

School building costs may soar

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West Elementary is edging Bobby Ray Elementary when it comes to estimated renovation costs.

Director of Schools Bobby Cox says an effort is being made to split the \$6 million Warren County government is providing the school system between the two schools as evenly as possible.

"With the \$6 million we have, we're trying to get as many of the big-ticket items that we can and try to keep it at \$3 million, if we can, for each school," said Cox.

West Elementary's estimated cost is \$3.3 million, while Bobby Ray's estimated cost is \$2.85 million.

Those amounts include all proposed alternates, of which West has more than Bobby Ray.

Alternates were included in the bid package. However,

they will only be done if funding is available. Alternates:

- Bobby Ray – Building B electrical upgrades \$90,000 and Building A elevator \$150,000

- West – Enclosure connection from gym to main building \$217,000, parking lot pavement/ storm water drainage \$300,000, electrical panel and receptacle upgrades \$110,000, A/C for lower level of the school \$90,000

Without those alternates, Bobby Ray (\$2.61 million) and West (\$2.59 million) are within \$200,000 of one another.

The numbers were presented by Cox to members of the county Education Committee. Numbers were generated by Upland Design Group, the architectural firm selected by the school system.

The Bobby Ray project is slated to be bid out April 16.

If so, bids will be received May 10. At that time, actual numbers will be known. West Elementary is slated for bid in September.

Upland Design architect Allen Hill expressed concern for the actual numbers coming in higher than the estimates due to an unforeseen rise in construction costs.

"We are very concerned about the current construction market," said Hill. "Material prices are up, masonry prices have been up. Early in the project, we decided to do a steel structure, rather than a masonry-bearing wall structure because we were trying to get the most bang for the buck."

Now with the president talking about tariffs on steel,

we are looking at increased prices on steel."

Hill said most companies guarantee their price quotes for a specified amount of time, generally between 30 and 45 days.

However, in this market of quickly changing costs, some contractors are giving 48 hour guarantees.

Upland Design has considered requesting a 10-day guarantee.

"We are concerned about prices," said Hill. "We put together these prices around the first of the year and we know that material prices have increased since then by about 10 percent. We are nervous."

If actual bids are higher than expected, the school system can scale back on the size of the projects.



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CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Bart Stanley ruled on the following cases in Circuit Court.

Ashley Marie Brooks was ordered to serve 240 days of an eight-year sentence for possession of meth for resale. She was also given a \$2,000 fine.

Joyce Ann Brown was ordered to serve 60 days and pay a \$2,000 fine for delivery of morphine in a school zone.

Pablo H. Contreras was ordered to serve 48 hours of a six-month sentence for driving on a revoked license. He must also perform 24 hours public service work.

Christopher Thomas Jones was ordered to serve 30 days of a four-year sentence for attempted theft.

Tina Lavon Rutledge King was ordered to

serve 210 days of a 10-year sentence and pay a \$2,000 fine for delivery of meth. She will be allowed to enter the drug court program.

Andrew Langford was ordered to serve 180 days for violation of probation.

Gary Lee Lankford Jr., was ordered to serve 60 days for violation of probation.

Maria Lopez was given an 11-month, 29-day probationary sentence for criminal simulation and forgery up to \$1,000.

Timothy E. Miller was ordered to serve 120 days of a three-year sentence for delivery of morphine. He was given a \$2,000 fine.

Lisa Diane Minter was ordered to serve 30 days of an 11-29 sentence for driving on a revoked license second offense.

Shakirra Iishsha Patterson was ordered to serve two days for violation of probation.

Kevin Glenn Smith was given an eight-year sentence for evading arrest with risk of death or injury in a vehicle.

James Allen Webb was ordered to serve 180 days of a six-year sentence, perform 40 hours public service work and pay a \$2,000 fine for possession of meth with intent to deliver, DUI, driving on a revoked license and tampering with evidence.

Kirk Wayne Wilson was ordered to serve 180 days of a three-year sentence for being a habitual traffic offender.

Billy Ray Wood was ordered to serve 60 days of an 11-29 sentence for theft up to \$1,000 and auto burglary.

