



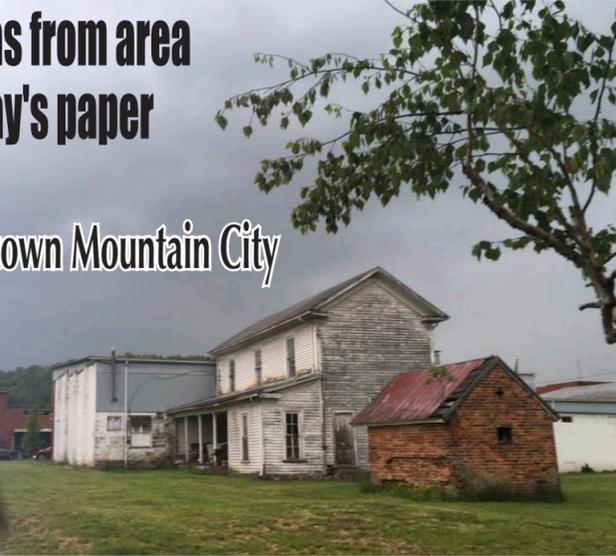
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Father's Day wishes and gift ideas from area businesses on page 6A of today's paper

Stormy skies in downtown Mountain City

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Just horsin' around on a summer afternoon

Audrey and Joseph getting better acquainted with their sweet new friend, Abby.

FBI offers local major event training for churches and houses of worship

A major event training for churches and houses of worship will be held on Tuesday, July 25, 2017 at 6:00 PM the Fellowship Hall of First Christian Church located at 401 West Main Street Mountain City, TN 37683. Recently, the Johnson County Sheriff's Office sent out notifications to all churches/houses of worship,

notifying the leadership that the FBI has offered a major event training, free of charge. Please let us know if you were not contacted, as every effort was made to include everyone, however a lot of notifications were returned.

The training will cover: active shooter, forming a collabora-

tive plan, understanding the situation, determining goals and objectives, plan development, plan preparation, review and approval, plan implementation and maintenance.

Again we ask that if your church/house of worship has not been contacted, please let us know at 423-727-7761.

Sunflower Festival set for July 22nd

By Rebecca Herman
 FREELANCE WRITER

Mountain City Council members met on Tuesday, June 6 for their regularly monthly meeting; all members were present.

Three groups addressed the council with requests. First was Josh Hamilton, who is the Johnson County High School Band Director. Hamilton explained that he has put together a community band, which is open to any musicians, which would like to perform a free concert on the stage at Ralph Stout Park. The first concert would be on July 4 and more concerts will take place throughout the year. The council approved this request and felt that this would be a great program for the community.

The next request came from Lisa Osborne with the Johnson County cheerleaders who asked if the booster members could hold a roadblock in order to raise money for upcoming cheerleading activities and trips. The board approved the request but told Osborne that it would have to be scheduled some time after September 1.

The final citizen to address the council was Renee Proffitt who asked the council to approve July 22 as the official date for the 13th annual Sunflower Festival. Proffitt explained that she already has an application for vendors and also requested the use of the vacant lot on Main Street. She said the plan for the vacant lot is to place a portable stage on the back portion of the lot for musicians to play and leave the grassy area for festival goers to be able to sit and enjoy the music. Council members felt this was a great idea and approved the date, the use of city workers for set up and tear down, and

the request of the lot.

Vice Mayor Jerry Jordan brought to the attention of the council a retaining wall that needs to be replaced or repaired. Gary Phillips, Public Works Director, told the council that the wall would be "a pricey fix," but will eventually need to be replaced. Jordan also brought up an issue with lodging complaints about ordinances. City Recorder Shelia Shaw explained that there is a process that one has to go through in order to lodge a complaint and one of the key items is a cost estimate of the cleanup job. Mayor Kevin Parsons requested that Fire Chief Gary Stout find someone who could determine costs of the typical cleanup jobs.

Alderman Bob Morrison asked for an update on the Goosecreek Trail project. The town has received an email

from the project engineer, who said that the contractor has completed all the work and needs to do a final walk-through. Morrison also asked for an official dedication to be done for Goosecreek Trail and Arnold Bridge.

Mayor Parsons told the council that a request has been made to do maintenance on a trail that comes from Doe Mountain Recreation Area and comes out behind the shopping center. Mayor Parsons explained that all supply and material costs would be covered by Doe Mountain. Alderman Kenny Icenhour suggested that Do Not Enter signage be placed on Hemlock Drive and Shoun Street because ATV and other recreational vehicles are taking shortcuts through these neighborhoods.

The council also discussed MORE ON PAGE 6A

Tomahawk needs military pictures and info for 'In Honor In Memory' edition

The Tomahawk's annual "In Honor In Memory" edition will be coming out June 28th and will again feature local past and present military personnel. We are in need of pictures and information that you, our readers, would like to see in The Tomahawk. If you have someone who has served or is serving, please let us recognize them. We ask that you not submit articles or pictures that we have printed previously to ensure that we have a fresh, new product again this year. We will need all info by Friday, June 23rd.

School Board recognizes ten retirees at June board meeting

By Rebecca Herman
 FREELANCE WRITER

The Johnson County School Board honored all retirees during the June board meeting. Ten teachers, educators, and staff completed their careers in the Johnson County School System in the 2016-2017 school year.

Those retiring were Barbara Hampton, Dr. Bridgette Hackett, Jahala Thompson, Dr. Don Garrett, Margaret Wallace, Jewel Harmon, Sharon Wallace, Carol Russom, Wayne Shepherd, and Dwayne Arney.

The school board welcomed student school board members Chase McGlamery and Renie Morrow. McGlamery will be taking over for Marly Eggers, who graduated in May.

The board approved the consent agenda which included upcoming overnight field trips for three groups: the JCHS Cheerleaders to travel to Orlando, Florida in September 2017; the JCMS History Club's trip to Washington, D.C.; and the JCHS German Club's trip to England, France, and The Alps



Left to right, retirees Kim Garrett (standing in for her husband Don), Barbara Hampton, Margaret Wallace, Jewel Harmon, Sharon Wallace, Carol Russom, and Wayne Shepherd along with Johnson County Director of Schools Michelle Simcox.

in June 2018.

Also approved within the consent agenda was the continuation of Coordinated School Health for the 2017-2018 school year and for the 2018 JCHS prom to be held at Carnegie in Johnson City, TN.

Barry Bishop gave an update on summer projects. The Shady Valley Elementary gazebo project was completed and is now American Disability Act

compliant. A few projects are currently on hold while they wait on supplies, but Bishop said he is confident all projects will be completed before school begins. Bishop also updated the school board on the bridge project that will be done this fall/winter at the entrance of Johnson County High School (JCHS) and Johnson County Middle School (JCMS). The bid will open in

August and the installation should be able to begin in October. "The new bridge is pre-fab, so it can be installed in the winter months without any problems," Barry Bishop said. Bishop also told board members that a practice field is being built behind JCMS; board members suggested adding parking to the current baseball and softball fields. Bishop said this could easily

be done and that the maintenance department needed fill dirt, so this project would help accomplish this need.

Dr. Michelle Simcox explained to the board that the school system has still not received final testing data from the state and report cards have not been issued due to this delay. Simcox said that the state is placing the blame on the testing company, Questar, who

has yet to complete the grading of the end of year tests. Due to these delays, final grades for grades three through eight will have the end of year test scores factored in.

Dr. Simcox and other administrators have also been working on filling various positions in the school system. New hires include: Gale Moretz, Mountain City MORE ON PAGE 6A



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