



Bobby Ray Elementary renovation and expansion is in full swing. Renovation work is nearing completion in Building B and the school's new entrance will be constructed on this spot once a concrete pad is in place.

Work begins for Bobby Ray circle drive

BY **LISA HOBBS**
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A small circle drive off Chancery Street appears on its way to approval by the state for Bobby Ray Elementary expansion.

"There are plans to construct the entry from Chancery Street as quickly as possible," said Upland Design Group architect Allen Hill. "We do not yet have the permit from TDOT for that work to happen, but I think it's just a formality to receive the final paperwork from TDOT at this point."

The drive, along with several parking spaces, is part of a renovation/expansion project at the school. It will serve as an access for visitors once the expansion is complete. Being constructed is an addition between Buildings B and C. Along with connecting those two buildings, it that will serve as the school's new office and main entrance.

Renovation of the interior of Building B is underway.

"The redesign is to place dividing walls between the classrooms, as well as provide each classroom access to the

hallway," said Hill.

Prior to renovation, one large room was shared by multiple classrooms with only one access to the hallway. The situation caused a disruption when students from one class had to pass through another classroom to access the hallway.

A push is underway to complete that portion of the project prior to classes resuming Aug. 8.

"It has to be complete by, roughly, the first week in August," said Hill. "It's going to be close. It's going to be down to the wire, but it

looks like they will be ready. By the time school is back, Building B should be ready to open. I think the teachers will be rushing around to get everything arranged."

Construction on the expansion will be ongoing throughout the 2018-19 school year. A fence has been placed to keep children out of harm's way once school is in session.

The new entrance off Chancery will be used by the contractor during building construction as a way to further separate school activities from the construction zone.

Health Department gives vegetable vouchers to more than 350 seniors

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Warren County Health Department provided more than 350 food vouchers to seniors in June.

The Senior Farmers Market Program is for Warren County residents who are 60 years and older and meet income guidelines.

The program is designed to assist seniors in purchasing fresh fruits and vegetables by utilizing vouchers at the Warren County Farmers Market.

"The Health Department provided over 350 vouchers to seniors to use at the Warren County Farmers Market," said Kaitlin

Patterson, health educator for Warren County Health Department.

Applications were accepted, and the department began issuing vouchers June 28. Participants who met eligibility requirements received \$30 to \$40 in vouchers for July and August.

An update was given during a county Health and Welfare Committee meeting to receive monthly reports.

"During June 2018, the Health Department provided 2,198 visits to 2,026 clients," said Patterson. "During that month, the department also provided 167 vaccines."

Patterson attended the meeting in place of Health Department director Andrea Fox.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Unless otherwise indicated, county meetings are held at the Warren County Administrative Building located at 201 Locust Street and city meetings are held at City Hall located at 101 E. Main Street.

MONDAY, JULY 23

The county Financial Management Committee will meet at 4:30 p.m. to conduct interviews for Finance Department director.

TUESDAY, JULY 24

The county Financial Management Committee will meet at 5 p.m. to conduct interviews for Finance Department director.

The county Economic and Agricultural Development Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. to consider reappointment to Airport Zoning Committee and reappointments to Airport Board of Zoning Appeals.

The city Streets and Sanitation Committee will meet at 5:45 p.m. to discuss a front-loader garbage truck.

The city Parks and Recreation Committee will meet at 6:10 p.m. to discuss purchases for ARC grant and discuss Jackson Dunlap tennis court naming.

The city Water and Sewer Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. Items of business: 1) Change order No. 2 WWTP/budget revision-utilize contingency funds; 2) Discuss gate at Highway 127 water tank; 3) Discuss 207 Center Street easement/ garage conflict with sewer line.

Board of Mayor and Aldermen will meet for its regular session at 7 p.m. Officials will consider a resolution to sanction Smokin' in McMinnville Barbecue Cook-Off in order to allow a qualified charitable or nonprofit organization to apply to the Alcoholic Beverage Board for a Special Event Beer Permit to sell beer. The board will also consider requests from Warren County Senior Center to hold its 5K Walk/Run on Aug. 11 at McMinnville Civic Center and from McMinnville Housing Authority for the city to grant fee waivers for plans review, building permit fees, and water and sewer tap fees to help secure a grant to build 10 affordable elderly housing units.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

The county Financial Management Committee will meet at 5 p.m. to conduct interviews for Finance Department director.

THURSDAY, JULY 26

The county Budget and Finance Committee will meet at 4 p.m. to consider proposed budgets for fiscal year 2018-19.

Warren County School Board's Facilities and Resources Committee will meet at 5 p.m., and immediately following, the board will meet for its monthly session.

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