

Daybreak

Traffic tips

■ Anderson County drivers on Interstate 75 South near mile marker 128 should be alert today beginning at 10 p.m. through 6 a.m. Monday that I-75 South will be reduced to one lane as crews perform lane shifts at the bridge at Exit 128 to begin bridge repairs.

■ Anderson County drivers on I-75 North and South between mile markers 122 and 130 should be alert for nightly lane closures on Sundays through Thursdays 7 p.m.-6 a.m. due to resurfacing.

GOOD MORNING, EAST TENNESSEE

Dinner fundraiser to preserve Sevier building

A Thanksgiving dinner in June will be held Sunday to raise money to preserve Isaac Dockery's masterpiece — the oldest standing building in Sevierville.

Dockery was a black brickmaker and builder from Sevier County. In the latter half of the 1800s, Dockery made the bricks for notable county landmarks such as the Murphy College Building, the Sevier County Courthouse and the New Salem Baptist Church.

The church, built in

1886, is the oldest building in Sevierville and is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places, as well as on East Tennessee's Endangered Heritage List.

The Isaac Dockery Day Dinner and Silent Auction, now in its fifth year, aims to restore the historic church.

"This is really important to us," said Shedenna Dockery, co-chair of the New Salem Renovation Task Force and great-great-granddaughter of Isaac Dockery. "We want

to preserve his history in Sevier County, and that's why we want to renovate this building."

Dockery's descendants will prepare and serve a traditional Thanksgiving dinner at the Sevierville Civic Center, 200 Gary Wade Blvd., at 3 p.m. on Sunday.

On the menu will be turkey and gravy, dressing, ham, mac 'n' cheese, mashed potatoes and more.

Musical guests Melinda Holt, Taryn Hood and

Sidney Matlock will perform, and one of Dockery's great-great-grandsons, activist Segun Idowu, will speak.

The silent auction will run concurrently.

Tickets for the dinner are \$25 and can be purchased by calling Alverene Bridgeforth, 865-919-6557, or Shedenna Dockery, 423-248-8916. Proceeds will benefit the New Salem Renovation Task Force.