Glenn Ray Wright was ordered to serve 90 days for violation of probation.

Ronald Chad Young was released on time served for violation of probation.

Private applicator certification to change

For those who currently hold a private applicator certification card which has an expiration date of Oct. 21, 2017, or for those who have never obtained private applicator certification, changes are expected in the near future.

The Environmental Protection Agency is expected to require all persons receiving their certification to pass an exam.

This change is expected to go into effect sometime in the latter part of May this year. However, it may be extended over two years. As of right now, it is uncertain how many questions will be on the private applicator certification exam, when and whom will grade the exam, or the exact date the new requirement will go into effect.

What is certain are changes on the horizon and those without certification are strongly encouraged to get the process started. For those

without certification, UT-TSU Extension Warren County will be offering training sessions. Certification trainings are:

- Wednesday, April 11, 1 to 4 p.m., Warren County Administrative Bldg, Dogwood Room

- Tuesday, April 17, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Warren County Administrative Bldg, Dogwood Room

- Monday, May 7, 6 to 9 p.m., Warren County Administrative Bldg, Magnolia Room

Certification costs are \$50, payable to UT Extension Warren County. After completion of training, all participants will receive a form to send to the Tennessee Department of Agriculture along with \$25 to receive the private applicator certification card.

Participants may also obtain their training online through the University of Tennessee online training program. To complete the

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certification online, simply visit <http://kate.tennessee.edu/utia.html> and follow the instructions.

Please note this only pertains to individuals who DO NOT have private applicator certification. For those who already have their current certification, no action is needed at this time.

The end of the certification cycle has changed from the traditional October date to June 30, 2020 at which time all cards will expire unless recertified during third year of the certification cycle (Jan. 1, June 30, 2020). Remember, the recertification time frame for private applicators will begin Jan. 1,

2020 and run through midnight of June 30, 2020.

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture has indicated individuals who maintain their certification will not have to pay to have their certification card reissued. However, a training fee will be required.

By keeping your certification active, you will not have to take the exam.

MASTER GARDENERS PLAN MEETING

As our thoughts turn to spring, it is always enjoyable to begin thinking about our plant world "waking up" from its long winter's nap. Here at your local Extension office we always have a flush of gardening questions, ranging from soil testing to insect and disease management.

In hopes of helping everyone have a successful

growing season, the Warren County Master Gardeners are holding a one-night vegetable gardening workshop open to the public.

The meeting will be Thursday, April 19, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Magnolia Room of the Warren County Administrative Building. Mr. Bruce Steelman will serve as guest speaker. Mr. Steelman has over 30 years' experience working with UT Extension.

He has extensive experience in both home gardens as well as commercial growers.

Please make plans to come join the Warren County Master Gardeners and learn more about how to have a successful garden this summer.

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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 we go back to April 1991. Look for more Publisher's Pics on the **Southern Standard** Facebook page.



Sophomore guidance counselor Pedro Paz, center, presents Josh Elam and Marcy Spencer notification of their acceptance to the Governor's Schools for Excellence. Elam will attend the school for science while Spencer will attend the

school for the humanities. Spencer is the daughter of J.D. Spencer and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Sullivan. Elam is the son of Mike and Sharon Elam. (Greg Rains photo)



Brandon Officer gives Smokey the Bear heartwarming hug while his little sister Jya awaits her turn and their daddy Jerry Officer holds his youngest daughter, Shanea. Smokey the Bear was on hand as a special feature for the annual Children's Health Fair at the Three Star Mall. (Janice Mullins photos)



Present and former members of the acclaimed Warren County Senior High Pioneerettes Dance and Drill Team gather at the Country Club April 6 for a mother/daughter tea and reunion with over 150 Pioneerettes invited to attend the function. During the event, present Pioneerettes modeled past costumes used in dance

routines. Among the attendees gathering to share past memories are Toni Morton, seated left, Teresa Stubbinsfield and Tina Ferrell Basham. Back row, Yfacie Raymond Helmer, Betty McCormick, Treva Ferrell, Cynthia Duncan, Sandy Spivey and one unidentified. (Janice Mullins photo)