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School Board approves \$2.89M Bobby Ray bid

Officials pleased with cost of school's renovation

BY **LISA HOBBS**
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Bobby Ray Elementary School's renovation and addition will cost \$2.89 million.

The Warren County School Board met Monday and approved a bid from FTM Contracting, located in Cookeville. Its base bid was \$2.4 million.

Several alternate projects were included in the bid document. Members selected four of those and an electrical upgrade that

was bid separately, bringing the total price up to \$2.89 million.

Making the presentation was Upland Design Group architect Allen Hill, who had previously expressed concern for the bid coming in higher than expected.

"It was a good bid," Hill said. "The contractor was contacted and confirmed they will honor their bid. We are making the recommendation to accept the low bid.



HILL

We were very concerned about this bid. We were happy to get that number."

Hill recommended members include the following alternates: Chancery Street access drive for \$82,000; Building A elevator for \$158,000, Building B modifications for \$78,000; and replace fire doors in Building B for \$30,000.

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Lisa Hobbs photo

Construction of an addition at Bobby Ray Elementary is slated to begin immediately after the school year ends. While some alternate projects were included, others were not. Among items rejected was a decorative fence along Chancery Street to replace the current one.

Man can pick jail or treatment

BY **JAMES CLARK**
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A man who burst into a family's home on Winton Street in March has been given the option of serving a year in jail or reporting to a mental health facility.

Ryan Malone, 36, was given the choice in General Sessions Court.

Judge Bill Locke ordered Malone to either report to a mental health hospital by June 8, or report to Warren County Jail to begin serving an 11-month, 29-day sentence. Malone was in court to answer to charges of aggravated burglary and assault.

The incident which led to Malone's arrest happened in March when he pulled an 83-year-old off his own front porch and dragged him into his living room, an act which terrified his family members.

According to the McMinnville Police Department report, Royle Cravens, 83, was sitting on his front porch when he was approached by Malone, a man he does not know. Malone was reportedly rambling about "bizarre events" when he grabbed Cravens by the arm and forcefully led him inside the home.

Cravens' daughter, Fredia Coldwell, was inside.

"Our glass door was jerked open and a man was dragging my dad in the house," said Coldwell. "My dad was fighting, trying to get loose. I was shocked and jumped up, yelling for James."

Her husband, James Coldwell, confronted the suspect and tried to push him out the front door. However, Malone was able to shut the front door and lock it, forcing Mr. Coldwell to take action to subdue him.

It is not known why Malone grabbed the elderly man from his front porch and why he entered the home, although it appears he was not thinking clearly.

"Malone made several statements about people following him and trying to hurt him and he needed a safe place to hide," said police officer Austin Edwards in his report. "Malone stated he took the man inside to protect him from the people."



MALONE

BUZZING WITH EXCITEMENT



Hobby great for bee-ginners

BY **LISA HOBBS**
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(McMinnville, Tennessee)

Why did the bee go to the dermatologist? It had hives.

Honeybees and hives were the focus of Saturday's get-together of the Highland Rim Beekeepers Association. The association aims to educate, inform and share ideas about keeping bees. Club members teach the trade in an effort to revive a dying art and help honeybees repopulate.

Group members hold monthly meetings and the socials are open to everyone, current beekeepers and bee-ginners alike, as a way to pollinate a passion for bees.

"Bees are important to the environment," said John Sain, association president. "They cross-pollinate and many plants are entirely dependent on particular kinds of bees for their reproduction. Honeybees are the world's most important pollinator of food crops."

The use of insecticides for agricultural pest control has created the unwelcome side effect of killing the bees necessary for maintaining crops. Such environmental stresses, plus several species of parasitic mites, devastated honeybee populations in the United States beginning in the 1980s.

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Lisa Hobbs photo

Highland Rim Beekeepers Association held its annual social Saturday. Approximately 30 people gathered to talk about one of the most important creatures on the planet.

Lacy Garrison photo
Second-grader Ethan Bouldin congratulates Paula Morris with a hug after she received Kelly Educational Staffing's Substitute Teacher of the Year Award for the state of Tennessee. Paula was subbing at Hickory Creek when Kelly team members Rosalyn Lawson, left, and Audrey Morgan, right, surprised her.



State's best substitute

BY **LACY GARRISON**
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McMinnville resident Paula Morris received Kelly Educational Staffing's Substitute Teacher of the Year Award for the state of Tennessee on Friday.

As a state winner, she will receive a \$250 bonus.

Paula was subbing at Hickory Creek when local Kelly team members Audrey Morgan and Rosalyn Lawson surprised

Paula in her classroom to present the award.

"Your nomination was based on performance and recommendations from personnel with the schools and district you serve," said Lawson. "It is quality educators like you who make all the difference. The passion you bring to the classroom, and your contributions to student achievement, make us proud to have you as part of the Kelly Educational Staffing team."

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