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meeting June 26. The flag belongs to the Montgomery County Fire Dept. and can be seen every year at the Run for the Wall event.

The entrance to the field will be lined with flags borrowed from Mapleton and Camargo elementary schools. Small flags will also be handed out to visitors at the event.

There is also entertainment throughout the day featuring several bands. The lineup includes the

Young at Heart Big Band, 75 Split, Dead Air Dennis with Bryan Himes, Billie Renee and Cumberland Gap and Nero's Fiddle. There will also be a special appearance by the 202nd Army Band from the Kentucky National Guard.

Committee member Barry Frazier said a video tech will show videos from more than 50 veterans on overhead screens.

There will be a chil-

dren's area with eight inflatables.

People in costume will take on the roles of several prominent individuals from the nation's history. There will be a large quilt display at the Arena.

Combat veteran Joey Bates is slated to be the keynote speaker. Bates is a Purple Heart recipient and U.S. Marine Corps vet as well as a University of Kentucky doctoral student.

Bates served 17 years and completed five deployments. He survived a devastating terrorist attack that nearly

claimed his life in Somalia.

Commemorative coins will sold, as well as T-shirts if any remain available, Tourism Director Tracy Pearce said. They have been selling quickly. You can call the tourism office at 859-498-8732 to purchase one.

Several food vendors will have items for sale.

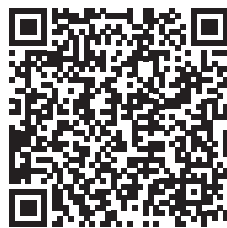
The MCHS sophomore class recently agreed to provide hamburgers and hot dogs for sale at the event.

There will be bleacher seating available and participants are encouraged to bring blankets for the field. Lawn chairs will be permitted outside the football field area. Coolers are allowed, but alcohol is not permitted. No glass bottles are allowed.

The event is being made available for free through generous public donations.

Be sure to check out the Advocate next week for full coverage and our website, www.msadvocate.com, for video coverage.

For a detailed map that includes parking information, restroom accessibility and a breakdown of where food vendors, the kids area, etc., will be located, scan the QR code.



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Deputy Adkins came over the radio to report a vehicle was allegedly traveling at a high rate of speed and nearly hit vehicle, the citation claims.

Shortly after, Deputy Adkins claims the Renegade also allegedly nearly hit his vehicle head-on driving at a very high rate of speed, according to the citation.

The driver of the Renegade, later reportedly identified as Nester,

allegedly swerved to miss the deputy's vehicle, hit an embankment and the vehicle then went airborne, according to the citation.

After the vehicle landed back on the ground, the driver allegedly kept driving and the deputy located the Renegade at a residence on Hope Means Road, according to the citation.

The citation says Jenkins found two females sitting on a porch and he and Adkins spoke with them.

Nester was allegedly hostile toward the depu-

ties and after reportedly smelling alcohol on her breath and not complying she was arrested, according to the citation.

Nester allegedly admitted to driving and stated she was sorry and shouldn't have been driving, the citation claims.

She was taken to the Montgomery County Regional Jail where an Intoxilyzer test was performed.

The test results came in at 0.166, the citation claims. The legal limit in Kentucky is .08.

More than, 37,000 pounds of food provided by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was distributed in Morehead June 18 to organizations that feed hungry families, care for senior citizens, support survivors of domestic violence, assist individuals overcoming addiction, provide health care to underserved communities and operate neighborhood food pantries. Nearly 20 agencies received food to serve thousands of Kentuckians across 25 counties. Among those on hand with local connections was Tiffany Taul-Scruggs, patient service outreach manager at Sterling Health Care, who was present along with several other community health workers. Pictured above: Becky Cooley, pantry coordinator for the Sterling Community Food Coalition in Mt. Sterling (back turned), receives a hug from Samone Ratcliff (organizer from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints). Cooley helped load food onto vans. About 35 volunteers participated. MORE INFO AT www.msadvocate.com. Photo submitted.



Visiting the local aquatic center is one way residents are beating the heat this summer. Last week, Mt. Sterling Police Dept. employees passed out popsicles to youths and patrons. Among those handing out sweet treats, far left, was Police Chief Aaron Noel. Photo courtesy MSPD.

HEAT

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this week to allow individuals to get out of the heat and rehydrate.

"Hours are usually 12-4 but if we can get coverage until 8 if it's giving a higher heat index in the evening we will (stay open until 8)," said Amy Holliday-Conley, co-founder of the Homeless Coalition and current vice president.

If you are interested in volunteering, you can call 859-520-3004.

Holliday-Conley said one individual utilized the center Monday. While it wasn't utilized on Tuesday, Holliday-Conley said she hopes that changes as word spreads and temps continue to remain high throughout the week.

The Montgomery County Health Dept.

shared information from ready.gov advising residents to stay hydrated, avoid strenuous activities during the hottest part of the day, spend time in air-conditioned spaces and check on children and older adults.

The NWS stresses that you should not leave young children and pets in unattended vehicles. Car interiors can reach lethal temperatures in a matter of a minutes.

Greg Beam, Montgomery County Emergency Management Director, said the Civic Center is always open as well if anyone needs a place to simply sit down and cool off. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Rumpke alerted its customers that with extreme heat expected this week Rumpke crews may begin collection

routes earlier than usual to help protect its essential workers.

To avoid missing pickup, residents are asked to place trash and recycling at the curb the night before scheduled collection day.

One way local residents are beating the heat this summer is by visiting the local aquatic center.

Mt. Sterling-Montgomery Parks and Recreation has seen big crowds at the pool this season, especially on discounted \$1 admission days that are periodically being offered. Officials say there has also been a recent uptick in attendance due to the weather.

Another \$1 admission day will be offered Thursday, July 2.

The forecast calls for temperatures to drop back below 90 until next week.

NOTICE OF CLOSURE

After 68 years of proud service to this community, Mt. Sterling Veterinary Hospital, PLLC and Dr. Russell Lee Skinner, DVM, will be closing the doors to the veterinary practice. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are regrettably unable to continue operations at this time. The clinic will close its business operations on July 15, 2026.

To our patients, clients and the community at large: words cannot adequately express our gratitude for the loyalty, trust and kindness you have shown us since 1958. It has been our sincere privilege to know each of you — and each of your beloved companions — and to play even a small role in the lives of so many families.

Serving this community has been the honor of a lifetime. We hope our paths will cross again in the future, and we are deeply grateful for every moment shared.

The hours that medical records will be available for pickup at Mt. Sterling Veterinary Hospital, PLLC, 491 Winchester Rd, Mt. Sterling, KY 40353 will be posted on the door of clinic, on the clinic's website or on the telephone recording left each Sunday. Please contact (859) 498-1700 if you have any questions or to schedule retrieval of medical records.

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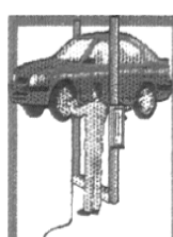
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