

Animal Control

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"She (Bouldin) has been down there five or six years," said Martin. "She should be able to go get a dog."

Martin continued, "If they can't go pick up a dog, we've got to make a decision. She's been there about six years. She should be able to go get a dog."

Commissioner Tommy Savage stated, "I guess it depends on the situation."

"There's not too many people beating on the doors to work on animal control," said Commissioner Blaine Wilcher.

Martin stated, "We've closed it before. We might have to close it."

"I don't think not being able to pick up a danger-

ous dog would warrant closing the shelter," said Wilcher.

Martin stated his belief this isn't the first occurrence and that he would be contacting E-911 director Chuck Haston to pull prior calls to see how many times Animal Control has failed to respond in the last 4-5 months.

Savage stated, "There's always two sides to every story."

Wilcher spoke in defense of Pettrey.

"We can look at that information," he said. "I know the majority of this committee isn't going to be willing to get rid of Kim. It's just information for us to look at, I guess."

Martin threatened to take the measure before the full Warren County Commission.

"If they can't do no better, I'll bring it up to the full court and get a full court decision," said Martin.

Wilcher stated, "It would probably be overwhelmingly in her favor."

Martin said shutting down the facility would free up over \$100,000 in the county's general fund, to which Wilcher stated, "Having a bunch of stray dogs running around and getting into people's stuff and people having to go out in shoot them like we're in the old west isn't where we want to go."

The meeting ended without resolution.

When contacted by the Southern Standard on Wednesday, E-911 operations coordinator Valerie Womack confirmed Animal Control did respond when called

Monday.

"We did dispatch a deputy," said Womack, "but Animal Control was notified within six minutes of the call so the deputy did not continue on. He went back in service and said to let him know if Animal Control were to need him at the scene. We never heard back from Animal Control on it."

According to Bouldin, the call was one reporting animal abuse and Kester went.

"The dogs had food, water and shelter," said Bouldin. "One dog was a little thin, but it was an old dog. There were no signs of abuse or neglect. All the dogs seemed to be in good health."

The next meeting of county Health and Welfare Committee is May 8 at 5 p.m.

City attempts to protect poles



Lisa Hobbs photo

A city ordinance aimed at protecting the downtown decorative poles from the state will soon be under consideration by McMinnville officials. A bill making its way through the Tennessee General Assembly would allow cell service providers to place devices on them to enhance coverage, as well as replacing any pole that cannot be used for that purpose.

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

McMinnville officials will be taking steps to protect downtown decorative poles against a telecommunications bill that appears to be on its way to becoming state law.

House Bill 2279 enacts the Competitive Wireless Broadband Investment, Deployment, and Safety Act of 2018. As written, it would allow AT&T and other cell carriers to place antennas on any pole owned by a local government and replace any pole that cannot be used for the devices. The bill has received minimal resistance as it makes it way through the Tennessee General Assembly.

City officials expressed disapproval for the bill and concern for the fate of the decorative poles downtown. A city resolution against the measure was passed last month and submitted to the state.

According to city administrator Bill Brock, he's contacted an AT&T representative and the city needs to pass a resolution restricting what can be placed downtown.

"He told me we don't want to force the city to do anything," said Brock. "If you want to defend yourself, is the best way to put it, pass ordinances

to not allow certain things in downtown or maybe anything on any poles. To tell you the truth, the guy with AT&T was very helpful. It really shocked me."

Brock added, "He told me they aren't worried about the McMinnvilles of the world. They're worried about Nashville, Chattanooga, and Knoxville. When people come out of an arena and get on their phones and you can't get anything. That's what they are shooting for. Now that doesn't mean in 20 years they won't be here in McMinnville."

Alderman Ben Newman said he spoke to lobbyists and was also told the intent of the bill is to target large metropolitan areas but the bill doesn't include any such limitation.

"In my discussions with lobbyists that are neutral on this issue, they said that AT&T's purpose to do this was for going into places like Knoxville and Nashville where there's a large amount of people in one concentrated area and their cell towers are getting overloaded. That's their purpose for it, but it doesn't say that in the bill."

An ordinance will be written and under consideration by McMinnville officials.

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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.**

Campaign spending

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Bobby Edwards and Tommy Myers spent the least by spending under \$1,000 during this reporting period. Edwards spent \$682, just ahead of Myers with \$670.

In the race for Register of Deeds, Wes Williams hopes to unseat longtime incumbent Terry Smith, who has held the position for 20 years. Williams spent \$4,493 during the first reporting period with \$1,445 going toward billboard advertisement. That number far surpassed Terry Smith, who reported spending \$1,086.

