

Sherrell announces candidacy for 43rd District Representative

State Rep. Paul Sherrell (R-Sparta) has announced he will seek re-election in 2018 to represent the 43rd District — Grundy, Warren, and White counties — in the Tennessee House of Representatives.

“My family and I are very grateful for the tremendous outpouring of support and encouragement during this process,” said Rep. Sherrell. “We are humbled by the overwhelmingly positive comments sent our way.”

Sherrell has spearheaded Republican-led efforts to battle Tennessee’s opioid crisis. This year, he supported passage of House Bill 1831. The measure is design to

curb new instances of addiction by limiting the supply and dosage of opioid prescriptions, with reasonable exception and an emphasis on new patients.

“Our state is in the middle of a health crisis that unfortunately many of our families have become all too familiar with,” said Sherrell. “We will continue to find new solutions to this critical issue so we can end the cycle of addiction in Tennessee.”

Additionally, Sherrell has fought for improvements in Tennessee’s education system during his time in the General Assembly. Over the past several years, Sherrell and House Republicans

have increased funding for K-12 education by more than \$1.2 billion while also cutting taxes on hardworking citizens. This investment has resulted in Tennessee students becoming the fastest-improving in the entire nation across math, reading, and science. Tennessee also posted the highest graduation rates ever last year — 89.1 percent.

“I believe we must continue to back our teachers because they play a critical role in the future of our



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state,” added Sherrell. “When they can focus all of their efforts and energy on educating our future leaders, we all benefit.”

This year, Sherrell also demonstrated his commitment to Tennessee’s true volunteers with the passage of House Bill 268. The measure will help more than 14,000 volunteer firefighters and 3,800 members of volunteer rescue squads across our state by covering the cost of their vehicle registration fees.

Said Sherrell, “Volunteer firefighters and rescue squad members are often the first to respond during fires and other emergencies in many Tennessee communities. I have fought to honor and support them throughout my time in the House chamber, and I am pleased my colleagues have joined me in thanking them for their heroic actions and for the lifesaving services they provide our citizens.”

Sherrell says Tennessee is thriving under the leadership of House Republicans. In recent years, more than 400,000 net new private sector jobs have been created. Our state also experi-

enced the lowest unemployment rates ever, and a job growth rate greater than 17 percent. Additionally, we have cut more than \$800 million in taxes over the last seven years — including a 30 percent cut on groceries.

“Together, we have made remarkable strides advancing Tennessee’s conservative values. We have also created an environment that is attractive for businesses and for families. It has been an honor to serve you, and I humbly ask for your prayers, support, and vote again in 2018,” Rep. Sherrell concluded.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Unless otherwise indicated, county meetings are held at the Warren County Administrative Building located at 201 Locust Street and city meetings are held at City Hall located at 101 E. Main Street.

MONDAY, MAY 21

The county Audit Committee will meet at 6 p.m. to discuss the 2017-18 fiscal year report for Warren County.

TUESDAY, MAY 22

The county Budget and Finance Committee will meet at 4 p.m. to review proposed budgets for fiscal year 2018-19.

The city Streets and Sanitation Committee will meet at 6:40 p.m. to consider truck bids.

McMinnville’s Board of Mayor and Aldermen will hold its regular session at 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 20

Salem Cemetery is having Decoration Day at 12:30 p.m. and everyone is asked to bring a covered dish. The goal is to collect donations to purchase new fencing around the cemetery. For more information, contact Lisa Foster at 273-6610.

The New Union Cemetery Association will meet at 2:30 p.m. at New Union United Methodist Church on Highway 30. One trustee will be elected and cemetery business discussed.

Centertown Cemetery is having Decoration Day at 1 p.m. Donations may be sent to Yvonne Ganter, 8087 Jacksboro Road.

Bates Hill CP Church is having Homecoming Day. Robby Black will be speaking at 11 a.m. and lunch will follow.

Bethany Cemetery will be having Decoration Day. Donations for upkeep will be collected or can be mailed to Bethany Cemetery Fund, 780 Bethany Road.

Decoration Day at Gath Cemetery is taking place and donations may be mailed to Gath Baptist Church cemetery fund, 6967 Smithville Hwy.

Victory Free Will Baptist Church is holding the One-Man Quartet on Sunday at 5 p.m. and everyone is invited.

MONDAY, MAY 21

The Community Prayer Group will meet at 7 p.m. at the fountain for a community prayer.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Shellsford Cemetery will have Decoration Day on Sunday, May 27. All donations will be used for upkeep. If you are unable to attend, donations can be mailed to Sandra Stotts.

The WCHS Class of 1977 will be holding its 40th reunion June 2. If you have not been contacted, please call 931-808-4489 or email wheelthrower@gmail.com.

Rowland Station Cemetery is having Decoration Day on Saturday, June 2. Donations will be accepted from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the cemetery or can be mailed to Darryl Norris at 725 Grandy Rd. If you have questions, contact Norris at 668-8964.

Decoration Day at Faulkner Cemetery will be held Sunday, June 3. There will also be a business meeting at 1 p.m. Donations may be mailed to 206 Old Shelbyville Rd.

Banks Cemetery will be having decoration day in DeKalb County on Sunday, June 3. You may mail donations to Robert

Joins, 846 Luttrell Ave., Smithville TN or to Ernie Winchester, 1070 Tabernacle Rd., Smithville.

Banks Cumberland Presbyterian Church will have Homecoming Day on Sunday, June 3, which begins at 10 a.m., worship at 11 a.m. and lunch at noon. Everyone is invited.

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Among the items of business on the agenda: 1) a resolution to name walking trails after Wally Bigbee; 2) an ordinance to adopt the 5 percent hotel, motel tax; 3) an ordinance to direct that all revenue from the hotel, motel tax be donated to Tourism Development Board; 4) an ordinance to provide \$7,100 to the Warren County Chamber of Commerce for tourism; 5) an ordinance to revise the 2017-18 fiscal year general fund.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

The county FEMA Emergency Food and Shelter Board will hold its quarterly meeting at 3:30 p.m. to consider Phase 35 funding and allocations.



Holly Hillis, Glenda Hughes, Vickie Bouldin, Darlene Bryant, Carla Parson, Najely Perez, Karagan Turner

THANK YOU

To the people of Warren County for honoring me with your complimentary votes in the primary election. I am so appreciative of the continued support and encouragement I have received. I absolutely love serving my community both personally and professionally. I am fortunate to have a friendly staff that is dedicated to serving the needs of our taxpayers. I would greatly appreciate your vote and support in the upcoming August election.

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