

Rowland announces candidacy for sheriff

I am Herb Rowland and I am a candidate for Warren County Sheriff in the May 1 Democratic Primary.

I am married to Thelma Ann Elrod Rowland, who is the daughter of the late Lloyd and Bertha Elrod. We have been married for 53 years. We have three children, Jason, Todd, and Monica.

Jason has had a 25-year career in law enforcement and is now an investigator with the Warren County Sheriff's Department. Todd has been in

law enforcement for 20 years and is a detective with McMinnville Police Department. Monica currently works for TennSmith here in McMinnville.

I have over 40 years in law enforcement and started my career with McMinnville Police Department. I have worked for several different sheriff's departments and the Tennessee State Bomb and



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Arson Unit as an arson investigator. I am currently working for the Matheny administration and have for 23 years.

I am a veteran of the United States Army and was discharged with an honorable discharge status after seven years of service. I attended college for two years at Tennessee Tech, majoring in criminal justice.

Over the years, I have

attended numerous training sessions, including homicide investigations, drug investigations, and arson investigations and was a member of the Tennessee Training Officers Association. I was also a member with the Tennessee Sheriff's Association.

In my personal life, I am a member of Bybee Branch Church of Christ and serve as a deacon for the church.

Lastly, I believe my training experience and education make me qualified to be the

next Warren County Sheriff. As you all know, currently law enforcement is moving in a different direction and I promise to the citizens of Warren County that I will do my very best to ensure the department moves in the appropriate direction to protect our children and our future generations.

I cannot accomplish this task without the support of all Warren County citizens. Your vote and support in the Democratic Primary are greatly appreciated.



Water Department director Anthony Pelham says the city should terminate a contract with SUEZ Water Advanced Solutions to maintain its water tanks because the company is failing to fulfill its obligations. Pictured is the downtown water tower.

City to terminate contract with water tank company

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

McMinnville officials are moving to terminate a longstanding upkeep contract with the company overseeing its water tanks.

In 2006, the city contracted with Utility Service Group to renovate and provided upkeep for the downtown water tower, the Bybee Branch Road water tank, and the Oster water tank. Utility Service Group was acquired by SUEZ Water Advanced Solutions in 2008.

According to Water Department director Anthony Pelham, he's been having longstanding service issues with the company.

"We did have issues with them last summer when they over sprayed and we had to deal with getting through the insurance process," said Pelham. "Your water director is a fairly stubborn guy. Our contract automatically renews every July 1, unless we give them a 90-day notice that requires signature from three board members and a certified letter sent to them. When

the account for the bill agreement renewed on July 1 of 2017, we were in the middle of the dispute for the over spray."

Pelham says, for that reason and others, he withheld the company's July 2017 renewal payment of \$58,000.

"In November, we finally got all of the over spray issue resolved, but I still had some other complaints with them for some time. So, I've withheld approval of that invoice. It's currently \$58,500 and some odd dollars. After a long series of events and a face-to-face meeting explaining my complaints and my issues, I feel like we've got to a position where we really need to terminate the agreement. I'm still holding the bill that came due on July, 1 of 2017. I've not approved it for payment."

SUEZ stopped upkeep of the tanks after payment was not received.

Pelham says he requested a "fair and equitable" proposal from SUEZ, to

which SUEZ responded with a letter requesting payment in full and offering to provide the upkeep from July 2017-18, once the payment has been received.

"The problem I always seem to have with them is they always seem to drag out completion of any projects," said Pelham. "When we were working on the outside of a tank last year, the inside of the tank came up for inspection. They noted deficiencies on the inside of the tank. We already had the tank down (empty) and it's available for service right now."

But instead of service at that time, Pelham said the company produced excuses.

No upkeep on the tanks has been done since July

2017, including the interior work determined by the noted deficiencies.

City attorney Tim Pirtle says the company has failed to meet its contractual obligation and the city should terminate the contract before it renews.

"Here we have a tank that should have had interior maintenance and painting done, but they have gone a full year cycle without having done that," said Pirtle. "We are canceling the automatically renewable contract. If we give them that money, we will never see them again. I would not pay them any money until they complete the interior work. That way, we know we will get the work done."

Termination of the contract was approved by members of the city Water and Sewer Committee. The measure will be sent to the Board of Mayor and Aldermen for its consideration.



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Phoenix Raquel Bolding

She came into this world at 7:28 AM on the 23 day of February 2018 weighing in at 8lbs and 1oz and an incredible 21.5" tall.

He would also like to thank his mom and dad Angela and Chuck Bolding for making him a big brother and giving him a boss baby to love.

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Culinary Arts

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"We are getting a \$50,000 upgrade thanks to a grant obtained by CTE director Tracy Risinger," said Prater. "She wrote the grant and it was awarded. We're excited by it. It's a big

deal for us. We'll have all new equipment."

The county Financial Management Committee unanimously approved a bid of \$10,992 to purchase a double fryer for the program from Culinary Depot. The item was a grant acquisition.

Shooter seminar

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According to Director of Schools Bobby Cox, the session was in the works prior to the Florida school shooting incident involving Nikolas Cruz, 19.

"This is a community event and we would like to have as many people from the community as we can to come and hear the presentation," said Cox.

Cruz gunned down 17 people at his former high school. His erratic behavior prior to the incident was reported to FBI, police, and school officials. A person close to Cruz contacted law enforcement and reported "the potential of him conducting a school shooting," a warning that went unheeded.

"We all hope and pray we don't ever have to deal with anything like any of these schools have had to deal with," said Cox. "We have the best laid plans we can have. We train and we practice,

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An active shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area. In most cases, active shooters use firearms and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims, according to the Department of Homeland Security.

Active shooter situations are unpredictable and evolve quickly. The most recent high school shooting in Florida that killed 17 is reported to have taken about five minutes.

but you can't train and practice for everything. Spread the word, because we would love to have as many people as we can."

The school's auditorium holds 300.

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