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Getting fired up about the past

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Buildings ordinance under inspection

By JIM COOPER
Editor

There are still plenty of questions as a proposed county buildings ordinance appears headed toward adoption. About 60 people showed up for a Roane County Commission meeting Tuesday that took place in the circuit court room to accommodate the crowd. The agenda included discussion of an ordinance that would form an enforcement agency to deal with structures deemed health or safety hazards. After a notification process, the result

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could advance to fines, property liens and demolition. Cases could be appealed to circuit court. As it did during a town hall meeting the previous week, the issue drew both supporters and opponents. Leonard May, a resident of Lick Fork, said the proposal goes against state code and questioned the

► ORDINANCE / 7A

McKenzie elected mayor of Reedy

By DAVID HEDGES
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Reedy will have a new mayor next month after Andrew McKenzie defeated Chris Phillips in Tuesday's election. The 35-year-old McKenzie, an insurance agent who currently serves on the town council and also as Reedy's event coordinator, received 33 votes to 22 for Phillips, 45, a logger who was making his first bid for elected office. McKenzie, who started Reedy's Labor Day weekend homecoming celebration four years ago, as well as a mud bog and a truck pull that have also become annual events, said he felt honored to be chosen by the voters. After he takes office July 1, McKenzie said he hopes to step up beautification efforts in the town with 182 residents.

"As far as changing anything, the town has been on the right track," he



McKenzie

said. "But I'm always open for new ideas."

"Our water system is being revamped, thanks to a grant, and our sewer system is operating better than it ever has," he said. "We just need to stay on course."

Current mayor Frank Vannoy, 72, did not seek re-election. Vannoy, who served as one of the poll workers Tuesday, said he had served a total of four different terms as mayor. He has also been a council member.

The mayor's race was the only contest on the ballot.

► MCKENZIE / 9A

Nothing is guaranteed

Breast cancer survivor enjoying the moments

By KAYLEE HARBARGER
Staff Reporter

Ellen Welch didn't feel ill on a fateful day five years ago when she stepped out of the shower and noticed a dimple on her left breast. She called to her husband, Chuck, who confirmed her suspicion. It was a lump. That week, the Spencer resident was seen by her friend, Laura Cogar Smith, a physician assistant at Family Health Care, who referred her to an oncologist. The specialist ordered a biopsy of the lump that confirmed Welch had breast cancer. "I wasn't scared when he told me I had cancer," Welch, now 54, said of her 2010 diagnosis. "I wasn't upset." She began chemotherapy only a few months after her diagnosis, which is considered a quick turnaround time

► GUARANTEED / 3A



Breast cancer survivor Ellen Welch, shown with husband Chuck Welch and their dog, Amos, is a regular participant in the Roane County Relay For Life.

Relay officials expect small numbers, big fun

Autumn Blair performing

By JIM COOPER
Editor

Expect a more intimate gathering for this year's Roane County Relay For Life.

All signs point to the 17th annual American Cancer Society fundraiser Saturday at Roane County High School continuing a recent trend of

reduced participation.

Only nine teams, with 58 members, had signed up earlier this week. That compares to 24 teams with 160 participants at the same time last year.

"That number will go up," Relay organizer Jamie Burnside said, "but it's going to be small. There are not as many on the committee and not as many teams."

Burnside, a survivor of skin cancer, said she was at a loss in explaining why Relay numbers have been dwindling.



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"I don't know, I honestly don't know," she said. "Everybody's busy, I guess."

Scheduling could play a role. Burnside said a date in May had been considered, but conflicts arose with other events at the high school. Although school is still in session, vacation plans created a problem for some.

Organizers decided on a new time frame for the Relay in order to attract more participants. Things will get started at 1 p.m. and end shortly after the luncheon ceremony, about 10 p.m.

► RELAY / 8A



NO STRINGS ATTACHED

New grads Ely Shreve, Shiann Traylor and Casey Tryon celebrate with spray string at the close of commencement ceremonies at Roane County High Friday. More graduation photos appear on Page 1B. DAVID HEDGES / SPENCER NEWSPAPERS



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