In the race for county executive, where there is no incumbent running, the spending is varied more widely with Terry Bell's reported expenditures being \$2,070. Jimmy Haley reported spending \$882 on radio advertisements while Ray Hixson spent \$642 on signs. Allie Marie Hyatt spent no money.

As for the two candidates for Trustee, incumbent Darlene Bryant outspent her challenger Anita Nunley by \$3,483. Bryant spent a total of \$3,752, while Nunley only reported spending \$269.

Trump delays strike

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump on Thursday put off a final decision on possible military strikes against Syria after tweeting earlier that they could happen "very soon or not so soon at all."

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis warned such an attack carried the risk of spinning out of control, suggesting caution ahead of a decision on how to respond to an attack against civilians last week-

end that U.S. officials are increasingly certain involved the use of banned chemical weapons. British officials said up to 75 people were killed.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said in a brief statement: "No final decision has been made. We are continuing to assess intelligence and are engaged in conversations with our partners and allies."

MTSU poll reflects support for stronger gun control

MURFREESBORO —

Support for stricter laws on gun sales has jumped to 58 percent among Tennessee registered voters, according to an MTSU Poll taken during the same week as the "March for Our Lives" demonstrations in Washington D.C. and around the country.

The latest level of support represents a 24-point climb from the 34 percent support measured two years ago using the same question. Support for stricter laws on carrying guns has risen, too, from 34 percent two years ago to 46 percent now, a rise of 12 points.

"It remains to be seen how enduring these opinion shifts will prove to be," said Dr. Ken Blake, director of the poll at MTSU. "But they are notable all the same, given their size, the speed with which they occurred, and the fact they happened in a state where, as other findings from the same poll show, most voters still approve of the National Rifle Association,

and about half favor letting teachers and administrators carry guns on school grounds."

Meanwhile, in findings related to another recent, high-profile protest movement, the poll found 55 percent of state voters think recent allegations of sexual harassment and assault made against prominent men in entertainment, politics and media reflect "widespread problems in society" rather than "isolated incidents of individual misconduct."

The scientifically valid telephone poll of 600 randomly selected registered Tennessee voters was conducted March 22-29 and has an error margin of 4 percentage points.

Asked, "In general, do you think laws covering the sale of guns should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?"

- 58 percent answered "More strict," up 24 points from 34 percent in 2016.

- 6 percent answered "Less strict," down 11

points from 17 percent in 2016.

- 33 percent answered, "Kept as they are now," down 11 points from 44 percent in 2016.

The rest said they didn't know or declined to answer the question.

Asked the follow-up question, "What about carrying guns? In general, do you think laws covering carrying guns should be made more strict, less strict, or kept as they are now?"

- 46 percent answered "More strict," a 12-point climb from 34 percent in 2016.

- 11 percent answered "Less strict," a seven-point drop from 18 percent in 2016.

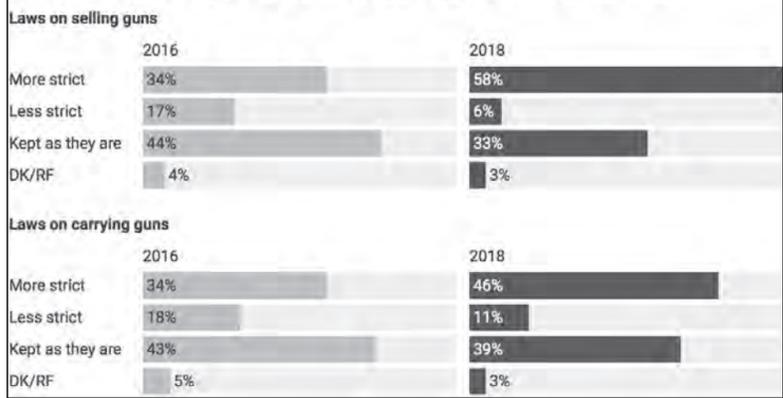
- 39 percent answered "Kept as they are," a four-point drop from 43 percent in 2016.

The rest gave no answer or didn't know.

In other findings, a 55 percent majority of Tennessee voters think recent allegations of sexual harassment and

Gun control attitudes shift in Tennessee

Question: "In general, do you think laws covering (the sale of guns / carrying guns) should be ..."
(Source: MTSU Polls of registered Tennessee voters, Feb. 2016 and March 2018).



assault made against prominent men in entertainment, politics and media reflect "widespread problems in society." Only 33 percent see them as "isolated incidents of individual misconduct."

Broken down by gender:

- 59 percent of women see the allegations as evidence of society-wide

problems, significantly more than the 50 percent of men who give the same answer.

- Only 28 percent of women – and a significantly greater 37 percent

of men – see the allegations as stemming from isolated, individual misconduct.

- About 13 percent of both groups don't know or don't answer.

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