

Evans announces run for 6th District County Commission

I am Deborah Evans, running to represent the 6th District on the Warren County Commission. Although a political newcomer, I've been interested in government and civic duty for many years. As a constituent of the 6th District, I had noticed incumbent Charles Morgan was not seeking re-election to his commission seat in the 6th District. After speaking with Lee Campbell, Warren County Democratic Party chair, and Mr. Morgan, I was

encouraged to be a nominee for the position. A resident of the 6th District for 30 years, I am a retired nurse, cancer survivor, mom of five, grandmother of 14, and the wife of Andy Evans, who has worked for the city of McMinnville Wastewater Department for 27 years. We have lived on Shadowlawn Street since 1988 where we have raised our children. As a nurse, I worked for River Park Hospital, Tennessee Pediatrics, and

several home health agencies throughout the area. I graduated from McMinnville State Area Vo-Tech as a practical nurse in 1990 and immediately began working at River Park Hospital. I graduated from Motlow State Community College in 2002 with an associate's degree in biology. On my way to a bache-



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lor's degree and becoming a registered nurse, I was sidelined by a diagnosis of cancer. One year later I was diagnosed with a recurrence. Along with my diagnosis, my husband was combating heart disease. This led to the fight of our lives. The community's

outpouring of love, care, food, money, and even dog food for our dogs is something for which we will always be grateful. It is in that spirit of giving, I want to give back to the people of Warren County by serving as a county commissioner on their behalf. Committed to transparency, integrity, and engagement, I promise to be accessible, honest, and diligent in studying the issues from all perspec-

tives. I believe education, jobs, and healthcare are vital to our community. In addition, our county has some of the most natural and amazing beauty that affords us the opportunity to increase our revenue through tourism. It all works together to strengthen our county. I appreciate your vote for me to represent you in the 6th District as well as to serve all of Warren County.

Morrison Ruritan Health Fair set for April 14



Pictured promoting next weekend's Morrison Ruritan Health Fair are, from left, Hershey Glenn, Liz Beard, Dr. Jimmie Woodlee, Mike Holland and Susan Burrows.

By **JAMES CLARK**
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(McMinnville, Tennessee)

The cost of health screenings can be exorbitant, even if you have health insurance. The annual Morrison Ruritan Health Fair can help. Set for this coming Saturday, April 14, the health fair offers a variety of free screenings. The free lab work includes a lipid profile to test for cholesterol and fat, a thyroid profile, a prostate profile for men only, a blood count check, and a comprehensive metabolic profile that includes 12 tests. If you are interested in lab work, do not eat or drink after midnight the night before. The lab work is offered for free thanks to sponsorship from Morrison Ruritan, NHC Homecare of McMinnville, Dr. Jimmie Woodlee, and Saint Thomas Medical Partners.

"Even if you have insurance, this lab work is expensive if you have a high deductible," said NHC Homecare representative Susan Burrows. "That's why I'm so grateful to everyone involved for doing this. Everything is free so if you're uninsured, or have insurance that won't cover lab work, this is a great opportunity." Other free services include, skin cancer checks, blood pressure checks, balance testing, vision screening, oxygen checks and carotid bruit checks. Chair massages will be available from Jaroulyn Moulder, along with homemade bread and goodies from the local Amish community. Health fair hours are 7 to 10 a.m. at the Morrison Ruritan building, 121 Maple Street. There will be door prizes and breakfast served by the Morrison Ruritan Club. Cost of the breakfast is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

Animal Control has new hours, director surrenders cellphone

By **LISA HOBBS**
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Warren County Animal Control and Adoption Center director Kim Pettrey has been officially relieved from her responsibilities while on medical leave. A week after Pettrey was informed by Commissioner Michael Martin, chair of the Health and Welfare Committee, she is a liability to the county and would not be allowed on the premises until she was released from a doctor to return to work, the committee met again to make the decision official. Martin says the discussion held March 28 did not include motions and votes. Both are needed. A motion to instruct Pettrey she cannot be on county property or return to work until she has been released by a doctor, without restrictions for performing her job responsibilities, passed unanimously 5-0. Pettrey was also told last week to surrender the county's vehicle, gas key and cellphone. A motion to that effect passed 4-1. "I wish she could keep the



Lane is in need of a good home. She is 6 months old and very playful. Adoption fee is \$77 and includes the cost of rabies vaccination and spay. Warren County Animal Control and Adoption Center is located at 169 Paws Trail. Serious inquiries only may call 507-3647.

cellphone," said Commissioner Blaine Wilcher, who offered the only dissenting vote. Martin stated, "They need the cellphone down there just in case they get a call." While on medical leave, part-time staff will be oper-

ating the facility under restricted hours: Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Saturday 8 to 11 a.m. Animal Control officer Brandi Bouldin brought forth a procrastination issue that might restrict those hours even further. "People will show up at 1:59 p.m.," Bouldin said. "Then, I'm there for an hour processing an animal. It will happen. It has happened. I've told people to be there before noon and they get there at 1:59 p.m. That happens a lot. I'm only allowed to receive 29 hours a week. If I have to stay over, that puts me over my time." Martin instructed her to close the gate 10-15 minutes before 2 p.m. to help prevent going over her hours. "Go up there and lock the gate 10-15 minutes before closing," said Martin. "Close the gate early to prevent people from coming down there." Committee members are urging the community to be understanding of the reduced facility hours during Pettrey's absence. Individuals who are not can call 473-2505.

Speed limit poses issue near school

By **LISA HOBBS**
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The hustle and bustle of Irving College School might prompt a reduction of the speed limit on the rural road in front of it. "The SRO officer expressed some concern for the speed limit on Dry Creek Road," said Warren County Commissioner Scott Rubley, during Monday night's Education Committee meeting. Rubley said he discussed the situation with Road Superintendent Levie Glenn and the request will be brought before the county Highway and Bridge Committee. The street is not posted,

except for the 15 mph school zone when lights are flashing. Unposted county roads are 55 mph. Consideration will be made to establishing a 30 mph school zone on Dry Creek Road, from Beersheba Highway to Hobbs Road, says Rubley. "There's a pretty good likelihood we are going to try to get that speed limit to 30 mph just in front of the school and maybe down to Hobbs Road. It's 15 mph when the lights are flashing but after that, it's unposted. It's unposted and people drive whatever." No date has been set for Highway and Bridge members to consider the request.

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