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School Board suspends bonus plan

BY CHRIS GREGORY
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Trousdale County's School Board voted last week to suspend most aspects of its Strategic Compensation Plan for the 2020-21 academic year.

The Strategic Compensation Plan, which was launched several years ago, allows teachers in the district to earn bonuses of up to \$3,000 based on various performance metrics attained both individually and by their

respective schools. Those metrics include reading proficiency and achievement, growth in TVAAS testing scores, absentee rate and attendance.

Director of Schools Clint Satterfield said that the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on schools made it impossible to know if some of those benchmarks could be reached. For example, the state suspended testing before schools closed in March, which means there are

no test scores to mark student achievement or growth.

"The issue is that this spring we had a sudden closure... we were unable to have assessments and therefore we have no assessment data. We were unable to finish teacher evaluations and a lot of the metrics we use were scrubbed," Satterfield said.

"We don't have a crystal ball and we don't know what the future looks like."

Strategic Compensation Plan bonuses are paid out during the following school year, so teachers will receive their earned bonuses for the 2019-20 school year later this fall.

"There are present laws and guidance from where testing failed a few years ago that requires boards not to pay teachers less than they were paid in the previous year (including bonuses) when state testing is suspended," Satter-

field told The Vidette via email. "Therefore, if teachers meet other criteria such as attendance requirements in 2019-20, they can expect to make the same bonus amount in 2019-20 as they did in 2018-19."

"All of our teachers are getting their bonuses like last year, this year," board member Johnny Kerr said during Thursday's meeting. "The last thing we

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Tri-County receives broadband grant

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Tri-County Electric has been selected as one of the recipients of the Tennessee Emergency Broadband Fund (TEBF), approved by the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development.

TEBF was authorized by Gov. Bill Lee to receive \$330,000 as part of Tennessee's Coronavirus Relief Fund, to provide broadband deployment.

"The COVID pandemic has changed many aspects of our lives, including the way Trousdale County students are learning this year. We know that virtual learning can be challenging and not having the Internet makes it nearly impossible," said Paul Thompson, Executive V.P. and General Manager of Tri-County. "Once we were made aware of this grant opportunity, we worked with Dr. (Clint) Satterfield and his team to identify how we might be able to assist students."

Tri-County Electric's TEBF grant includes installation and free 50/50 Mbps service for 12 months, that will impact approximately 130 students in addition to five public Wi-Fi hotspots. Tri-County Electric was prohibited from submitting addresses where services are currently provided and was challenged by Comcast from offering service where Comcast is available. Due to state law, Tri-County Electric cannot offer internet outside of our electric service area or within the ILEC service territory of

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Friendship's Delanie Majors (2) celebrates the eventual winning touchdown Friday in a 10-7 victory over Trousdale County.

Mistakes dampen Jackets' football season debut

BY JERRY RICHMOND
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The Trousdale County Yellow Jackets opened their 2020 football season Friday night, but suffered a 10-7 home loss to the Friendship Christian Commanders.

It broke an eight-game winning streak on the Creekbank for the Jackets.

Trousdale showed flashes of being a good football team, but two lost fumbles, a missed field goal and some untimely penalties proved to be too much to overcome.

MORE INFORMATION
This week's game at White House has been moved to Thursday night because of rain in the forecast. **More on Page 2**

"It was a great chance for us to get kids on film," said TCHS coach Blake Satterfield. "Typically this would happen after your first scrimmage, but during these unusual circumstances it's the first time we have been able to do so. The secret is what you do with film once you have it."

"We must use this infor-

mation and get better from Week One to Week Three. Hopefully we can get some kids healthy too."

Defense was the name of the game through most of the first half, but the Commanders finally broke through with a 33-yard field goal from senior Neill Kane

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Car show, Cruise-In are Saturday

BY CHRIS GREGORY
MANAGING EDITOR

Car enthusiasts have a pair of opportunities this weekend to take a closer look at high-end and classic vehicles.

Seed Morton will hold his ninth annual Car, Truck & Bike Show on Saturday, Aug. 29 beginning at 8 a.m. at Hartsville's First

Baptist Church. On Saturday evening, a Cruise-In will be held in Hartsville City Park from 5-9 p.m.

Morton's show is usually held in May but had to be pushed back because of the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions on

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Address display law takes effect on Sept. 1

BY CHRIS GREGORY
MANAGING EDITOR

Trousdale County government wishes to remind citizens of the new address display ordinance, which is scheduled to take effect on Sept. 1.

The ordinance requires property owners to display the street number in an easily identifiable manner. Numbers must be at least four inches in height or three inches if made of reflective material, in block-style letters, in a contrasting color to the background and displayed so that they may be seen by anyone traveling in either direction of the road.

Numbers can be displayed on a mailbox if that mailbox is on the same side of the street as the driveway. If the mailbox is on the opposite side of the road from the driveway or if multiple houses share a driveway, "the address number shall be displayed on a pole, post or similar device and must be located at the entrance to the property adjacent to the street..." the ordinance states.

County commissioners approved the ordinance on two readings at their January and February meetings, but put in a 180-day delay to allow time for citizens to comply with the new law. The county's building & zoning inspector is charged with enforcing the ordinance and violators may be fined up to \$50 per day.

Some Trousdale County residents have been making and selling numbered posts that comply with the ordinance. They have been advertised on social media and in some instances can be seen around town.

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THE PEOPLE'S AGENDA

The Steering Committee will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 1 at 6 p.m. in the upstairs courtroom of the courthouse. The Planning

Commission will meet in regular session on Monday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. in the downstairs courtroom of the courthouse.

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Making baskets was necessary for pioneer women

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