

School Board week set for Jan. 21-27

The Warren County School District will join other school districts in saluting local education leaders during Tennessee's annual School Board Appreciation Week from Jan. 21-27.

The week is designed to recognize the contributions made by all school board members, including the Warren County School Board. School boards are given the responsibility of ensuring the education of Tennessee's youth.

School board members are elected by their communities to manage the local schools. They oversee multi-million dollar budgets, which fund education programs for more than 997,893 students in approximately 1,833

schools. Their personnel decisions affect more than 70,000 teachers, administrators and support workers.

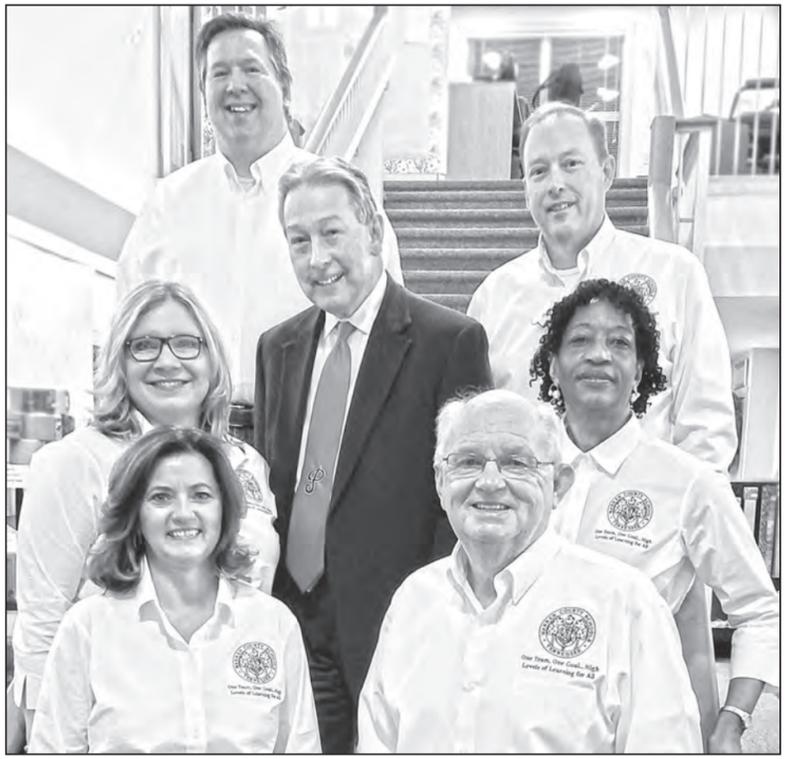
Locally, the Warren County Board of Education handles an annual budget of around \$50 million. Student enrollment system-wide was 6,616 at the start of the school year.

School board members are responsible for formulating school district policy, approving the curriculum, maintaining school facilities, and adhering to state and federal education laws. Legal concerns and the complexities of school finance, including budgeting and taxation, require them to spend many hours in board

training programs and personal study to enhance their understanding of these issues.

"Our deepest appreciation is extended to the dedicated men and women who make it possible for local citizens to participate in education," said Director of Schools Bobby Cox. "We salute the public servants of the Warren County School Board whose commitment and civic responsibility make local control of public schools in our community possible."

Members of the Warren County Board of Education are James Bennett, chair, Teddy Jones, vice chair, Helen Martin, Linda Blair, Tanya Bess, and Bill Zechman.



Members of the Warren County Board of Education are, front row, from left, Linda Blair and James Bennett. Second row, Tanya Bess, Bill Zechman and Helen Martin. Back row, Teddy Jones and Director of Schools Bobby Cox.

Nashville makes Amazon short list

NEW YORK (AP) — Amazon narrowed its search for a second headquarters city Thursday to 20 locations, concentrated mostly in the East and the Midwest. Toronto made the list as well, as the company kept its international options open.

