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Trimble gets answers, reappoints Young to water board

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Trimble County Fiscal Court reappointed Russell Young to the Trimble County Water District No.1 board and asked that he be present at this week’s meeting. Several of the magistrates had questions and concerns about the water board — the county has

been involved in ongoing discussions related to hydrant rental fees and whether a contract was ever signed committing the county to that agreement — but not Young’s appointment. Young said the district’s goal is to extend water service to every resident in the county, but that project will require grant funding to accomplish.

Regarding the hydrant issue, Young noted that many of the hydrants in the county are “flush” hydrants with even fewer that are “pressured” hydrants that meet the standards for directly supplying firefighting equipment. “If we were a fire taxation district, we would have to support the hydrants,” said Young noting that all hydrants would need to be

pressurized. Trimble Magistrate J.D. Jones he was opposed to the financial commitment it would take to support pressurized hydrants at this time but that he would be open to further discussions on that issue. “I am not at this time willing to support a taxing district but might change my mind. I am just

not happy with the water district right now,” Jones said. Young noted that the Public Service Commission mandates many of the requirements for hydrant upgrades and operation. Magistrate Melissa Gibson-Cornish noted the county has heard the price increase for

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Last Friday’s ribbon-cutting to dedicate the new shaded outdoor area at the Trimble County Senior Center.

Trimble dedicates outdoor area at Senior Center

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A new addition to the Trimble County Senior Center — a shaded picnic canopy — was dedicated last Friday at the Trimble County Park. With assistance of the Kentuckiana Regional Planning and Development Agency, an AARP grant in the amount of \$14,667 was received to add the outdoor space complete with shade canopy, picnic tables and plantings. The area is being called “Rest and Restore for the Trimble County Senior Citizens Center” to create a restful place for those visiting the center to enjoy the outdoors in a shaded environment.

About 10 residents attended the dedication, despite Friday’s rain, to participate in the activities and take part in the ribbon cutting as well as staff members from Abrams Nursery, the Trimble County Road Department, and some of the many park volunteers who made the project come together. According to Jaiden Jones, the center’s site manager, 10-15 residents normally attend activities at the Senior Center, but the facility is open to anyone age 60 and older. Hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays with regularly scheduled activities both at the center as well as field trips. Lunch is also served each day the center is open.

According to Angela Anderson, executive director of the Tri-County Community Action Agency, in addition to the seniors served at the center, there are around 18 residents who regularly receive Meals on Wheels, another group of residents who regularly receive home assistance for services such as house cleaning, getting groceries, doing laundry and transportation as well as others who participate when the center has off-site activities such as trips to restaurants, shopping, movies, etc. Anderson said the center is planning an open house in mid-November for county residents to see and experience some of the services available.

Charlie's Beat: Neil Bladen joins the family business

Neil Bladen is now the third Bladen I’ve interviewed for these Charlie’s Beat columns. I did a story on Rusty early on, it was actually column Number Two, and then I did Rusty’s second son, Jackie, a couple years ago. These days Neil is living in Louisville and playing bass with his dad’s band several times a month. Neil is Rusty’s first son, from when he was married to Debbie Browne back in the 1980s. Neil is a born and bred Madisonian, having attended E.O. Muncie Elementary and then graduating Class of 2006 from Madison Consolidated High School. “I went to college and got my pharmacy degree,” explains Neil, “then did the usual stints working retail at places like CVS and Walgreens. But today I’m working for Chewy, the pet supply company, dispensing prescriptions for dogs and cats. It’s amazing how similar dogs and humans are when it comes to medications, you just have to allow for different body weights



