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County approves jail expansion plans

"I think we need to move forward with the jail expansion. Whomever the new sheriff is, he's going to be thankful this project is underway."

**Commissioner
Carl E. Bouldin**



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

Design plans for Warren County Jail expansion received initial approval from county officials on Friday.

Upland Design Group architect Allen Hill, who presented preliminary drawings to members of the county Building and Grounds Committee and county Corrections Partnership Committee, said bid documents should

be ready in early July and project completion is slated for January 2019.

"Looking at the site, we felt the best area for expansion was at the end of the building because there's an existing corridor," said Hill. "By extending that corridor out, we felt that was the most cost-effective way to add onto the facility."

The proposed addition will have four, two-level cell blocks with day-room areas that would house up to 80 males and 48 females. There would be

a separate minimum security area for 12 males and six females, a medical area for up to 12 males and six females, a separate entrance/ exit for work crew trustees and weekend commits, laundry area, medical area, and it would be designed to allow future expansion.

The existing jail houses 251. The expansion would bring total inmate space to 415.

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Those are the brakes



Brake failure on a steep hill is being blamed for a Friday morning wreck that left a Chevrolet Cavalier on its top. The driver, Derek Keener, escaped serious injury and refused transport to Saint Thomas River Park. The driver reported his brakes failed as he approached the Bluff Springs intersection as he traveled down the steep hill on Grizzle Road. Warren County Sheriff's Department deputy Tyler Glenn, along with Keener, are pictured.

Lacy Garrison photo

Man convicted of sexual contact with 9-year-old

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A Florida man vacationing in Warren County will serve an extended prison sentence after entering a plea to a sex crime while he was here.

Austin Brogdon Bosque, 28, was sentenced to six years in prison by Circuit Court Judge Bart Stanley to the charge of sexual battery. He was sentenced as a Range 3 offender, which means he must serve at least 45 percent of his sentence before his first eligibility for parole.

According to assistant district attorney Tom Miner, the illegal sexual contact perpetrated by Bosque was against a 9-year-old girl who was a family friend.

According to Miner, Bosque was visiting family in the Rock Island area and reportedly became intoxicated. He then slipped into bed with the 9-year-old and began fondling her. When the two were discovered, there was evidence of what happened.

"Her panties were off," said Miner, who indicated Bosque touched the girl's private areas.

Miner said Bosque didn't hang around Warren County once his behavior was discovered as he went home to Lakeland, Fla.

"He returned to Florida so the case was investigated in Florida," said Miner. "His claim was he was intoxicated at the time and couldn't remember what happened."

As part of his plea agreement, Bosque must register as a non-violent sex offender. He must also complete a sex offender treatment program.



BOSQUE

Animal Control quarantined again

BY **LISA HOBBS**
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Warren County Animal Control and Adoption Center is taking precautions for the canine equivalent of the common cold.

"We have two dogs with kennel cough," said Kim Pettrey, Animal Control director. "We're

under quarantine for at least 10 days. It would be nice if we had an intake building so we could stop this from happening."

The lockdown, which means no animals will be leaving or accepted into the facility, started Monday, March 19



PETTREY

when one dog tested positive. Its kennelmate also tested positive.

"The first dog was taken in for its health certificate," said Pettrey. "It tested positive for heart worm. Then, it was tested for kennel cough. Because that came back positive, we

also tested its kennelmate. The vet recommended we be quarantined for 10 to 14 days. I think we should know in 10 days if it has spread throughout the population and if we need to stay closed even longer."

Infectious Tracheobronchitis (ITB), more commonly known as kennel cough, is a highly contagious respiratory infection in

dogs. It is named kennel cough because it can quickly spread through a kennel and infect every dog.

Once the facility reopens, hours of operation could be reduced due to Pettrey being placed on medical leave and she being the only full-time staff member.

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Candidates prepare for forum as early voting nears

Early voting is just over two weeks away for the Democratic Primary. To help local residents make an informed decision at the polls, the *Southern Standard* and WCPI are holding a political forum this Monday night at Warren County Administrative Offices.

Start time is 6 p.m.

All candidates in contested countywide races in the Democratic Primary have been invited to participate.

Squaring off for sheriff in the Democratic Primary are Rodney Whiles and Herb Rowland. They will be given four minutes to speak and will be asked questions.

Due to the excitement surrounding the sheriff's race, the five independent candidates have been invited to participate and will be given four minutes to speak. They will not be asked questions.

The five independent candidates for sheriff are Billy Joe Crouch, Bobby Edwards, Marc

Martin, John Morgan and Tommy Myers. They will not be on the ballot in May.

As independents, they do not have a party primary and automatically advance to the General Election on Aug. 2. The only two sheriff candidates on the ballot in May will be Rowland and Whiles.



Also invited to attend the forum are the two Democratic candidates for register of deeds. Terry Smith and Wes Williams will be on the ballot May 1. They will be given four minutes to speak.

The three Democrats vying for circuit court clerk are also encouraged to participate. They are Duane Sherrill, Melanie Milstead, and Casi Powell Cantrell. Only one will advance to the General Election. They will also get four minutes to speak.

Early voting for the Democratic Primary is April 11-26. The primary is May 1.

Cat saved from fire



Lacy Garrison photo

McMinnville firefighters spent about 10 minutes extinguishing flames Saturday morning at this garage at 100 Winding Way near the Sparta Street underpass. Firefighters were able to save a cat by giving it oxygen and kept most of the garage contents undamaged. The cause of the fire is unknown. The property is owned by Shawn Huff.

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