The online retailing giant said that after sorting through 238 proposals, the potential locations still include tech-strong places such as Boston and New

York. Other contenders include: Nashville, Washington, D.C.; Chicago; Indianapolis; Columbus, Ohio; and Los Angeles, the only West Coast city to make the list.

The Seattle-based company's announcement last fall that it was looking for a second home touched off a fierce competition among states and cities looking to lure Amazon and its promise of 50,000 jobs and construction spending of more

than \$5 billion. Both Texas and Pennsylvania had two cities that made the cut: Austin and Dallas, and Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. In the South, Miami and Atlanta are being considered.

Officials in cities that made the shortlist took the opportunity to further tout their cities, with Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney noting "all that Philadelphia has to offer" and officials in Allegheny

County, including Pittsburgh's Mayor William Peduto, citing the region's "world-class talent pool" and other advantages.

Amazon said it will make a final selection sometime this year.

He said Amazon may use the list to pit the locations against each other and get better tax breaks or incentives. Two metro areas, New York and Washington, have more than one location that made the list, increasing

competition there, he said.

Amazon did not immediately respond to a request for comment about whether locations would be able to change their proposals or offer better incentives, but said in a statement it would "work with each of the candidate locations to dive deeper into their proposals."

The company had stipulated it wanted to be near a metropolitan area with more than 1 million people;

be able to attract top technical talent; be within 45 minutes of an international airport; have direct access to mass transit; and be able to expand the headquarters to as much as 8 million square feet in the next decade.

The extra space will help the rapidly growing company, which had nearly 542,000 employees at the end of September, a 77 percent jump from the year before.

Some of that growth came from Amazon's nearly \$14 billion acquisition last year of natural foods grocer Whole Foods and its 89,000 employees.

City still seeking IT security company

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

McMinnville officials had to branch outside the state in an effort to find a written request for proposals in order to hire an IT security company.

For several months, officials have discussed the need to hire a company to bolster the city's computer security. However, that process has not been easy due to staff's inability to find an existing RFP — the documentation needed to solicit bids from companies for their consideration — the

city could tweak and use. City administrator Bill Brock told the Board of Mayor and Aldermen in December he was not able to locate that particular documentation in Tennessee.

"Nothing exists to help write this," said Brock. "As far as I know, in the state of Tennessee, it doesn't exist."

City attorney Tim Pirtle informed board members this month that the search is finally over, but it did require Tennessee's Municipal Technical Advisory Service to branch out into other states.

"On the issue of city's cyber security, the board tasked me with assisting and providing language for a request for proposals on a cyber security system," said Pirtle. "I reached out to Melissa Ashburn, senior counsel at MTAS, who

reported back to me she could not find it in Tennessee. She extended her search to out of state and provided me with, I think, some five requests for proposals that had been used. They are lengthy, but they are good."

One RFP was from Kirkland, a city in Washington, and it is over 25 pages long. Pirtle said Ashburn also included a survey with the requested documents.

"Interestingly, she also sent the result from a survey that had been done nationwide. It appears 60 percent of cities do not outsource cyber security at all. It may just be that they are behind the curve and not just plugged into the issue the way we've become, certainly since the Murfreesboro Police Department got hacked."

Using the documentation, officials can now begin the process to generate a request for proposals

with the intent of hiring an IT security company to boost the city's computer security.

Locals make UT dean's list

The University of Tennessee-Knoxville has released its dean's list for the fall 2017 semester. To be eligible for the dean's list, students must complete at least 12 credit hours, not counting work taken on a satisfactory/no-credit basis.

To qualify for the dean's list, an undergraduate student must earn a term GPA of 3.8 to 4.0 (summa cum laude), 3.65 to 3.79 (magna cum laude), or 3.5 to 3.64 (cum laude).

