

# Hyatt seeks County Commission seat

Hello, 10th District, Centertown CIC voting area. I am Harold Hyatt and I am asking for your vote and support to be County Commissioner of our area. I would greatly appreciate the chance to represent you in our County Court meetings again.

A little history of myself is that my wife, Allie, and I have lived in the Centertown area for many

years and our daughters went to Centertown School. I have seen changes to our area and would like to be a part of any further improvements.

I served on the County Court from 2006 to 2010. I never missed a scheduled meeting. I



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served on the Policy and Personnel Committee and the Education Committee.

I am an Army veteran and attend United Methodist Church. I worked at Carrier Air Conditioning for many years till I started teaching at McMinnville

TCAT industrial maintenance and then Murfreesboro TCAT Mechatronics. I am presently at McMinnville TCAT part time teaching industrial maintenance.

I sincerely believe in good education for everyone of any age. I think our tax money should be spent wisely. I support pro-life, Second Amendment, and if it is legal, it is legal and if it is not legal, it is not.

I think any commissioner who misses a scheduled meeting should have the monthly court pay adjusted due to an absence. Commissioners are not in the system for the pay. They are there to help make our county a better place for further generations.

I think our county offices should have a two-term limit. Then after a full term absent be able to run for any office again.

I would like to take this chance to thank the citizens of the 10th District who signed my qualifying papers to be able to run for this office. I would be honored to serve everyone as commissioner of our community.

Please vote for Harold Hyatt in the primary election in May and again in the General Election in August. But most of all, just vote.

## Breakfast Rotary looks to help Senior Center

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

McMinnville Breakfast Rotary is seeking a grant that would provide Warren County Senior Center with a computer lab.

The \$10,000 grant, says Alderman Everett Brock, is being applied for by Breakfast Rotary Club of McMinnville through Rotary International and would be a 50/50 split. The monies would provide the Senior Center with laptop computers, software, and a three-year maintenance contract.

Brock presented the information to members of the city Finance Committee out of a request for the city to

provide Scotty's Computers for minor tech support, if the grant is awarded and if it's needed.

"I talked to Scotty today and he's OK with it, as long as we approve it," said Brock. "If it turns into more than the occasional thing, we might want to rethink our position."

The request was considered by the city Finance Committee.

"I don't have a problem with him doing that when it's not on city hours," said Alderman Ben Newman.

Brock stated, "They're asking the city to partner with them. This is not a situation where Scotty would be doing it on his own time. He'd be doing it on city time. It would be minor

technical support. We can always back out of it, if we feel like it's too much of a drain on us."

Newman agreed, but voiced hesitancy on where the line will be drawn on providing nonprofits with tech support.

"I think it sounds fine, but we have a lot of people we support," Newman said. "We could send him to the Chamber, the library, the Rescue Squad. There are a lot of people we support."

Brock added, "These are older people who are learning how to work a computer. They are not people who use them every day. If it turns into a problem, we can revisit it."

Finance Committee members approved the request.



The morgue parking lot is ready for concrete work to bring the facility up to ADA compliance.

## Work bringing morgue into ADA compliance

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

Warren County Temporary Morgue's parking lot has been heavily graveled.

According to EMS director Preston Denney, the thick layer of gravel is groundwork for concrete in order to become compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

"They are going to concrete the parking lot," Denney said. "Then they are going to do a handicap spot out front with wheelchair access. It's for ADA

compliance."

The thickness of the gravel caught the attention of county Safety Committee members.

"It looks about three foot deep," said Commissioner Carl D. Bouldin. "I saw it. You can't drive on it."

Denney replied, "No, you can't drive on it. They came and worked on it for a day or two wide open and then they left. They said they would be back, but I haven't seen them since."

Bouldin asked if the plan was to concrete just the handicap parking space or the entire parking lot, to which Denney

replied, "They are going to concrete the entire thing."

The EMS billing office, located next door, is also slated for ADA improvements.

"They are going to take that curb out and make a bigger parking area in the front," said Denney. "The only thing they told me that needed to be done on the inside was lowering the counter that's to the right when you come in the door. It's too tall for ADA. They have to lower it."

The estimated cost for ADA compliance is morgue \$6,000 and billing office \$9,000.



Garrett Argo hammers a nail Saturday during construction of the 30th Habitat for Humanity home in Warren County. A WCHS senior, Garrett is a veteran when it comes to building Habitat homes.

## Habitat for Humanity building 30th local home

BY **JAMES CLARK**  
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As a renter, Angie McBride had hoped to one day own a home of her own. But she didn't think she'd be building it herself.

McBride was on hand Saturday with a hammer and nails to help construct her new home in the Mt. Leo area. It will be the 30th home built in Warren County through Habitat for Humanity.

"There are so many people here, maybe we can finish it today," joked McBride while looking at the bounty of volunteers for the opening day of work. Her move-in date is scheduled for June.

Warren County High School senior Garrett Argo was one of the volunteers on

site willing to provide manual labor. He's helped with about 15 of the 30 Habitat homes built locally. With that kind of experience, you might think Argo is interested in pursuing a career in construction, but he says he's focusing on Mechatronics.

"Those jobs are in demand and they pay pretty good," said Argo.

WCHS football coach Tom Moore, a big Habitat supporter, was doing his part to help construction. Coach Moore brought several of his players to teach them the value of community service. Oasis Church also provided volunteer labor.

Habitat for Humanity homes are not free. The owners are required to pay for materials at cost. The labor is donated.

The typical monthly house payment is \$300 to \$325 over a 25- to 30-year term, according to Habitat board member Todd Herzog.

"It's not free housing," said Herzog. "But with the mortgage, taxes and insurance all rolled into the monthly payment, it is expensive housing."

Herzog said the largest increase since Habitat began building homes in Warren County in 1998 has been insurance costs. He said plans are already in place for the 31st Habitat home to begin in July.

The easiest way to start the Habitat process is to pick up an application at McMinnville Electric System. There are income and credit history requirements.

## Arrest made in Sparta murder

A joint investigation by special agents with the TBI, the White County Sheriff's Department and the office of the 13th District Attorney General has resulted in the arrest of a Minnesota college student on a murder charge.

At the request of 13th District Attorney General Bryant Dunaway, on March 8 TBI special agents joined deputies and DA investigators in investigating the death of Timothy Jordi, 50, who was found deceased at this home in

Sparta. Earlier that day, county dispatchers received a request to check on the welfare of Mr. Jordi, after he failed to show up at work.

Deputies responded to the victim's Washington Street home and found him deceased. An autopsy determined Mr. Jordi was the victim of a homicide.

During the course of the investigation, agents developed information that indicated the victim's son, Joshua Jordi, a college student at Minnesota State

University, was the individual responsible for his father's death.

On March 12, investigators served Joshua Nathaniel Jordi, 21, with a warrant, charging him with one count of first-degree murder. Jordi was arrested and booked into Blue Earth County Jail in Mankato, Minn., where he awaits extradition to Tennessee. Jordi's bond was set at \$1.5 million.



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