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## 'You've got to know the story'



Executive chef Robert Alexander at Benne on Eagle at The Foundry Hotel. PROVIDED BY NATHAN LOPEZ PHOTOGRAPHY

TOP: Benne on Eagle is located at 35 Eagle St. in downtown Asheville. PHOTOS PROVIDED BY THE FOUNDRY HOTEL, A RAINES MANAGED PROPERTY

## Benne on Eagle seeks chef, struggles to keep Black history at its core

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ASHEVILLE — A hotel management company is on the search for an executive chef to lead its restaurant property after its last recruit left in less than a year. ● Benne on Eagle's latest chef shuffle brings issues further into question about what's expected of those in the hospitality industry, and how the restaurant will move forward while staying true to its founding mission. ● In 2018, Benne on Eagle opened at 35 Eagle St. in downtown Asheville to revitalize the community and pay homage to the history of the neighborhood known as The Block. ● Benne on Eagle, now a part of The Foundry Hotel, serves and celebrates the cuisine of the Appalachians and the African diaspora — showcasing how the ingredients and dishes that derived during the transatlantic slave trades from the 1500s to the 1800s continue to influence foodways across continents and cultures. See HISTORY, Page 8A

## Event venue ban set to expire, residents weigh in

Johnny Casey The News-Record & Sentinel USA TODAY NETWORK

MARSHALL - In its March 21 meeting, the Madison County Planning Board once again tabled a vote on a sketch plan review for a 19-lot subdivision, Grandview West, to be located along nearly 35 acres on Grandview Road, after the developer did not appear for the meeting.

But the board got other work done, as it heard feedback from numerous event venue owners, neighbors and other residents about the board's potential recommendations to the Madison County

Board of Commissioners on its updated Land Use Ordinance.

While the board did not take any action on the proposed changes to the noise ordinance, it will meet April 18, 10 days in advance of the expiration date of the county's event venue moratorium that was extended Dec. 28 after a six-month moratorium on event venues was instated due to numerous noise complaints from residents near Marshall and Hot Springs event venues.

"The only issues that we are trying to address is that the Board (of Commissioners) wanted to get (these additions

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An old tobacco barn has been turned into an event space for weddings and more at Paint Rock Farm in Hot Springs. There is also a ping pong table in the barn for glamping guests. ANGELI WRIGHT/AWRIGHT@CITIZEN-TIMES.COM

