

# Teacher handcuffed, removed for comments during meeting

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — A Louisiana teacher was removed from a school board meeting, forcibly handcuffed, and jailed after questioning pay policies during a public comment period.

The teacher's union and the ACLU are investigating and two board members are complaining that the board treats women unfairly.

A video posted by KATC-TV shows middle school English teacher Deyshia Hargrave complying with a city marshal's orders to leave Monday night's Vermilion Parish School Board meeting. Next, she is seen on the hallway floor, screaming as the marshal handcuffs her behind her back.

"Stop resisting," the marshal says, hustling Hargrave toward an exit after lifting her to her feet.

"I am not. You just pushed me to the floor," Hargrave responds.

Hargrave later bonded out of the

Abbeville jail on charges of "remaining after being forbidden" and resisting an officer, according to KATC.

The station reported that board president Anthony Fontana had ruled Hargrave out of order for asking questions during a time reserved for public comment. Later in the same meeting, she spoke again in response to a question from the board, and was confronted by the marshal despite objections from the audience. "She was recognized!" several people said.

"This is the most disgraceful and distasteful thing I have ever seen," another audience member said as Hargrave made her way out.

Women have several times been told to leave meetings, while men who speak out have not been removed,

board member Laura LeBeouf told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Tuesday.

"When she realized she had to get out, she picked up her purse and walked out," LeBeouf said. "Women in this parish are not getting the same treatment."

The board's other female member expressed similar sentiments.

Longstanding divisions on the eight-member school board preceded the meeting, according to LeBeouf and board member Kibbie Pillette, both of whom said that a new contract for the school superintendent gives him the opportunity to earn as much as \$38,000 more per year, while the board hasn't raised teacher salaries in more than a decade.



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City officials are hopeful the Sparta Street sidewalk project can go out for bids this spring.

# Sparta Street sidewalk plan moves forward

BY **LISA HOBBS**  
Reporter for the Southern Standard  
(McMinnville, Tennessee)

After a nearly three-year wait, a sidewalk on Sparta Street could materialize in 2018.

City administrator Bill Brock says he's contacted James C. Hailey & Company, consulting engineers, and bids could go out this spring.

"I spoke with Matthew Tucker with James C. Hailey and they're about 70 to 75 percent done with the drawings on that particular site," Brock said.

"The state has been working with them real well on getting some things turned around. We had to get some more engineering done and a survey done and get that back to them. He told me we are looking at going out for bids in the spring. Hopefully, we can get it bid out and get it

started."

The city of McMinnville was awarded a \$948,080 Multimodal Access Grant from TDOT in June 2015 for a sidewalk along Sparta Street. The grant slowly spun its wheels in state government, including two trips through the environmental evaluation stage.

Making the grant worth the wait is the fact it will fund 95 percent of the project, with only 5 percent funded with local matching dollars. Total project cost is approximately \$1 million.

The 95 percent is reimbursable, meaning the city must fund the project, then be repaid by the state. However, no work can begin until the state gives its approval or the grant will be lost.

Until bids are received, the actual cost of the sidewalk is unknown.



## GENERAL SESSIONS

BY **DUANE SHERRILL**  
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Sentences were handed down Tuesday morning by Judge Bill Locke in General Sessions Arraignment Court. Included in the morning session:

Emily Paige Bouldin was ordered to serve 30 days of an 11-month, 29-day sentence and pay \$150 plus costs for shoplifting and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Russell Lee Asbury was instructed to serve three days of a six-month sen-

tence for criminal impersonation. He was given 30 more days for violation of probation.

Russell Craig Jennings was ordered to serve 30 days of an 11-29 sentence and must pay \$750 plus costs for possession of meth.

Cory Alan Sydenstricker was instructed to serve five days of an 11-29 sentence for domestic assault.

Carrie St. John was issued an 11-29 probationary sentence and was warned to stay out of Dollar General for shoplifting.

Bobby L. Mays was directed to serve 10 days of an 11-29 sentence for violating an order of protection.

Jason Ryan Arnold must serve 90 days and had his probation extended for one year for violation of probation.

Richard Lee Henegar must serve 60 days for violation of probation.

Robert Glenn Judkins must serve 10 days for violation of probation.

Lamar Antonio Readus was ordered to serve 60 days and have his probation extended by a year for violation of probation.

April Stembridge had her probation extended by six months for violation of probation.

Justin Keith Woodard was instructed to serve 30 days of an 11-29 sentence and had his probation extended by one year for violation of probation.

Anastasia Smith was directed to serve 48 hours of an 11-29 sentence for vandalism.

### CLARIFICATION

The Billy Wood listed recently on the court docket is not the former McMinnville city alderman.

## EDUCATION NOTES

Warren County High School class of 2009 graduate Brooke Bowman Slaughter received her medical doctorate degree from ETSU Quillen College of Medicine in Johnson City at recent commencement ceremonies.

Dr. Slaughter is a graduate of Lipscomb University class of 2013, earning summa cum



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laude honors and was recognized for achieving the Provost's List. At Quillen College of Medicine, Dr. Slaughter earned the H. Cowan Moss Family Medicine Award, recognizing the highest academic ranking senior entering the field of Family Medicine, and the Tennessee Academy

of Family Physicians Award. She was also a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society.

Dr. Slaughter is completing her Family Medicine residency with the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Murfreesboro. She is the daughter of Angie Hullett of Morrison and Bill Bowman of Woodbury. She is married to Jesse Slaughter and currently resides in Woodbury.

# PUBLISHER'S Pics

**Standard** publisher Pat Zechman has been in the newspaper business for 50 years, the last 26 years as publisher/general manager of the **Southern Standard**. Zechman wants to give back to the community and the **Standard** alike and it has led her to creating the Publisher's Pics feature. This week's pictures come from January 1965. Look for more Publisher's Pics on the **Southern Standard** Facebook page.



RICHARD HOBBS, hero of Irving College's 60-59 win over Lascassas in the Kiwanis Benefit at Murfreesboro Saturday night, is the center of attraction in the dressing room as the ICHS Tigers celebrate their 13th win of the season. Hobbs (number 11 above) swished two free throws with only one sec-

ond left in the game to give the Tigers their victory after they had trailed by 14 points at one time in the first half. Wade Wannamaker (53) hit the basket with 2:55 to play that put Irving College ahead for the first time since the opening seconds.

HAPPY NEW YEAR—Pretty Pat Norton, Warren County's "Junior Miss" of 1965, turns a page of the calendar to remind that Friday is the first day of 1965, and to wish everyone, everywhere, a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Pat, head majorette at City High School, was

selected as the county's "Junior Miss" of 1965 at a pageant held in December, and will represent the county in state competition in February. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Norton, Westwood.