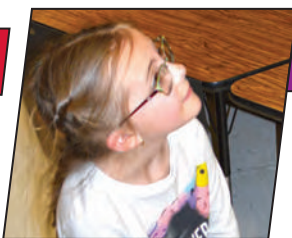




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## Mary Humphrey wins state crown

BY **MARGARET HOBBS**  
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Thirty-four young ladies from across Tennessee vied for the title of Miss Tennessee Outstanding Teen last weekend with McMinnville resident Mary Humphrey bringing home the crown and title. The pageant was held at Carl Perkins Civic Center in Jackson.

The 15-year-old Warren County High School sophomore is the daughter of Gloria and Dale Humphrey. She is Excel Club president, Magness Library volunteer, School Board WCHS student advisor and student body vice president.

"I have worked toward this goal for three years

and am so blessed to have the opportunity to serve our state this year," said Mary.

Mary is a member of the Pioneerette dance team, and performs with Warren Arts and Dream Reality Group. She attends First Baptist Church.

The talented dancer impressed the panel of judges with her lyrical ballet en pointe to "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," as well as her interview expertise and lifestyle and fitness demonstration.

According to her mother, the dance presentation is very special to Mary, as it is dedicated to the memory of her grandmother.

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Photos courtesy Darren Lykes Photography  
**McMinnville resident Mary Humphrey is crowned 2018 Tennessee Outstanding Teen by reigning queen Autumn Arsenault at the pageant held in Jackson. Humphrey was chosen from a field of 34 contestants, competing in interview, lifestyle and fitness, talent and evening gown categories.**



**Humphrey danced en pointe to "Somewhere Over The Rainbow" for her talent presentation in the competition. She is the 15-year-old daughter of Gloria and Dale Humphrey, and is a student at Warren County High School.**

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## Rough roads to see smooth sailing soon

BY **LISA HOBBS**  
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(McMinnville, Tennessee)

Three of the worst streets in McMinnville are slated for paving.

"Garfield Street, Hannah Street, and Post Road will be paved when Tinsley Asphalt fires up in April," said McMinnville Public Works assistant director Brad Hennessee. "That will finish the 2017-18 fiscal year money."

McMinnville officials unanimously accepted a 2018 paving bid from Tinsley Asphalt. The company was the lone bidder.

The city department uses a pavement condition index to categorize streets from worst to best and estimate the cost of each street based on length and the paving rate charged by Tinsley Asphalt during the paving cycle.

Westview Street was on list. Hennessee says Hannah Street bumped it after the streets were inspected.

"Hannah Street replaced Westview Street because of updated PCI results," he said. "Westview and Hannah are similar costs to pave. Westview can be more easily repaired by the concrete spot repair project than Hannah so they were switched."

The city pays for paving projects in fiscal years, from July 1 to June 30. Another proposed paving list will be generated by the department once the McMinnville Board of Mayor and Aldermen approves a budget amount for fiscal year 2018-19.



**HENNESSEE**

## Election deadlines approaching



BY **JAMES CLARK**  
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The deadline has passed to run for a seat in Warren County government, but prospective candidates still have three more weeks to get their name on the ballot to run for state representative, school board and constable.

When it comes to state government, both seats in the Tennessee House that serve

Warren County are up for grabs.

The 43rd District seat is currently held by Paul Sherrell. It encompasses about two-thirds of Warren County and all of White and Grundy counties. Sherrell, a Sparta Republican, has qualified, along with Democratic challenger Les Trotman of McMinnville and Republican challenger Jerry Lowery of Sparta.

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## Parton wins Pyne Honor at Princeton

BY **JAMES CLARK**  
Editor for the Southern Standard  
(McMinnville, Tennessee)

Newby Parton was always a bright fish in the Warren County pond, but it was unknown how he'd compare once he swam into the intellectual ocean of Princeton University.

After four years and an A in every course he's taken, Parton has been named a recipient of the prestigious Pyne Honor, the highest general distinction that can be conferred to an undergraduate at Princeton.



**McMinnville native Newby Parton has received the highest undergraduate award at Princeton University.**

"I expected to be an average, middle-of-the-road student here," said Parton, a McMinnville native. "I didn't expect to be one of two students to get the highest award at the university. I've had to put the work in. It's been a challenge for sure. It hasn't come as naturally as it did for me in high school."

Established in 1921, the Pyne Honor recognizes students for character, academic excellence and leadership.

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## A beauty of a show

BY **JAMES CLARK**  
Editor for the Southern Standard  
(McMinnville, Tennessee)

It's been said by Shakespeare, and paraphrased many times since, that love lies not in the heart, but in the eyes.

That theory will be tested at the Park Theater beginning this Thursday as Dream Reality Group presents "Beauty and the Beast."

The time-honored, fairy tale classic asks if love can blossom in the absence of physical attraction. It stars Savannah Saylor as the alluring Belle and Noah Brady as the hideous Beast.

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**Savannah Saylor reaches for the enchanted rose as Belle, while Noah Brady lurks behind as the Beast in the Dream Reality Group production of "Beauty and the Beast," which opens Thursday night at Park Theater.**

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