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Historic Morganton Festival

September 6 & 7

Head to downtown Morganton Friday and Saturday, Sept. 6 and 7 and enjoy the Historic Morganton Festival!

Hundreds of vendors will fill the streets selling their crafts and other wares; the kid and teen zone will offer entertainment and activities for youngsters; and plenty of festival food will be available for visitors to enjoy, along with the wine garden on the square and beer garden located near the Miller Lite Stage.



Craig Campbell



Justin Moore

Craig Campbell takes the City Stage Friday night, and Justin Moore performs Saturday night.

Free shuttles will provide transportation from WPCC and Hampton Inn to the downtown area on Friday and Saturday.

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Collett Street pool gets upgrades

The City of Morganton Collett Street outdoor pool opened this season with a newly renovated pool house for visitors.

Parks and Recreation Director Gary Leonhardt said the renovation project upgraded the pool house with new tile flooring, new fixtures and partitions, new showers, new plumbing, new LED lighting and new benches. The dressing rooms and the check room were also upgraded.

"The Collett Street Pool first opened in 1954, and the pool house hasn't really changed since then," said Parks and Recreation Director Gary Leonhardt. "The building was aging and it was time to make some improvements. The upgrades brought the facility up to code and now the building will meet ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) requirements."

Although his staff members had worked hard to maintain the



Workers install new tile in the women's showers and rest rooms at the Collett Street Recreation Center pool house in May.

59-year-old building, Leonhardt said the plumbing in the facility was starting to deteriorate and making repairs was getting more and more difficult.

"I think everyone is going to be very pleased with the upgrades," Leonhardt said.

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City welcomes new Assistant Manager

The City of Morganton has hired Scott Hildebran as the new Assistant City Manager. Hildebran worked as the Town Manager of Blowing Rock and he will bring more than 23 years of local government management experience to the City's administrative department.

"I'm very excited to be coming to Morganton," Hildebran said. "The City of Morganton has a great reputation around the state and the position provides an opportunity for me to grow professionally."

After graduating from Appalachian State University with a Masters of Public Administration, Hildebran



Scott Hildebran
Assistant City Manager

started his local government career in 1989 as the Assistant to the City Manager in Dunn, N.C. After seven years with the City of Dunn, Hildebran served as the Town Manager of the

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City hires parking enforcement specialist

The City of Morganton's new parking enforcement specialist started in June. The Parking Enforcement Specialist will enforce the City's parking regulations in downtown in an effort to provide more accessible parking for shoppers and visitors.

Main Street Department Director Sharon Jablonski said having a parking enforcement specialist will help ensure people who work in downtown park in the all-day spaces, which will free up the spaces in downtown

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CoMMA presents MainStage Morganton, "One More Time"

MainStage Morganton, 2013-2014, offers a wide variety of concerts, Broadway musicals, gripping drama and specialty offerings unsurpassed. There truly is something for everyone. Whether you choose to be a MainStage Morganton season ticket holder or decide to purchase the shows one event at a time, we promise that you will enjoy, and perhaps even be moved, with what lies in store. Visit www.commaonline.org to find out more about each show.

Masters of Motown
Friday Aug. 23 | 7:30 pm

"Out of Thin Air!"
Saturday Nov. 23 | 7:00 pm

Blues Brothers Revue
Tuesday Sept. 24 | 7:30 pm

The Lettermen
Tuesday Dec. 10 | 7:30 pm

The Show
Thursday Oct. 10 | 7:30 pm

Puddingstone
Sunday Dec. 22 | 3:00 pm

John Tesh Big Band
Friday Nov. 8 | 7:30 pm

"Memphis"
Wednesday Jan. 15 | 7:30 pm

The Lennon Sisters
in Concert
Sunday Jan. 19 | 3:00 pm

**Bring It On:
The Musical**
Sunday Feb. 2 | 7:30 pm

The Contours
in Concert
Friday Feb. 14 | 7:30 pm

**"One Night
In Frogtown"**
Friday Feb. 21 | 7:00 pm

Celtic Crossroads
Thursday March 6 | 7:30 pm

Music of the Night
Friday March 21 | 7:30 pm

Swan Lake
Wednesday April 2 | 7:30 pm

The Miracle Worker
Friday April 4 | 7:30 pm

The Raleigh Ringers
Saturday April 12 | 7:30 pm

The Association
Friday May 9 | 7:30 pm

Pool

From the front

The Morganton City Council approved funds for the renovation in the City's 2012-2013 budget. The renovation project cost \$220,000. The City is paying half, \$110,000, and the Morganton Parks and Recreation Foundation is paying

the other half.

The Collett Street outdoor pool is a 50-meter, Olympic-size swimming pool. In 2011, the City replaced the roof on the pool house as part of this most recent round of renovations. In the past, the City has renovated the pool, the pool plumbing and the chlorination system as well.

Assistant

From the front

Town of Beaufort, N.C., and then with the City of Greensboro as a Budget and Management Analyst. In 2003, Hildebran accepted the position as Town Manager of Blowing Rock where he managed the day-to-day operations and the town's \$6.3 million budget.

Hildebran said he looks forward to the challenges offered by a city the size of Morganton. He is enthusiastic about working in a public power community and getting experience with Morganton's public utilities including water, sewer, electric and the cable television system.

City Manager Sally Sandy said

Hildebran will be an asset to the City.

"I think he is going to do great," Sandy said. "I think he will fit in very well with our staff and his experience makes him a good fit for our community."

Hildebran has experience with tourism development, which is part of Morganton's economic development strategy; he has experience working with state and federal elected officials promoting and resolving local issues; and he has broad contacts and relationships with local government officials throughout the state, which will benefit the City.

Assistant City Manager Ron George retired June 30, after 40-plus years of public service. Hildebran starts July 15.

Parking

From the front

that are closest to shops and restaurants.

"Our goal is to try to create more convenient parking for shoppers and visitors," Jablonski said.

Downtown Morganton has a lot of free, all day parking in downtown as well as timed 2-hour and 4-hour parking.

Ed Ward will be working as the Parking Enforcement Specialist weekdays from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, said Public Safety Major Billy Bradshaw.

"He'll be checking for things like handicap violations,



Ed Ward
Parking Enforcement Specialist

overtime violations, and loading zone violations," Bradshaw said.

The most common violations are overtime parking violations. For example, someone parks in a 2-hour parking area and doesn't move their vehicle after two hours have passed.

Parking Violations and Fines

<i>Escalating Fines</i>	<i>1st</i>	<i>2nd</i>	<i>3rd</i>
Overtime parking	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$25.00
Backing into spaces	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$25.00
Double parking	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$25.00
Loading zone violation	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$25.00
Parking across line	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$25.00
Parking to the left	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$25.00
<i>Standard Fines</i>			
Fire lane violation	\$10.00		
Handicap Violation	\$100.00		