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County promotes Reverse 911 program

BY CHRIS GREGORY
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Promoting Trousdale County's Reverse 911 system would be a better use of resources than repairing the Hartsville tornado siren, according to members of the Emergency Services Committee.

That message came across loud and clear at the committee's Sept. 7 meeting.

Commissioners met to discuss

a proposal of roughly \$12,440 to make repairs to the tornado siren, which is located near the old City Hall on Broadway. But it was pointed out that the siren's effective range is only about a mile, which leaves most of Trousdale County uncovered.

Committee chairman David Nollner noted that he lives approximately one mile from the siren but often is unable to hear it at his

home.

"Sometimes I hear it, sometimes not. It just depends on what's going on side the house," Nollner said.

"If we really want to do a tornado warning system, we should do one countywide," added EMA Director Matt Batey. "Do we want to invest \$12,000 in repairing what we've got or look around and see the best option for the county?"

Encouraging citizens to sign up

for the Reverse 911 system can be done by calling the main dispatch number at 615-374-3994 or by visiting the county's website at trousdalecountytn.gov and clicking on 'Community Alerts.'

Residents can choose to be notified by phone call, text or email for local emergencies and/or weather alerts. While the system is set up to automatically call all landline numbers, it is necessary to sign up

to receive alerts on a cell number. A growing percentage of people have forgone traditional landlines in favor of cell phones in recent years.

Both County Mayor Stephen Chambers and Commissioner Dwight Jewell noted their personal experiences with the Reverse 911 system during severe storms and

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Yellow Jackets declaw Tigers

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The Trousdale County Yellow Jackets (3-0) used a strong ground game and suffocating defense to take down previously undefeated Macon County 34-7 in Lafayette on Friday night.

The Jackets rushed for 274 yards, averaging seven yards per carry, and kept the Tigers (3-1) off the scoreboard until the final seconds of the game.

"We had a great week of preparation. I think this game really meant something to our players," TCHS coach Blake Satterfield said. "I was worried about our players having the shock of a big game and I thought we handled that really well."

Trousdale won the coin toss and deferred until the second half. Macon took the ball and was flagged for a penalty, setting up first and 15. Jackets defensive lineman Xavier Harper dragged down Macon quarterback Braydee Brooks to put the Tigers in an even bigger hole, forcing a punt. Brooks' kick traveled just seven yards and sailed into the Trousdale County bleachers, setting the Jackets up with excellent field position at their 36.

Twelve plays later, Cole Gregory fought his way into the end zone from four yards out for the game's first score. A two-point run failed but the Jackets led 6-0.

On their next possession, the Jackets struck again with Brian Banks scoring on a 24-yard run. A two-point try failed again, but the lead was at 12-0 with 9:35 left in the half.

Trousdale's defense forced a three-and-out by the Macon offense, and then Harper blocked the punt to set the Jack-



Trousdale County's Xavier Harper, left, drags down Macon County quarterback Braydee Brooks (10) during the first quarter Friday. The Yellow Jackets improved to 3-0 on the season with a 34-7 thrashing of the Tigers.

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ets up in the red zone.

That drive ended with Koby Calhoun finding Kane Burnley all alone in the end zone for a 17-yard touchdown. Bryson Claiborne added a two-point run to make it 20-0.

Macon capitalized on some short passes and two Trousdale penalties to give itself a shot at getting back in the game with first-and-goal from the Jackets 4. But the defense held firm, stuffing Brooks on fourth and goal at the 2.

The Jackets started the

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JSMS Homecoming 2021



Evelyn Towns was crowned as Jim Satterfield Middle School's 2021 Homecoming Queen during pregame ceremonies on Sept. 9 prior to the Jr. Jackets' game against Upperman. Towns was accompanied by her parents, Michael and Heather Towns. Attendants were Oakley McCall (sixth grade), Charlie Beth Wright (seventh grade) and Katie Jo Shockley (eighth grade).

Building Committee looking at courthouse updates

BY CHRIS GREGORY
MANAGING EDITOR

Trousdale County's Building Committee discussed the need for renovations and/or repairs to the old courthouse during its Sept. 9 meeting.

The building will eventually house a history museum and the Election Commission office. The Election Commission will be moved into the courthouse by February 2022, per a previous directive from the County Commission.

County Mayor Stephen Chambers said one consultant had recommended repairing, rather than replacing, the windows and that the Tennessee Historic Commission likely would make a similar request.

"Something needs to be done. They're going to rot out of the case and fall on the ground; we already have one that either fell out, got knocked out or shot out," commissioner Dwight Jewell said of the windows.

John Oliver, who serves as the county's historian, noted that the courthouse is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and such designation limits exactly what can be done.

Ken Buckmaster asked if being on that registry was worth it.

"Patching this stuff together that will last two or three years, so we can remain on a historical landmark to what I see as no benefit," he said. "I'd just as soon we do it right if we're going to put people (in the building)."

Replacing the chiller and building tiles were also among recommendations presented to the committee.

In addition, the Election Commission had requested removing a window on the side of the building and replacing it with a door. But John Oliver noted that the election office had previously been in the

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Cumberland honors longtime DA Thompson

BY THE VIDETTE

Cumberland University presented a professorship in honor of former District Attorney General Tom P. Thompson, Jr. during its annual Convocation Ceremony on Monday, Aug. 23.

The General Tom P. Thompson, Jr. Professorship was funded by generous donors and was created to support a deserving Cumberland faculty member in the field of criminal justice. The professorship was presented to Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice Suzann Lafferty during the annual Convocation Ceremony.

The Professorship will support Lafferty in creating academic experiences for criminal justice students, such as course upgrades, research, off-campus learning experiences and curriculum enhancements.

Thompson, a Hartsville native, received his law degree from Vanderbilt University and later served as Assistant District Attorney for Nashville and Davidson County. He was then elected as District Attorney General for the current 15th Judicial District in 1978 and served until retirement in 2021.

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Shown, from left, are Tommy Thompson, Cumberland professor Suzann Lafferty and Cumberland President Dr. Paul Stumb

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THE PEOPLE'S AGENDA

The School Board will meet on Thursday, Sept. 16 at 6 p.m. in the office of the Board of Education, 103 Lock Six Road.

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Bryson Claiborne honored as WBT Player of the Week.

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