

# Sherrill announces candidacy for circuit court clerk

Longtime crime and courts writer Duane Sherrill believes his nearly three decades working closely with the court system and his knowledge of mass communication make him the best choice for circuit court clerk.

"There's no replacement for experience," Sherrill said in making his announcement, touting 28 years working with the office he is now seeking. "I've worked with Bernie Morris for all 24 years she has served and with Buck Vinson before that. My intricate knowledge of the

clerk's office, as well as the courts, will make for an easier transition and allow me to hit the ground running."

Sherrill said he has seen many changes since he began covering the courts in 1990 and believes he can build on Morris' successes and take the office to the next level.

"I want to transition to using email rather than faxes, when possible,"

Sherrill said. "In that way we can cut back on the use of paper and ink, both of which are very expensive. That will also speed up the way information is shared."

Sherrill said his work in helping pioneer the digital media revolution at the local paper will pay dividends as circuit clerk.

"This is the people's office," Sherrill declared. "As such, the people of

Warren County should have easy access to information. We can accomplish this by providing a website where people can go to get information on cases and see what happened in court from the convenience of their computers or cellphones."

Sherrill's plans for charging forward into the digital age also include changing the way people make payments to the circuit clerk's office.

"One of my top priorities as clerk will be to allow our customers to pay by credit or debit card,

not only in our office but from the comfort of home," Sherrill revealed, noting he has studied other clerk's offices that have recently made the transition. "Some of the places I've consulted say they have seen a reduction in visits to their office approaching 30 percent."

Sherrill also has an idea to make things easier for jurors. "Presently we have a line jurors call to find out if their cases have been cancelled," Sherrill said, pointing out over 80 percent of cases docketed for jury trial get postponed or

settled. "Why not make it easier and allow jurors to opt-in to get phone alerts immediately once we know their case is off? We do it for schools, ball-games and churches. Why not for jurors?"

Sherrill noted he plans on keeping the entire staff.

"For 28 years you've trusted me to keep you in tune with the courts, now I'm asking you to trust me to be your circuit court clerk," Sherrill said, asking for your vote in the Democratic primary May 1.



**SHERRILL**

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### TUESDAY, FEB. 20

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

The Warren County Republican Party will hold its monthly meeting in the early voting room of Warren County Administrative Offices. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. with meeting beginning at 7 p.m. Political candidates Rush Bricken and Jack Maddux will speak.

The Central High School class of 1952 will be having its monthly get-together at 12:30 p.m. at Nana's Kountry Kupboard on Sunnyside Heights.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 22

A ladies community chorus led by Kennette Dixon is in the process of being organized. A meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church youth building on the corner of Spring and Walling streets. If you like to sing, make plans to attend. For more information, call Carolyn Taylor at 273-8317.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 24

Helping Animals of Warren County is holding its third chili cook-off from 5 to

7 p.m. at Moose Lodge, 2851 Smithville Highway. Prizes will be awarded for top three finishers. Meal tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for children 12-and-under. The cost to enter your chili is \$8.

A chili and soup supper is set for Feb. 24 at 6 p.m. at Shady Grove Community Center with musical entertainment before and after meal. Donations taken at door with proceeds going toward upkeep of the community building. The community center is located at 5261 Shady Grove Road, Morrison.

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) will be holding a soup/chili fundraiser Tuesday, Feb. 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. inside the Magnolia Room of Warren County Administrative Offices on Locust Street. Soup or chili, pimento cheese sandwich, drink, and homemade dessert for \$6. Everyone who purchases a meal will be entered for door prizes. Delivery is available but only on orders of three or more, within the city limits and on pre-orders received by Feb. 23. For more information or to order a delivery, call 473-5367.

Fairview CIC is holding a turkey and dressing or chicken strip supper that includes mashed potatoes, green beans and more March 3 beginning at 5 p.m. All political candidates are welcome and will be given three minutes to speak.

Morrison Ruritan's annual fish supper will be Saturday, March 3 from 5 to 7:30 p.m., or until all the fish is gone. The meal will feature catfish with all the trimmings. The price of the meal is a donation. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

McMinnville Church of God on Locust Street will have a Friends and Family Day on March 4 with Sunday school at 10 a.m. and worship at 10:45 a.m. There will be a BBQ lunch following service.

If you'd like to become a hospice volunteer, call Gail Evans at 888-537-3430.

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

## Announce your candidacy

Candidates seeking an elected office that serves Warren County are given one free campaign announcement in the *Southern Standard*.

This free article allows candidates to introduce themselves to the community and discuss their reasons for seeking office. The *Standard* has offered this complimentary service for decades.

To make this process as convenient as possible, campaign announcements can be emailed to the *Standard* using the address editor@southernstandard.com. Candidates are encouraged to send a headshot to run with the article. Candidates can come by the newspaper office to have a headshot taken if they don't have one.

Those sending campaign announcements will receive a confirmation email their information has been received. Announcements will be published as soon as possible after receipt.

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Unless otherwise indicated, county meetings are held at the Warren County Administrative Building located at 201 Locust Street and city meetings are held at City Hall located at 101 E. Main Street.

### TUESDAY, FEB. 20

Warren County Commissioners monthly meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. Several items of business are on the agenda: 1) two resolutions to authorize the issuance of bonds not to exceed \$12.5 million; 2) resolution to apply to the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development for Community Development Block Grant; 3) resolution to require county Board of Equalization members and county Board Hearing officers to complete annual continuing education; 4) appointments to Airport Zoning Committee and Warren County A&L Fair Board; 5) two budget amendments; 6) Approval of notaries.

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**Steven Reynolds & Mariah Phillips**

Featured Speaker: State Representative  
**John Ray Clemmons**

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