

Parton

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Parton is scheduled to earn his undergraduate degree from Princeton in June. From there, he plans to continue his education at Princeton as he's been selected as one of four seniors to receive a full scholarship while working toward a master's degree in public policy.

Parton says he would like

to become an attorney who specializes in civil rights law. He would eventually like to be appointed as a federal judge.

"To become a federal judge requires a presidential appointment so it's a political thing," said Parton. "I'll try my hardest in civil rights law and hopefully get noticed."

Parton is writing his thesis on federal judges. He is

focusing on instances when federal judges have a conflict of interest in a case they are hearing and should recuse themselves. However, Parton found about 8 percent of judges he has examined did not recuse themselves when a clear conflict has existed.

"I found one judge owned \$100,000 in stock in a company and he dismissed the charges against that compa-

ny," said Parton, who emphasized such a financial conflict should definitely exclude the judge from hearing the case.

For his thesis, Parton said he hopes to evaluate all federal judges – nearly 1,000 of them nationwide – on the district, appellate, and Supreme Court levels.

"No one has comprehensively looked at the conflicts at the district court level

before," said Parton, who added his thesis has drawn interest from CNN.

Outside the classroom, Parton has worked as a dormitory assistant, university tour guide, economics tutor and a counselor for a STEM camp serving minority and low-income students. His leadership positions have included head opinion editor for *The Daily*

Princetonian student newspaper, for which he won the John V. Fleming Writing Award in 2015, president of Speak with Style, and president of a logic games club that focuses on debating skills.

Newby, 21, is the son of Kevin Parton and Denise Newby. He's the grandson of the late Bobby and Reba Jo Newby.

Humphreys

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As part of the competition, each contestant must present their pageant platform, with Mary's being "Improving Literacy in Tennessee." She has con-

ducted reading programs at Magness Library, and will continue promoting literacy across the state.

By claiming the title, Mary was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship, and a paid scholarship entry fee

to the Miss America Outstanding Teen competition to be held in Orlando this July.

The Humphreys will be busy preparing and submitting the required paperwork for the pag-

nant, as well as continuing to work on her literacy platform. They will travel to New York to work with choreographers for her talent routine.

Miss McMinnville Outstanding Teen Kataen

Shockley and Miss McMinnville Iris Teen Princess Emily Pennington all competed in Jackson in their respective categories. Shockley is the 14-year-old daughter of Penny and Grady Shockley.

Pennington, 17, is the daughter of Sherry and Nathan Burnett.

"Many congratulations are extended to Mary on her win and bringing the title to McMinnville," said local teen director Emily Britton. "I realize just how much time, effort and dedication is put into events of this caliber and I am so proud of all three girls."

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The 47th District seat is currently held by Judd Matheny. He is running for Congress and is not seeking re-election to state House. The 47th District includes about one-third of Warren County and all of Coffee County.

In Matheny's absence, three Tullahoma residents have submitted their qualifying papers, Republicans Rush Bricken and Rodney Holden, and Democrat Mike Winton.

A Warren County resi-

dent has never held the seat since the district was reconfigured before the 2000 election.

Half of the six seats on the Warren County Board of Education are available in August.

In the 1st District, incumbent James Bennett has filed his papers to seek re-election. Andy Link has picked up qualifying papers but not returned them.

In the 3rd District, incumbent Helen Martin has picked up and returned her qualifying papers. Fred Ramsey has picked up papers but not returned them.

In the 5th District, incumbent Linda G. Blair has picked up papers but not returned them. Challenger James T. Jacobs has returned his qualifying papers.

Mike Whiteaker has picked up papers but not returned them.

All 12 constable seats will be on the ballot, including a contested race in the 11th District where Ed Farnelo and Mark A. Stewart have both submitted qualifying papers.

There is the potential for other contested constable races should all candidates who have picked up papers thus far submit them.

Candidates have until Thursday, April 5 at noon to qualify by submitting their papers to the Warren County Election Commission.

Three seats on the McMinnville Board of Mayor and Alderman will be up for grabs in November.

Qualifying papers for those positions will be available for pickup beginning May 18 with the deadline Aug. 16.



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