

# Mullican announces candidacy for District 2 County Commissioner

My name is Dana Hillis Mullican. I am running as an independent candidate for District 2 County Commissioner. I was raised in Irving College and am a lifelong resident of Warren County. I am married to Monte Mullican and have one son, Michael. My parents are Barry Hillis and Mike and Hilda Duke. My siblings are Steve Hillis, Leann Hillis and Andrea Bruno. I attend First United Methodist Church and am involved in several organizations including membership in the Tennessee Education Association

and Autism Tennessee. I have been a mentor for Tennessee Promise for several years. I have been a teacher at Warren County High School for 28 years. As an experienced educator and as someone who has led and served on committees, I know the importance of teamwork. As your commissioner, I will research each topic and make the most informed decision with the facts I have. I will listen when needed but will not hesitate to speak up for what I think is best for our county. My love of learning is

shown through my years of teaching and also with my bachelor's in English from MTSU, master's in curriculum and instruction from Tennessee Tech and EdS in administration from MTSU. I want to bring that passion for learning to the job of commissioner. It is important to read critical documents and understand them. I am looking forward to reading and learning more



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about county projects and researching how to improve upon what we already have in place. One area important to me is the needs of persons with disabilities. One of my greatest honors was being selected to attend and graduating from Partners in Policymaking, a leadership and advocacy training program of Tennessee's Council on Developmental Disabilities. From that organization and from

personal experience, I know persons with disabilities need a voice. My son has autism and is now a young adult. I see the need for more acceptance and advocacy for persons with disabilities. One goal is to be that voice, to make sure Warren County citizens from all walks of life have the same opportunities. I want to see the city of McMinnville and Warren County work together on more projects, including tourism. We live in a beautiful place and should be doing more to promote it. I want education to continue to be a priority. I

want to make sure our schools are safe and know teachers and students have what they need to succeed. I want to be on a commission that works together for the greater good. We need progress for the future of our community. We need a vision of what we want Warren County to be and the long-term plans on how to achieve that vision. I will be proud to serve the citizens of district two as their commissioner. I appreciate your vote during early voting in July and at the general election Aug. 2.

# Back to The Strip rides again this weekend after rain

BY **LACY GARRISON**  
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Motorists don't have to wait another year to cruise The Strip. Because rain greatly dampened participation last weekend, organizers are holding Back to The Strip again this weekend. The event will only involve riding The Strip, not any other activities. It's set to begin at 5 p.m. this Saturday, May 12. "We were really, really surprised how many people rode The Strip in the rain, but there was probably only 10 percent of the people sitting in lawn chairs and we know that's a big part of it too," said Chris Terry, one of the organizers. "We made the decision we're going to go ahead and do it again this weekend so everyone can enjoy it." Canned food donations will be accepted in the Foodland Plus parking lot beginning at 5 p.m. and T-shirts will be for sale. Canned food is donated to Meals on Wheels. The top three winners from last weekend's car

show are: 1) Womack Transport, 2) Steve Biles, and 3) Vann Lawson. They will be featured on the Back to The Strip T-shirt in 2019. As for traffic enforcement, McMinnville officers issued 18 citations during Saturday's Back to The Strip, while the Highway Patrol arrested one for driving while intoxicated. More than half the citations issued by local law enforcement were for adults violating the state's seatbelt law that requires all drivers and front-seat passengers to be properly restrained. Officers found 11 were not. Also, two citations were written for improper restraint of a child. "As the event has increased in popularity, the incidents of mischief have decreased, so that's a good thing," said McMinnville Police Chief Bryan Denton. "We will continue to support the event and always encourage participants to have a fun experience while supporting a great cause." Officers stopped three

for careless driving. While that action can include a variety of activities, these stops were for burnouts/spinning tires. One citation was written, and two warnings given. Rounding out other citations given: two for texting and driving, one for driving without a license, and one for no insurance. Altogether, 23 traffic stops were made by McMinnville Police.



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**Steve Biles and his son, Alyx Smith, proudly stand beside their 1971 Super Sport Camaro with their friend Foxy displayed on the intake during the Back to The Strip car show Saturday morning. They finished second. Due to rain cutting the event short and hurting participation, the ride The Strip portion only will take place again this Saturday, May 12, beginning at 5 p.m.**

# May marks National Preservation Month

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If you're a history lover, May is the month for you. It's officially National Preservation Month. Initially in 1971, the National Trust for Historic Preservation began a Preservation Week to highlight local preservation efforts. The celebration quickly grew into National Preservation Month with organizations across the United States holding a variety of activities to lift up local histories and special buildings and honor community members going the extra mile to preserve history through architecture. McMinnville is steeped in history. The community has structures significant to our state and national history, including 21 places in the county on the National Register of Historic Places.

With this in mind, Main Street McMinnville is holding "This Place Matters" encompassing a three-part workshop series, a week-long photography scavenger hunt, and the presentation of two awards celebrating businesses and building owners. "We believe rehabilitating and giving new life to historic buildings can have a huge impact on our city, not only for residents but also for tourists," said Katie Kemezis, Main Street McMinnville executive director. "Preserving the historic character of downtown brings cultural and social benefits to our community." For many local residents, each historic building sparks countless stories, shared memories

and pride in our community. Our historic buildings also contribute to an authentic sense of place and tell the story of what it means to be from McMinnville and Warren County. Millennials show a strong preference for businesses in historic and older buildings with authentic experiences. One study focused on millennials found 80 percent of respondents shared they would patronize a business that supported historic preservation over those that do not. Heritage tourists of all ages are known to stay longer and spend more than typical U.S. tourists. These behaviors mean a larger economic impact in the communities they visit. Here's a breakdown of this month's events offered by Main Street McMinnville:

- A photo scavenger hunt of downtown architecture will begin this Friday, May 11. Photographer Ian Riley is lending his skills to develop the scavenger hunt and sponsoring prizes for the winners.
- An educational workshop called "Demystifying the National Register and Historic Tax Credit" will be offered Monday, May 14, with special speakers Rebecca Schmit and Louis

Jackson of the Tennessee Historical Commission speaking over what it entails to put a building on the National Register.

- On Thursday, May 17, Heritage Alliance is holding its annual awards event that will take place at the Stone-Pennebaker House, 229 Towles Avenue at 5:30 p.m.
- "Attention Needed: The Essential Before You

Buy Checklist" presentation about considerations when buying a historic home or building will take place Monday, May 21. Speakers include Josh Baker, Matt Sands and Nolan Ming. All workshops start at 6 p.m. at Magness Library, except for the one at the Stone-Pennebaker House, with a suggested donation of \$5 to cover refreshments.



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115 Peers St. McMinnville, TN  
Food and drinks will be available for purchase.  
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