

Trotman running for 43rd District House seat

After 12 years of experience on the Warren County Commission, Les Trotman is turning his attention to state government. Trotman is announcing his candidacy for the Tennessee House of Representatives in the 43rd District.

"I am proud to have been able to serve the citizens of Warren County as a county commissioner from the 12th District," said Trotman. "During my 12-year tenure, I served as chairman pro tem of the commission for eight years, as chairman of Economic and Agricultural Development for eight years, and I served on the Safety Committee for 12 years."

Trotman says his work with other county officials helped to

bring jobs to our community. "Working closely with the Industrial Development Board we brought three new industries, Sansin Corporation, MPC, and DN Plastics, to Warren County," said Trotman.

"While working with our Airport Board we were able to grow and expand our airport. I will use my experience in county government working with state and local agencies to serve the citizens of the 43rd District."

If elected, Trotman says one of his top priorities will be healthcare and money Tennessee is leaving on the

table. "We're losing \$4 billion in medical care because we refuse to expand and opt into a program simply because somebody called it Obamacare and we don't like that," said Trotman.

"I don't know of any businessman or farmer who sends away money and says we don't want it. We've had 10 rural hospitals close in Tennessee because of this."

Trotman says he was stunned to see all the untruthful mailers which were sent to homes during the last election cycle two years ago. He says when he asked about this

misleading information he was told it was "just politics," an answer that's unacceptable to him.

"I'm never going to sign my name to a lie," said Trotman. "I have morals and integrity. I don't see how people can be dishonest like that then go to church with their grandkids on Sunday."

Trotman says he's not only running on his voting record as a Warren County commissioner, but also on his attendance record.

"I only missed one monthly meeting out of 144 during my 12-year career and that was due to a death in the family," said Trotman. "I scheduled work around county meetings and I scheduled vacations around county meetings. I was elected

by the people to serve the people and missing meetings isn't something I was going to do."

The 43rd District House seat serves about two-thirds of Warren County and all of White and Grundy counties. Trotman says his focus will be on the entire district, noting there's not a single four-lane road in Grundy County.

"My experience and education, along with my conservative attitude about spending your tax dollars, qualifies me to start working for you on day one," said Trotman in closing. "Bringing industry and tourism and improving healthcare for everyone in the district will be priorities for me. I would appreciate everyone's vote and support."



TROTMAN



Lisa Hobbs photo
Tennessee Highway Patrol is hopeful motorists heed the warning signs and change any bad driving habits they have in order to prevent fatal crashes in Warren County. The four-day campaign blitz urging safety will end Sunday, March 18, but it may return.

THP signs an attempt to curb accidents

BY LISA HOBBS
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A coordinated effort is underway to stem the number of fatal crashes occurring in Warren County.

"I'm tired of delivering death notifications," said Tennessee Highway Patrol Lt. Billy Prater. "I'm sure other troopers are getting tired of delivering them too. It's not an easy thing to tell someone. I've been doing this for 32 years and it never gets any easier."

There were 17 fatal crash-

es that resulted in 18 fatalities on Warren County roadways in 2017. So far in 2018, a Ben Lomand employee died in a head-on collision when his bucket truck was struck by a dumptruck after its driver lost control.

Prater says the campaign, which includes digital signs reminding motorists to "Buckle Up and Don't Text and Drive" and vinyl signs warning motorists that they are entering a "High Crash Area" and of "Extra Traffic Enforcement Ahead" were placed on Highway 70S, is

to raise awareness and reduce fatal crashes.

"This isn't just about enforcement," he said. "We're trying to raise awareness. Warren County has a problem and we can't solve it alone. We need drivers to do their part. Pay attention while driving. Wear your seatbelt. Don't look at your cellphone. Don't drink and drive. Seven of the fatal crashes in Warren County in 2017 involved some type of impairment."

The awareness campaign is a joint effort between

THP, Tennessee Highway Safety Office, Warren County Sheriff's Department, McMinnville Police Department, and Tennessee Department of Transportation.

"This is a coordinated blitz campaign," said Prater. "We wanted to target high-crash roads. After looking at numbers, we targeted Highway 70 this time. If the numbers change, we may do another campaign on another road."

Sobriety checkpoints were held Friday night.

