



ACCENT:
A Look Back At
When Looks
Actually Killed.

SPORTS:
Vols, Pruitt Have
Higher Expectations
For Upcoming
Season. **1B**



The Greeneville Sun

An independent newspaper celebrating its 141st year of service to Greeneville and Greene County

VOL. 141, NO. 194 | GREENEVILLE, TENNESSEE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2019

3 SECTIONS | \$1



SPECIAL TO THE SUN/TOWN OF MOSHEIM FIRE DEPARTMENT

Wings Air Rescue, Town of Mosheim firefighters, Greeneville Emergency and Rescue Squad members, Greene County-Greeneville EMS crews, Midway Volunteer Fire Department personnel, Greene County Sheriff's Department deputies and Tennessee Highway Patrol troopers respond to a crash on U.S. Highway 11E near Interstate 81 Exit 23 around 5:15 p.m. Tuesday.

1 Airlifted From Mosheim Crash Scene

One patient was airlifted Tuesday after his sedan apparently rear-ended a truck near Interstate 81 Exit 23 in Mosheim.

The report went out around 5:15 p.m. to rescuers from Town of Mosheim Fire Department, Greeneville Emergency and Rescue Squad, Greene County-Greeneville

EMS and Wings Air Rescue. Mosheim Fire Chief James Foshie said Wednesday that a pickup truck traveling outbound on U.S. Highway 11E toward Hawkins County was apparently struck from the back by a black sedan.

EMS crews evaluated two people in the truck at the scene, and they did not re-

quire medical transport.

Rescue squad members and firefighters used a hydraulic spreader for a "door pop," freeing the trapped male driver from the sedan, Foshie said. Wings Air Rescue transported him from the scene to an area hospital for treatment of suspected serious injuries.

Names of those involved and their conditions, along with other details about the crash, are unavailable pending a report from the Tennessee Highway Patrol.

Midway Volunteer Fire Department and Greene County Sheriff's Department personnel also assisted in the emergency response.

Rezoning Request For 11E Auto Garage Denied

BY EUGENIA ESTES
STAFF WRITER

A request to rezone property for a business use along East Andrew Johnson Highway just east of Heritage Road was denied at Tuesday's Greene County Regional Planning Commission meeting.

A number of property owners expressed their opposition to the proposed rezoning, primarily due to its planned use for an automobile repair shop.

The matter will be considered again by the full Greene County Commission in September.

Property owner Russell Ward said at Tuesday's meeting that he had requested the rezoning from A-1, general agriculture district, to B-2, general business district, to be able to open his own small business, an auto repair shop.

County Building Official Tim Tweed explained that the rezoning was needed because an auto repair shop is not among uses allowed in A-1 zones.

Several residents on Heritage Road attended the meeting to voice their concerns and opposition.

One resident, Bill Massey, said that he had purchased property on Heritage Road adjacent to Ward's property to build a house because it was in a quiet residential neighborhood. "It is a nice area, and we have many children in the area," he said.

There are deed restrictions that set criteria for the use of the land and the size of the structures allowed, and a

SEE REZONING, PAGE 7A

GREENEVILLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

Runway Closures Planned In September

BY EUGENIA ESTES
STAFF WRITER

The runway at Greeneville Municipal Airport will be closed in late September while crews construct a mid-field connector.

Work to connect the runway and taxiway is scheduled for the third week of September, the Greeneville Municipal Airport Authority learned Monday.

In a pre-construction meeting about the project, representatives from Summers-Taylor Inc. indicated that they expect to start the week of Sept. 16, Airport Authority member Jimmy Collins said.

Summers-Taylor indicated that the runway will have to be closed during the work. But plans have been made to close the runway only portions of various days to lessen the effect on those who use the airport, Collins said.

The contractor plans to close the runway for a period between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m. each day that a closure is required, he added.

The exact start date will be determined by a subcontractor's availability, according to



SUN FILE PHOTO BY EUGENIA ESTES

An airplane used by skydivers setting a new state record takes off from Greeneville Municipal Airport in late June. A mid-field connector between the runway and the taxiway is to be constructed in late September, causing some runway closures.

Summers-Taylor.

Authority members agreed there should be a minimum of a 15-day notice of planned closures for those who rent T-hangars and others who use the airport.

The mid-field connector

will be constructed with funds remaining from a state grant for runway and other improvements made last year at the airport.

It is being built halfway

SEE RUNWAY, PAGE 7A

GREENE COUNTY 911

Board Deadlocks, 911 Raises Halted Until Salary Study

BY KEN LITTLE
STAFF WRITER

Raises are not forthcoming for 12 Greene County 911 employees until the county conducts a salary survey that likely won't be complete until next year.

The Greene County 911 Board of Directors on Tuesday deadlocked 4-4 on a motion to raise the pay of dispatchers and other 911 employees 2.5%.

The vote excludes three 911 employees previously granted step pay raises.

Voting against the 2.5 percent raise were board members Teddy Lawing, Lloyd "Hoot" Bowers, Pamela Carpenter and Jeff Wilburn. Voting for the raise were board Chairman Tim Ward, Alan Shipley, John Waddle and Ray Adams.

County Attorney Roger Woolsey said the 4-4 deadlock is effectively a "no" vote.

Lawing said a discussion last month was "to hold it until central dispatch (shows) some positive signs."

County Mayor Kevin Morrison said the Greene County Commission will do a salary survey for all county employees and include 911 employees. It will look at what

911 employees in other districts are paid "to ensure they are being fairly compensated."

The commission recently authorized a 2.5% salary increase for most county employees. Greene County 911 is a separate entity, jointly funded by the county, Town of Greeneville and the state.

The salary survey will be discussed this week at the commission's Personnel Policy Committee, said Lawing, who is a commissioner, along with Bowers, Carpenter and Waddle.

"We can give a raise at any meeting. I think we should wait until we get this salary survey done," Lawing said.

CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE

As part of the the pay raise discussion, an update on the status of the central dispatch project was provided.

Greeneville police have been working recently with 911 dispatchers "in an advisory capacity" as part of a plan to eventually transfer police dispatch duties to 911, Ward said.

Deputies from the Greene

SEE 911, PAGE 7A



7 13221 61078 0

OBITUARIES

HESTER DAVIS
GLEN MORGAN

Obituaries on 6A

OUTSIDE

Tonight — Chance for storms, fog. Low around 66.
Thursday — Mostly sunny. High around 85.
Friday — Sunny. High around 87.
Saturday — Sunny, hot. High around 90.
Sunday — Chance for storms. High around 89.

INSIDE

OPINION.....2A STATE.....8A
LOCAL.....3A SPORTS.....1B
EDUCATION.....4A AGRICULTURE.....6B
OBITUARIES.....8A COMICS.....7B