

Ray Hixson announces run for County Executive

My name is William Raymond Hixson, but all my friends and family call me Ray, therefore on the ballot for County Executive, I will be listed as Ray Hixson.

Born here in Warren County 53 years ago, I spent quite a few years in Indiana and Florida but have returned to establish extremely deep roots back here at home. I graduated from Valencia College with a 3.92 GPA in Small Business Management and have retired from running multi-million dollar a year recycling centers in Central Florida.

Currently, we have a successful retail store called

Treasure Chest on Fairgrounds Road that just celebrated six years and going strong. We have invested heavily within the area in commercial and residential real estate. This gives us a great reason to make sure we take care to do what is best for the county.

We have rental properties and we also buy dilapidated houses, remodel them and sell them. This is known as "flipping" houses. We really enjoy flipping houses, because it significantly alters neighborhoods by taking an eyesore that has often been vacant and neglected for many years lowering property values and morale of

the entire neighborhood. We make them like new again. These massive undertakings bring so much positivity to the area and motivate surrounding homeowners to freshen and repair their houses as well.

I am a conservative family man. I have been with my wife, Anna, since high school. We have two wonderful sons, Chris and Alex. Chris is a successful attorney in the Tampa, Fla., area. He and his wife, Shelly, have blessed us with



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two adorable grandchildren. Alex is also married to his wife Ashleigh and will be graduating with his bachelor's degree in psychology and business in May. I have a large family here in McMinnville including my amazing grandmother Louise Hixson, aunts Joyce and Gail and many cousins.

I am a proud member of the McMinnville Noon Exchange Club, which is a group that advocates for Americanism, child

safety and veteran awareness.

I like flashy things as much as anybody, but I know to keep a healthy balance between wants and needs and I will carry this over into making sure Warren County gets what it needs without blowing our budget. We really need to do things right the first time without wasting funds patching things just to avoid inevitable rebuilding or replacing shortly after.

I think we should run our government like running a business and I am a successful businessman that knows how to run a

great business. I want our county to grow, but slowly with the support of its constituents by adding tech jobs in our schools and bringing more advanced training to our county like the new robotics center being built for Motlow. This will bring higher paying careers to us.

I am not a politician, just an honest, hard-working and dedicated citizen of Warren County and would really appreciate you giving me the opportunity to serve you. Remember to vote Ray Hixson for County Executive on Aug. 2.



Horsin' Around trail ride set for April 14

BY **LACY GARRISON**
Reporter for the Southern Standard
(McMinnville, Tennessee)

You won't have to hold your horses much longer because the third annual Horsin' Around is coming April 14.

Horsin' Around is a fundraising trail ride benefiting the equestrian program for men, women and children with special needs.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. at Horsin' Around Farm, 386 Viola Road in McMinnville. The ride is \$25. For those who want to participate but not ride, the cost is \$10. For children 10 and under, the cost is \$5. The price includes lunch, entertainment and activities.

Recent questions surrounding the zoning of 386 Viola Road will not have an impact on this year's event.

"I'm on the horse side of things so I'll be the one leading the ride up to the top of Ben Lomand Mountain, which usually takes 2 to 3 hours," says Neal Cox. "The horse riding mini-lessons are also really popular as everyone loves to ride Prince the Pony."

Through a Rotary grant, the program started with the basic purchases of special saddles, helmets, stirrups, and other items. When storage became an issue, another Rotary grant aided in purchasing a box trailer. This year's proceeds will go toward finishing the tack building, which will provide a bathroom for the children and more equestrian supplies.

"It's very important to us to keep this equestrian program alive," says Holly McBride, one of the event coordinators. "The benefits are scientifically proven and I've seen a child with non-verbal autism speak on a horse so that immediately won me over."

There is something for everybody this year including a petting zoo, pony rides and carnival games. These fun activities will begin at 10 a.m. and continue throughout the event. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. followed by a live auction.

Items are still needed for the Horsin' Around auction. If you would like to donate, the organization needs the donations by



Jacob Wanamaker saddles up for a ride at a previous Horsin' Around event.

April 9.

"Anything from home décor to nursery stock to gift certificates would be great," said McBride. "The auction is really fun and

Dan Vickers will be our auctioneer again this year."

For more information, contact Holly McBride at 808-8816 or Neal Cox at 235-5660.

Paul Roberts meditations



Rev. Paul Roberts, pastor of Christ Community Church, delivers the last in the series of seven weekly meditations centered on Christ's life, teachings and self-sacrifice for human redemption. The series has aired on public radio 91.3 WCPI, with the final homily for 2018 to be broadcast Friday at 11:10 a.m. and 11:10 p.m.