Say howdy to Tex



Lisa Hobbs photo
Tex is in need of a good home. He's approximately 1 year old, 45 pounds and of unknown breed. What is apparent is temperament, as Animal Control staff say he's amazingly friendly and gets along with all the other animals. Adoption fee is \$97 and includes rabies vaccination and neuter. Warren County Animal Control and Adoption Center is located at 169 Paws Trail. Serious inquiries only may call 507-3647.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

Friends and Family Day will be held at Arlington Church of Christ, 2500 Faulkner Springs Road. Bro. Robert Jefferies is the guest speaker. Sunday morning worship at 9 a.m., Bible study at 10 a.m., second worship service at 11 a.m., and covered-dish meal to follow. Monday thru Wednesday evening services at 7 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 19

Forest Park Baptist Church is holding a National Weather Service SKYWARN spotter training class. The class will start at 6 p.m. and last about two hours. No preregistration is required and the class is free. The church is located at 140 Church Street.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

Westwood Church of Christ will hold a clothing giveaway from 8 to 10 a.m.

The Warren County

Republican Party will hold its monthly meeting with Ray Hixon, candidate for Warren County Executive, and other local candidates speaking. It will be in the Magnolia Room at Warren County Administrative Offices, 201 Locust Street. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

The Central High School class of 1952 will have its monthly get-together at Nana's Kountry Kupboard on Sunnyside Heights at 12:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

The Greater McMinnville Ministerial Association is holding a series of Midweek Lenten Services at First United Methodist Church. The speaker this Wednesday, March 21, is Lanny Johnson, pastor of Morrison/Bascom United Methodist Churches.

The service begins at 12:05 p.m. and concludes at 12:25 p.m. A soup and sandwich lunch follows.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

The 17th annual David Stalcup Egg Hunt will be held from 10 a.m. to noon at the Kids of the Community building at 681 Cadillac Lane. Children involved in the Kids of the Community program or who live at McMinnville Housing Authority are invited to participate. The event is free.

Liberty Cumberland Presbyterian Church is holding a BBQ meal with cole slaw, chips, baked beans and dessert. The meal is a free community event. Call 473-3813 for delivery no later than March 22. The church is located at 317 Liberty Lane.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The annual meeting for Banks Cemetery in DeKalb County will be held Sunday, March 25 at 2 p.m. at Banks Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Financial information will be presented.

Trustees and officers will be elected and other business will be discussed as necessary.

McMinnville Electric System is taking orders for its Relay for Life brown bag lunch. The cost is \$6 and includes BBQ sandwich, chips, drink and dessert. Orders of five or more can be delivered. The lunch is set for March 29. Call 473-3144 to order.

The 25th annual Project Graduation Nursery Sale at Bobby Ray Elementary School is Friday, March 30, from 8 a.m. till 4 p.m., and Saturday, March 31, from 8 a.m. till noon. This is a great opportunity to purchase quality plant material donated by local nurseries. All proceeds benefit the Class of 2018's Project Graduation.

Bethel Hill Baptist Church in Centertown is holding a community egg hunt March 31 beginning at noon. The

hunt is open to children 2-11 with age categories within that range. Everyone is welcome.

Midway CIC's annual egg hunt is Saturday, March 31 starting at 10:30 a.m. Please bring dessert, chips or drink. Hotdogs will be provided. Be sure to bring a basket. No eggs required.

A revival begins April 1 at 6 p.m. at Sunny Hills Baptist Church, 2216 Robert Wilson Road. Bro. Eric Bohman will speak. Weekday services at 7 p.m. The church will also hold an Easter sunrise service April 1 at 6 a.m. with Bro. Robert Brown speaking.

SkillsUSA is holding a spring festival with dinner and live auction Friday, April 6 at Tennessee College of Applied Technology, 241 Vo-Tech Drive. BBQ dinner and open house begins at 4:30 p.m., with auction following at 6 p.m.

Midway CIC will have a Relay for Life breakfast April 7 from 7 to 10 a.m. All donations benefit Relay for Life.

The WCHS class of 1977 is planning a reunion. If you are a member of this class and have not been contacted, call 808-4489 or email wheelthrower@gmail.com.

LBJ&C Head Start is accepting applications to provide free, comprehensive child development services to children ages 3-5. For more information, contact Brookside Head Start at 668-7043.

Relay for Life T-shirts are now on sale at McMinnville Electric System with this year's theme of "Hope, Sweet Hope." Proceeds from the sale are donated to the American Cancer Society. Shirts are \$12, with extended sizes \$2 more. Call MES at 473-3144 to order or to donate.

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