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Car thief escapes high-speed chase



BROWN

Officers seek whereabouts of Howard Eugene Brown

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Officers have identified a suspect from a high-speed chase Friday afternoon that was called off when it reached downtown McMinnville, allowing the driver to escape. Arrest warrants have been taken

against Howard Eugene Brown, wanted for stealing two vehicles and nearly hitting a deputy who was on foot attempting to set out spike strips. "He swerved over two lanes of traffic to intentionally try to hit our deputy and Cory Knowles was lucky to get out of the way," said Sheriff Jackie Matheny. "We want-

ed to catch him but it was crazy the way he was driving. Officers called off the pursuit because of how dangerous it was and he was able to get away. Through the course of our investigation, we developed him as a suspect and we've taken out warrants against him. He's on the run." Matheny says arrest warrants

charge Brown with driving on a revoked license, reckless endangerment, evading arrest, aggravated assault, and two counts of theft for two vehicles he allegedly stole. The chase began to unfold Friday when officers, acting on a tip, discovered a Dodge Durango in a barn off Underwood Road. Brown is believed to have stolen the Durango from Maury County.

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Classic cars



Lacy Garrison photo

Tony Ward, who works at O'Reilly Auto Parts, proudly pats his black and white '71 Chevelle Super Sport parked outside the courthouse Saturday. Ward said owning a Chevelle was always his dream and his grandson Brody loves it as much as he does.

Vintage vehicles go Back to the Strip

BY **LACY GARRISON**
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Saturday morning, people strolled down Main Street to admire the line-up of nostalgic cars, trucks and show-condition collector vehicles at the Back to the Strip charity affair. After the 5K race, the daytime portion of activities was in full swing with the car show, vendors, food collection and music during the block party-style event. For Steve Biles and his son, Alyx

Smith, car shows are a bonding experience and they brought their 1971 Super Sport Camaro with modern interior to show off to the lingering crowd. Biles said the total transformation of the antique vehicle took nine years. He had a few fun memories in the car, but one funny one in particular. "The first time out with it, we were up in Pigeon Forge, we were out riding the strip and all of a sudden it just started smoking," said Biles with a grin. "We didn't know what was going on. We pulled off on a side street

and we couldn't figure it out. Then his grandmother goes, 'I bet the emergency brake is on' and I reached over there and click, so she never lets me forget about the emergency brake." Another local, Tony Ward, who works at O'Reilly Auto Parts, had a beautiful black and white 1971 Chevelle Super Sport parked right outside the courthouse. He explained a Corvella was always his dream car and there is nothing on this one that hasn't been touched.

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Two chickens were killed and several others wounded Friday morning in downtown McMinnville in a dog attack.

Dog up for adoption after killing chickens

BY **JAMES CLARK**
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A dog has been surrendered by its owner after it ruffled some feathers and killed at least two chickens Friday morning in downtown McMinnville. The dog named Mae, 18 months, is now in the custody of McMinnville Animal Control and will be available for adoption later this week. The attack occurred Friday morning on College Street at the home of Central Church of Christ preacher Ben Bailey, who raises about 30 chickens. "I was trying to keep him off the chickens," said Christie Bailey, who heard the commotion and ran into her backyard. "He was chasing two chickens and got ahold of one. He wouldn't let go, even with me chasing him." By the time Mae's rampage was over, two chickens were dead and several more suffered life-threatening injuries.



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LUNCH HERO DAY

School cafeteria employees saluted

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Look ... up in the sky. It's a bird. It's a plane. It's a school cafeteria worker! Friday was School Lunch Hero Day in Warren County and food service employees didn't shy away from the occasion, some even donning capes. The special day was a chance to put their superpower, preparing nutritious meals, on display. Students responded by showering them with thanks, cards and recognition. At West Elementary, the cafeteria staff wore matching black shirts with "Lunch Lady" in spar-

kly magenta on the front. The back read "I feed hundreds of hungry kids on a daily basis with a smile on my face. What do you do?" The outfit was paired with pink superhero capes. West Elementary cafeteria manager Connie Smith said much preparation goes into each meal, but working with children they love makes it all worthwhile. "We make breakfast every morning for at least 250 to 260 kids," said Smith. "Lunch is around 400 kids and snapper, which is a snack that has five or six items in the bag, is for at least 250 kids per day. We get here at 6 a.m. and we work continually until 3:30 p.m."

For many children, school lunch is the most important and nutrient-rich meal of their day. On an average day, over 5,000 lunches are provided by Warren County Schools and student meals are provided at no charge. "School nutrition employees must balance many roles and follow numerous federal, state and local regulations to ensure safe and healthy meals are available in schools. School Lunch Hero Day provides the opportunity for the community to thank these hardworking heroes," said Dr. Sandy Dawes, school nutrition director. Get the details about School Lunch Hero Day at www.school-lunchheroday.com.



Lacy Garrison photo

Here's what lunch lady superheroes look like. West Elementary cafeteria staff wore matching costumes to surprise students Friday. Pictured, front row, from left, are Lill King and Gail Holley. Second row, Belinda Wilcoxson, Connie Smith and Judy Couch.

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