

Permission granted to walk under Beersheba Street Bridge

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It took more than a year, but the state has given permission for people to walk under Beersheba Street Bridge.

Specifically, TDOT has granted an easement request from the city of McMinnville to allow construction and maintenance of a hiking trail to cross its land under the bridge. The agreement is a 10-year lease, from July 7, 2018 to July 6, 2028.

Approval was slow in coming. The request was

made by the city in June, 2017 at the request of Greenway Council president Wally Bigbee, who asked the city's assistance in obtaining an easement or right of way from the state in order to complete trail construction.

The path stretches along Barren Fork River, running under the bridge, and connects Ramsey Park to Rocket Park.

Construction was a coordinated effort between the Greenway Council, Friends of the Greenway, city of McMinnville, and community volunteers.

According to Bigbee, it took approximately 252 volunteer hours to construct the trail.

City officials decided in May of this year to name it The Bigbee Trail. A dedication ceremony will be arranged when the city completes the placement of signage, benches, tables, birdhouses, fitness equipment, and trail cameras.

TDOT approval was given contingent upon the city agreeing to not use the area for anything other than a walking trail, except by prior written permission of the state.

Car show to feature monster truck

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The annual Great Bodies Car Show and Swap Meet will have an enormous surprise for its visitors on Saturday, Aug. 11.

Scotty Crouse of Manchester is stepping up, rather than crushing down, for a good cause. He will be in attendance

with his monster truck called "The Blaine Crusher."

"I'm excited to be attending this event," said Crouse. "I hope everyone comes out to see The Blaine Crusher. It's going to be a good day and for a good cause."

The event will be held at Bill Holt Chevrolet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is a fundraiser for Families in Crisis. Entry fees: \$25

for one, \$40 for two, and \$50 for three. Not judged entries will be \$10. The show is free to the public. There will be music, food, and door prizes.

Sponsored by Blaine Window Hardware of Hagerstown, Maryland and Freedom Automotive of Manchester, the truck is a 1993 Dodge.

This is the seventh annual Great Bodies fundraiser.

Saving Grace



Lisa Hobbs photo

Grace is in need of saving. She is very playful and approximately 10 weeks old. Her adoption fee is \$77 and includes rabies vaccination and the cost to spay. Warren County Animal Control and Adoption Center is located at 169 Paws Trail. Serious inquires only may call 507-3647.

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Passing funny money gets woman probation

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A woman caught passing counterfeit money at Walmart will serve no jail time for that charge, but

is being jailed for another offense.

Naomi Michelle Cole, 41, was ordered to serve 120 days in jail for her sixth offense of driving on a revoked license. She was given full probation for criminal simulation, the charge that resulted from her passing counterfeit bills, but was ordered to make \$810 restitution to Walmart.

Cole's charges came in June around the time McMinnville Police Department says several businesses had filed reports of counterfeit bills being used. It was while reviewing an incident at Walmart, police officer Stephen Daniels generated Cole as the person who allegedly purchased

items with counterfeit money.

One of those items was a pre-paid debit card. Daniels issued a be-on-the-lookout alert for the vehicle Cole had been driving.

The search came to an end two days later when officer Chris Odom spotted the vehicle at Short Stop Market. During the search of Cole's person, he found several counterfeit bills that matched ones that had previously been passed at local businesses.

Police suspect other counterfeiters were working this area as reports continued to surface about counterfeit bills being passed even after Cole was in jail.



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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, AUG. 6

The county Financial Management Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m. to review the 2018-19 consolidated budget and Finance Department director selection.

The county Safety Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. to receive an EMS update.

TUESDAY, AUG. 7

The city Parks and Recreation Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. to discuss free pool admission during the Smokin' in McMinnville barbecue event in August.