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Michael Martin contends Animal Control employees are not answering enough dog-related calls, forcing deputies to answer the complaints.

Commissioner still questioning Animal Control

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

County Commissioner Michael Martin says Warren County Animal Control and Adoption Center staff members are not performing their job responsibilities, requiring county deputies to pick up the slack.

He presented phone records to the county Health and Welfare Committee on Tuesday to prove it.

"I went to 911 and (director) Chuck Haston run me some calls off where the county deputies have been making dog runs," said Martin. "They been getting calls to make them dog runs. He only did up about three-and-a-half months. All the numbers to 862 belong to the deputy that's been making dog run calls. Y'all need to look at them. This is just three months."

Martin said during last month's meeting he had received complaints from deputies they are performing the duties of Animal Control and he would pull the records of E-911.

This month's meeting was standing room only with supporters of Animal Control in attendance, likely due to comments made by Martin last month against Animal Control director Kim Pettrey, her staff, and that shutting down the department would save \$100,000.

Commissioner Blaine Wilcher stated, "Some of these are not even dog related. One is the neighbor's pig keeps coming in my yard. I don't understand what else we could be doing, unless we have another person working out there and basically doing a 24-hour shift."

Animal Control does not respond to calls regarding agriculture animals, such as pigs, horses, and cows.

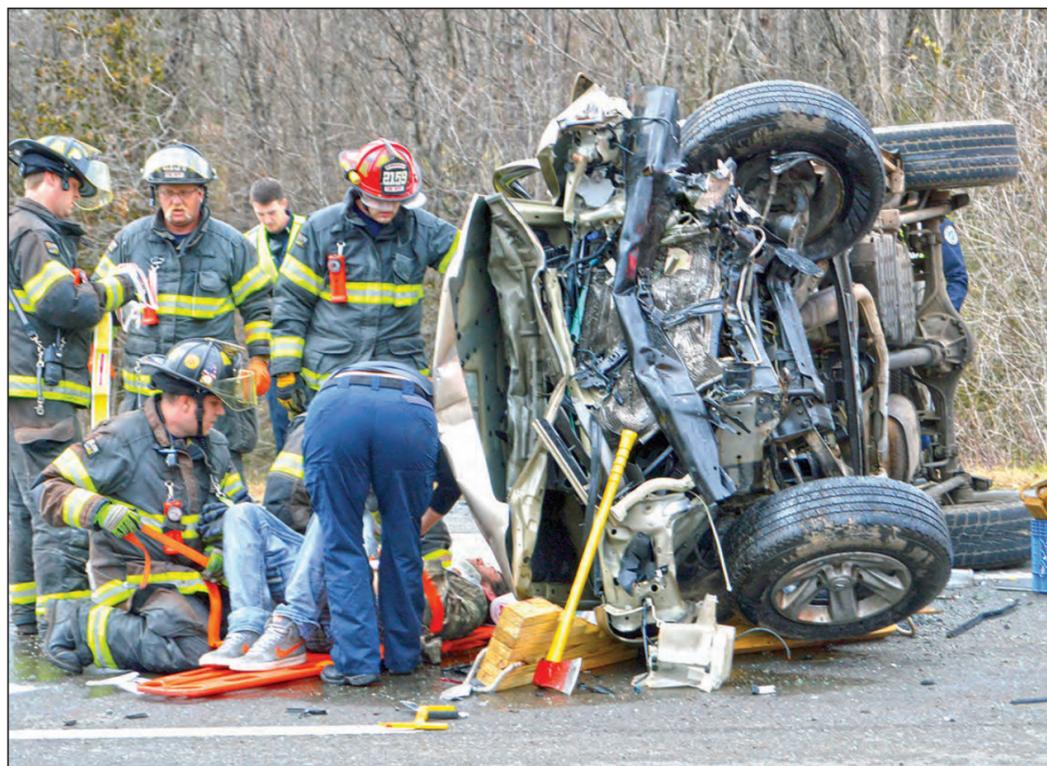
Commissioner Teddy Boyd said some of the calls were about aggressive dogs and a deputy needed to respond with Animal Control for safety purposes.

"A dog has been shot with bird shot, a dog was aggressive, and a neighbor's dog killing chickens," said Boyd. "A deputy would have to show up to them. We've had too many medical cases where our Animal Control has gotten hurt or bitten because of aggressive dogs. We made a decision a long time ago that if it was aggressive, there would be a deputy show up. We aren't putting her life in jeopardy."

Boyd added, "I know the point that you're getting to, Michael. Regardless, we aren't available 24 hours a day. We do what we can do."

Martin refused to allow any visitor to speak during the meeting. As chairman, he has that authority.

