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Indoor pool idea still afloat

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The dream of an indoor pool is still afloat.

McMinnville officials have again placed \$10,000 in the proposed budget for fiscal year 2018-19 for indoor pool conceptual drawings.

"I don't think we need to put that in there because we said we weren't going to attack that project until after we are finished

with the Civic Center," said Alderman Everett Brock.

Others remember last year's conversation differently.

"That's not what we said," said Alderman Steve Harvey.

Alderman Ben Newman added, "I want to pursue the pool because we can. It's not something we have to put on hold



NEWMAN

because we have construction going. We know it's going to take a while to draw up plans and get those ready. We might be able to go out for bids on a pool while the Civic Center is being constructed and then, by the time that's complete, we can start construction on it."

McMinnville Parks and Recreation director

Scott McCord agreed.

City officials inspected indoor pool facilities at Manchester Parks and Recreation, Vanderbilt Recreation and Wellness Center, and Jimmy Floyd Center in Lebanon.

"We need to go ahead and pursue it now," said Newman. "We've visited pools. We have an idea of the pros and cons. Things that don't work for people, things that do work for people. If we let that information get stale on our minds, we may have

to revisit it again and I don't want to do that."

Bobby Kirby, a former alderman, urged the city to construct an indoor pool and recommended a 25-meter by 25-yard lap pool with a pre-engineered building to enclose it. It would be located next to the Civic Center.

No final decisions have been made on an indoor pool, except the inclusion of \$10,000 into the budget which passed unanimously in committee.

Not for the birds



Lisa Hobbs photo

The abundance of birds at Riverfront Park is causing issues with the city's water supply. Measures will be taken to discourage birds in that area. Pictured are friends Brycen Medley, left, and Jordan Veach at the park on Wednesday.

City discourages ducks, geese

BY **LISA HOBBS**
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Some feathered visitors to Riverfront Park have run "afowl" of city officials.

The city Parks and Recreation Committee was informed Tuesday the ducks and geese at the park need to be discouraged from inhabiting the area to protect the city's water supply.

"I am in opposition to the duck and geese," said city Water Department director Anthony Pelham. "That is the poop and feces that is in our water source. It is immediately above our water intake where the bulk of the

ducks and geese are."

City water is taken from the Barren Fork River at the dam at Pepper Branch Park and processed by the Water Treatment Plant on Bell Street.

"Every time they leave us a little present in the water, we have to take it out before we send the water out to you guys," said Pelham. "Insert your imaginations."

He requested consideration for immediate removal of the bird food dispensers and to "discourage the birds' presence as much as possible."

While McMinnville Parks and Recreation Department director Scott McCord has issued the removal of the

dispensers, Alderman Ben Newman asked, "What can we do to discourage them?"

Pelham says step one is taking away the birds' food supply, while step two is a little more startling.

"You can actually get sound cannons that send shock waves and sound waves to be unpleasant," said Pelham. "Those might be unpleasant to people too."

Human visitors to the park are being urged not to feed the birds to help alleviate the problem without the use of step two. The stance looks to end a longtime local tradition of feeding the birds at Riverfront Park.

Park eyes bigger acts

Theater receives increased budget

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Park Theater's annual budget has reached the \$500,000 mark.

The city Parks and Recreation Committee met to review an estimated \$527,250 budget for the facility for upcoming fiscal year 2018-19. In 2016-17, there was \$446,442 spent. Budgeted for 2017-18 was \$440,150.

Among the increases was an additional \$10,000 to bring in acts.

"We want to book some bigger, better acts," said McMinnville Parks and Recreation Department director Scott McCord. "We increased that from \$65,000 to \$75,000."

Alderman Ben Newman expressed a desire to break even financially.

"I'm good if we just break even," said Newman. "I'd love to make money, but the whole point is to provide something to the community. If we can break even on these things, that's great. It's a win. If we can make money, that's even better."

McCord stated, "I



Big Smo rocked the Park Theater house earlier this year with his unorthodox blend of country rap. He has been one of the most popular Park Theater performers.

think we've shown we can break even."

City administrator Bill Brock says it's sometimes difficult to judge what the community wants to see.

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County veterans honored in special magazine

Publication on sale now at *Standard*

Norman Sain served aboard the USS Estes that traveled to Vietnam during the war. In joining the military, Sain followed in the footsteps of his father, Fred W. Sain Jr., who served during World War II.

The Sains are two of the hundreds of veterans featured in a special *Southern Standard* supplement called "Honoring Our Veterans." The publication is printed on magazine-quality paper to add to its value as a keepsake.

"We're pleased to honor the sacrifice of our veterans who have preserved our democracy with their military service," said *Standard* publisher Patricia Zechman. "They are valiant heroes who deserve to be recognized."

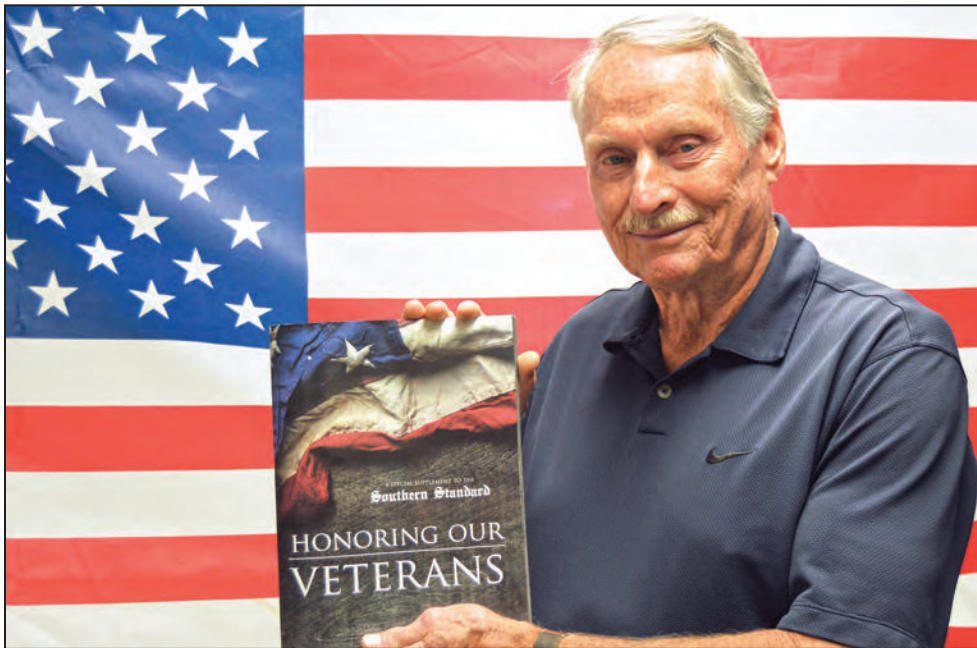
The pictorial publication includes men and women from every war era, dating all the way back to the Civil War in the 1860s.

It was provided free of charge to *Southern Standard* subscribers in their Wednesday edition of the paper. For those who don't subscribe, but would like a copy, they are available for \$5 while supplies last at the *Standard* office at 105 College Street.

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