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WASHINGTON COUNTY

What to do with \$25.5M?

Panel to weigh ideas for Rescue Act money

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Washington County Mayor Joe Grandy has created an advisory board to help local government leaders identify projects to be

funded by the \$25.5 million coming to the county from the American Rescue Plan Act. The Washington County Community Rescue Assessment Board includes members from business, banking and agricul-

ture, as well as five county commissioners, Washington County Circuit Court Clerk Brenda Downes and state Rep. Rebecca Alexander, R-Jonesborough. Grandy said the panel would be assisting county commissioners in determining how

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THERE'S MORE

Mask? No mask? Restaurants? Concerts? Reporters asked some experts to share their personal thoughts and plans. **D2**

Members of the board that will recommend projects to be funded by county's share of federal pandemic relief listen to Washington County Mayor Joe Grandy.

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Anderson Havert, 12, salutes after placing an American flag on a veteran's grave on Saturday at Mountain Home National Cemetery for Memorial Day.



“It's an honor”

Hundreds ignore rainy skies to show respect for veterans

One of the coordinators said the event drew Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, ROTC members, Trail Life and “anybody who wanted to come help.”

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Upward of 500 volunteers gathered in the rain Saturday to place American flags on the graves of approximately 13,000 veterans at the Mountain Home National Cemetery for the Memorial Day weekend.

Anderson Havert, a

12-year-old Boy Scout, was with his father, Tim Havert, placing flags on graves in the rain.

“This is important because we need to show respect for those who have gone to battle for us. By showing respect, we salute,” the young man said after placing flag.

“It's an honor,” the Scout said.

Brock Taylor, a Boy Scout leader, said one grave he specifically placed a flag on was his uncle's grave.

“I've decorated his grave since I was probably 6 or 7 years old ... about 25 years,”

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MEMORIAL DAY

Legion plans ceremony at Doughboy statue's base

Former lawmaker, others to speak at Monday event

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A Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony will be held Monday at the Doughboy statue in Johnson City's Memorial Park.

The ceremony will begin at 10 a.m., and will be hosted by the Kings Mountain Post 24 of the American Legion. The event will be staged at the “Spirit of the American Doughboy” at 105 E. Main St.

REMEMBERING THEIR SACRIFICE

Bryon Lauzon, commander of the American Legion post, said the ceremony will be conducted “in the tradition of standing to sing the National Anthem.”

He said the Memorial Day event will specifically honor Americans who were killed in battle or died as a result of wounds they received in combat.

“We would like people on Memorial Day to remember why we recognize this day and the freedoms we enjoy as a result of their sacrifices,” the commander said.

LAYING A WREATH

Lauzon and former U.S. Rep. Phil Roe, R-Johnson City, will be placing a wreath at the base of

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Jonesborough's Makers Faire back on track

2020 artist, artisan showcase fell to COVID precautions

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The Mill Spring Makers Faire is returning to Jonesborough next weekend after the pandemic forced the cancellation of the

second edition of the event, which highlights local artists and artisans on the streets of downtown.

“We are really excited,” said Town Events Coordinator Melinda Copp. “We have a great

lineup of makers and craftsmen. I think during the pandemic a lot of people were really able to focus on their craft, and we have a lot of new makers out there, too, so we're excited to really feature some of the area's best

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A child takes in some artwork during the inaugural Mill Spring Makers Faire in 2019.

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