STUDENTS FROM WARREN COUNTY ON THE DEAN'S LIST ARE AS FOLLOWS:

William Adcock (cum laude), Kandice Barnes (cum laude), Samantha Bratcher (summa cum laude), Jack Davidson (cum laude), Logan Dyer (summa cum laude), Garrett Jones (magna cum laude), Kelsey Lawrence (cum laude), Thomas Locke (summa cum laude), Olivia Ming (cum laude), Kaitlin Morton (magna cum laude), David Nuthalapaty (cum laude), John Phillips (summa cum laude), Lucas Rogers (magna cum laude), Bobby Tate (cum laude), Jordan Tidwell (cum laude), Hannah Wright (summa cum laude), Kelsey Wynne (cum laude).

GENERAL SESSIONS

BY **DUANE SHERRILL**
Reporter for the Southern Standard
(McMinnville, Tennessee)

Sentences were handed down Tuesday morning by Judge Bill Locke in General Sessions Arraignment Court. There was no trial court due to bad weather.

Included in arraignment court action:

Andrew Brown must serve 70 days of an 11-month, 29-day sentence for violation of probation, possession of drug paraphernalia and criminal impersonation.

Lisa Minter was directed to serve 30 days of an 11-29 sentence and pay \$750 plus costs for possession of meth. She was given 30 more days for violation of probation.

April Johnson was instructed to serve three days of an 11-29 sentence, pay \$150 plus costs and restitution for theft and failure to appear in court.

Stephen Embree was issued an 11-29 probationary sentence and must make restitution in the amount of \$448 to McMinnville Water Department for theft of service.

Clint R. Cantrell must pay \$10 plus costs for public intoxication.

Becky Elaine Comfort must pay \$50 plus costs for disorderly conduct.

ANNUAL MEETING
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AMERICAN LEGION POST 173
Our MONTHLY MEETINGS are held the first Thursday of each month at Billy's Restaurant (2822 Nashville Highway in McMinnville). Members will meet at 5:00 pm for dinner with the meeting to follow at 6:00 pm. All members are encouraged to attend. Prospective members are also welcome to attend. Everyone is invited to visit our Facebook page @post173 to stay up to date on all American Legion activities.
New Post address is: American Legion Post 173, P.O. Box 173, McMinnville, TN 37111. The Ladies Auxiliary meets at the same time.

THE BOBBY RAY DETACHMENT OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
Our MONTHLY MEETINGS are held the first Thursday of each month at the Warren County Administrative Building (201 Locust Street) in the Magnolia Room. Doors open at 1800 and the meeting starts at 1830. All honorable discharged Marines, Navy FMF Corpsman and Navy Chaplains who served with the marines are invited to attend. For more information call 931-934-5619.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER (POST 173)
Our MONTHLY MEETINGS are held the fourth Saturday each month at Billy's Restaurant (2822 Nashville Hwy. in McMinnville). Member will meet at 9:00am for breakfast, meeting to follow at 10:00am. Group will go for a ride after the meeting, weather permitting, location to be determined by the Road Captain. We are looking for new members. For information contact Rider Director John Davis American Legion Rider Chapter Post 173, PO Box 173, McMinnville, TN 37111.

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, ROYCE DAVENPORT CHAPTER 1112
Monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at Billy's restaurant (2822 Nashville Hwy. in McMinnville). Members will meet at 5:00 p.m. for dinner, with meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend. Prospective members will need to bring copy of DD Form 214 to verify service and join. Everyone is invited to visit our Facebook page @VVA1112 to stay up to date on all VVA and AVVA activities.

Associate Vietnam Veterans of America, Royce Davenport Chapter 1112
Meeting is the same time and place as the VVA (see above). Anyone can be a member. There is no requirement to be related to a Veteran in anyway, however Veterans can also join. Please come and join our organization, Royce Davenport Chapter 1112 will again be collecting non-perishable items for the Warren County Emergency Food Bank during the Main Street Live Concert Series on Friday nights starting June 9, 2017 and continuing through the series. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 5064
Our MONTHLY MEETINGS are typically held on the third Thursday of each month at the VFW Post Home (3340 Sparta Highway) at 7:00 pm. Prospective members are encouraged to attend. Call 931-668-8392 for more information. **The VFW Auxiliary meets at the same time.**

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