

ServePro denies request

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Negotiations over a local church's sewage crisis cleanup expense added more muck to an already messy situation.

ServePro has denied a request from McMinnville city attorney Tim Pirtle to reduce its \$17,353 bill for cleaning the basement of Mt. Leo Church of Christ. The company had already been paid by the church when the request was made.

"I was authorized to contact ServePro and possibly other parties who might have some liabilities in the matter to determine if there would be some contribution or reimbursement forthcoming," said Pirtle. "The answer to that to date has been 'no.'"

Specifically, he requested ServePro to reduce the cost of its cleanup bill from \$17,353 to \$10,000 — an amount the city of McMinnville would pay — and refund the church \$7,353.

Because ServePro is not in a giving mood, Pirtle recommended to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen on Tuesday night that city officials consider reimbursing the church the entire \$17,353.

TML Pool, the city's insurance carrier, determined the city is not financially responsible for the damage caused by the sewer backup. However, Pirtle says the city contacted ServePro and its cleanup started before an insurance adjuster could determine who would be responsible for payment — the city or the church.

"ServePro started performing its work and accruing its charges before TML made the determination the claim was not covered under our policy," said Pirtle. "The church ended up being given a bill without any estimate, without any interim reports on what had been spent by ServePro, what had accrued, what was going to accrue. At the end, they simply gave the church a bill for \$17,353."

Pirtle attempted to negotiate the cost down due to his belief the amount was "extraordinarily high" given his discussions with TML and his own experiences in similar litigations. However, when those talks failed, he reviewed the church's insurance policy in an attempt to find additional liability.

McMinnville's Board of Mayor and Aldermen unanimously approved Pirtle's request to consider reimbursement for the church's out-of-pocket expenses pertaining to the cleanup effort. An ordinance will be drafted. As part of the decree, any insurance money provided to the church specifically for the cleanup effort will be given to the city of McMinnville.

Cumberland Caverns Live

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Officials provided \$50,000 for the filming of Bluegrass Underground in its first TV season on PBS. In 2016, the city signed a three-year agreement for \$62,500 a year for a total of \$187,500. However, when producers relocated the show after the 2017 season, the agreement ended.

"I would like to do something to make sure they stay there," said Newman. "I don't want them to fizzle out because of lack of capital. I want to keep them there. It helps keep people coming here and helps tourism."

Alderman Steve Harvey says city officials justified giving a for-profit organization taxpayer dollars because of the advertising the city received through the nationwide TV series.

"You are not going to

justify giving them \$40,000," said Harvey. "You just can't do that. The way we did it before (with Bluegrass Underground) was advertising all over the United States. That's how we justified it. What it all boils down to is you are giving a for-profit organization money. It was easier to justify because of the advertising."

Mentioned at the meeting was a potential agree-

ment in the works between WCTE-TV and RCS Production to film Cumberland Caverns Live concerts for broadcast.

The subject was discussion only. No motion was made to allocate funds for RCS Production because the meeting was held to consider donations to nonprofit charitable and civic organizations. RCS is neither.



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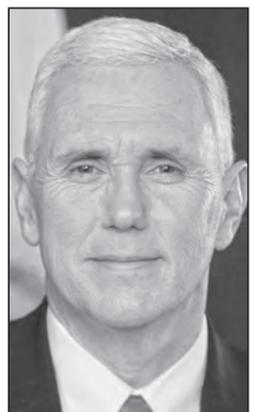
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Mike Pence scheduled to speak on Saturday at Lee University



PENCE

Vice President Mike Pence will be in Tennessee this Saturday, July 21, speaking at Lee University in Cleveland.

The event will be held at Pangle Hall on the Lee University campus, 340 Church Street NE, Cleveland, TN, 37311.

Doors open at 9:15 a.m. Eastern time, and the program is scheduled to begin at 11:15 a.m., Eastern. Pence will be joined by Congressman Marsha Blackburn.

The public is invited to attend.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

at Hwy. 56N
Church of Christ

3897 Smithville Hwy.,
McMinnville, TN 37110

July 22 - 24

Campfires of the Bible

July 22, Sunday Night 7:15 pm - "Peter and the campfire at Jerusalem"
Adult speaker: Eugene Adkins

July 23, Monday Night 7:00 pm - "Paul and the campfire at Malta"
Adult speaker: Jon Simmons

July 24, Tuesday Night 7:00 pm - "Jesus and the campfire by the Sea of Tiberias"
Adult speaker: Matthew Bouldin

Cookout before service 5:45, hayride following service

Classes for all ages each night!

PUBLISHER'S PICS

Standard publisher Pat Zechman has been in the newspaper business for 50 years, the last 26 years as publisher/general manager of the **Southern Standard**. Zechman wants to give back to the community and the **Standard** alike and it has led her to creating the Publisher's Pics feature. This week features July, 1973. Look for more Publisher's Pics on the **Southern Standard** Facebook page.

'Our Dottie' Climbing High

McMinnville's country music star, Dottie West, is currently filming a segment of the new Jimmy Dean Show to be aired on NBC this fall.

Dottie, now credited as being one of the top stars of country and western music, recently returned from Toronto, Canada, where she broke all previous records at the new country music park, "Caledon East," in the city.

Dottie and her band, "Cross Country," will leave the continental United States in November for an 18-day tour of Ireland, England, Switzerland, Germany and other European countries.

Dottie, daughter of the late "Ma" Marsh, of this city, will be appearing with such stars as top guitar stylist Chet Atkins, Danny Davis and the Nashville Brass and Bobby Bare, vocalist.



ASSISTANT MANAGER -- Carson Malone has recently been promoted to assistant manager of the McMinnville Building Center from his former salesman's position. Mr. Malone has been employed with the McMinnville Building Center since February of 1972. Mr. Malone and his family reside at 107

Hillview Drive in McMinnville and he is active in the McMinnville Jaycees where he serves as Vice President of Community Services. Mr. Malone invites everyone to stop by the McMinnville Building Center and see him for all their building supplies. (adv.)

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DRIVE-IN THEATRE

Show Time At Dusk

Return By Popular Demand
Wed., July 4
thru **Sat., July 7**
"Might just turn out to be this year's sleeper and emulate the runaway success of 'BILLY JACK.'"
—Kevin Thomas, L.A. Times



WALKING TALL
A BCP Production
A BILLY JACK Production

4 MORE BIG NIGHTS

SUN.-MON.-TUES.
JULY 8-9-10

"Ginger In The Morning"
In Color
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HOUSEKEEPERS -- Even at Girl Scout Day Camp girls are good housekeepers, and these Brownies are no exception. Shown straightening their "table" of rocks and moss with the added touch of a



JUBILATION is the only word that can adequately describe the emotion shown on the face of Cadet Ronnie Danhof in this photo following his graduation from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point on June 6. Receiving his Bachelor of Science degree, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Armored Corps, and is the 25-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Danhof of McMinnville.



JULY 4TH -- "Skinnin' it up" a greasy pole is no easy task, even if a fellow has help and there's money at the top," the expression on young Charles Ferrell's face seems to say as he "gave it a try" at the annual July 4th celebration at the Midway Community Center. Charles, age 2, is being assisted by Ellaree Cook.

Danny Cook, also age 2, who had been trying to "skin it up" the other side of the pole, fell to the ground just seconds before the picture was made. Celebrations at the Midway and Fairview community centers drew sizeable crowds, but activities were curtailed in the early evening by a heavy rain.