

Link announces candidacy for District 1 School Board seat

Warren County communities, friends and family, I am Andy Link and I am proud to announce my candidacy for the District 1 Warren County School Board. McMinnville has been my home for 62 years and I have lived within the District 1 School Board area for the past 43 years. I graduated from Warren County High School in 1971 where I played multiple sports as a proud Pioneer athlete. I continued my education at MTSU and graduated in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in health, physical education, & recreation with a psychology minor.

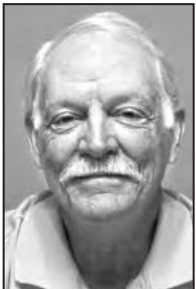
Upon completing my student teaching in Coffee County, I made a difficult decision about my future and my ability to financially support myself and ultimately my family. I paid for my college education while working full time in the skilled trade of tool & die and this trade paid nearly twice the salary that a starting teaching and coaching position offered. I chose to commit to this skilled

trade and worked to achieve certification as a master tool & die maker. In 1984, I married Deborah (Debi) Yturrino Womack. We have three children, a daughter-in-law, a son-in-law, two grandchildren, and two spoiled dogs. When our son was young, my love of sports and coaching revived with the opportunity to coach both pee-wee football and baseball for several successful years. We were those

fundraising parents who toted our kids to every practice, game, and school event. I have been self-employed for 26 years as the owner of Link Tool & Die. My wife retired from Bridgestone Firestone and is the office manager of Womack Transportation, LLC. We are taxpaying citizens and our incomes are not derived from the taxes designated for our school system. My message is "Our Schools ... Your Voice." I am not seeking this position for "my" voice to be heard. I want to be the voice of many! I firmly

believe I can change the dynamics of the School Board which will improve our school district. Taxpayers deserve a School Board that will work diligently to address the safety and education of their children while reducing wasteful spending in all areas. Our children deserve to have a School Board that will work to increase the retention of great teachers and staff who will be compensated properly. All teachers and staff deserve a living sustainable wage. We should never lose a great teacher to another county because the pay is more.

I will be the board member that speaks as your voice. I have a strong desire to learn, improve, and make a difference. It is my intention to serve as "your" representative of our community's expectations for Warren County's educational direction. I look forward to becoming "your" voice for "our" schools. Please email your concerns to andylinkforschoolboard@gmail.com or leave a message at 931-205-8223. I humbly request your support and vote. Early voting is July 13-28 with the county General Election on Aug. 2.



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UT to buy out chancellor

KNOXVILLE (AP) — The University of Tennessee has reached a deal that would buy out ousted chancellor Beverly Davenport for \$1.33 million. The university announced Friday the audit and compliance committee will meet Tuesday with a settlement deal on the agenda. If approved, Davenport's final day will be Tuesday. Davenport would have been paid about \$2 million over the next four years if she had stayed at the university. UT President Joe DiPietro announced May 2 that Davenport's term as chancellor would end July 1 with her taking a faculty position in the college of communications and information despite DiPietro citing her communication skills among the reasons for his decision. Her original hiring in November 2016 allowed her to

return to the faculty with tenure indefinitely after her tenure as chancellor. Under the agreement, the university avoids a possible lawsuit. Davenport will agree not to look for a new job with the university or the state of Tennessee or do anything to criticize Tennessee. The university also says no taxpayer money, student tuition or fees or donor funds will be used to pay for Davenport's settlement. Davenport had been interim president of the University of Cincinnati when tapped to lead the large public university. She took over in February 2017 with a tenure that included the rocky search for a football coach that resulted in the



DAVENPORT

County turnover

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Stout was appointed in January 2017 by the full Warren County Commission to complete the unexpired term of Billy Earl Jones. This will be Stout's first four-year term. Savage said the last four years have prepared him

and Martin for their next terms. "I think we are more prepared now than we were four years ago," said Savage. "Nothing will prepare you for the next four years like the past four years. I wish we would stagger the terms, 12 and 12. Only 12 commissioners up for re-election every

two years. It would prevent a huge turnover at one time." Martin said newcomers need the guidance and expertise from returning commissioners. "I was new," said Martin. "I needed guidance. Thankfully, there were people who had experience and people

who I trusted. I valued their wisdom and experience. I leaned on that. Those returning to office will have that added responsibility of providing that to any newcomers." It is yet to be decided who will fill the appointed positions of Hillis and Cantrell. County Executive will be elected with the other county officials Aug. 2. Early voting begins July 13.

Warren County wins!

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STEM centers around Mechatronics and helps students develop critical thinking skills, improves program-solving skills, and introduces students to career paths in engineering, robotics and industrial manufacturing. Offering the program is a coordinated effort and would not be possible without community partnerships, says Cox. "This would not have been possible without the vision of the Warren County Board of Education, our teachers and students and the leadership and support of our Business Roundtable and business partners. We have worked very hard to build and maintain an outstanding working relationship with our business community and post-secondary partners, Motlow State Community College and Tennessee College of Applied Technology of McMinnville, and it is

through these partnerships we have been able to develop and enhance our STEM Education Program and expose our students to new

and exciting technology." The financial winnings will be used to continue to improve the STEM program district-wide.



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Workers of all strengths are needed to help carry and spread a layer of crushed rock on the tread way of the new hiking trail along the Barren Fork River from the Beersheba Street Bridge down stream toward Rocket Park. We will meet at 9:00AM on Saturday June 9 at the junction of South Elm Street and Chestnut Streets. (South Elm Street leaves Beersheba Street just beyond Underwood Hardware on the left.) Loads of crushed rock have been dumped at the end of Chestnut Street. Small trucks and loaders will be there to distribute the rock to some locations but people with wheel barrows will be needed to reach other sections. Less strong workers can use rakes to level rock on the path.

Please bring wheel barrows, lawn carts, shovels and short tooth gardenrakes. Each person should wear gloves but no open toed shoes. Bring water and your snacks. Each adult will be required to sign a waiver of liability and each non adult should have a form signed by a responsible person.

Work will be over around noon. The work is sponsored by the City of McMinnville, the Greenway Council and the Friends of the Greenway.

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