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Musician Neil Bladen

and sometimes different metabolism. It’s a great fit for me right now, career wise. “But of course, as a son of Rusty Bladen, music has never been far from my mind, it’s sort of in my blood I suppose. I had a very active period in junior high and high school, where I played trumpet in the band, I picked up drumming, then I learned bass and ultimately electric guitar. I was a huge fan of Blink 182 and Mark Hoppus, the bass player in the band.” When I asked about his experience during those years with any garage bands or playing with friends, he said he actually didn’t do much of that. “There was one thing though, a battle of the bands. Me and some friends, Logan Higgins, Corey Bentley and Cody Kaiser, practiced for like two solid weeks to learn the song Hey Jealousy by the Gin Blossoms. So at the contest we play our one song, and we get selected to move on to the final round. Only problem ... that was the only song we had! “We got on stage for the final, and

we tell the audience, ‘Sorry, that was our only song. We can probably stumble through Wish You Were Here by Pink Floyd, or we can play Hey Jealousy one more time.’ The crowd goes crazy and says play it again! So we did, and we won the whole thing. “That win got us a gig at a high school pep rally, so we had to learn two more songs for that event. And that’s really the extent of my playing in bands until I started playing with dad back in 2014. I had about a five year run until 2019 and Covid came along. Actually, I do remember a show in early 2020 at the Taproom here in Madison. Jackie was like 19 years old and underage for a bar, so we had to whisk him onstage to play, and then he had to hang out back in the kitchen during breaks. “I pretty much dropped out of the band during the post-Covid years, but then about two years ago I got back into it. It’s usually two or three times a month, but we’re booked every weekend this fall. It’s been a lot of fun, and I get to visit a bunch of different places, festivals, meet new people. It adds a whole dimension to my life I wouldn’t have without the music. I’m grateful, and

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Moffett Cemetery to hold dedication, launch endowment

SPECIAL TO THE BANNER

Moffett Cemetery will hold a dedication ceremony at the entrance of the cemetery at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 24, for a new fence and display case and to roll out an endowment plan for the cemetery. The cemetery held a fundraiser to pay for the wooden fence at the entrance, and the three-sided display case was donated by the daughters of Ralph and Martha Chatham Coleman. The display case has three compartments. One will be used to recognize those who donate to special projects and the endowment fund being developed to keep the cemetery operating for future generations. A second section will be used to provide current information on special projects, upcoming events, and general information pertaining to the cemetery. The third section will have regulatory information

such as the cemetery by-laws, rules and regulations, the annual budget report, non-profit tax information, endowment program rules, and minutes from Board of Directors meetings. It takes thousands of dollars each year just to meet the basic needs of the cemetery. The amount of money the cemetery receives from the sale of graves and when a burial occurs doesn’t come close to covering the annual expenses. Therefore, the Moffett Cemetery Board of Directors has announced the creation of an Endowment Fund to support the cemetery for future generations. The fund will include specific rules for investments and expenditures of donations to safeguard the account from misuse. The Board will vote on final changes to the by-laws and the rules overseeing the Endowment Fund at its meeting on Nov. 12, and the account will be opened

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Halloween Festivities

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

The festive season of Halloween has arrived with many activities planned over the next couple of weeks leading up to Halloween night on Friday, Oct. 31. Carrollton, Bedford and Milton have all scheduled Trick-or-Treat for Halloween day on Saturday, Oct. 31 — to be observed from 6-8 p.m. in Carrollton and from 5-9 p.m. in Bedford and Milton. Madison, Indiana has also scheduled Trick-or-Treat for Halloween day on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 6-8 p.m. There are also several special events scheduled in Carroll and Trimble counties as part of the Halloween activities. They include: CARROLL COUNTY General Butler State Resort Park Boo Bash: The event is Friday and Saturday, Oct. 23-24, and Friday and Saturday, Oct. 30-31, from 6-8 p.m. Events include a movie, glow golf, a haunted house, a scavenger hunt and more.



Halloween Downtown: Trunk or treat, costume contest, pumpkin carving contest and more on Saturday, Oct. 24, 4-8 p.m. in downtown Carrollton. Carroll County Memorial Hospital Trunk or Treat: Bring costumes and candy buckets to the hospital at 309 11th Street, on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 5-7 p.m. for trunk or treat. General Butler State Resort Park Trunk or Treat: Friday, Oct. 30, 6-8 p.m. Located at the main entrance of the park. TRIMBLE COUNTY Trimble County Park Trunk or Treat: Friday, Oct. 23, 5:30-7 p.m., hosted by Milton Elementary

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RIVER LEVELS

Forecast

Oct. 23: — 14.4 feet
Oct. 24: — 14.2 feet
Oct. 25: — 14.1 feet
Oct. 26: — 14.0 feet

— at Markland Dam, provided by the NWS

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