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MATT (LEFT) AND DANIEL CHANDLER

Chandlers are leaving their mark on Second Street

If you are new to Madison or just visiting, a stroll along Second Street downtown reveals a vibrant and eclectic mix of new businesses, revitalized architecture, and public art.



CHARLIE ROHLFING CHARLIE'S BEAT

You'll pass the bustling Acree Alley Carts, cozy Thomas Family Winery, the Kindness Mural plaza, a revitalized Central Tavern, a new grocery store under construction, a fabulous boutique hotel, a vintage ice cream trailer, a massive renovation underway on the old Cinnamon Tearoom and Mad Paddle Brewery just waiting for a new owner.

But longtime residents will also know the street wasn't always this way. It wasn't that long ago that Second Street was a strip of vacant or underutilized buildings and lots, many in disrepair, and not really contributing to the quality of life in Madison. Obviously that has changed dramatically in recent years.

One of the core drivers is the brand new Chandler Hotel, sprung to life in what was originally a livery stable, later a bottling plant and most recently a newspaper warehouse. It's owned by Matt & Daniel Chandler, and its creation has been a rewarding labor of love for the pair, as well as, it turns out, a nicely viable business.

The Chandler is a luxury boutique

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No FEMA help coming for Trimble tornado victims

BY BOB DEMAREE PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

The cleanup and repair continues from an EF-2 tornado that plowed through Trimble County six weeks ago, but there will be no Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) relief for those who sustained damage.

Trimble County Emergency Management director Andrew Stark said Tuesday that Trimble County will not be receiving a FEMA IA (Individual Assistance) Declaration for the March 14 tornado damage. This follows a previous announcement that Trimble County did not receive a FEMA PA (Public Assistance) Declaration.

Stark said this means that "unfortunately any damages to your home or property will have to be handled by you. There will not be any assistance from FEMA for those of you

that may have qualified."

Trimble County sustained an estimated \$1.89 million damage from the March 14 storm that slammed downtown Milton and other areas on both sides of the Ohio River.

Stark noted that many who sustained damage were either renters or did not have insurance. "In order to get dollars from FEMA you have to have insurance," said Stark, adding the most that can

be received from FEMA is approximately \$6,500.

Stark is still awaiting an announcement on an application for a Small Business Administration (SBA) Declaration. He said that declaration is for businesses, but "technically if you have a home you can apply through SBA, even if you don't have a business, and they can give you a low interest loan."

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KSP investigating fatal fire in Carroll

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Kentucky State Police are investigating a structure fire that claimed the life of a male victim on Sunday afternoon in rural Carroll County about 8 miles south of Carrollton just off KY 55.

At approximately 4:19 p.m. on Sunday, April 21, the Carroll County Sheriff's Office contacted KSP Post 5 regarding a structure fire at 131 Amanda Lane in Carroll County.

It was reported that a home was burning and a person was possibly still inside the residence.

KSP Post 5 troopers and detectives responded to the scene. Fire departments from both Carroll and Henry counties responded to the residence. After firefighters extinguished the fire, a search of the scene located unidentified human remains inside the residence.

Carroll County Coroner Brent Stucker said preliminary autopsy results indicate the male victim died from "smoke inhalation and thermal burns" but his name is not being released at this time pending positive identification.

According to state police, no foul play is suspected in the fire at this time. The investigation is ongoing and being conducted by Kentucky State Police Post 5 as well as the coroner's and medical examiner's offices.



Maps

Amanda Lane just off KY 55 in rural Carroll County is shown.



Mark Campbell

Carrollton Public Works backhoe operator Larry Hearn works to tear out the old asphalt basketball court at Point Park. The city is rebuilding the court with a new asphalt base and surface with re-striping once the asphalt has had time to cure.

Council discusses paving projects, bids

BY MARK CAMPBELL PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Carrollton City Council held required public hearings on Municipal Street Aide and Local Government Economic Assistance funds and then pushed through a routine regular agenda at its meeting on Monday night.

No one attended or presented comment at either public hearing, as is often the case, and the council members saw only one guest, Matthew Sabin, manager at nearby General Butler State Resort Park, attend

the regular portion of the meeting.

Sabin was on hand to provide an update on the park and to inform the city and local residents that a road repair project is slated to begin at Butler on May 1 and continue for at least two weeks weather permitting. The goal is to repave roads and parking lots throughout the park including work to widen some of the hairpin curves on the steep and winding back side of the property. Guardrail replacement and installation will

be included in the scope of work, which is scheduled to run through June 1 if needed with work from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Sabin said the road work on the "front" U.S. 227 side of the park will likely go quickly because the challenges for pavers are fewer there, but the steep hills and winding curves on the "back" side will take much longer to complete.

In other business, the council discussed several issues pertaining to the

city's road maintenance needs including opening and awarding of bids for rock, sand and rip rap to Nugent Sand Inc., at bids only a few cents higher than last year and bids for paving to Hinkle Contracting Inc., also at bids only slightly higher than 2023. The two local companies were the only bidders.

Mayor Robb Adams provided a report on a project to repave the basketball court at the city's Point Park, noting that the court

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RIVER LEVELS

April 26 — 23.60 ft.
April 27 — 22.60 ft.
April 28 — 21.40 ft.
April 29 — 19.90 ft.
— at Markland Dam, provided by the NWS

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