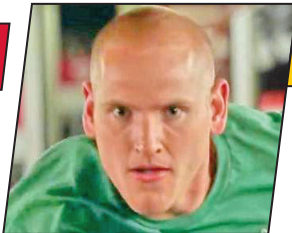




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## TBI director announces retirement

McMinnville native appointed to unprecedented three terms

BY **JAMES CLARK**  
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The longest tenured TBI director in Tennessee history has announced his retirement.

McMinnville native Mark Gwyn says he will retire June 1, revealing his plans to all TBI employees in a memo Thursday.

Gwyn has worked in law enforcement since 1985 when he got his start

with McMinnville Police Department. He worked his way up the ranks and was appointed TBI director by then-Gov. Phil Bredesen in 2004. He was reappointed by Bredesen in 2010, and reappointed again by Haslam in 2016, becoming the first three-term director in TBI history.

Gwyn wrote in Thursday's memo he has thought and prayed about the decision for some time and believes this is the right time for him and the

bureau. He didn't list other reasons.

Gwyn declined an interview request by the *Standard* on Thursday, but he has been a regular keynote speaker at Rotary Club meetings in McMinnville.

During one speech, Gwyn said the state's energy toward reducing the meth epidemic has been effective, resulting in a 50 percent reduction in meth labs seized. However, the bad news, Gwyn said, has been an increase in heroin use.

Gwyn has previously identified human trafficking and officer-related shootings as major issues gripping Tennessee.

Gwyn began his law enforcement career on the streets of McMinnville as a patrolman. After three years, Gwyn joined the TBI as a special agent and spent eight years investigating some of the state's most high-profile crimes.

Gwyn was promoted to TBI administration in 1996.



**MARK GWYN**

## Making a difference



Lisa Hobbs photo

**School counselors play an important role in the lives of students. National School Counseling Week seeks to highlight their dedication. Pictured are freshman Skylar Alford and her guidance counselor Stacy Smith. Skylar is giving Smith a letter of thanks.**

## School counselors impact students

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

Gone are the days of school counselors sitting in their office simply handing out college applications, making schedule changes for students, or waiting for a crisis to occur. Today, they play a vital role in the development of children.

Warren County Schools has 16 school counselors whose role is to help students in the areas of academic achievement, social development and career development, ensuring today's students become the productive, well-adjusted adults of tomorrow.

They are saluted this week, Feb. 5-9, during National School Counseling

Week.

Among the school counselors is Stacy Smith, WCHS's freshman counselor/ academic career coach.

"I became a counselor as a way to help those students who might not otherwise stand out as needing guidance or what is now called intervention or counseling," said Smith. "Those students who go unnoticed because they aren't behavior problems, they are safe academically, they have parents the school has never seen, nor has the school needed to see. They are the students who blend into the background. I was one of those students."

This is Smith's 18th year as a school counselor in Warren County.

### Warren County School Counselors

- Danielle Hibdon, Bobby Ray
- Dana Grissom, Centertown
- Chastity Wisner, Dibrell
- Shawn Palombo, Eastside
- Holly Luna, Hickory Creek
- Heath Roberts, Irving College
- Lindsey Matheny, Morrison
- Emily Haston, West
- Becky Partin and Kristi Slatton, WCMS
- Lynn Seals, Kathy Ewton, Keri McGiboney, Keri Burnett, and Marisa Young, WCHS

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### STOP THIEF!

In addition to his prison time, William Edward Frazier was ordered to pay \$4,715, \$2,605 and \$6,203 restitution for three homes he burglarized.

## Career thief sent to prison for 15 years

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

A man will see his burglarizing days come to an end for the next 15 years after the court threw the book at him, sentencing him as a persistent offender for his latest round of thefts and break-ins.

The man, William Edward Frazier, 48, entered a guilty plea before Circuit Court Judge Bart Stanley to multiple charges of theft, burglary and grand theft. He was directed by the court to serve 15 years in the state penitentiary.

He was sentenced as a range-three offender, meaning he will have to serve at least 40 percent of his sentence before first chance of parole. The persistent offender statute is for persons who have committed multiple prior felonies. It allows the court to give them longer sentences and keep them in jail longer by denying parole for

a longer period.

Frazier's 15-year sentence comes for a mixture of burglaries and thefts. The thefts include shoplifting incidents at Walmart, where he must make just over \$200 restitution to the retailer for items he was caught stealing.

In the case of burglaries, court records show he broke into homes in September and October of last year, stealing numerous items.

"He did exercise control over several items including knives, a Matthews Creed XS bow, a cedar box with numerous pieces of jewelry, and a pistol safe containing good and lawful currency of the value of \$2,500 or more," the indictment for the September burglary reads.

"He did knowingly obtain control over nine long guns, one pistol and multiple pieces of jewelry and a blue pillow case of value \$2,500 or more," the indictment for the October burglary reads.



### HOME STRETCH

The deadline for county elections is less than one week away. Find out who's qualified for offices like county executive and sheriff, **in Sunday's edition**

## Fann finds 'taste' of success in cook-off

You could say Tennessee College of Applied Technology is really giving students a "taste" of the workforce.

The college that works to provide students with job skills in professions such as automotive technology, computer repair, and welding held a chili cook-off on Thursday. The goal was to raise money for an upcoming SkillsUSA competition in Chattanooga in March.

Cathy Fann claimed first place in what was a hotly contested race for best chili. Her entry stood out because it was a chicken chili, which really caught the eyes, or rather the taste buds, of the four judges.

"My head is so big I bet I won't be able

to get through the door," said a glowing Fann when told her chili had won first place.

Malik Woods captured second with a chili that featured a playful blend of spices and zing.

Money is needed for the SkillsUSA challenge in Chattanooga because students have to pay all their own expenses.

One category local students will compete in is information technology. That involves troubleshooting a computer and finding out what's wrong with it.

Another category is welding sculpture, which involves taking scrap metal and transforming it into a work of art.



**John Melton serves Adriann Fann a bowl of chili Thursday following the Tennessee College of Applied Technology chili cook-off.**

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