

City considers road closure for safety at Main Street Live

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The Main Street Live summer concert series kicks off June 8 at 7 p.m., and city officials will be

upping safety measures for event-goers.

Concerts are offered on the West Lawn of Security Federal Savings Bank.

Organizers use reflective barrels to reduce

Main Street traffic to two lanes during times the concerts are offered, from 5 to 10 p.m. approximately.

Under consideration is reducing traffic to one lane – the center lane – or

if the state approves, closing the street and diverting traffic through West Colville Street.

Suggesting a full street closure was Alderman Steve Harvey.

“How bad would it be if you closed down the street and made everyone go around West Colville Street?” Harvey asked. “I’ve always thought that would be really neat to close that and not have to worry about cars coming through there. I’ve brought that up before, but some had an objection to it. You could go around West Colville and right back to Main Street.”

The Law Offices of Galligan & Newman is located across the street and directly in front of the road closure. Alderman Ben Newman suggested closing the lane in front of his office, as well as the one next to the event, leaving the middle lane open.

“I was thinking about leaving the middle lane open,” said Newman. “I don’t think it’s because my business is across the street, but people end up walking back and forth. Some people will park, not just our group, at our office and down at the bank. They end up walking across. People just fly through there sometimes.”

Newman also suggested McMinnville Police Department utilize its speed trailer.

The trailer flashes a motorist’s speed and also advises them of what the posted speed is in that area.

City administrator Bill Brock stated, “We’ll pull it down to one lane. That’s not a street closure. We can do that.”

Being a state route, the city can reduce the number of lanes as it sees fit but permission from TDOT must be given prior to full closure. McMinnville Public

Works Department assistant director Brad Hennessee was given permission to contact TDOT about a closure.

Board of Mayor and Aldermen unanimously approved a letter request from Main Street McMinnville executive director Katie Kemezis to support this year’s event by providing 12 roll-out waste containers with weekly pick-up and 35 orange construction barrels.

2018 MAIN STREET LINEUP

- June 8 – Noah Smith
- June 15 – Runaway Home
- June 22 – Utopia
- June 29 – Midnight Riders
- July 6 – Joe Harvey Band
- July 13 – Four on the Floor
- July 20 – Don Coyote
- July 27 – Forever Abbey Road



Crowd favorite Utopia returns to the Main Street Live stage with a performance scheduled for June 22.

Classic cars

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“I built it like I like it,” said Ward proudly. “A lot of people like them original, but I’ve always been a guy that likes a modified vehicle so that’s what I did. I’ve had it a year and every piece of it has been unbolted, bolted back and cleaned up. It has been a family project and my 11-year-old grandson Brody and I are just having fun with it.”

The approaching storm Saturday afternoon caused

car show participants to hurriedly hit the road.

Last year’s event generated \$30,000 in monetary donations and 15,000 pounds of food for Meals on Wheels. This year, many people helped load nonperishable food donations periodically throughout the day.

All the proceeds will go directly to charity with every dollar and every pound of food staying right here in Warren County.

Car chase

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Brown reportedly ditched the Durango and is believed to have stolen a blue Honda Accord in Warren County. Officers were on the lookout for the stolen car when investigator Steven Carpenter spotted it in the Centertown area. However, the suspect refused to stop.

Matheny said Lt. Knowles was in the process of putting down spike strips in the Centertown area when the Honda made a deliberate line toward him.

The suspect continued toward McMinnville, driving at high speeds and jeopardizing lives as he traveled on the wrong side of Nashville Highway at one point. McMinnville officers blocked the highway to thru traffic around Newtown in hopes of preventing a head-on collision.

Spike strips were thrown

down again in an effort to stifle the velocity of the speeding Honda, but the suspect was somehow able to make it past the spike strips without damage to his tires.

Officers called off the chase once the suspect made the turn on West Main Street in front of Hardee’s out of concern for public safety in the congested downtown area. The vehicle was last spotted on Viola Road on Friday afternoon.

Matheny said the suspect does have a local connection as he has caught the attention of law enforcement in the past.

