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WAYNESVILLE

Third Thursday gets bigger

Evolves to fests

Natalie Sanders
Staff Writer

Third Thursday has exceeded the expectations of the committee that started it.

It has become so overwhelmingly successful that it has outgrown taking place on the third Thursday of every month in Waynesville town square.

"We just want to thank the vendors and businesses and other people that made it a success," said co-chair of the Downtown Waynesville Third Thursday Committee Ursula Lebioda.

The Third Thursday Committee has decided to evolve the event into the Route 66 Fest on the Square.

They plan to hold three fests a year, each having a different theme.

The reason for the evolution into the Route 66 Fest on the Square is to tackle a number of issues.

In the past, traffic was allowed to flow freely through the town square which was a potential safety hazard, especially for such a family-friendly event, said organizers.

The fests will enable the city to limit traffic flow and shut streets down as needed for added safety.

Another issue that the fests address is timing.

The fests are planned for Saturdays and will have extended hours.

With limited traffic, extended hours, and Saturday dates, the fests will be more accessible, allow more vendors, be safer and the committee hopes that will result in even more people being able to attend.

"This way it can be bigger and better," Lebioda said.

The first fest will be Octoberfest and the committee has already begun to discuss plans for the event.

"We'll have entertain-

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MEET A VETERAN

Michael L. Mitchell

AGE 33 SERVICE BRANCH Army SERVICE YEARS 16 HOMETOWN: Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Interview by **Brandy Santos-Newsom**
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FAMILY

I'm married to Ashley and we have a daughter, Britten, 9.

INTEREST AND HOBBIES

I like to do Tae Kwon Do, play the guitar, read and spend time with the family.

Q: What do you do in the military?

A: Currently I am a small group leader for the Engineer Basic Officer Course (EBOLC).

Q: What is your military philosophy?

A: I just adopt the saying, "People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care."

Q: Where have you been stationed?

A: I've been stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash.; Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Walter Reed Medical Center, Wash.; Fort Benning, Ga.; Fort Hood, Texas and Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Q: What type of experience and education do you have?

A: I currently hold a bachelor of science in general studies. I am an Infantry Platoon Leader, an Infantry Executive Officer and a Battalion Plans Officer/Engineer.

Q: In several sentences, explain why you decided to join the military?

A: Originally, I joined the military out of high school, because all of my



United States Army Captain Michael L. Mitchell, PHOTO BY BRANDY SANTOS-NEWSUM

friends were doing it. I had never thought about a career in the Army until after marrying Ashley.

I was actually considering not getting commissioned and just walking away, but changed my mind while in college.

I had a part-time job framing houses and was roofing a house during a southern Idaho winter when I realized the Army was never that bad. I called my wife on the phone, from the roof, and asked her to help me get an Officer Candidate School (OCS) packet together.

What seemed to be just a job has turned into a love for service to our country and a desire to make it a better place. Though I do not plan on staying in for 30 years, I realize that plans change like the weather and just

take it day-by-day.

Q: What are the greatest challenges in your career?

A: Seeing beyond my experience. I have had more growth and development while kicking and screaming my way forward.

Q: What advice can you offer for someone who wants to join the military?

A: Give it everything you have. Whether you make it a career or not a career...it does not matter, just give your all.

What does matter is that you do your best and be yourself. The military wants the best "you" that you can give.

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WAYNESVILLE

Body identified

Circumstances of death still under investigation

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Pulaski County Sheriff J.B. King announced in a press release Thursday that the body of the man found beneath Veterans bridge Tuesday has been identified following his autopsy in Springfield Wednesday.

The victim has been identified as Arley Dean Campbell, 53, of 212 Lafayette Circle, Waynesville.

King said in his press release, "The circumstances surrounding Campbell's death are still under investigation."

The Sheriff's department reports that Campbell was part of a missing persons case that began on Monday July 11.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol's Missing Persons Clearinghouse lists Campbell as last seen on July 9.

Campbell's missing person poster reports that Campbell went missing



The Pulaski County Sheriff's Department is asking for any information about the death of Arley Dean Campbell. Campbell wore glasses, had a tattoo of a lion on his right shoulder and was last seen on Highway 28 in Dixon. Please contact the PCSD at 774-6196.

after leaving a business on Highway 28 in Dixon on foot.

King reports that deputies used an emergency cell phone "ping" to discover the location of a particular phone number

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PULASKI COUNTY

Squires consider computer updates

Elevator proposal also weighed

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At Thursday's County Commission meeting, Tracy Riggins and Jeremy Hill from J Mark Business Solutions from Springfield addressed the commission.

J Mark is a technology company that helps businesses and organizations manage and monitor their computer networks.

"The clerk's office and the assessor's office and every other office seems to have their own computers and we can monitor all of those at one time," said Hill. "We can also make sure that all backups are being done and if any one

tries to get into your system illegally we can track that as well."

The commission looked into hiring someone part time to monitor everything and after talking with Pulaski County Clerk Brent Bassett, J Mark decided to talk with the commission.

The commission has asked J Mark to put together some numbers and get back to them.

Gene Miller from Kone Elevator appeared before the commission with some pre-bids for elevator costs.

The commission is getting ready to accept some bids on the elevator in the

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PULASKI COUNTY HEALTH

Food ordinance public hearing

Vote in August determines guidelines for food preparation

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On Wednesday the Pulaski County Health Board held a public hearing into the new food ordinance in St. Robert.

The new food ordinance is being used to set established guidelines for food handling and preparation throughout Pulas-

ki County.

With recent budget cutbacks within the state of Missouri, there are now only four health inspectors in the state. This new ordinance will give local health workers the chance to go into and inspect businesses and if need be, shut them down.

The ordinance has

been worked on for the past three years and has gone through numerous changes.

The new ordinance has been drafted using input from the city councils of St. Robert, Waynesville, Dixon, Crocker, Richland and the county commission.

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