



Warren County Schools Employee of the Month for March goes to Warren County High School Adult Education secretary Kim Hollandsworth. She was nominated by her boss, Courtney Bennett. Pictured, from left, are Director of Schools Bobby Cox, Hollandsworth and Bennett.

Lisa Hobbs photo

Schools salute outstanding employees

BY LISA HOBBS
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Hickory Creek Elementary librarian Lydia Taylor has been named Warren County School's Certified Employee of the Month, while Warren County High School Adult Education secretary Kim Hollandsworth was named Employee of the Month.

Taylor was nominated by kindergarten teacher Brent Estes.

"Lydia goes above and beyond for our school in keeping literature fun for our students," Mr. Estes said. "During different times of the year, she offers fun activates to keep the students wanting to read. She is always helping teachers to get books that help us get informational and non-informational texts into our classrooms. She will use her planning time to be a guest speaker and then stay after school to finish her own personal work."

Mr. Estes says Taylor loves Hickory Creek Elementary.

"You can find her on many evenings shelving books and working on items to keep our library in tip-top shape," said Estes. "On many weekends, she is her working to make sure our students have the newest and latest books to



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enjoy for the coming week. She goes above and beyond for our school to make sure we have a card to brighten our day. She is truly a Winnie the Pooh for our school."

In the words of Winnie the Pooh, "Some people care too much. I think it's called love."

Hollandsworth was nominated by WCHS Adult Education administrator Courtney Bennett, who says she goes much further than her job requirements.

"Kim is an incredibly

hard worker," said Bennett. "For me to say that she goes above and beyond what is asked of her does not begin to describe what she does on a daily basis for students. While taking care of her day-to-day duties, Kim also makes time to help our seniors register for Tennessee Promise, as well as help them fill out their FASCA forms. Kim strives to see each one of our students to be a success in their post-secondary journeys and she helps our students set attainable goals."

Bennett says Hollandsworth acts as a mother figure.

"Some of our students come to us lacking true direction, as oftentimes there is no adult or parental figure in their lives. Kim fills that void by offering her wisdom as a mother to our students. We as a faculty want to show our appreciation for her always being so dedicated to our program and our students."

The awards were given for March.

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Bobby Ray gets green light for construction bids

BY LISA HOBBS
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Warren County Board of Education has given the green light for Upland Design Group to go out for bids on the Bobby Ray Elementary project.

"We are working on

the technical documentation to put that out to bid," said Upland Design Group architect Allen Hill. "We are expecting to be

complete with our work and we will be issuing drawings to contractors for price and to the fire marshal's office to approve April 9. That's

what we are shooting for. We

think we are on schedule for that. We are asking for

the board's permission to proceed."

Construction at Bobby

Ray is scheduled to begin immediately after school lets out for summer break on May 25.

Unanimous approval

was given for Upland

Design to go out for bids,

as well as send the docu-

ments for fire marshal ap-

proval.

"Once that is complete,

we would be expecting to

receive bids back approx-

imately May 10," said

Hill. "We don't have an

exact date. We have to

get with the Finance

Department before that

in order to issue that

advertisement to the bid.

We don't have any signif-

icant issues at this time.

We are working diligent-

ly to complete the docu-

ments."

Construction documents

are sent to both at the

same time to speed up

the process, but changes

can still be made by

the fire marshal.

"Whatever changes the fire marshal would like for use to make, if there are any, we will issue that change to the contractors," said Hill. "The process to get a

preliminary approval from the fire marshal takes about three weeks

so we've allowed about

four and a half weeks for

contractors to do their

pricing. Theoretically, we

should have fire marshal

review back before the

bids. If for some reason,

we don't and the fire

marshal review takes

longer, we would proba-

bly advise to hold off on

the bid until we get the

fire marshal review

back."



HILL

Church shooter faces 43-count indictment

NASHVILLE (AP) — The man accused of fatally

shooting a woman and wounding six people at a Tennessee church in September faces a 43-count indictment, including charges of first-degree murder, attempted murder and felony civil rights intimidation.

The grand jury

indictment in

Davidson County

against 26-year-old

Emanuel Kidega Samson

comes several

months after the

Burnette Chapel

Church of Christ

shooting in

Nashville. He has

been held without bond

since September. His

arraignment is March 28.

He hasn't appeared in

court yet.

An arrest affidavit from

September says Samson

waived his rights and told

police he arrived armed

and fired at the church. The

Sunday shooting rampage

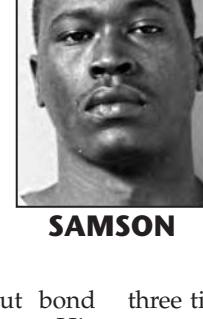
killed 38-year-old Melanie

L. Crow of Smyrna. She

was shot in the church

parking lot.

All of the victims in the



SAMSON

church shooting were white, but authorities have not definitively said whether they believe Samson, who is black, specifically targeted them based on their race. The indictment doesn't specify which civil rights were infringed upon.

Churchgoer Robert Caleb Engle has testified

that during the rampage, he

twice confronted the gunman, who

was wearing a tactical vest and a

motorcycle-style mask with a

clown smile on it.

Engle said he was

pistol-whipped

three times in the head. At

one point, he pushed the

gun back on the shooter

and a shot fired, striking the

gunman and sending him to the ground.

Engle said his father kicked the gun away, stood

on the shooter's hand and

told Engle to go get his gun

out of his truck.

Engle came back with his

weapon, put his foot on the

shooter's back and stood

guard until first-responders

arrived.

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