



After hundreds of volunteer hours, River Trail East has been accepted as part of McMinnville's park system, meaning it will be maintained by the city.

City takes over maintenance of River Trail North and East

BY **LISA HOBBS**
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(McMinnville, Tennessee)

River Trail East and River Trail North have been accepted by the city of McMinnville as part of its park system.

"We are getting very near completion on River Trail East and North," said Wally Bigbee. "Scott (McCord) reassures me that he's getting formal signs. So it's ready for you because all we need are signs and a few more finishing touches. Then I would suggest an open house trail hike."

runs from Ramsey Park to Rocket Park and is 2.1 miles. It is designed for walkers, runners or bicyclists. The path is single, sometimes double, and often uneven with roots and rocks. Some of the surfaces are covered with wood chips and some with small river rocks.

Volunteers constructed the trail, which Bigbee asked members of the city's Parks and Recreation Committee to accept as part of the city's parks system on Tuesday night. By accepting the trails, the city assumes maintenance duties. "We do ask that you

recognize it at this time" he said.

Committee members unanimously approved accepting the trails and instructed McMinnville Police Chief Bryan Denton to include those areas into his parks patrol. Similar to the paved greenway that connects Riverfront Park and Pepper Branch Park, the dirt trails will be closed after dark.

The trail was constructed in two sections, east and north, and meet under the bridge on Beersheba Street.

Bigbee said a student at Tennessee Tech would

like to develop the trail and subsequent trails as an educational program.

"There's a wealth of stuff. You could fill several pages with just floodplain and management and what it means," said Bigbee. "I would like to see that be considered. I'm told the student would be glad to work without any pay. As a courtesy, you might pay them mileage for coming down."

The student is studying outdoor management and outdoor recreation.

The date and time of an open house trail hike has not been set.

Lewis flees deputy in stolen pickup

BY **JAMES CLARK**
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(McMinnville, Tennessee)

A Centertown woman will serve 270 days in jail after components of a meth lab were found near young children after she ran from a deputy in a stolen pickup.

Sarah Lewis, 25, was given an eight-year sentence, but will only be required to serve 270 days in jail for theft of property over \$2,500 and initiating the process to manufacture meth. She

must also pay a \$2,000 fine.

Charges of evading arrest, aggravating child endangerment, and speeding were dismissed as a result of her plea.

Roger L. Womack was also charged along with Lewis.

He has opted to have his case settled by a jury trial, which has been set for Nov. 1.

The charges against the pair came in October 2017 after Lewis was clocked in a Chevy pickup going 89 mph in a 65

mph zone on Nashville Highway. Deputy Jared Jacobs said the vehicle turned onto Pigeon Hill Road and accelerated at a high speed. "The vehicle passed a car on double-yellow lines near Unity Church," Jacobs recalled, noting she turned into her driveway and ran inside.

When Jacobs went to her door, he was met with a strong chemical smell he believed to be evidence of a meth lab. He located Lewis and took her into custody. Meanwhile, Womack refused the officer's request to search the home, but was overruled



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when officers obtained a search warrant.

Officers discovered the pickup Lewis was driving was stolen from Marion County.

They also found several items used in the production of meth inside the stolen pickup.

Once inside the home, lawmen found more meth lab components.

"The items were found in common living areas that were shared with 3- and 5-year-old children living in the home," the deputy said, noting Lewis and Womack both reside at the home with the children. "The residence was in poor living condition."

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Russian navy activity cause for concern

WASHINGTON (AP) — Russian ships are skulking around underwater communications cables, causing the U.S. and its allies to worry the Kremlin might be taking information warfare to new depths.

Is Moscow interested in cutting or tapping the cables? Does it want the West to worry it might? Is there a more innocent explanation?

Unsurprisingly, Russia isn't saying.

But whatever Moscow's intentions, U.S. and Western officials are increasingly troubled by their rival's interest in the 400 fiber-optic cables that carry most of world's calls, emails and texts, as well as \$10 trillion worth of daily financial transactions.

"We've seen activity in the Russian navy, and particularly undersea in their submarine activity, that we haven't seen since the '80s," Gen. Curtis

Scaparrotti, commander of the U.S. European Command, told Congress this month.

Undersea cables have been targets before.

At the beginning of World War I, Britain cut a handful of German underwater communications cables and tapped the rerouted traffic for intelligence. In the Cold War, the U.S. Navy sent American divers deep into the Sea of Okhotsk off the Russian coast to install a device to record Soviet communications, hoping to learn more about the USSR's submarine-launched nuclear capability.

More recently, British and American intelligence agencies have eavesdropped on fiber optic cables, according to documents released by Edward Snowden, a former National Security Agency contractor.

OBITUARIES

Georgia Sharon Anderson, 73

Georgia Sharon Anderson, 73, a Warren County resident and native, was born Oct. 21, 1944 and died March 29 at Alive Hospice of Murfreesboro following a brief illness.

She was the retired owner of Professional Personnel in Cookeville, a member of the Church of Christ, and daughter of the late George D. and Lorene Denton Gregory. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by son David H. Adcock Jr.

Survivors include son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Janice Adcock of Franklin; four grandchildren, Erin and Tate Moore and Shelby Adcock, all of Franklin, Clay Adcock of Gainsboro, and Jamie Adcock of Rickman; great-grandchild Ella Adcock; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Frank and Donna Gregory of Eagleville, and Kenneth and Peggy Gregory of McMinnville; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside service and interment will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, April 2, at Gardens of Memory Cemetery with Ben Bailey to officiate. Visitation will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday at High's. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alive Hospice or a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made at www.highfuneralhome.com.

High Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
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Gordon Lee Cantrell, 84

Gordon Lee Cantrell, 84, a McMinnville resident and DeKalb County native, was born June 5, 1933 and died March 30, at Saint Thomas River Park Hospital following a sudden illness.

He was a retired security guard with Nissan, member of Mt. Leo Church of Christ, and son of the late Zollie and Shirley Love Cantrell. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Harold, Norman, Reed and Royce Cantrell; sisters, Josie Love, Elizabeth Lafever and Ruby Cantrell; and son-in-law, Rickey Elkins.

Mr. Cantrell was married July 1, 1960 to Jane Ann Cantrell, who survives. In addition to his wife, he is survived by three children and spouses, Debbie and Steve Sain of McMinnville, Beth Elkins of McMinnville and Danny and Lori Cantrell of Murfreesboro; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Linda and Baxter Hillis of McMinnville, Gladys Buck of Madison, and Joyce Crosslin of Dallas, Texas; sister-in-law, Bennie Cantrell of Indiana; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, April 2, at High's Chapel with Trent Key to officiate. Interment will follow at Centertown Cemetery. Visitation will be 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, and 11 a.m. Monday until the time of service at High's. Online condolences may be made at www.highfuneralhome.com.

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