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## Road to close for Main Street Live



Forever Abbey Road, a Beatles tribute band, is slated as the Main Street Live finale.

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This year's Main Street Live summer concert series will include eight bands and one street closure.

From approximately 5 to 10 p.m. on Friday nights from June 8 through July 27, McMinnville Public Works Department will place barriers blocking traffic where West Main Street and

Morrison Street converge. Motorists will be directed through West Colville Street to prevent traffic from passing Security Federal Savings Bank, the location of the music venue.

According to Public Works assistant director Brad Hennessee, TDOT is taking a neutral stance in the city's request to close the street. The state is neither approving nor rejecting the request.

"The state reviewed it and didn't see any better alternative,"

said Hennessee of the street closure request. "It's the normal procedure. They won't specifically grant permission for a municipality to block a state road but it's implied that as long as the city accepts the responsibility and follows the state's manual on traffic control devices, it is allowed. They are aware it is eight consecutive Friday nights,



and no one had any concerns for the plans."

Consideration was given to reducing traffic to one lane - the center lane - as a way to improve safety for the popular event. While Alderman Ben Newman suggested that measure as a way to improve safety for event-goers crossing the street in that area, Alderman Steve Harvey recommended a complete street closure.



## Personal touch



School nurse Brittany McGee carefully places a Band-Aid on third-grader Kloeey Jackson's knee. National Nurses Week was recognized last week, May 6-12, and Brittany said she received several sweet notes and gifts from students at West Elementary.

Lacy Garrison photo

## Nurses praised for providing care

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When third-grader Kloeey Jackson hurt her knee, she knew right where to turn. School nurse Brittany McGee was ready to provide care.

"Nurse Brittany helps me feel better," said Kloeey. "She just put a Band-Aid on my cut and she gave me ice packs when I bumped my head. I'm glad she's here."

Last week, May 6-12, was National Nurses Week and nurses throughout the community were recognized for their efforts. As the

school nurse at West Elementary, McGee says she loves her job.

"It is very empowering to be with the kids throughout the day," said McGee. "They can be the most joyful people regardless of what's going on in their lives and they bring so much happiness to me."

Many local nurses admit it can be a taxing job emotionally as they develop strong bonds with their patients, which makes it tough when the patient's health is declining. Additionally, healthcare is always evolving so nurses can't remain stagnant in their education or they risk falling behind in

advances in treatments and best practices for their patients.

"You have to learn to keep your emotions in check to be able to think clearly and carry out the care your patient needs," explained LPN and Tennessee Oncology operations manager Melinda Martin. "Even off the clock, I've thought about people I've cared for and wondered 'Can they afford their medications? Do they have groceries or clean clothes?' Nursing is hard, but very rewarding and humbling at the same time."

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## Man shot at interstate gas station

BY JAMES CLARK  
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A former Warren County resident continues to receive medical care at a Chattanooga hospital after being shot Monday morning when he pulled over at a gas station off Interstate 75 in North Georgia.

Jonathan Meyer, 30, does not have feeling in his legs, according to family members, but his surgeon is remaining optimistic his health could improve once swelling recedes around his spinal cord.

Meyer reportedly attended a wedding in this area last weekend and was driving back to his new home in Clearwater, Fla., when the shooting took place.

A Sparta man, Michael Sean Conner, has been charged with the shooting. He was captured Monday in Marion County after a police chase.

A woman, Destany Marie Shubert, 20, of LaFayette, Ga., was also arrested in connection with the shooting, while another woman remained at large as of Saturday morning.

The shooting took place on Highway 140 near I-75. Meyer pulled into the parking lot of a Quik Trip gas station, a popular spot for tired travelers to grab some sleep, according to Adairsville Police Chief Mike Jones.

Video surveillance shows Meyer's pickup pulled next to a Toyota Camry which had been in the parking lot for about four hours. Two women inside the Camry had already



Jonathan Meyer is being treated for his injuries at a Chattanooga area hospital.

been inside the store and clear footage of their faces was captured on camera. They had returned to the Camry by the time Meyer arrived.

A male inside the Camry did not leave the vehicle until after Meyer arrived around 2:30 a.m. The man, identified as Conner, got out of the car around 3:30 a.m. Investigators say he appeared to place something in the back of Meyer's truck, awakening him.

Conner then reportedly brandished a handgun and demanded for Meyer to get out of the pickup. When the victim began to leave the parking spot, police say the suspect started firing.

Meyer was reportedly shot in the chest. He then crashed his truck into two other vehicles waking up the people sleeping inside them.

Meyer lived in Warren County until a couple years ago and still has family in this community.

## Woman complains about 'satanic' music at pool

She says some song lyrics are disturbing

BY LISA HOBBS  
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Should music be banned at Gilley Pool?

Patty Rosson, a Smithville resident, thinks it should and asked the McMinnville Board of Mayor and Aldermen on Tuesday night to cease offering music at the pool due to what she referred to as "satanic" music being played over loudspeakers.

"The reason I am coming here is because I am the grandmother of two children, a 4-year-old and a 10-year-old. Last year during the

summer I carried them to the pool. I asked three times about changing the music. That was not done to my satisfaction."

She presented officials with a write-up from the American Academy of Pediatrics that states how music plays an important role in the socialization of children and adolescents and urges parents to be aware of explicit lyrics.

"It's just not me saying that music is good and music can also be detrimental to these young ones that sit there and listen to it for hours at a time," said Rosson. "I know everybody likes different music. We've got Christian and jazz and everything else. I can understand I shouldn't have the privilege of stating what kind of music I want. What I'm proposing is that there be no music at all."

When asked by Alderman Ryle Chastain something specific, song or artist, that she found offensive,



Gilley Pool is set to open for the season in just two weeks on Memorial Day weekend.

Rosson didn't provide one but stated some of the music bordered on devil worshipping.

"I've been fine with some of the

music, but some of it I would have considered it more of satanic, worshipping the devil, kind of music," said Rosson. "One time, there were

three or four songs that were so horrible I really wanted to get my grandchildren and leave. I have left numerous times with a headache because it's so loud."

Alderman Steve Harvey stated, "Is it inappropriate? Is that what you're saying?"

"Yes," she said. "It's inappropriate for these young ones to sit there and listen to it for several hours a day. It is. I've talked to other mothers to see if they think it's too loud. I've thought about generating a petition about it."

McMinnville Parks and Recreation director Scott McCord said he was made aware of Rosson's complaints and while he refused to ban music, he did make a change from iHeartRadio to WOW Country 105.3.

Gilley Pool opens Memorial Day weekend. Music will be played, as officials took no steps to stop it.

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