



The La Vergne Chronicle

Honoring our past, building our future

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VOTE EARLY AND SKIP THE LINES

Oct. 19-Nov. 3
Civic Auditorium
283 Old Nashville Hwy.

LA VERGNE ADDS POLICE CARS TO ITS FLEET

The La Vergne Police Department has added 5 new police cars to their fleet. The Ford Police Interceptors are sedans, and can easily blend in with normal traffic. Equipped with dual and rear radars, mobile data terminals and an upgraded HD video system, the new police cars will allow our officers to patrol more safely. "Our old fleet was dying and it was time to update" said LPD Police Chief Mike Walker.

EVENTS:

- 10/15 HOWL AT THE MOON 5K
- 10/22 TRAIL OF TREATS
- 11/1 CITY COUNCIL MEETING
- 11/8 ELECTION DAY
- 11/11 VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY
- 12/3 PARADE OF LIGHTS
- 12/6 CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Rain Dampens Festival, Not Patriotism

The sun came out for a moment at the 2016 Old Timers Festival, however, the majority of the day was filled with scattered showers and occasional downpours. But the rain didn't dampen any spirits! This year the festival honored our "Hometown Heroes." Mr. Vinny Pollizzotto, one of the oldest World War II veterans living

in La Vergne, served as one of the grand marshals at the parade. La Vergne is honored to have had Mr. Pollizzotto, as well as several senior veterans, representing our city at this year's Old Timers Festival. The parade really captured what this year's patriotic theme was all about -- from a veteran getting his haircut in Bryan's Barbershop chair, to the children of Roy Waldron Drama Club dressing as police, firefighters, and nurses. The red, white and blue of the many American flags flying down Murfreesboro Road helped brighten the cloudy skies, as citizens lined up to catch a glimpse of the parade. Mayor Dennis Waldron kicked off the festival at Veterans Memorial Park with opening remarks, followed by the

singing of the National Anthem by the La Vergne High School Choraliers. The city would like to thank everyone who worked hard and put in long hours to make this festival come together. We are already looking forward to and planning for next year!



More growth in La Vergne



La Vergne is growing, and with the success of the new Walmart Supercenter, plans have progressed for new dining options in the area. Known for its "Famous Chicken 'n Biscuits," fast food chain Bojangles' will have

a new location off Murfreesboro Road neighboring Walmart. Bojangles' should be starting construction in early 2017. Additionally, a new Waffle House Restaurant has been built off Waldron Road (where the old Waffle House was located) and should be opening soon. Over the years, Waffle House has rebranded itself and updated the layout of its restaurants for a more modern look.



TRAIL OF TREATS
OCT. 22 - 2-4 PM AT VMP - 115 FLOYD MAYFIELD DR.

Plans For Splash Pad Progressing

In August, La Vergne City Officials and the Parks and Recreation staff met with neighboring cities to research plans for a potential splash pad. The splash pad would be installed at Veterans Memorial Park, and would also include a pavilion featuring family bathrooms, along with a changing area and several interactive features. Renderings and potential plans for the project will be presented at an upcoming Mayor and Board of Alderman Workshop. The city is working to acquire grants and sponsors to help fund the installation -- if approved, the goal is to move forward on the project by the end of the year.



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A.C. PUCKETT HONORED WITH NAMING OF BRIDGE



State Representative Mike Sparks joined with State Senator Bill Ketron and several members of La Vergne city council honored former La Vergne Mayor, A.C. Puckett. A lifelong citizen of Rutherford County, Puckett has been instrumental in moving the city of La Vergne forward. The A.C. Puckett Bridge is located on the 5400 block of Murfreesboro Road. Thank you for your years of service Mr. Puckett!

Farmers Market "Grill Off"



They can predict summertime's hot temperatures, but can they handle the heat of an open flame? Middle Tennessee meteorologists competed in a "grill-off" as part of National Senior Citizens Day at the La Vergne Farmers Market. Fox 17's Chief Meteorologist Katy Morgan, News Channel 5 Meteorologist Lelan Statom, and Channel 4 Meteorologist Paul Heggen participated in the event. Each meteorologist/grillmaster was teamed up with a senior citizen. Once the smoke cleared, it was decided that Fox 17's Katy Morgan and senior citizen member Beth Boiling had the best kabob. The meat was provided from J's Meats and More, and veggies were provided from Walker Produce who are regulars at the Farmers Market.



LA VERGNE SAYS GOODBYE TO ALDERMAN BROEKER



Tom Broeker has served the city of La Vergne for 6 years as Alderman, but has chosen to not seek re-election this fall. During his time serving La Vergne, he has served on the Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, Greenway Advisory Committee, Local Emergency Planning Committee and the Economic Development Team. It was during his time on the Economic Development Team that Alderman Broeker helped La Vergne land the new Walmart Supercenter. "We are thankful for all Alderman Broeker has done to help La Vergne move forward. We wish him the best," said Mayor Waldron.

