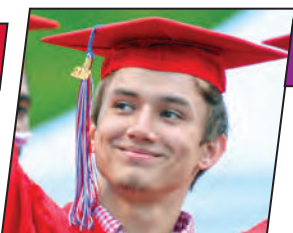




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Motorcycle rider dies after wreck

Wheatley, 71, county's second traffic fatality of year

BY **JAMES CLARK**
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The Memorial Day weekend was marred by a traffic fatality as a 71-year-old motorcycle rider who pulled into the path of a pickup Saturday morning succumbed to his injuries later that day.

Bruce Wheatley of Birmingham, Ala., died at Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga after being airlifted there from Warren County.

Wheatley was in the area to participate in a BMW motorcycle rally in Dunlap. He was riding in a group of three motorcycles when the accident took place near Mt. Leo around 10:30 a.m. at the intersection of Beersheba Highway and Shellsford Road by

Forest Nursery.

According to eyewitness reports, the group of three motorcycles stopped at Shellsford Road, then proceeded to turn left onto Beersheba Highway heading toward Irving College. The first two motorcycles made the turn successfully, but Wheatley's motorcycle pulled into the path of a Chevrolet Z71 pickup driven by Clint Grissom, 19. The pickup was heading toward McMinnville.

The two vehicles collided in the middle of the intersection with Wheatley and his motorcycle getting knocked about 30 feet onto a nearby lawn. Eyewitnesses said the pickup was traveling slowly, only about 30 to 35 mph on the two-lane highway.

It is not known why Wheatley pulled

into the path of the pickup. Onlookers speculate he may have been trying to keep up with his group, or that he may have believed the intersection was a four-way stop.

A member of Wheatley's group said he was a longtime rider with probably close to 50 years of motorcycle experience. The friend added Wheatley was a noted professor who had published a book on monkeys.

Wheatley is the second person to die in a traffic accident in Warren County in 2018.

Last year over Memorial Day weekend, 17 people were killed in Tennessee, according to the Highway Patrol. Statistics for this Memorial Day should be available later this week, the Highway Patrol says.



The BMW motorcycle ridden by Bruce Wheatley, 71, was sent flying about 30 feet after it pulled into the path a Chevrolet pickup near Mt. Leo on Saturday morning. Wheatley succumbed to his injuries at Erlanger Medical Center.

Never forgotten



United States Army veterans Harold and Vandy Lough place wreaths by the monument honoring soldiers from Warren County who died during military service. The Memorial Day ceremony took place Monday morning at the airport.

Annual Memorial Day ceremony remembers those who gave all

BY **JAMES CLARK**
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The names of the 131 known Warren County soldiers who died defending America were read Monday morning during the community's annual Memorial Day ceremony at the airport.

These soldiers "gave their tomorrows for our todays."

McMinnville resident James Cantrell, lieutenant colonel, U.S. Army retired, was the keynote speaker and he was quick to praise a local hero who gave his life for others.

"I'd like to thank the people for giving us David Ray," said Cantrell of the soldier who has a school, Bobby Ray Memorial Elementary,



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named in his honor. "He did the ultimate thing of jumping on a grenade and saving lots of soldiers."

Cantrell talked about the character of those who serve, saying, "I ran a rifle company in Vietnam and we were in combat every day. I never had a discipline problem."

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MILLER



HUTCHISON

Downtown burglars get diversions

BY **JAMES CLARK**
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A local couple that terrorized downtown businesses with a string of burglaries this fall has been granted judicial diversions, meaning they can have the charges erased from their criminal records.

Corey B. Miller and Chloe Abigail Hutchison were sentenced in Circuit Court and released on time served.

The two both pled guilty to eight counts related to burglaries and thefts that targeted downtown businesses over a two-week span and ended with their arrests in early October 2017. Miller also pled to drug charges as he had meth in his possession when he was booked at Warren County Jail.

Miller was released on 235 days time served and was given eight years of probation. Hutchison served 101 days and has six years of probation. Hutchison served much less jail time because she was able to make bond before her case was settled. Miller remained behind bars.

Neither had a criminal history at the time of their arrest, according to the District Attorney's Office.

Among their crimes, the two were charged with a break-in of Home Town Realty on Main Street and the residence above it. While inside Home Town Realty, the business was trashed and a fire extinguisher was discharged.

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WCHS student group finds school lunch distasteful

BY **LACY GARRISON**
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Many WCHS students are seemingly unsatisfied with food options provided in the cafeteria.

Two members of the Student Advisory Committee reported at last week's School Board meeting they had recorded the daily lunch menu for three weeks while collecting photos of items typical-

ly offered for breakfast and lunch.

This information has been provided by the students to a clinical nutritionist in Nashville for review. As soon as the nutritionist's review is complete, the information will be shared with the School Board.

Sophomore Bailey Glenn was not shy about voicing her dislike for the food at Warren County High School.

"I wish they'd sat down with me because I don't know what they are wanting and I would love to know their suggestions ..."

DR. SANDY DAWES,
SCHOOL NUTRITION
DIRECTOR

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Joust the way it is

WCHS graduates Jessica Bates, left, and Taylor Jaco square off in the joust Saturday morning at Project Graduation. This year's joust featured a new twist as combatants battled on an inflatable ledge and tried to knock off their opponent. For one last look at graduation night, see page 4B.

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