“He’s been a suspect here in a previous case, although he was never charged,” said Matheny.

Anyone with information about Brown’s whereabouts is asked to call the Sheriff’s Department at 473-8738.

OBITUARIES

Johnny D. “John Deere” Greene, 85

McMinnville resident and Warren County native Johnny D. “John Deere” Greene, 85, was born Oct. 7, 1932 and died May 4 at St. Thomas River Park Hospital following an extended illness.

A former John Deere dealer, Mr. Greene began his affiliation with John Deere in 1950. He was a member of Central Church of Christ and the son of the late George C. and Rachel Neal Greene. He was married on June 1, 1950 to Daphne Jane Cope Greene, who preceded him in death Sept. 14, 2011. In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by son David Greene; two brothers, Alton and Kenny Greene, and two sisters, Wilma Pistole and Melba Griffith.



He is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Victoria and Paul Matheny of Fayetteville; son and daughter-in-law Cliff and Gail Greene of McMinnville, two granddaughters and husbands Candice and Chuck Allen of Fayetteville, and Heather and Jason Tabor of Buford, Ga.; two grandsons, Dallas and Jonathan Greene, both of McMinnville, great-granddaughter Cole Allen; two brothers and sisters-in-law, G.B. and Suzi Greene of McMinnville and Fred and Faye Greene of McMinnville; four sisters and brother-in-law, Hannah Davis, Joyce Pirtle, Linda and Jerry Davenport, and Kaye Worzek, all of McMinnville; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, at Central Church of Christ with Julian Goodpaster and Ben Bailey officiating. Burial will follow at Salem Cemetery. Visitation will be Monday from 5 to 9 p.m. and from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Tuesday at High’s. Memorial contributions may be made to Orphans and Widows through Central Church of Christ, or to Boyd Christian School. Online condolences may be made at www.highfuneralhome.com.

High Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Nancy Louise Northcutt, 80

McMinnville resident and Grundy County native Nancy Louise Northcutt, 80, was born Jan. 8, 1938 and died May 5 at NHC Healthcare McMinnville following an extended illness.

A retired factory worker and member of the Baptist Church, she was the daughter of the late Raymond and Audrey Wanamaker Hobbs. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by brother Morris Hobbs and sisters Clementine Myers and Marie Fitch.

Mrs. Northcutt is survived by daughter and son-in-law, Anita and Anthony Mayfield of McMinnville, son Bobby Northcutt of Mountain City, two grandchildren, Anthony Dustin Mayfield and wife Lori, and Amanda Nicole Lee Mayfield and boyfriend Allan Walker, all of McMinnville, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, at High’s Chapel with Bobby Wheeler officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Zion Cemetery. Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Monday, and 10 a.m. until time of service Tuesday at High’s.

High Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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William Ross Dyer Jr., 75

William Ross Dyer Jr., 75, of Morrison passed from this life Friday, May 4, at his home.

He was born Thursday, May 7, 1942 in Cookeville and was the son of the late Ross Dyer and the late Ethel Morgan Dyer. He was a life-long dairy farmer and member of Morrison Church of Christ.

William is survived by two daughters Teresa Pelham and husband Rodney, Vanessa Dyer and boyfriend Vince Smart, two sons Johnny Holt and wife Dara, Trey Dyer and wife Candie, seven grandchildren Stephen, Cody, Dakota, Cierra and husband Lee, Ashley and husband Alex, Justin, and Leah, four great-grandchildren and two more on the way, brother Leslie Dyer and wife Margaret, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and many friends.

In addition to his parents, William was preceded in death by his wife Lois Holt Dyer and daughter Kathy Swallows.

Funeral service will be Monday, May 7 at 1 p.m. with Leroy Deadmon officiating. Interment will follow at Stroud Cemetery in Morrison. The family will receive friends Sunday, May 6, from 3 to 9 p.m., and again Monday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, Fla., 33607, or St. Jude Children’s Hospital P.O. Box 1000 Dept. 142 Memphis, TN 38101-9908. Online condolences may be made to the family at gardensofmemoryfuneralhome.com.

Gardens of Memory is in charge of arrangements.

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