellent building site. These tracts will be sold separately then regrouped as we see fit. If you are looking for a nice tract to build on or a nice small farm in an excellent, convenient location, this a tract that you definitely need to look over.

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