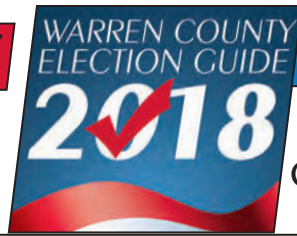


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## Milstead leading campaign spending

### Morgan tops sheriff candidates

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Early voting just began and Circuit Court Clerk candidate Melanie Milstead is leading the way, at least as far as spending goes.

Milstead spent \$8,680 during the first campaign spending

reporting period, which was released by the county Election Commission on Tuesday. The report was for spending up to March 31.

Milstead's spending includes \$3,875 on billboard advertising.

Casi Powell Cantrell followed behind in her campaign spending with a reported \$6,740. Cantrell spent \$4,360 on signs,

cards and door hangers. Spending significantly less, Duane Sherrill reported spending \$1,254 and Chris Cope spent \$1,161.

With an open seat to replace retiring Sheriff Jackie Matheny, sheriff hopeful John T. Morgan outspent his opponents during the first reporting period with a total of \$5,533. His spending includes \$2,492 for printing.

Marc Martin reported spending \$4,045, including \$1,220 on

signs. Rodney Whiles reported spending \$3,308, with \$1,820 going toward small yard signs. Billy Joe Crouch wasn't far behind spending \$2,028. He too, spent the most on signs, shelling out \$1,400.

Herb Rowland reported spending \$1,668 for advertisements, specifically \$976 on magnetic and election signs and \$550 on newspaper ads.

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### Advertising pays

Top spenders in county election races:

**Circuit Court Clerk --** Melanie Milstead, \$8,680

**Sheriff --** John Morgan, \$5,533

**Register of Deeds --** Wes Williams, \$4,493



Lisa Hobbs photo

Commissioner Michael Martin said Tuesday he thinks the county should shut down Animal Control.

## Martin suggests closing Animal Control facility

BY LISA HOBBS  
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Commissioner Michael Martin wants to consider shutting down Warren County Animal Control and Adoption Center.

During Tuesday's meeting of the county Health and Welfare Committee, Martin said Animal Control employees are not performing their job responsibilities and the county should consider saving money by shutting down the facility.

"Monday, 911 called a deputy to come pick up a dog," said Martin, who chairs the committee. "The deputy went out there. He didn't have no truck. I guess the girls finally got the truck and went to pick up the dog. The deputy called back and said he didn't have no way to transport the dog."

Animal Control director Kim Pettrey is on medical leave and had to surrender her county cellphone. Part-time employees Brandi Bouldin and Deitra Kester have been instructed by committee members to care for the animals and do the best they can to keep the facility running in her absence.



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## SUV flips



Lacy Garrison photo

Sheriff's Department Lt. Cory Knowles assists Donna Reed, owner of the Kia Sorento, down the slope so she can collect her belongings. Reed ran off the road, hit a utility pole and flipped several times.

## Three cars involved in Short Mountain wreck

BY LACY GARRISON  
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No one was injured Thursday morning, but a crash and overturned vehicle on Short Mountain Road led to a three-car incident.

Donna Reed of Liberty was traveling in her black Kia Sorento when she ran off the road, hit a utility pole, and flipped several times into a nearby field. The car landed on its side with Reed still inside. Robert Russell, who lives in the house across from the field where the wreck took place, ran

to pull Reed to safety.

"I ran out there as soon as the accident happened," said Russell. "Me and two other guys helped get her out of the vehicle. Physically she's fine. She's just trying to get her property right now. Surprisingly, there isn't a visible scratch on her."

As a result of wires across the road from the fallen utility pole, two additional motorists were caught in the aftermath. The first motorist, trying to avoid the wires, ran into a mailbox. A separate passing motorist got caught in the wires, causing damage to her vehicle including a detached

muffler.

A Sheriff's Department report didn't include names of the other two motorists.

This isn't the first wreck Russell has witnessed from across the street. He said there was another wreck recently with a kid and a Dodge Dakota truck.

"It floods here, but they did just fix that," explained Russell. "I've only lived here a year, but I've seen many a wreck. I'm just glad this lady is OK."

Short Mountain Road is a narrow, two-lane road that is a frequent spot for wrecks.

## Turnout light for day one of early voting



From left, Duane Sherrill, Casi Powell Cantrell and Melanie Milstead, the three Democratic candidates for Circuit Court Clerk, wave their signs in hopes of encouraging voters during the first day of early voting on Wednesday.

BY JAMES CLARK  
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If the first day of early voting is any indication, voters won't have to worry about waiting in line.

There were 242 people who voted on Wednesday, the first day of early voting. That translates to almost 27 voters an hour over the nine-hour span.

Absentee ballots are added into first-day totals to bring the number to 332 votes cast on day one.

Several candidates in the Democratic Primary are fighting to advance to the General Election in August. The race for Warren County Sheriff will have one less candidate as Rodney Whiles and Herb Rowland are both seeking the Democratic nomination. Only one will advance.

Register of Deeds Terry Smith is looking to hold onto his job against the challenge of Wes Williams. Only one will advance.

Competition has been fierce in the

battle for Circuit Court Clerk where Melanie Milstead, Casi Cantrell and Duane Sherrill are seeking the Democratic nomination. Only one will advance.

Four Warren County Commission races will have candidates eliminated.

In the 1st District, Sally Brock, David Rhea and Christy Ross are all seeking the Democratic nomination. Only two will advance.

In the 7th District, Gary C. Martin, Susan Rogers, and Tommy Savage are seeking the Democratic nomination. Two advance.

In the 10th District, Harold D. Hyatt, Gary Prater and Cole Taylor are seeking the Democratic nomination.

In the 11th District, Morris Bond, Mary Elizabeth Roller and Steve M. Glenn are seeking the Democratic nomination.

Early voting continues until April 26. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday thru Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday. Voters need bring photo ID and their voter registration card.

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