COMMUNITY CALENDAR Historic building needs facelift

MONDAY, FEB. 5

The Warren County Democratic Party will meet at Billy's Restaurant in Newtown at 2822 Nashville Highway at 6 p.m. TUESDAY, FEB. 6

Westwood Church of Christ will hold a clothing giveaway from 8 to 10 a.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 10

Midway CIC will hold a Valentine and Rook party at 6 p.m. BBQ and chips will be provided. Bring your Rook cards and favorite games and a dessert or drink.

FOR YOUR **INFORMATION**

WCHS class of '77 Reunion Planning Meeting will be held Monday, Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. at Gondola Restaurant. Please plan to attend and help us organize our 40th reunion, which will be held June 2. If you need more information, call 931-808-4489 or email wheelthrower@gmail.com.

The Warren County Health Council will meet Feb. 13 at noon at Warren County Administrative Offices on Locust Street.

Caris Healthcare is looking for hospice volunteers to help terminally ill people and their families. There will be an informational meeting Feb. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church at 200 Chapel Drive. Everyone is invited.

McMinnville Alanon meets Tuesday and Thursday nights at St. Catherine's Catholic Church on Faulkner Springs Road.

BY LISA HOBBS

Reporter for the Southern Standard (McMinnville, Tennessee)

A historic building on Main Street is showing its age.

On Friday morning, a section of the decorative brick façade of 224 E. Main Street fell onto the sidewalk. More pieces appear to be on the verge of falling. The building was construct-ed in 1923. Owned by Megan Dodson until recently, it was purchased by The Vanilla Bean Baking Company on Jan. 16.

Kayla Woodard and Sally Robertson own the baking company, which specializes in cakes, cupcakes, cookies and many more homebaked goods.

Robertson says she knew the cookie store needed attention, but didn't expect it to crumble.

"When we had the building inspected, we were told the front façade needed work and it was on our to-do list," she said. "We didn't know that two weeks

after purchasing it that bricks would come loose and fall. If we had known the situation was that severe, we would have had it worked on immediately in order to prevent this."

McMinnville Community Development Department director Nolan Ming inspected the damaged building and contacted the owners.

"Mr. Ming was very nice when he called," said Robertson. "He told me they'd leave it like it is until we can get it fixed. I've been trying to find a mason to go up there and shore it up in order to prevent more bricks from falling. We want people to know we are working to get this fixed as soon as possible. Hopefully, we can find someone who'll do it this weekend. If not, at least pretty quickly."

The Vanilla Bean Baking Company has been a homebased bakery on Ben Lomond Street. Plans are to relocate from the residence to Main Street.



The former home of Tiara's & Tadpoles is having issues with its crown. Caution tape was placed in front of 224 E. Main Street to protect pedestrians from falling bricks which came loose from the top of the building.

CIRCUIT COURT

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

Sentences were handed down by Circuit Court

Judge Bart Stanley against 10 defendants on drug charges. Included in narcotics sentences:

Eric D. Melson was ordered to serve one year of a nine-year sentence for delivery of hydrocodone and morphine.

Andrew Carl Lewis was instructed to serve 180 days of an eight-year sentence and must pay \$2,000 plus costs for possession of meth.

Joshua H. Grissom was ordered to serve 90 days of an 11-29 sentence and undergo mental health treatment for domestic assault and possession of a weapon by a convicted felon.

Brandon Eugene Locke was instructed to serve 90 days of a two-year sentence and must pay \$1,995 restitution for grand theft and fraudulent use of a

Justin Hill was ordered to serve 180 days of an eight-year sentence and must pay \$2,000 plus costs for possession of meth.

Tyler Nicholas Judge was directed to serve 90 days of a two-year sentence and must pay \$1,000 plus costs for possession of a counterfeit substance.

Edward Ladet III was given a two-year probationary sentence and must pay \$2,000 plus costs for possession of marijuana.

