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Hot wheels



James Clark photo
Firefighters respond to a car fire Tuesday afternoon in the parking lot of Gondola. There was concern because the vehicle was parked close to the restaurant.

Car bursts into flames in Gondola parking lot

BY JAMES CLARK
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Austin Nelson said he hadn't experienced any trouble with his BMW in the three years he has owned it. Then it burst into flames Tuesday afternoon as the lunch rush was ending at Gondola. "I had just gone inside when I heard people asking about the

owner of a white car," said Nelson, who serves in the United States Air Force. "When I looked outside it was smoking pretty badly." The car burst into flames, causing a calamity as firefighters rushed to the scene. "I just wanted to get outside and get to my car in case there was an explosion," said Tisha Emberton, who was finishing her lunch inside Gondola. Nelson said he had just returned

from a trip to Murfreesboro and said the car was running fine. A former Gondola employee, he stopped in to see some old friends and grab a bite to eat. He was surprisingly composed as his vehicle suffered major fire damage. "As long as I wasn't in it and nobody was hurt, that's all that matters to me," said Nelson. "You can replace a car. I'm glad the people who were parked around it were able to get out of the way."

Committee: Martin alone in desire to close Animal Control

BY LISA HOBBS
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The county Health and Welfare Committee has no plans to shut down Warren County Animal Control and Adoption Center, says Commissioner Blaine Wilcher. "Some people are twisting the story into the committee wanting to close Animal Control," said Wilcher. "It's not us. It's (Commissioner) Michael Martin. He's the only one who proposed closing Animal Control." During an April 10 meeting of the Health and Welfare

Committee, Martin said Animal Control staff members haven't been doing their jobs and that shutting down the department would free up \$100,000 that could be better used elsewhere. No other member of the committee voiced a similar sentiment. Wilcher read a prepared statement during Monday's full Warren County Commission meeting to dispel the inaccurate rumors and voice support for Animal Control director Kim Pettrey and employees Brandi Bouldin and Deitra Kester.



Lisa Hobbs photo
Warren County government has taken no steps to shut down its Animal Control and Adoption Center. Pictured is facility director Kim Pettrey, who is currently on medical leave.

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Sip & Saveur part of busy weekend

PLENTY TO DO

- FRIDAY**
- Comedian T.C. Cope at Park Theater, 7 p.m.
- SATURDAY**
- Autism 5K Run, downtown McMinnville, 8 a.m.
 - Big Smo and four other country bands at Cumberland Caverns, 12 to 4 p.m.
 - Pork and Bands, WCHS, 1:30 to 7:15 p.m.
 - Sip & Saveur, downtown McMinnville, 6 to 9 p.m.
 - Country singer Steve Wariner, Park Theater, 7 p.m.

BY LISA HOBBS
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Enjoy historic downtown McMinnville this Saturday, April 21 with an evening of relaxation and socialization at Junior Auxiliary of McMinnville's Sip & Saveur: Tasting and Art Showcase from 6 to 9 p.m. Sip & Saveur is a showcase for local artists, caterers, and downtown businesses. It provides attendees the chance to sample wine and hors d'oeuvres while admiring the work of some of the area's finest artisans at participating businesses. This is an adult-only event, and age will be verified at registration. Participants can stroll Main Street, enjoying live music by The Lund McVey Group with

jazz, and Assisted Living with Americana. Businesses include: Sheila Younglove Miner; Heritage Museum; Trendy Trunk; Ryan J. Moore, Upper Cumberland Biscuit Company; Twisted Yogis; Magness Library; Hoover and Sons; Citizens Tri-County Bank; Agee, Owens, and Cooper; Ashley's Attic; Chamber of Commerce; Kimmi's Tea Room; TOPZ Metro Deli; Panther Creek Forestry; Furry Tails; and Collins River BBQ. Tickets are \$35 in advance at Eye Centers of Tennessee, Security Federal on Main Street, and Warren County Chamber of Commerce. At the event, tickets are \$40. Tickets can be purchased via paypal.me/jamcmminville, reached by Junior Auxiliary of McMinnville Facebook page, or by email at jamcmminville@gmail.com and available onsite at will call.



Lisa Hobbs photo
Tyler Enslow of The Lund McVey Group performs at Sip & Saveur on Court Square. This year's event is this Saturday from 6 to 9 p.m. in downtown McMinnville.

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