

Monkeyin' around



Taylor Kilgore smiles as he crosses the monkey bars of a new playset that was constructed last week at McMinnville Housing Authority's complex in Morrison.

Water tank contract canceled

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McMinnville officials have terminated a long-standing contract with the company that oversees upkeep on its water tanks.

SUEZ Water Advanced Solutions will be sent a notice that its services will no longer be needed as of June 30, 2018. That decision was made by the McMinnville Board of Mayor and Aldermen after Water Department director Anthony Pelham informed the city of issues he was having with the company and how those problems prompted him to withhold

an annual payment of \$58,500.

Pelham has been negotiating with the company over the payment and work he says they have not completed on the downtown water tank by the Farmers Market.

"They are proposing half payment now and the balance of that half upon completion of the work," Pelham said. "I feel like we've found a middle ground. Half and half is agreeable to me."

The offer from SUEZ was an alternative to the first settlement proposal that asked for the entire balance and then competition of the work, an offer city attorney Tim Pirtle urged officials to reject.



McMinnville officials have canceled a contract with the company that provides upkeep for its three water tanks, including this tank off Bybee Branch Road.

Officials accepted the half-now, half-later offer and approved termination of the annual contract agreement that has been in place since

2006. By the contract, officials must provide a 90-day notice of termination prior to June 30 or the contract will automatically renew July 1.

Sheriff apologizes for misplaced gun

SHEPHERD, MICH. (AP) — A county sheriff has apologized for accidentally leaving his backup gun in a Michigan school gym locker room.

Isabella County Sheriff Michael Main said his mistake is inexcusable.

"In the 20 years of law enforcement service I have never left a weapon anywhere," he said in a statement. "I have no excuse for my lack of responsibility with this matter. I have

worked diligently my entire career to protect people, especially our youth. However, I have failed to do just that, and I'm devastated with my lack of accountability in this matter."

Main said he used the locker room at Shepherd Middle School to change from street clothes into uniform for an event over the weekend. Main said he believed the gun — his backup weapon — was in his bag when he left. A stu-

dent later found the gun and told an adult, according to Main.

It wasn't clear if Main, an elected official, would face disciplinary action.

Shepherd police Chief Luke Sawyer told The Associated Press Tuesday that his department is investigating the incident and the findings will be turned over to the Isabella County prosecutor's office. Prosecutors will decide if any charges

are to be filed in the case.

The possibility of allowing guns in schools is one of the nation's most contentious issues, as lawmakers, educators, parents and students try to find ways to stem mass shootings following last month's massacre of 17 people at a Florida high school.

Suggestions include allowing teachers with firearms training to bring guns into the school.

GENERAL SESSIONS

Judge Bill Locke ruled on the following cases Tuesday in General Sessions Court.

Katie L. Edmonson was ordered to serve 60 days for violation of probation. Her jail time can be furloughed if accepted.

Michael Eugene Lattimore was ordered to serve 90 days for violation of probation. His jail time can be furloughed to inpatient rehab if accepted. He was also ordered to serve 10 days for failure to appear.

Mikel L. Chaple had probation revoked for violation of probation

and was ordered to serve remainder of sentence.

Brian Cayden McKnight was ordered to serve 30 days of an 11-month, 29-day sentence for contributing to the delinquency of a child.

Susan Townsend was given an 11-29 probationary sentence for theft under \$1,000.

Adrian Kody Walden was ordered to serve 60 days of an 11-29 sentence for violation of probation.

Elizabeth Bowden was ordered to serve 24 hours of an 11-29 sentence for joyriding.

Maria Camacho was given an 11-29 probationary sentence and ordered to pay \$116.46 restitution and stay out of Walmart for shoplifting.

Jason Aubrey Cantrell was ordered to serve 30 days for violation of probation. His time can be done in inpatient rehab.

Kenneth Dwayne Goodson was given 40 hours public service work and an 11-29 probationary sentence for perjury.

Chadwick Ray Hobbs was ordered to serve 90 days for simple possession and violation of probation.

Veronica Shairr Jolivette was given an 11-29 probationary sentence for unlawful drug paraphernalia.

Christie Rebeck Jones was ordered to serve 90 days of an 11-29 probationary sentence for violation of probation and shoplifting. She was told to stay out of Dollar General.

Nicholas Lane Lawson was ordered to serve 120 days for violation of probation.

Brittany Morris will be allowed to enter the second chance program for domestic assault.

Brian Michael Rhoady

was ordered to serve 60 days and have probation extended for violation of probation. He can be furloughed to rehab.

Debbie Ann Roark was given six months probation and told to stay out of Dollar General for shoplifting.

Eric Rogers was ordered to serve 90 days for violation of probation.

Caroline Nycole Simmons was allowed to enter the second chance program for domestic assault and vandalism.

Joseph M. Singleton was allowed to enter the second chance program

and told to take anger management classes for domestic assault.

Marilyn Elaine Strayn was ordered to serve 90 days for simple possession and violation of probation.

Carol Ann Tipton had probation revoked and was ordered to serve the remainder of her sentence for violation of probation.

Ronald Eugene Weldon had his probation revoked and was ordered to serve his sentence for domestic assault.

Lauren Williams was ordered to serve 60 days of an 11-29 sentence and pay a \$750 fine for possession of meth.

PUBLISHER'S Pics

Standard publisher Pat Zechman has been in the newspaper business for 50 years, the last 26 years as publisher/general manager of the **Southern Standard**. Zechman wants to give back to the community and the **Standard** alike and it has led her to creating the Publisher's Pics feature. This week, Zechman goes back to 1972. Look for more Publisher's Pics from the **Southern Standard** Facebook page.



SAFLEY COMMENDED — Mrs. Elsie Safley, wife of the recipient, and State Quartermaster Charles A. Jones display the awards received by Clarence E. (Red) Safley, center, upon his retirement as quartermaster of

VFW Post 5064, an office he had held for over 15 years. The VFW Award of Commendation, displayed by Mrs. Safley, was the second to be presented a Tennessean.



GET TOP BILLING — Valorie Milstead and Bobby Tarr, elected as "Miss Warren County High" and "Bachelor of Ugliness"

in senior class balloting, "share a book" in the school library. A total of 30 seniors were given titles in the "Who's Who" election.



PAY SAFLEY TRIBUTE—Ranking officials of the service organization coming to McMinnville Thursday night to pay tribute to Clarence E. (Red) Safley, longtime quartermaster of VFW Post 5064, gather around Safley and his successor following the program. From left are Earl Gentry, state senior vice commander of the VFW; William (Hoss) Arnett, mid-state aide to the state commander; Safley; L. K. Mahler, former state commander and presently a national officer of the VFW; Harold B. Moore, the new post quartermaster; Charles A. Jones, state VFW quartermaster; Charlie Cayce, state VFW service officer, and Murl Tarrant, Fifth District commander.

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