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Snowfest

The *Standard* asked for snow pictures and received more than 400 photos posted to our Facebook page. Here's a sampling.



With temperatures plunging to single digits this week, Dallas Cagle looks a little uncomfortable, even bundled up.

Left photo: For 3-year-old Madison Roller, the snow was reason to shout.

Bottom photo: Hunter Holt gets a laugh as he sees grandmother Shanna Hillis wipe out during their sledding adventure.

For more snow photos, see page 5A.



Man charged with robbery at knife-point

BY DUANE SHERRILL
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Armed robbery charges have been leveled against a man who allegedly jumped into a woman's car and robbed her at knife-point in the Walmart parking lot this past weekend.

The man, Isaac Whitman, 27, of Beersheba Springs is charged with aggravated domestic assault and robbery.

"She was sitting in her vehicle at Walmart when she was approached by the suspect who opened the passenger-side door and entered her vehicle," the warrant against Whitman reads. "He asked her if she had any money and she said no and he saw her wallet sitting on her seat between her legs."

The man grabbed at the

wallet and she tried to fight him off, yelling and screaming. During the struggle, Whitman allegedly pulled a knife and threatened her.

"You will have some of my blood in your car," the suspect warned as he placed the knife to his own wrist before placing the blade to

the woman's throat as she tried to get out of the car. She was able to get away and call for help.

The suspect was able to get around \$200 from the woman before fleeing. Police swarmed the location and were able to nab the alleged robber before he left the premises.

"Officers did find \$200 on his person," city detective Stuart Whitman revealed, adding the suspected robber was also wanted on outstanding warrants.



WHITMAN

Lankford flees into frigid cold with child

BY DUANE SHERRILL
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A man who fled deputies in freezing weather with a small child in his arms is charged with child endangerment.

The man, Gary Lee Lankford, 44, is charged with reckless endangerment of a child for the incident that happened when deputy Bristol Davis showed up at his home on Salem Road to arrest him on a violation of probation warrant. "I saw a man running

from the residence with a child in his arms," the deputy reported, noting he yelled for him to stop. "He did stop at the fence with the child in his hand."

The deputy then gave the child to his mother. Davis noticed the child was not dressed to be out in such frigid weather.

"The child did not have on a coat or shoes when he had run with the child in 14-degree weather," the deputy said.

It was not revealed why Lankford decided to take the child as he ran from the law.



LANKFORD

Director sings about schools being closed

BY JAMES CLARK
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A new video recording star has emerged in Warren County.

Director of Schools Bobby Cox has gained Facebook acclaim with the release of a music video announcing Warren County Schools would be closed on Thursday.

In the video, which was posted to the Facebook page of Warren County Schools, Cox sings a song to the tune of "Let It Snow."

"We thought it was something the kids might enjoy and it would lighten the mood a little bit," said Cox. "Obviously, singing isn't my forte. This was a little bit out of my comfort zone, but hopefully the kids got a kick out of it."

The video begins with Cox scraping snow off the windshield of a school bus and singing:

"The weather outside is frightful
And the roads are not delightful
The buses they just can't roll
Because it snowed, yes it snowed, yes it snowed."

The video includes scenes where Cox tries to push a school bus from



Bobby Cox is shown in the video trying to make his way up steps at WCMS. Schools are closed Friday.

behind and then struggles to climb icy stairs at WCMS. Cox released a second video Thursday with some help from a galaxy far, far away.

The idea of offbeat school closing videos is gaining popularity. Dan Lawson, the superintendent of Tullahoma City Schools, is one who has posted online videos where he announces the closing of school in song.

Salting away road woes

Crews active clearing streets

BY LISA HOBBS
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The latest bout of winter weather brought with it approximately 2 inches of snow and the coldest single-digit temperatures this season.

"It's too cold," said county Road Superintendent Levie Glenn. "We had to order more salt. We went through quite a bit of it. Sometimes salting the roads is like icing a cake. You have to add more icing to get it just right."

On Wednesday, the Highway Department received 107.63 tons of salt from Morton Salt Company. Five trucks were used to deliver the large order.

Leading to the need for additional salt is its lack of effectiveness in bitterly cold temperatures. Salt's effectiveness slows as the temperature drops.

"Salt works better at warmer temperatures than what we had," said Glenn.

Tuesday and Wednesday were



Lisa Hobbs photo
McMinnville Public Works Department crews were salting side streets Wednesday in an effort to melt the ice.

salt-filled days for McMinnville Public Works Department, which had its crew out treating side roads.

"We plowed and salted from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday," said assistant director Brad Hennessee. "On Wednesday, we plowed and salted throughout the workday."

Residential garbage collection

has resumed and a push is underway to get back on schedule.

"Sanitation resumed its garbage routes on midday Wednesday," said Hennessee. "Residents who have not had their trash collected this week should leave it at the street to be collected. Crews will work through the weekend if necessary to get caught up."

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