



SPORTS

Defense dominates in scrimmage **1B**



LIFESTYLES

Morrison School's summer camp a hit **4B**

FRIDAY
JULY 20, 2018

McMinnville, Tennessee
southernstandard.com
Vol. 140
No. 86



Southern Standard



City discusses curbside recycling

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

A curbside recycling program is under consideration by the city of McMinnville. The initial startup estimate is over \$600,000. "We would need a new side loader truck which is \$270,000, estimated," said McMinnville Public Works assistant director Brad Hennessee. "We have 4,700 of those 96-gallon, rollout carts that are assigned to residential addresses. If you gave everybody who has a garbage cart a recycling cart, then 4,700 of those at \$65 each is \$305,500 for an

initial investment of \$575,500. At our current labor rates the annual recurring labor rates for a driver is \$36,909 for a cost of \$612,409 for the first-year expenses." The preliminary cost numbers were presented during a Streets and Sanitation Committee meeting to discuss the department's proposed budget for fiscal year 2018-19. McMinnville officials have discussed establishing a curbside recycling program for the past several years. "I would think if you have your trash in one and your recyclables in the other, you are not going to have the same amount

of trash in each one," said Alderman Ben Newman. "I don't know if you would be able to extend your trash pickup routes or if it's more of a time thing." Hennessee replied that they are entering the unknown. "We don't know," he said. "The typical recycling rate is about 33 percent in residential cities that are considered successful recyclers. What that would mean for us is roughly 3,300 tons of recyclables per year. We send approximately 10,000 tons per year to the landfill."



McMinnville officials are discussing the start-up cost to begin a curbside recycling program. One big expense would be new rollout carts specifically for recyclable material.

Continued on **3A**

Pay for play?



The city of McMinnville paid \$62,500 a year as an underwriter for Bluegrass Underground in exchange for national TV exposure. The new concert series, Cumberland Caverns Live, would also like to have the city as an underwriter, but it can't offer a TV audience at this point. Pictured is The Mavericks during a performance in the cave.

Will city support private business?

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

McMinnville officials are feeling the music, but will that groove equate to money for Cumberland Caverns Live? "Historically, we have been allocating money every year to give to Bluegrass Underground and obviously, we are not doing that anymore," said Alderman Ryle Chastain, during a Finance Committee meeting. "I know they haven't (formally) requested it, but I'm going to recommend working in some capacity with

Cumberland Caverns Live to see if we can help them out." In January, RCS Production president Stephen Moore offered a presentation to the city and verbally requested underwriting of \$48,000 to boost a partnership between RCS and Cumberland Caverns to offer concerts due to Bluegrass Underground's relocation. However, Moore has yet to submit a marketing plan to the city and a written request for funding. Unlike non-profit or civic organizations, the city cannot gift property tax dollars to for-profit organizations. However, the

city can be an underwriter. As a financial supporter of Bluegrass Underground, the city purchased exposure as it was included in all media efforts related to the PBS filming of Bluegrass Underground at Cumberland Caverns. Alderman Everett Brock doubts that same exposure will be available with RCS Production. "These people are marketing in a very regional area," said Brock. "We had the whole country when we had Bluegrass Underground."

Continued on **5A**

Smith tries to drive into traffic

Man, 53, beat, threatened ex

BY **JAMES CLARK**
Editor for the Southern Standard
(McMinnville, Tennessee)

A man who beat his ex-girlfriend, then threatened to drive into oncoming traffic and kill them both, has been sentenced to serve two years in prison.

Michael Dale Smith, 53, was ordered by Judge Bart Stanley to serve two years of a 15-year sentence for reckless endangerment with a deadly weapon, that being a motor vehicle, second-offense DUI, aggravated domestic assault, and driving on a revoked license third offense.

Smith's charges come after deputies responded to East Green Hill Road to answer a physical domestic call. When they arrived, they found an intoxicated Smith.

"He was passed out in the driver's seat of his Ford Explorer in the driveway," said sheriff's deputy Bristol Davis, noting he smelled of alcohol and could not stand.

The deputy found a nearly empty bottle of vodka in the suspect's cup holder. The officer also immediately noticed extensive bruising to the face, arms and neck of Smith's ex-girlfriend.

"She said that while she was in Smith's vehicle, he was driving into the oncoming traffic lane," the officer reported. "He told her that he was going to crash the car and kill them both."

Davis noted 911 had been contacted earlier regarding a reckless driver, the tag number of that vehicle matching Smith's.

Smith's ex-girlfriend was taken to the hospital for treatment of her injuries.



SMITH

\$500K grant boosts new duplex project

BY **JAMES CLARK**
Editor for the Southern Standard
(McMinnville, Tennessee)

A \$500,000 state grant will allow McMinnville Housing Authority to jumpstart a project to construct new duplexes in the area of Nashville Highway and Spring Valley Road. Initial plans are to build four duplexes, eight total units, in Newtown. McMinnville Housing Authority executive director Patricia Basham says this type of housing is badly needed with right at 100 people currently on the waiting list for affordable housing. "Our tentative plans are to build eight, one-bedroom affordable housing units for Warren County residents age 65 and older," said Basham. "We plan to include a Veterans

Preference for these units. This funding will help us achieve our No. 1 priority, to provide urgently needed affordable housing for our seniors."

The \$500,000 grant comes from the Tennessee Housing Development Agency and was awarded to Warren County Development Corporation, a 501(c)3 created and solely owned by McMinnville Housing Authority. Basham said the grant was highly competitive with four agencies receiving funding out of 17 applicants.

The project will be done in phases. The area near Spring Valley Road is zoned for 22 duplexes, 44 total units. Basham said funding for the entire project is not available with the cost about \$150,000 per unit, or \$300,000 per duplex.

Continued on **6A**



Pictured is a duplex located in Griswold Terrace off Spring Street. The duplexes that will be constructed in Newtown will be similar to these, according to McMinnville Housing Authority executive director Patricia Basham.

THE WORKS VEHICLE CHECKUP **\$44.95**

931-668-2177 kiddford.com **KIDD**

SYNTHETIC BLEND OIL CHANGE* • TIRE ROTATION & PRESSURE CHECK
MULTI-POINT INSPECTION • BRAKE INSPECTION • FLUID TOP-OFF
BATTERY TEST • FILTER CHECK • BELTS & HOSES INSPECTION

*5-QUARTS

91868 37131 1