Vehicular homicide



Emergency responders tend to Jay Fults, a passenger in the Pathfinder driven by Asia Smartt. Smartt was indicted for vehicular assault for the injuries suffered by Fults and vehicular homicide for the death of John Winburn.

Woman charged for fatal crash

BY JAMES CLARK Editor for the Southern Standard (McMinnville, Tennessee)

Intoxication is the reason Asia Smartt veered across the bypass median and slammed into another vehicle, killing one of its occupants.

That's according to a seven-count indictment handed down Friday by the grand jury which charges Smartt with vehicular homicide. The charge is a Class B felony punishable by eight to 12 years in prison.

Smartt, 27, was also indicted for two counts of vehicular assault and two counts of reckless aggravated assault among other charges stemming from the Dec. 21, 2017 crash on Manchester

Highway near McMinnville Funeral Home.

Fatally injured was John Winburn, 77, who was driving the vehicle hit by Smartt. His passenger, Patricia Winburn, 74, was injured.

According to the indictment, the death of Mr. Winburn was "the proximate result of Asia Jeanene Smartt's intoxication." The indictment does not indicate what substance caused Smartt's intoxication.

The accident occurred around 2:30 p.m. Dec. 21 as Smartt was driving a 2002 Nissan Pathfinder inbound on Manchester

Highway, heading toward Walmart. Jay Fults was her passenger.

Witnesses said the Pathfinder drifted across the highway, went airborne when it hit a cement culvert in the median, and smashed the Winburn vehicle, a 2013 Chevy Cruze.

The force of impact knocked the Cruze down an embankment and left the Pathfinder on its side. Smartt and Fults were both airlifted. Patricia Winburn was transported to Saint Thomas River Park.

Smartt was also indicted for failure to maintain proper lane of travel and violation of the seatbelt law.



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Mother's Day

Moms say family time is best gift

BY LACY GARRISON Reporter for the Southern Standard (McMinnville, Tennessee)

Just a friendly reminder this Sunday, May 13, is Mother's Day. Before you scramble to grab a Hallmark card and last-minute gift, take a look at what local moms say they really want for Mother's Day. Some of their wishes may just surprise you.

The most common wish is for quality time with their children. Meagan Underhill, mom of two boys, Knox, 4, and Maddux, 21 months, said her perfect Mother's Day would be a day at home playing outside with her boys.

"My oldest will probably pick me some 'flowers' (weeds). That's typically how my Mother's Day goes and I love it," said Meagan. "Motherhood has made my world complete. They make me a little crazy and I'm exhausted, but they are the greatest little blessings."

Leslie Hayes agrees, but added she enjoys spending quality time with her adult daughter and goddaughter while getting a pedicure.

"For the past three years, Cora, Jamie



Lennon, 2, and Layla Barrie, 5, wrap their arms lovingly around their mother, Bethany Guthrie. This Sunday is Mother's Day.

and I go for pedis and enjoy the day together," said Leslie. "I just enjoy spending time with all of my children."

Even though many of the moms aren't opposed to flowers, jewelry or chocolates, they tend to lean more toward homemade gifts or presents picked out by their children.

Mother of four, Emily Bullington has three boys ages 5, 3, and 1, and a

4-month-old daughter.

"I love handmade gifts from the kids or when they are involved in picking out jewelry," said Emily. "I'm also super happy to just receive a day where I feel appreciated or am on the receiving end of being cared for. I'd really enjoy a spa day or just a relaxing day."

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Ambulance not totalled

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

Warren County EMS is being allowed to retrieve its ambulance, or what's left of it, after an interstate wreck in Nashville on March 31.

"They released it to us on Thursday," said EMS director Preston Denney, who gave an update during a county Safety Committee meeting Monday. "We have to get a check cut to pay the storage bill in Nashville to the police department."

Commissioner Carl D. Bouldin asked, "They held it, but they're going to charge you for storage?"

Denney shook his head in confirmation, "Yep, \$44 a day."

The wreck involved two ambulance service employees who were returning from transporting a patient to a Nashville hospital. They were traveling eastbound on Interstate 24 toward Manchester.

According to Metro Nashville Police, Cornelius Hurt, 29, of Nashville was critically injured when the ambulance struck his Nissan Altima, which was stopped on the shoulder from a wreck moments earlier. The two ambulance occupants weren't seriously injured.

The ambulance is being hauled to Select-Tech Inc. which the department has worked with in the past for ambulance repairs.

"They didn't total it," said Denney of the insurance claim. "They said there wasn't enough damage to total it. The box had only minor stuff so we have to do a remount on it."



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