

Cripps granted raise, extension

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Director of Schools Patrick Cripps is safe through 2020 after the board of education granted him a contract extension and a \$5,000 raise Thursday evening.

"I love my job," Cripps told the board during its workshop sessions as members were debating whether to offer a one or two-year contract extension. "I can't do this job if I don't have your (the board's) support."

The extension came after board members found that Cripps had met most expectations, the seven-members giving him an overall 4.23 out of a possible six. His weakest area, it was noted, was strategic planning although board members admitted that they could also be stronger as a board in that area. It was the only area where he fell below four in the board's assessment of his performance over the past year. His highest mark was board relationship where he scored a 4.45, closely followed by a 4.48 for personal qualities.

Cripps admitted he was timid about taking the job when it was first offered to him, the opportunity coming somewhat early in his educational career.

"I didn't want this job so

early in my career since I know the lifespan of a director," Cripps acknowledged to the board, adding his time at the helm of the school system has exceeded his expectations. "These have been my best years."

The board debated in its workshop session between a one and two year extension of his contract with board chairman Dub Evins pushing for two years. His push was resisted by the rest of the board, most of whom were for a one-year extension. The vote ended up being six for the one year extension with one abstention by Jerry Wayne Johnson. As for the raise, Evins pointed out that Cripps had been offered the extra \$5,000

last year but passed on it, instead directing it be used to help fund other areas in the school system.

Cripps told the board the job is challenging and that he appreciated their encouragement in their high assessment of his work. "This job is 24-7," he said, noting he gets to sleep about four hours a night but has never forgotten his priorities. "It's God, my family and the job."

Cripps is now under contract until June 30, 2020. Board members discussed ironing out some extra benchmarks for him to reach over the next year as well as clarifying their own benchmarks as a board.



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Steve Warner photo

Advance Financial Foundation donated \$1,000 to the DeKalb County 4-H at its ribbon cutting ceremony Friday. Pictured, front row, from left, Caitlyn Lawrence, April Martin, VP Shantrelle Johnson, operations manager Leah Hulse, director Sonya Jones, UT agent Johnny Barnes, Tiffany Collier and Leigh Fuson. Second row, Josh Jones, Justin Hunt, Derik Boles, Veronica Johnson and Wyatt Martin.

Advance Financial gives \$1K to 4-H

Nashville-based financial services company Advance Financial recently cut the ribbon at the company's newest store in Smithville. To mark the occasion, the Advance Financial Foundation donated \$1,000 to the DeKalb County 4-H.

"The communities surrounding all of our locations are extremely important to us," said Shantrelle Johnson, VP of corporate citizenship for Advance Financial.

"Through the Advance Financial Foundation, we are able to provide extra support to those organizations working to make a difference in these regions. We are thrilled to make a contribution to the DeKalb County 4-H and help fund the educational programs they offer."

Started in 2014, the Advance Financial Foundation invests in the communities the company serves through support for local 501(c)3 organizations and community en-

richment programs. The Foundation places a particular focus on enhancing education and health and wellness initiatives.

Advance Financial's store in Smithville is located at 503 South Mountain Street. It is open 24/7 and offers a range of financial services including prepaid cards, electronic wire services to anywhere in the world, check cashing, FLEX loans, free bill-payment services and free money orders.

OBITUARIES

Cathy May Yount, 54

Cathy May Yount, age 54 of Smithville, passed away Wednesday morning, March 7 at her residence.

She was born Sept. 5, 1963 to her parents, the late Frank and Barbara Ann Wessel Haddock.

Yount attended the Full Gospel Tabernacle in Lebanon as a child and she was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband of 27 years, Ricky Yount of Smithville; daughter, Brittany Haddock of Monterey; two sons, Jonathan Haddock of Watertown and Josh Lawson of Monterey; brother, Frank "Speedy" Haddock of Gordonsville; two sisters, Becky (Randy) Likens of Lebanon and Teresa Gail (David) Mofield of Alexandria; special friend, Sabrina Lattimore of Smithville. Several nieces and nephews also survive.

Yount's request was to be cremated and there was a memorial visitation held Friday, March 9, 2018 at DeKalb Funeral Chapel.

DeKalb Funeral Chapel, Smithville, was in charge of the arrangements.

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Methodist Pre-School had dress as your favorite book character day recently and several of its faculty and students came dressed in storybook attire. They are Sue Sifford (aide), Maddie Sifford, Caroline Driver and Ethan Medley.

CIRCUIT COURT

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Sentences were handed down recently in criminal court. Included in court action:

Donald Gene Rigsby, 56, entered a plea to sale of a schedule III controlled substance and was issued a two-year probationary sentence. He has also asked for a judicial diversion, meaning, if granted, he can have his criminal record erased once his probation is done.

Rigsby was indicted following a 2016 undercover drug investigation by the Smithville Police Department. Rigsby's indictment

alleged that on Jan. 14, 2016 he did unlawfully and knowingly sell and or deliver a controlled substance, to wit: Buprenorphine, a Schedule III controlled substance.

Austin Duane Sigler, 25, entered a plea to sale of a schedule II controlled substance (methamphetamine) and received a six year probationary sentence. He has requested a judicial diversion. He must also make restitution of \$265 to the sheriff's department. He was indicted in a 2016 undercover drug investigation by the sheriff's department.

Riley Bullard, 52, entered a plea to simple possession of marijuana and was given an 11-29 probationary sentence. He was fined \$250.

Kassey Jo Faith Collier, 18, entered a plea to sale of more than half

an ounce of marijuana, a schedule VI drug. She received a two-year suspended sentence and has asked for a judicial diversion. She must make restitution of \$400 to the sheriff's department.

Jasmine Penny Spence, 33, entered a plea by criminal information to reckless endangerment and simple possession of a schedule IV controlled substance and was handed an 11-29 probationary sentence. The sentences are to run concurrently. She must also pay a \$750 fine.

Ronald Nicholas Parker, 39, entered a plea by criminal information to reckless endangerment and was handed an 11-29 probationary sentence.

Joseph Kurt Lingauer, 50, entered a plea to reckless endangerment and was issued an 11-29 probationary sentence. He

has asked for a judicial diversion.

Magdaleno Diaz Valquez, 30, entered a plea by criminal information to reckless endangerment and was placed on probation for an 11-29 term.

Charlotte Hill, 43, entered a plea to driving on a suspended license and was placed on probation for six months.

Carl Bryant Henry, 44, entered a plea by criminal information to reckless endangerment and was given an 11-29 probationary sentence. Sergeant Travis Bryant of the Smithville Police Department stopped Henry for speeding on Aug. 9, 2015 and he got out the vehicle as Sergeant Bryant approached. Henry was unsteady on his feet and his speech was slurred. Henry performed poorly on field sobriety tasks and was arrested.

April Birthdays

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Stewie Clinton
4-3-17
son of:
Joe & Roxi Clinton
Smithville

Words cannot express how grateful our family is for all the compassion shown to us during our recent loss. Every act of kindness and sympathy is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

The family of
Shirley Jean Fish Selvey

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