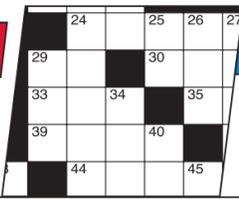




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Election field is set

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The ballot has been set, and it's a long one at that, as voters prepare to head to the polls to elect new leaders in county government.

There will be four candidates running for Warren County Executive, seven for Sheriff, and four candidates each vying for the seats of Circuit Court Clerk and Register of Deeds.

When it comes to the Warren County

Commission, there are 50 candidates battling for 24 seats, including seven candidates contending for two seats in the 10th District.

Two races are uncontested. Road Superintendent Levie Glenn and County Court Clerk Lesa Scott will both keep their jobs without opposition.

The rest of the field isn't so clear, beginning with County Executive where Herschel Wells is leaving after one term. The field for the open seat includes Allie Hyatt, Jimmy Haley, Terry Bell, and Ray Hixson, who



Making the ballot

For a complete list of candidates who qualified for the 2018 county elections, see **page 3A**.

will all meet in the General Election in August.

Sheriff Jackie Matheny is retiring after six terms and 24 years in office, leaving as the longest serving sheriff in Warren County history. The race to replace him includes four current members of the Warren County Sheriff's Department in Tommy Myers, Marc Martin, Billy Joe Crouch and Herb Rowland. It also includes McMinnville Police Lt. John Morgan, Highway Patrolman Rodney Whiles, and retired officer Bobby Edwards,

formerly of Murfreesboro Police Department.

Whiles and Rowland are both running as Democrats, meaning only one will advance to the General Election. The other five are independents, meaning they automatically advance.

Trustee Darlene Bryant will be challenged as Anita Nunley submitted her qualifying papers Tuesday. Nunley previously worked in the Trustee's office for 16 years and has sought election to the seat twice before. Bernie Morris is retiring

as Circuit Court Clerk, leaving four candidates to fight for her job. Democrats Duane Sherrill, Melanie Milstead, and Casi Powell Cantrell will square off in the primary in May. The winner will advance to face independent Chris Cope in August.

Register of Deeds Terry Smith will face a challenge from Wes Williams in the Democratic Primary. The winner of that race will advance to the General Election to face independents Danny Cummings and Tim Grandey.



Located off the coast of Tanzania in East Africa, Zanzibar Island is a snapshot of scenic beauty. This is one of the photos which can be purchased from Kayla Griffith to support efforts to continue medical care in Tanzania. Below, Kayla Griffith snapped this photo of an Eastern gorilla earlier this month while returning on a trip from the Congo. It's available for purchase.



Griffith's mission of mercy coming to end

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Amid the brutal isolation and untamed wilderness of her remote town in Africa, Warren County native Kayla Griffith is saving lives.

A surgeon, Dr. Griffith has made great strides in improving the post-operation survival rate of residents in Shinyanga, one of the most rural areas of Tanzania.

"We haven't lost a post-operative, 6-month-old in a year," said Griffith.



"Things like vital sign measurements and post-operative fluid management are becoming more of routine exercises. The seemingly insurmountable becomes surmountable."

When Dr. Griffith arrived in Tanzania in July 2016, she was astonished to see the number of patients who died following surgery because of woeful post-op care. She recalls handing the bodies of children to weeping mothers and crying herself to sleep at night.

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Garfield Street has top priority on the spring paving list generated by McMinnville Public Works Department.

Costs could curb city paving plans

BY **LISA HOBBS**
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Street paving has hit a bump in the road. The cost to resurface is up and that could reduce the number of streets to be paved in 2018.

According to McMinnville Public Works Department assistant director Brad Hennessee, the cost to pave this year came in 10 percent higher than it did in 2017.

"Tinsley Asphalt is the lone bidder," said Hennessee, during Tuesday's Streets and Sanitation Committee meeting. "They do good work. The only thing that sticks out to me is they are 10 percent higher than the 2017 bidding prices. When we have budget discussions this year for fiscal year 2018-19, we will have to adjust our budget accordingly."

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Free flu shots offered Friday

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If you haven't received a flu shot, Flu Shot Friday could be the day.

Get a free flu shot without an appointment Feb. 16 at any Tennessee county health department. Flu Shot Friday is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"It's basically a fast track clinic for flu shots," said Warren County Health Department director Andrea Fox.

The Tennessee Department of Health is urging all Tennesseans who have not yet received a flu shot this flu season to get one as soon as possible as seasonal influenza remains widespread across the state. Tennessee county health departments are providing flu vaccine at no charge to patients while supplies last to increase the number of people vaccinated across Tennessee.

"You don't have to come in during the clinic to get a free flu shot," said Fox. "The shots are free and we have plenty. Flu Shot Friday is a statewide effort we are participating in."

Love is in the air



Margaret Hobbs photo

Dollar Tree employee Marilyn Jones is almost lost in a sea of Valentine's Day balloons Wednesday as she is in the process of inflating 400 to 500 balloons for the holiday rush. The store was packed with Valentine shoppers.

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