



Midnight Riders



After a rainout last week, the Main Street Live summer concert series is hopping for clear skies this Friday night for Midnight Riders, an Allman Brothers tribute band. Music is offered on the West Lawn of Security Federal. Music begins at 7 p.m. Vendors open at 6 p.m. The series is a production of Main Street McMinnville. Events are free thanks to generous sponsorships. Pictured, from left, are Jeff Jones, Paul Snyder, Michael Saintleon, Chuck Foster, Gary Forkum, and J.D. Williamson.

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St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and McMinnville Water and Wastewater Department were the first two to sign up for a new river cleanup program called "Adopt-A-Mile of River." Many more miles are available. Pictured, from left, are Rachel Killebrew, Water Department director Anthony Pelham and Water Treatment Plant manager Ricky Morton.

Plunge into Adopt-a-River to clean up our river system

BY LISA HOBBS
Reporter for the Southern Standard
(McMinnville, Tennessee)

McMinnville Breakfast Rotary is offering residents two ways to show their love for Warren County's rivers. The club has set July 21 for its River Cleanup Day and is currently accepting sign-ups for a new program called Adopt-A-Mile of River. Rotary member Neal Cox requested participation by the city's Public Works Department to remove and transport the debris collected July 21 to the landfill. "This is basically the same as you have helped out with in the past," said Cox to members of the McMinnville Board of Mayor and Aldermen. "We're asking you to help with the cleanup again this year by picking up trash in the differ-

ent areas. That typically happens the Monday after the event." Vice Mayor Ben Newman asked Public Works assistant director Brad Hennessee if the department had enough staff to handle the effort. "Yes," said Hennessee. "We don't have any questions or concerns." After 10 years of offering a one-day cleanup effort, Breakfast Rotary is offering a new adoption program for organizations, businesses, churches or groups that want to help clean the rivers and keep them beautiful. The program, with the help of TWRA officer Will Collier, has maps of all 90 miles, including the Barren Fork, Hickory Creek and Collins rivers. Participants will be allowed to pick the mile they wish to adopt. As part of Adopt-A-Mile of River, signs will be placed at each mile of the river with a four-digit code. Notebooks will be provided to E-911, as well as the local emergency response departments, that will contain GPS

codes for every mile so the person calling just has to say "the last sign I saw was BF07" which means they are on the Barren Fork River and seven miles from the mouth of the river. "This system is not meant to replace any system they now use, but in addition to any current methods they use and to be a reminder to the people on the river to be aware of where they are for safety purposes and to help track the time," said Rotary member Rachel Killebrew. "We have started signing up organizations to adopt a mile." The first to take the plunge was the Episcopal Church and the second was McMinnville Water and Wastewater Department by its director Anthony Pelham. Volunteers for River Cleanup Day may call Neal Cox at 931-235-5660 or by email at nealcox@blomand.net. Any group interested in Adopt-A-Mile of River may call Rachel Killebrew at 931-808-3419 or email rkillebrew@blomand.net.

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Cumberland Caverns

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Cumberland Caverns takes the No. 19 spot with the brief write-up, "Bluegrass concerts with perfect acoustics in a cave in McMinnville, Tenn."

It's the latest in a long list of accolades for Cumberland Caverns over the past five years. During that span, Cumberland Caverns has been listed by Buzzfeed, a website, as one of the most extreme concert venues in the world and it's been listed by Money magazine as a top tourist attraction.

Our local cave has even been publicized on the other side of the globe in National Geographic Travel

India. Other publications to mention Cumberland Caverns include Rolling Stone, Forbes, Country Living, Red Bulletin, Travel & Leisure, and Southwest Airlines Magazine.

A feature on Cumberland Caverns continues to air on The Travel Channel and it's also made the popular website msn.com.

The concert series held in the Volcano Room, now called Cumberland Caverns Live, has been a large reason for the fame.

"There have been performances in the cave since Roy Davis opened it in 1956," said Roberts, "but they have only been at this level for the past 10 years."

TRAFFIC COURT

Judge Bill Locke ruled on the following cases Thursday in Traffic Court.

Julian Juarez was ordered to serve 45 days of an 11-month, 29-day sentence and pay a \$600 fine for second-offense DUI.

Jose Flores Torres was ordered to serve 120 days of an 11-month, 29-day sentence and pay a \$1,100 fine for third-offense DUI.

Linda Griffin was ordered to serve 48 hours of an 11-29 sentence, pay a \$350 fine and perform 24 hours public service work for DUI.

Sandy J. Bratcher was ordered to serve 60 days of an 11-29 sentence and pay a \$600 fine for second-offense DUI and driving on a suspended license second offense.

James Cowan Evans Jr. had probation revoked for violation of probation. He was allowed to be furloughed into the adult recovery program. He was also given 30 days and fined \$750 for possession of meth.

Marcella H. Owen was ordered to serve 45 days of an 11-month, 29-day sentence and pay a \$1,350 fine for second-offense DUI, possession of meth, and driving on a revoked license second offense.

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