

Opioid lawsuits

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“We would be representing the county for damages that would not be available to the district attorney,” Galligan said. “Your office is different than actually representing the county.”

Zavogiannis stated her lawsuit is for damages caused to Warren County.

“It’s basically for the damages caused by the pharmaceutical companies pushing and lying to the doctors and to the communities about how opioids are not addictive and how great they are,” she said. “It’s for damages for all the fallout, whether that be the cases we have to prosecute, the deaths we’ve had. There’s a multitude of causes of action we have in this suit. When this is filed tomorrow, you can look at it and see if there are additional damages you or anyone else can get.”

Galligan replied, “It may be that a court would have to decide who can do that. This is my first impression, but it’s my understanding through research and other lawyers as well, that the district attorney general cannot, for instance, get the healthcare costs for the county, because you don’t really represent them in that way. The

cause of action would be the same, but the damages are different. Our proposal is to represent the county to get the county’s damages.”

The Nashville firm has a five-month headstart on its lawsuit.

“I do know they have 10 full-time attorneys working on this and have spent well over \$1 million already,” said Zavogiannis. “We have been working for five months to gather information. They’ve sent attorneys to my office so we have a substantial amount of time involved in it.”

Galligan replied, “That wouldn’t take you out of the case. If we represent the county, it wouldn’t take you out of your case at all.”

After listening to both sides, the measure to hire Galligan & Newman to represent Warren County government specifically was sent to the full Warren County Commission for its consideration with a vote of 4-1. Commissioners Terry Bell, Carl E. Bouldin, Michael Martin and Gary Prater voted to send the measure forward, while Commissioner Diane Starkey voted against it and voiced a desire to wait and see how Zavogiannis’ case proceeds before making a decision.

Charges dropped against dog owner

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Felony animal cruelty charges have been dismissed against a dog owner for leaving his Boston terrier outside in the cold during a 28-degree night late last year.

The man, Clifton Dale Bonner, 37, had charges dismissed by General Sessions Judge Bill Locke during his appearance before the court Tuesday afternoon. Bonner was directed to pay for the costs of having the animal maintained since it was taken from his possession in November. Once those costs are paid, the animal will be returned to him.

Bonner faced one to two years in prison had he been convicted of the original charge of aggravated animal cruelty.

The charges were brought after David Denton of McMinnville Animal Control showed up outside Bonner’s apartment on Old Smithville Road to investigate a call of blood in the parking lot of the apartment complex. When he arrived, he found blood from a deer and also found the Boston terrier.

“The Boston terrier was found outside with a temperature of 28 degrees,” Denton swore in his warrant against Bonner.

Denton said he made contact with Bonner and told him that keeping the animal out in the elements was a crime.

“I made him aware that due to the temperature that morning, it was a danger to the animal and was cruel to the dog,” Denton noted in pressing charges on the pet owner.

CORRECTION

Robert Hennessee will be running as a Democrat in the upcoming election for Warren County Commissioner in District 2.

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Free car seat check



McMinnville Police Department will be offering a free child car seat safety checkpoint at the Farmers Market this Friday, Jan. 12, from 4 to 7 p.m. The event is open to the public and aims to keep children safe. Since the Police Department started offering the service, only 1-of-10 car seats reviewed pass inspection. This checkpoint is sponsored by Pioneer Pediatrics. Pictured is Police Lt. Mark Mara examining a car seat at a previous safety checkpoint.

TDOT ready for snow

With nasty weather in the forecast, the Tennessee Department of Transportation assures motorists it is stocked and ready to clear roadways of ice and snow. In preparation for the winter season, salt supplies have been replenished in all 95 counties, and crews have readied snow plows and brine trucks.

“We begin our winter preparations months in advance,” TDOT Commissioner John Schroer said. “Our salt bins and our brine are

fully stocked, and our employees are ready to mobilize in the event of inclement weather. Clearing our roadways as soon as we can is vital to keeping motorists safe and traffic moving in Tennessee.”

TDOT’s statewide 2017-18 winter weather budget is \$21.4 million. It includes salt, salt brine, overtime for employees, and equipment maintenance. The department has three salt vendors to refill salt bins as needed in all 95 Tennessee counties.

