

Heritage Alliance holding annual award ceremony

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Heritage Alliance is holding its annual awards event this Thursday, May 17, at 5:30 p.m. The event will take place at the Stone-Pennebaker Place, located on 116 Towles Avenue. The current owners are beginning renovations and have invited everyone to attend.

The Stone-Pennebaker Place, built in 1857, is located on a high hill, formerly called Rebel Hill, north of McMinnville. The one-and-a-half story brick,

Greek Revival house was built for Dillard Stone, whose untimely death in April 1857 came before the house was complete.

According to the National Register of Historic Places, the Stone-Pennebaker Place “is an excellent example of Greek Revival architecture of this scale. The house exhibits many features of the Greek Revival style: pedimented portico, distyle in antis entry, acanthus leaf motifs on the exterior and shouldered architrave surrounds on the interior.”

During this event, guest

speaker Dr. Mary Evins will discuss the role of local women’s groups and the suffrage movement in Tennessee. Evins is a member of the Tennessee Woman Suffrage Centennial Collaborative consisting of historians across the state, who document women’s work, call attention to women’s activism and honor the legacy of women in the public sphere as part of the 19th Amendment’s centennial anniversary.

Heritage Alliance serves as the chief preservation agent for Warren County.

TNReady data not being used

NASHVILLE (AP) — Tennessee Education Commissioner Candice McQueen says school districts can decide whether student assessment scores will be included in student grades as long as the scores don’t lower final grades.

The Tennessean reports McQueen spoke to reporters Monday about the standardized assessment TNReady. More than 2.5 million TNReady tests were administered this spring, with about 300,000 online. But there were several flaws.

The state also won’t give districts or schools A-F grades for TNReady data, and the data can’t be used to designate a school in the bottom 5 percent academically.

Lawmakers passed legislation barring adverse action being taken against any student, teacher, school or district based on 2017-18 online TNReady results.

Among the problems were an apparent cyberattack, connectivity issues and a fiber optics line severed by a dump truck.



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Eastside Elementary School’s Student Council inducted three new members into its Hall of Fame. Making the grade, from left, are Dylan Stephens, Joyce Dunlap and Paula Gillespie.

Eastside adds three to Hall of Fame

BY **LISA HOBBS**
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Eastside School inducted three into its Hall of Fame during the annual Student Council Banquet on Thursday night.

“I feel it is very important to give recognition to these people who are inducted into the Hall of Fame,” said Eastside teacher Jason Gann. “We feel this is the highest award we can offer as a

school. The Hall of Fame Selection Committee, which consists of current Hall of Fame members, have voted on the following inductees.”

Paula Gillespie was inducted as an honored educator into the Hall of Fame.

Gillespie began her career as an educator in the Warren County School System by serving as a teacher at Eastside School. She taught there for many years. She served in

the first faculty of the newly formed Warren County Middle School, beginning in 1994, before later moving to Warren County High School to teach. Her enthusiasm for teaching was contagious.

Joyce Dunlap was inducted as another honored educator. Dunlap served for many years in the Warren County School System. She taught at Eastside Elementary School, serving as a resource teacher. Many

students were impacted by her enthusiasm.

There was one honored alumnus inducted. Dylan Stephens attended Eastside School, starting in kindergarten and he spent several years as a student there.

He currently serves as president of Rawso Constructors in Murfreesboro. He was honored for excelling in his studies while at the school, as well as for using his education to positively impact others.



Reduce standing water around your home to help reduce mosquitos.

Experts warn about pests

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Become acquainted with repellent this summer and avoid being ticked off.

Experts are warning that ticks and mosquitoes could come back with a vengeance this season and are urging residents to take precautionary measures.

“It’s coming and they think it might be pretty bad,” said Warren County Health Department director Andrea Fox, when questioned about tick and mosquito season during a county Health and Welfare Committee meeting.

Spring is here and that means many people are getting more active outdoors. It’s also the time when ticks and mosquitoes become active in Tennessee. The Tennessee Department of Health urges residents to take preventive steps to avoid tick and mosquito-borne diseases like Zika virus, West Nile virus, and Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

“Being outside and enjoying warmer weather is good for all of us, and when you do, these days unfortunately it’s extremely important and fortunately, fairly easy to protect yourself from tick and mosquito bites,” said TDH Commissioner John Dreyzehner. “For most people a tick or mosquito bite will only cause an itchy spot on the skin or possibly mild, flu-like symptoms, but some

of us can have a serious illness with major consequences like severe pain, long-term or permanent nerve or brain damage and even death. You just can’t tell, and there are not vaccines or cures for some of these illnesses, so we all have to be careful and aware.”

Avoid mosquito bites:

Use insect repellents such as DEET, Picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535 on your skin, following all label recommendations for use.

Reduce mosquito populations around your home by eliminating standing water, including clogged drains or gutters, watering cans and empty bottles.

Use products containing permethrin, a highly effective insecticide, for clothing, shoes, bed nets and camping gear.

Wear long, loose and light clothing to help prevent bites through fabric.

Reducing tick bites:

- Use Food and Drug Administration-approved insect repellents.
- Wear long sleeves and long pants.
- Keep grass trimmed and plants cropped around homes.
- Treat clothing with permethrin.
- The committee meet for a monthly report. During April, the facility handled 1,969 visits to 1,797 clients. It also provided 256 vaccinations. Thirty of those were flu vaccinations.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 20

Centertown Cemetery is having its Decoration Day on May 20 at 1 p.m. Donations may be sent to Yvonne Ganter, 8087 Jacksboro Road.

Bates Hill Cumberland Presbyterian Church is having its annual Homecoming Day on May 20. Robby Black will be speaking at 11 a.m. and lunch will follow.

Bethany Cemetery will be having its Decoration Day on May 20. Donations for upkeep will be collected or can be mailed to Bethany Cemetery Fund, 780 Bethany Road.

Decoration Day at Gath Cemetery will be May 20. Donations may be mailed to Gath Baptist Church cemetery fund, 6967 Smithville Hwy.

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