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## Blanket of snow



James Clark photo  
**Kinsey Shields, 8, is all smiles as she prepares to barrel down a snow-covered hill Tuesday morning. She gets a helping hand from Hannah Bond, right, among others. Warren County Schools will be closed again Wednesday, giving students another snow day.**

## County hit with nearly 2 inches

BY **DUANE SHERRILL**  
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(McMinnville, Tennessee)

After dodging one winter storm over the weekend, Warren County wasn't as lucky Tuesday morning as snow accompanied by a frigid arctic blast left the Nursery Capital at a standstill.

"The roads are really slick and hazardous," said Warren County Road Superintendent Levie Glenn after he and his crews began battling the snowy conditions around 7 a.m. Tuesday.

While the clipper system dumped only around 2 inches of snow over the course of about five hours Tuesday, the dangerously

low temperatures that accompanied the event caused terrible driving conditions.

"The salt doesn't work well when the temperature dips below 20," Glenn said, noting he expected the roads to freeze over Tuesday night and Wednesday morning despite their best efforts. "It will be slick countywide. My advice is to keep off the roads except in cases of emergency because they are going to remain slick until it warms up a bit Thursday."

His advice has apparently been heeded as Valerie Womack of E-911 said calls were minimum during the snow.

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**It was the first-ever snow for WCHS junior Lyndsey Thompson, a former resident of Florida who moved here from the Tampa area. She celebrated Tuesday with a snow angel.**

## Felon given 12 years for loaded guns

BY **DUANE SHERRILL**  
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A convicted felon who was caught with drugs and guns has been sentenced to 12 years in the penitentiary.

The man, Justin M. Bouldin, 27, entered guilty pleas before Circuit Court Judge Bart Stanley to charges of possession of meth, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, employing a firearm during the commission of a dangerous felony and evading arrest. He was directed by the court to serve 12 years and pay \$2,000 plus costs.

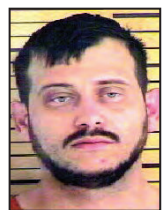
His prison time comes after what started as a routine traffic stop with sheriff's

K-9 officer Jared Jacobs seeing him on the bypass.

"In plain view were two pistols, a 22-caliber Jennings and a 45-caliber Hi-Point," Jacobs said. "Both were loaded and had one in the chamber. A further search revealed a 38 special Charter Arms revolver that was loaded."

The deputy pointed out Bouldin is prohibited from having possession of any weapons since he is a convicted felon.

Deputies also found drugs and drug paraphernalia. "There were two bags containing approximately 3.8 grams of a white crystal substance believed to be methamphetamine," Jacobs said.



**BOULDIN**

## Snow shuts down local government

BY **LISA HOBBS**  
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Warren County and McMinnville governments closed early Tuesday due to inclement weather.

"The mayor made the call and we closed at 9:30 a.m.," said city administrator Bill Brock of Mayor Jimmy Haley's decision. "The closure included the Civic Center, City Hall and any secretarial staff. Police, fire, public works, and water employees are working."

City residents looking outside and still seeing their garbage waiting to be picked up will have to wait a little longer. Brock says garbage routes have been temporarily suspended.

"We had to suspend garbage service Tuesday because the roads were get-

ting too hazardous for the sanitation trucks to continue," said Brock. "Those will be rescheduled, but we don't know when. Tomorrow is supposed to be worse than today, so those routes may be suspended as well. If people have their garbage out, just leave it out. We will get to it as soon as the weather allows."

Warren County Administrative Offices closed at noon and meetings scheduled for Tuesday night were postponed.

The January session of Warren County Commission, originally scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 6:30 p.m., and the Policy and Personnel Committee meeting slated for 6 p.m., were both postponed until Jan. 22 with times and dockets remaining unchanged.

## With virus spreading, free flu shots popular

BY **LISA HOBBS**  
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Residents are taking advantage of a free flu vaccination offer by the Warren County Health Department.

"Beginning Monday, Jan. 8 we started giving away free flu shots," said Health Department employee Barbara Roller. "I'm impressed with the number of new patients we've had. They saw it in the Southern Standard. If you know anyone who needs one, send them our way."

The department is seeing mostly cases of influenza A in Warren County, said Roller, who offered a monthly update to the county Health and Welfare Committee.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, there are three types of influenza viruses: influenza A, influenza B and influenza C. Influenza A and B are the

two main types that routinely spread in humans and cause seasonal flu epidemics. C viruses cause only mild respiratory infections and are not thought to be responsible for epidemics.

With type A, patients complain of fever (or feeling feverish/ chills), cough, sore throat, running or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches, fatigue (tiredness), and may experience vomiting and diarrhea.

The Warren County Health Department is currently offering flu vaccinations at no cost to patients until vaccine supplies are depleted. Patients may walk in to request a flu vaccine any time during regular clinic hours.

While there is no cure for the flu, the shot remains great protection against it, health officials say.

During December, the department had 2,369 visits from 2,109 clients.



## Snapshots from the game

Warren County High School faced Rhea County on Monday night at Charlie Dalton Gym. Pioneerettes performing during a break in the action include Candace Wanamaker, front, and Oniurca Ramirez. Enjoying popcorn are Brynlee Chisam, left, and Jett Rains. For game coverage, see **1B**.



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