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Borens, Dunlaps receive awards for service to Midway community

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(McMinnville, Tennessee)

Two couples were honored for their service to the community during Midway's Fourth of July celebration.

For possessing the ideal qualities and characteristics of the Midway community, Mike and Phyllis Boren were presented the Humanitarian Award.

The two are Midway natives. She grew up playing on the community's ballfields and moved into coaching and helping keep the youth league in motion. He was also very active toward that endeavor. They were praised for always being ready to help and show their love for community.

The Borens have two daughters who they raised to be community minded. Mike is a farmer and Sprint employee, and Phyllis is a teacher at Bobby Ray Elementary.

Promoting the community's welfare netted Barbara and Elton Dunlap this year's Citizenship Award. The two have been Midway residents

for 50 years. They have owned and operated small businesses and farms. Along with volunteering and supporting Midway CIC at the fairgrounds food booth, they cook meals to help grieving families in the community.

The Borens raised their children in that same spirit of community service and continue to set that example for their grandchildren to follow.

The awards were presented during the opening ceremony Wednesday morning. Both couples received a



Midway CIC's 2018 Citizenship Award was presented to Elton and Barbara Dunlap. They have lived and worked in the community for 50 years.



Hundreds of vehicles are being funneled past Main Street Live every Friday night. Traffic has been reduced to one center lane rather than closing that section of street completely. A manned crosswalk is being used to ensure safe passage for pedestrians.

Despite discussion, street remains open for concerts

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The road has not closed during the Main Street Live summer concert series.

Alderman Steve Harvey made the suggestion to close that section of Main Street and detour traffic through West Colville Street to prevent traffic from passing Security Federal Savings Bank, the location of the music venue.

Harvey asked during a Board of Mayor and Aldermen session why his option wasn't tried.

"I've had a few people ask me about the street during the concerts on Friday night," Harvey said. "Did we not agree to close the street, or at least try to close it off one time and see how it

Newman suggested reducing traffic to one

City administrator Bill Brock said the two options were given. However, no vote was officially taken so he, Hennessee, McMinnville Police Department chief Bryan Denton and McMinnville Police Major Mike Lane decided against closure after considering both.

"We got together one day and went down and looked at it," said Brock. "We got to thinking about the volume of traffic that we were going to send around to Colville Street. We decided to try one lane right through the middle downtown."

Approximately 200 vehicles pass through that area each hour.

"They did do an average car count and about

200 cars an hour go through there," said Brock. "The concert is about three hours. That volume of traffic would be heavy to put on Colville Street."

Another deciding factor was a request from Super Rama to not block off any access to the busi-

"I was contacted by the manager of Super Rama," said Brock. "He said he's not knocking the concert but he said 'I get hit for parking and if you shut one of my entrances off, it's going to hurt me so I'd appreciate it if you didn't.' We tried to work with him, too."

A manned crosswalk has been established to assist pedestrians crossing the street.

The concert series continues tonight with Joe Harvey taking the stage at 7 p.m.

Warren County High School.