Leigh-Anna Locke was granted a two-year judicial diversion and must make \$1,995 restitution for theft and fraudulent use of a credit card. The diversion means she can have her criminal record erased once probation is completed.

Jana J. Ewing was granted an eight-year judicial diversion and must pay \$2,000 plus costs for possession of meth.

Charsie Ann Hensley was granted a three-year judicial diversion and must pay \$2,000 plus costs for

College looks to ink new recruits on Signing Day

It's time to sign on the dotted line. In conjunction with other leading schools from around the nation, Tennessee College of Applied Technology - McMinnville is holding a National Technical Letter of Intent Signing Day from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on Thursday, Feb. 15.

New students for the 2018-19 school year will take part in a signing ceremony, similar to an athletic signing, on the campus of TCAT McMinnville, 241 Vo-Tech Drive, Building 1, Room 108.

This national event sponsored by the National Coalition of Certification Centers mirrors the NCAA's National Signing Day for athletes who commit to play sports in college.

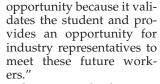
It is designed to honor students who are entering a technical field and to celebrate the dignity of work.

Twenty-seven Colleges of Applied Technology around the state will be holding signing day ceremonies tied together by live, nationwide simulcasts.

"By the incoming students signing the Letters of Intent, we're telling them

we have reserved a place for them and we want them," said Warren Laux, director of TCAT-McMinnville.

'Technical education will prepare them for a strong career. Industry leaders are also excited about this



Community leaders participating include Tracy Risinger, CTE director for Warren County Schools; Todd Herzog, community leader and retired owner/ operator of Accu-Router, Inc.; and Gary Cordell, Coffee County Mayor.

Contact Marvin Lusk, assistant director, at 473-5587 for more information.

His email is marvin.lusk@tcatmcminnville.edu.

Man charged for eating meth



credit card.

possession of oxycodone.

Theft not what the Dr ordered

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

A man who ripped off Dr Pepper machines around town has been placed on probation for a year.

The man, Jeremy Gunter, 41, has entered a plea bargain agreement and was placed on probation for an 11-month, 29-day period on charges of theft and vandalism. He will also have to make thousands in restitution \$1,800 including to Underwood True Value, \$850 to Taylor's Heating and Air, and \$450 to the Farmers Market, the three places victimized.

Gunter was linked to

the crimes after police pulled video surveillance from Taylor's Heating and Air.

"It showed a 2016 Chrysler, silver in color, with a dent on the front driver's side quarter panel," said McMinnville Police detective Todd Rowland, noting the video also got an unobstructed view of the suspect's face. The True Value video showed the same vehicle.

A pickup matching the one in the video was spotted by police but Gunter maintained he was not the person they were looking for. However, proof of the dent on his truck and the video of his face made police decide otherwise, leading to charges.

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

A man faces evidence tampering charges after he tried to eat the evidence when police conducted a traffic stop.

The suspect, Matthew E. Bowen, 29, is charged with possession of drugs and tampering with evidence. Policeman Eddie

Colwell reported pulling Bowen over for not having a license but the suspect delayed stopping, driving for about half a mile before pulling over on South Chancery Street.

"He was chewing like he was eating some type of food," Colwell said, noting he placed Bowen under arrest and found a bag with residue inside of it. Bowen then made an



admission.

"He admitted to eating two grams of methamphetamine while driving down the road," the officer said, revealing why the suspect did not immedi-

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ately pull over. Along with drug

charges, Bowen was hit with driving on revoked charges for reportedly driving without a license for the third time.

Jappy 60th Birthday Sending birthday wishes to our Amazing, Wonderful Mother, who has always managed to be patient,

generous, kind and caring. Mom, there's no one else like you in the world. You truly are beautiful inside and out. You give so much to your family, friends, studio, and community. You are an outstanding woman and we are

We Love You, Rebecca, Jennifer & Jimmy

blessed to have you as our Mother!



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