Judkins announces candidacy for County Commissioner

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My name is Lori Judkins and I am an independent candidate for District 5 County Commissioner.

was born McMinnville and have lived here all of my life. I graduated from WCHS in 1990. My parents are Eugene and Doris Wilcher. I have one son, Tyler, who recently completed the Mechatronics program at Motlow. I am a special education teacher at Hickory Creek Elementary. I have been a special educator for 23

I received a bachelor's degree in Communication Disorders from MTSU and a master's degree in Instructional Leadership from Tennessee Tech. I am certified to teach special education, speech language therapy, and I hold an administrator license. I am a member and an association representative of Tennessee Education Association. I enjoy kayaking, playing softball, swimming, and spending time with my family, friends, and pets. I attend church at Westwood Church of Christ.

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ular interest to Growth me. management is one of the toughest probfacing lems governlocal ments today. I would like to see this county grow and be a prosperous and safe environment in which

to live. I would like to see our residents obtain good-paying jobs with-

Promoting economic out having to travel out of town. I would like to ment is an area of partic- see more options for employment,

retail, restaurants. Capitalizing on our natural resources to bring in tourism is a step in the right direction.

I also have a compassionate interest in our animal shelter. I do not believe

closing the facility is the answer. I believe this would be a huge disservice to our community and outrage the majority of citizens. I have been to this facility on several occasions and have adopted pets myself. I think the staff do their very best to maintain the

facility. I believe extensive research is the answer to making good decisions and plays a vital role in economic growth and problem solving. I consistently research information in the educational realm to keep up with current laws and teaching practices. I would like to utilize my research skills to help make team decisions regarding the prosperity of this county.

I feel like my background with research, children, the educational

system, parents/ stakeholders, and my leadership training would be an asset to the panel of district commissioners. I feel as though I am a fair person and believe in listening to all facts before I make any decisions. I am educated, determined, fair, people-friendly, a good listener, and I have experience working with the public.

My vision for Warren County is to grow economically, maintain safety both in the community and in our schools, and to maintain a cooperative local government that strives for the very best for our citizens. I would appreciate your vote in the upcoming August election for District 5 Commissioner.

Sign up now for Viola Valley Half Marathon

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

Sign-ups are off and running for the seventh annual Viola Valley Half Marathon, which is set to take place Saturday, May 19, at 7 a.m.

The race is a big draw with runners across the United States lacing up their sneakers and descending on the tiny town of Viola.

In 2017, the race attracted runners from New York to Texas.

"Runners love this course," said race organizer Deason. Kevin The race features a scenic, 13.1-mile course that travels the peaceful, tranquil rural roads of three counties -Warren, Grundy and Coffee.

"Runners tell us they love the course for the scenery, the organization, the enthusiasm of the volunteers, and the residents of Viola Valley," said race organizer John Nunley. "This is our seventh year and the race continues to grow in participation."

Early registration is \$40. The price goes up after April

Participants of all fitness levels are welcome.



Runners leave Viola Town Square at the start of last year's Viola Valley Half Marathon.

This includes competitive and recreational runners, as well as walkers. The race has received solid reviews with participants pleased with the course

and hospitality in Viola. Last year's top female finisher was McMinnville resident Anne Myers, who finished the race at 1:42:33, while top male finisher was Winchester resident Eric Shull at 1:21:39.

Funds raised from the half-marathon are used for the improvement of the Viola community. Register now at active. com or visit Viola Valley Half Marathon Facebook in order to receive the early registration discount.

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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 encou aged 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

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

n 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.

Perspective 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

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**

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Hutchison said he joined Raiders because he wanted to be physically fit.

"Í was overweight," he said. "When the recruiting drive came to the high school, it was 'raise your hand if you'd like to join Raiders. This is a physically fit, insane team.' I raised my hand. All my friends said I couldn't. My mom and my dad doubted it. I pushed through it, and I'm now in shape. It has been amazing."

He added, "When I

Raiders, started weighed 155 pounds. None of it was muscle. I dropped down to 124. Right now I weigh 155 again, but it's mostly muscle now.'

A 10-member team offered a demonstration of their skill Thursday for Rotary Club of McMinnville. The group constructed a one-rope bridge between two trees in front of the Blue Building. Members pulled themselves across the rope, from one tree to the next.

In competition, a onerope bridge is used to cross ravines, creeks, river beds, etc. The rope is usually suspended over water.

Raiders completed the maneuver for Rotary members in 2 minutes and 17 seconds, which brought a round of applause from those present.

Raider coach 1st Sgt. Timothy Howard, is one of two JROTC instructors, oversaw the pro-

"Everything is systematic," he said. "Everybody has a job to do. There's not a lot of chatter amongst the team. Everyone is listening for the commands."

Howard says the distance crossed differs in each competition and the widest has been 90 feet.

"We had to have about 150 feet of rope to accomplish that task," he said. "The further you go out, the more the rope will sag. Anytime when we cross that area in a competition site, people get wet. That's something we accept as part of it."

Howard was asked how many of his cadets go into service after

graduation. "The reality is that IROTC is not a recruitment tool of the military," said Howard. "U.S.

Army commanders have deemed the mission of the IROTC is to motivate young people to be better citizens. It's not about recruiting. I would say three or four out of 20 cadets go into the military. Everyone else goes into the career that they choose.'

The Raider Team will be competing at the Alabama A&M Senior

Attention Kroger Customers

On Wednesday the Southern Standard inadvertently inserted the wrong Kroger flyer into the paper. The flyer was for next week April 26. We apologize for this mistake. This week's flyer will be inserted in Friday's edition of the Southern Standard. Once again we apologize to Kroger customers and our readers.



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