AMERICAN LEGION POST 173
Our MONTHLY MEETINGS are held the first Thursday of each month at Billy's Restaurant (2822 Nashville Highway in McMinnville). Members will meet at 5:00 pm for dinner with the meeting to follow at 6:00 pm. All members are encouraged to attend. Prospective members are also welcome to attend. Everyone is invited to visit our Facebook page @post173 to stay up to date on all American Legion activities.
New Post address is: American Legion Post 173, P.O. Box 173, McMinnville, TN 37111. The Ladies Auxiliary meets at the same time.

THE BOBBY RAY DETACHMENT OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE
Our MONTHLY MEETINGS are held the first Thursday of each month at the Warren County Administrative Building (201 Locust Street) in the Magnolia Room. Doors open at 1800 and the meeting starts at 1830. All honorable discharged Marines, Navy FMF Corpsman and Navy Chaplains who served with the marines are invited to attend. For more information call 931-934-5619.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER (POST 173)
Our MONTHLY MEETING are held the fourth Saturday each month at Billy's Restaurant (2822 Nashville Hwy. in McMinnville). Member will meet at 9:00am for breakfast, meeting to follow at 10:00am. Group will go for a ride after the meeting, weather permitting, location to be determined by the Road Captain. We are looking for new members. For information contact Rider Director John Davis American Legion Rider Chapter Post 173, PO Box 173, McMinnville, TN 37111.

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, ROYCE DAVENPORT CHAPTER 1112
Monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at Billy's restaurant (2822 Nashville Hwy. in McMinnville). Members will meet at 5:00 p.m. for dinner, with meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend. Prospective members will need to bring copy of DD Form 214 to verify service and join. Everyone is invited to visit our Facebook page @VVA1112 to stay up to date on all VVA and AVVA activities.
Associate Vietnam Veterans of America, Royce Davenport Chapter 1112
Meeting is the same time and place as the VVA (see above). Anyone can be a member. There is no requirement to be related to a Veteran in anyway, however Veterans can also join. Please come and join our organization. Royce Davenport Chapter 1112 will again be collecting non-perishable items for the Warren County Emergency Food Bank during the Main Street Live Concert Series on Friday nights starting June 9, 2017 and continuing through the series. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 5064
Our MONTHLY MEETINGS are typically held on the third Thursday of each month at the VFW Post Home (3340 Sparta Highway) at 7:00 pm. Prospective members are encouraged to attend. Call 931-668-8392 for more information. **The VFW Auxiliary meets at the same time.**



GENERAL SESSIONS

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

Cody Lee Bell was given an 11-month, 29-day probationary sentence and \$150 fine for possession of drug paraphernalia. He was granted a judicial diversion, meaning he can have his charge erased.

Rochelle C. Briest was ordered to serve 30 days and undergo a mental health evaluation for violation of probation.

Haley Shenee Cox was given an 11-month, 29 day probationary sentence and ordered to return the items stolen to the Sheriff's Department in two days and pay restitution for theft up to \$1,000. She was granted a judicial diversion.

Helen Lee Giles was ordered to serve 48 hours of an 11-29 sentence, pay restitution of \$88.44, and stay out of Walmart for shoplifting.

Dylan Ray Jones was ordered to serve 90 days for violation of probation. He was given an additional 10 days for failure to appear. He was given the option to have his sentence furloughed if accepted.

Jerry M. Lee Jr. was ordered to serve 45 days and pay a \$750 fine for possession of meth.

Johnathan T. Lynn was ordered to serve 120 days for violation of probation.

Ricky Nha Nguyen was given an 11-month, 29-day probationary sentence, 24 hours public service work, and ordered to stay out of Walmart for shoplifting. He was granted a judicial diversion.

Franklin D. Nicholas was ordered to serve 48 hours of a six-month sentence for

driving on a revoked license.

Joseph Huff Ray had probation revoked and was ordered to serve the balance of his sentence for violation of probation. He was given the option to have his sentence furloughed if accepted.

Jessica Layne Spurlock was ordered to serve 30 days for violation of probation.

Terry Ray Barnes was ordered to serve 90 days of

an 11-29 sentence and pay a \$150 fine for possession of drug paraphernalia and criminal simulation.

Terri Marguerite Foucha was given 11-29 probation and ordered to repay \$858.50 for theft.

Susan Harmon was given an 11-month, 29-day probationary sentence and released on time served for theft. She was ordered to

pay \$956.25 restitution.

Kevin S. Killian was ordered to serve 90 days for violation of probation.

Reva May Russell was ordered to serve 45 days of an 11-29 sentence and pay a \$750 fine for possession of meth.

Eli Kane Tollie was ordered to serve 48 hours for violation of probation.

*For where two or more are gathered in my name,
there am I among them. - Matthew 18:20*

WORD OF LIFE MINISTRIES

is moving from its current location on Manchester Highway to its permanent location at **345 Caldwell Street** in McMinnville. The move will take place on **April 1, 2018.**

Service times are:

**10:15 a.m. for Morning
4:00 p.m. for the Afternoon**

ALL ARE INVITED!!!

Jeff Vandagriff, Pastor (Non-Denominational)