TDOT currently has over 229,000 tons of salt and more than 1.6 million gallons of salt brine ready for use. Salt brine is a salt/water mixture used as a pre-treatment for roads prior to a winter storm or to melt snow on roadways when temperatures are hovering around freezing. Salt is applied to roads once snow has started to accumulate.

When snow hits Tennessee, TDOT ice and snow removal teams focus first on clearing interstates and heavily

traveled state routes and will specifically target areas vulnerable to freezing, such as hills, curves, ramps, bridges and interchanges. During prolonged weather events, crews may have to clear roadways repeatedly.

TDOT has a fleet of more than 800 snow trucks statewide, designed to remove snow and ice safely and efficiently from state routes and interstates. In January 2018, 108 new trucks will hit the road to tackle winter weather.

OBITUARIES

Mary Ann Brown Krickel, 89

Mary Ann Brown Krickel, 89, of Viola passed from this life Thursday, Jan. 9, at Saint Thomas River Park Hospital in McMinnville.

Mary Ann was born on June 16, 1928 in McMinnville to the late Charles Mabry and Jessie Stubblefield Brown. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by brother Charles M. Brown, Jr.

She graduated from Warren Central High in McMinnville and attended UT Martin College and UT Knoxville, majoring in home economics. She was a teacher at Irving College Elementary and Warren County High School. She then moved to Ozark, Ala., and then Atlanta, Ga., before moving back to Viola. While in Georgia, she worked for Kroger, Firestone, in collections and Rich’s Department Store. Upon her move back to Tennessee, she was employed at the Warren County Tax Assessor’s Office, where she retired. Mary Ann was an avid animal lover and member of the Atlanta Kennel Club. She loved flea markets and treasure hunting, traveling and attending the Warren County Senior Center and bluegrass music events.

She is survived by her children and spouses, Johnny and Bonnie Krickel of Conyers, Ga., Martha and Mike Gibbs of Ranburne, Ala., and Charles and Brenda Krickel of Viola; grandchildren, Jeremy and Vanessa Krickel, Kristi and Jason Hale, Will Gibbs, Jessie and Shane Gardener, Lindsey and Jake Holloway, Sarah Gibbs and Billy Carroll, Rachel and Bryan Sutton, Charlie Krickel II and Corteney Krickel; nine great-grandchildren; and special friend, Harold Drake.



Memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at High Funeral Home with Bob Case to officiate. Visitation will be at noon Saturday until the time of service at High’s. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Online condolences may be at www.highfuneralhome.com.

High Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Charlett Nicholas, 71

Morrison resident and Byrdstown native Charlett Nicholas, 71, was born Aug. 4, 1946 and died Jan. 10 at her residence following a three-week illness.

A homemaker, she was the daughter of the late Virgil Nicholas and Pauline Norris Nicholas. In addition to her father and mother, she was preceded in death by step-mother Louise Nicholas.

She is survived by seven brothers, James Murray and Harrison Nicholas, both of Morrison, Everette Nicholas of McMinnville, and Richard Nicholas, Bill Johnson, Charles Johnson and David Johnson, all of Woodbury; sister and brother-in-law, Brenda and Buddy Johnson of Manchester; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, at High’s Chapel with Danny Higgins officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Grove Cemetery at Barren Fork. Visitation will be Friday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and from 10 a.m. until the time of service Saturday at High’s. Online condolences may be made at www.highfuneralhome.com.

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Barry Nelson Lentz, 71

Barry Nelson Lentz, 71, of Greenville, S.C., died at his home Jan. 3.

He was born in McMinnville and held degrees in Business and Computer Science from the University of Tennessee and Colorado State University, served his country with the U.S. Air Force, and retired from IBM after 35 years of service. Barry was preceded in death by his parents, Joe B. and Jo Dean Underhill Lentz.

Survivors include his wife of 38 years Cathy Austin Lentz, daughters, Jenny Lentz Brosseau and husband, Mark and Kathryn Lentz Higdon and husband Casey, son David Lentz and Donna Davies, sister Deborah Lentz Glenn, nephew Tedman Glenn, niece Deedra Glenn, and countless friends and extended family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Mosaic Educational and Arts Program, 7 Shannon Drive, Greenville, S.C., 29615.

This information is provided as a courtesy of McMinnville Funeral Home.

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