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## Foster succumbs to gunshot

### Accident proves fatal

BY **JAMES CLARK**  
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An accidental shooting claimed the life of a local man on Monday when Max Howell Foster succumbed to his injuries at a Chattanooga hospital.

Foster, 60, had been hospitalized since Saturday night from a single gunshot wound that occurred at Cleveland Country Club in Bradley County.

According to reports, Mr. Foster had attended a wedding in the Cleveland area on Saturday afternoon and then went to the reception that followed at Cleveland Country Club.

The bride and groom had already left and the reception was winding down when Foster and his wife made their way back to their vehicle around 9:30 p.m.

That's when Mr. Foster accidentally shot himself.

"We made contact with fire and EMS who were trying to stabilize the victim," wrote Bradley County deputy Adam Ensley in his report. "Several witnesses on

scene advised that they heard a shot and then saw Mr. Foster fall to the ground on the driver side of the truck he was in."

Deputy Ensley said he spoke with the victim's wife, Marjorie Foster, who said the two were planning to leave the reception.

"Mrs. Foster stated that



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Mr. Foster moved his gun from the center console and somehow shot himself in the leg and hand by accident," said deputy Ensley. "Mr. Foster was airlifted to Tennova Hospital in Cleveland to be stabilized and then airlifted to Erlanger Hospital for further treatment. Statements were

taken from witnesses and CID responded to process the scene. Also the 40-caliber weapon was retrieved for evidence."

A host at the reception said emergency personnel were on the scene in just minutes and praised their quick response time to the accident.

Funeral service for Mr. Foster is this Thursday. High Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Obituary information is available on 2A.



Jamie Farnsworth and Brian Summers were among the guests at Saturday's Adult Masquerade Prom, a fundraiser for Relay for Life. While formal dress and costumes were optional, they wanted the full cover-up experience.

## Partying for a cause

### Adult Prom raises money for Relay

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

Whimsical was a good way to describe Saturday night's Adult Masquerade Prom.

"We had a great turnout," said Holly Walker, event organizer. "It seemed like everyone was having lots of fun. We want to thank everyone for coming out and helping us raise money for Relay for Life."

The DJ was "Mr. Entertainment" Jacob Dodd and photographs were offered by Jacklyn Davis Photography.

"The DJ was awesome," said Walker. "Everyone loved getting their pictures taken. What prom would be complete without them? A special thanks to Jacob Dodd and Jacklyn Davis Photography."

The event was presented by the team Emma's Mouse Cure-teers, and it netted \$900.

Olivia Newby and Ethan Barrett were crowned queen and king. The two are actually best friends. They decided against masks and went for a more traditional experience because this was his first prom. Couples entered for a chance to win the titles.

For couples who missed this year's event, there is a silver lining to this fairytale.

"We for sure will be having another one next year," said Walker. "We had a lot of people not get to come this year because other plans conflicted. We have already been discussing the theme. Stay tuned."

If you are interested next year's event, email hollywalker.rfll@gmail.com. When plans are finalized, a mass email will be sent.



### Coming Friday

The *Standard* will publish a special section honoring the class of 2018 from WCHS, Boyd, Covenant Academy and Van Buren County.

WCHS graduation will take place Friday night at Nunley Stadium beginning at 7 p.m.

## Students rewarded with kayak trip

BY **LACY GARRISON**  
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Twelve Eastside students cashed in on their good behavior to earn an end-of-the-year kayaking reward trip.

"I think what we're really doing is trying to change the culture of our buildings to try to move away from punitive things," explained Director of Schools Bobby Cox. "We'll always have students who misbehave and we have discipline procedures, but we're trying now to do more reinforcement of positive behavior to change the negative behavior, so that's been really good."

Cox said although middle grades have a higher suspension rate, some of the other schools have decreased their suspensions, resulting in a lower suspension rate systemwide.



Lacy Garrison photo  
Eastside student Braeden Rich kayaks back to Smooth Rapids from Frank G. Clement Bridge during Eastside Elementary's reward trip.

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James Clark photo  
Karl Dean, right, a Democratic candidate for Tennessee Governor, shakes hands with Archie Driver on Monday night at the Morrison Ruritan building.

## Dean says education crucial

BY **JAMES CLARK**  
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(McMinnville, Tennessee)

He says too many Tennesseans feel forgotten and communities are being left behind.

Former Nashville Mayor Karl Dean was in Morrison on Monday night to tell local residents he will make a difference if elected Tennessee Governor.

Dean, a Democrat, says his practical approach to leadership paved the way for the unprecedented growth Nashville contin-

ues to experience today. Without raising taxes, Dean says 171 police officers were added during his eight-year term from 2007 to 2015 and teacher salaries were also increased. He says education remains one of his top priorities.

"My polling shows, and Vanderbilt polling shows, the No. 1 things people are concerned about are education, jobs and health-care," said Dean before serving as keynote speaker at the monthly Morrison Ruritan meeting.

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