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Rebuilding Hope



The R Enterprises team that prepared a used ambulance for shipment to war-torn Ukraine display a Ukrainian flag Tuesday in front of the vehicle. Business owners Jay and Andrea Roths are at right. General Manager Mark Brannan stands at left. A native of Ukraine who serves as translator to help with the ambulance transfer process, Ella Pavlyuk, in the white shirt, holds one edge of the flag.

SUN PHOTO BY KEN LITTLE

Local Business Donates Ambulance To Ukraine Aid Effort

BY KEN LITTLE
STAFF WRITER

A used ambulance restored to service by a Greeneville business will be on its way Wednesday to the front lines in war-torn Ukraine.

The ambulance was donated by R Enterprises LLC, an ambulance re-mounter and re-manufacturer on Harold Cemetery Road owned by Jay and Andrea Roths.

Jay Roths credited all his employees for the work that went into making the ambulance ready for shipment to Ukraine, where it is urgently needed.

Between 500 and 600 ambulances have been destroyed since the Russian invasion of the country in February, Roths said.

The Ford F-450 ambulance was a trade-in from a hospital in LaMesa, Texas, an R Enterprises customer.



SUN PHOTO BY KEN LITTLE

This used Ford F-450 ambulance was acquired by R Enterprises in Greeneville and refurbished for use by EMS personnel in Ukraine. The company donated the ambulance, which should arrive in Ukraine in July.

"We had the motor rebuilt. It is a four-wheel drive vehicle and we are told it will go

straight to the front because of its special capabilities," Roths said.

The ambulance will be picked

up Wednesday for transport to Baltimore for a July 3 sailing

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BMA Approves Budget With No Tax Increase

BY CICELY BABB
STAFF WRITER

Greeneville residents will not see a property tax increase this year.

The Greeneville Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved a budget on Tuesday for the upcoming fiscal year, beginning in July, incorporating no increase to the town's current property tax rate of \$2.1775 per \$100 of assessed property value.

Discussion of a 6-cent property tax rate increase initially proposed for 2023 is related to debt service payments for Greeneville City Schools' HVAC and lighting project. The first phase of that project costs \$7.7 million, and the Town of Greeneville voted in January to cover its \$3.3 million contribution of that cost by paying \$1 million in cash and \$2.3 million in debt service. The school system is paying the remaining \$4.6 million. Full replacement of the HVAC system at Greeneville Middle School is underway this summer through that project.

To balance the 2023 budget the board considered either a 6-cent increase in the property tax rate for residents within the Town of Greeneville or budget cuts equal to \$267,000.

The board opted to make the cuts and discussed those extensively.

Most discussion revolved around projects that could be funded through either the general fund or the hotel/motel local occupancy tax, which projects to fund through either source and which to cut out of the budget for the upcoming year.

Town Administrator Todd Smith told the board to make up the \$267,000 lacking in the general fund when the revenue generated by raising the property tax rate is removed, some items listed there could be funded through the hotel/motel tourism tax, which would mean removing items

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American Downtown T-Shirts Available

T-shirts for Greeneville's American Downtown celebration are now available, the city said in a news release.

The shirts, commemorating the town's 10th annual celebration on July 4, come in a variety of adult sizes, colors and designs.

The new design this year features a shape of Greene County filled with an American flag and surrounded by fireworks with the messages "American Downtown

July 4th Celebration" and "Greeneville, Tennessee." It is printed in navy blue on red tie dye, solid red, or multi-colored tie dye.

The red shirts can be purchased for \$15 and both tie dye shirts for \$20, all in sizes small through 3X.

A limited supply of the older event shirts featuring a bald eagle design are still available at discounted prices of \$10 for solid colors and \$15 for tie dye.

The shirts can be purchased now at EastView Recreation Center or during the event in the Big Spring area behind the Greeneville-Greene County Library.

All proceeds from the shirt sales go back to the annual American Downtown celebration.

The celebration kicks off at 4 p.m. in the Big Spring with live music, food trucks, and kids activities, the

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PHOTO SPECIAL TO THE SUN

New T-shirt designs for the American Downtown 4th of July celebration are worn by, from left, City Administrator Todd Smith, Mayor W.T. Daniels, and Chan Humbert, organizer of the American Downtown Parade. At right is Cathy Osborne, assistant to the city administrator, wearing one of the older designs which remain available in limited supply. The shirts can be purchased in advance at EastView Recreation Center or at the event.



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HURLEY

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OUTSIDE

Tonight — Showers & t-storms. Low around 68.
Thursday — Mostly cloudy. High around 87.
Friday — Sunny. High around 89.
Saturday — Mostly sunny. High around 89.
Sunday — Showers & t-storms. High around 89.

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