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County glaring at high turnover

Election could bring major transition

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Warren County government is looking at a major transition in a matter of months with five new County Commissioners already guaranteed to take office.

Along with new commissioners, the office of County Executive will change hands and administration is losing two long-term employees in key positions. Finance Department director Linda Hillis and County

Executive administrative assistant Carol Cantrell have both announced their retirement.

"I'm leaving at the end of this term," said Cantrell. "My last day will be Aug. 31."

The situation is creating what could be very high turnover when new officials assume their duties Sept. 1.

"A big turnover could be good, or it could be bad," said Commissioner Gary Martin, only one of three current commissioners guaranteed to return. "Hopefully, we can keep some

individuals who have experience. Those people can help guide and level everything out."

Commissioners Charles Morgan, Wayne Copeland and Terry Bell decided to not seek re-election in their districts, ensuring three new officials would be seated. Then Commissioners Morris Bond and David Rhea were defeated in the Democratic Primary in May, bringing the total to five.

In addition to Martin returning, Tommy Savage and Phillip Stout are the other two com-

missioners guaranteed to keep their seats. The county elects 24 commissioners, two from each of the 12 districts.

Stout is running unopposed in District 6 with newcomer Deborah Evans. Savage and Martin both won in the Democratic Primary in District 7 and don't face further opposition in August.

Savage urges voters to look at qualifications. He says even with the possible high turnover, there is no reason to panic.



MARTIN

"There are a lot of good candidates running," said Savage. "Look into the candidates and see what their qualifications are. This county will still be running. We have laws intact to make sure everything continues to run the way it should."

Martin agreed. "We've got a lot of good, quality people running for office," Martin said. "We won't know until August what's going to happen."

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Warren County wins!



Lisa Hobbs photo

For its effort to provide students with access to high-quality career and technical education, Warren County School System was selected as the \$4,000 grand prize winner in a regional contest. Pictured, from left, are Jacob Weddington, Rachel Johnson, and Will Cantrell, who are in Warren County High School's Health Science Program.

School District to receive \$4K

BY LISA HOBBS
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Warren County School District is No. 1 in the region and will receive \$4,000.

The school system has won the cash grand prize in the LEAN Frog Tri-State Best Practices Contest, a contest it entered touting the district's STEM Education

program that provides all students with access to high-quality career and technical education opportunities.

"We are extremely proud and humbled to be recognized as the grand prize winner of the Tri-State Best Practices Contest and we appreciate LEAN Frog for recognizing our district and the other finalists," said Director of Schools Bobby Cox.

The competition was open to all schools in Alabama, Louisiana and Tennessee. In the first round, two schools from each state were selected as co-finalists and those six schools were judged against one another in selecting the grand prize winner. Co-finalists received \$1,000 each, while the grand prize was \$4,000.

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Meth dealer gets 15 years

BY JAMES CLARK
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Four strikes have resulted in a 15-year prison sentence for a McMinnville drug dealer.

Donald Lyndon Madewell, 49, was given the sentence by Judge Bart Stanley in Circuit Court. In addition, he was hit with \$8,000 in fines.

Madewell's sentence comes for selling methamphetamine and pills a total of four times, including twice in a school zone.

The first incident, according to grand jury indictments, happened on Nov. 25, 2015 when Madewell did knowingly deliver a small amount of meth, a Class C felony. Five days later, on Nov. 30, the grand jury found he delivered more than .5 grams of meth, a Class B felony.

Madewell's drug dealing continued into 2016 when he was found to deliver Oxycodone, a narcotic painkiller, in a school zone. That occurred on March 16, the grand jury ruled.

GRAND JURY



The Warren County grand jury met for its monthly session on Friday. To see who was indicted, see page 5A



MADEWELL

The final strike against Madewell came later that month when on March 24, 2016, he delivered more than .5 grams of meth inside a school zone.

Prisoners with the Tennessee Department of Corrections typically have to serve about one-third of their sentence before their first eligibility for parole. That means Madewell will likely have to serve five years before his first chance of release.

City sets up new security committee

BY LISA HOBBS
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McMinnville government has established a new committee to examine city security.

Heading the three-member group called Committee for Security and Safety will be Alderman Ryle Chastain with members Aldermen Mike Neal and Kate Alsbrook.

"Our first meeting will be this coming Tuesday at 1 p.m. in the committee room at city hall," said Chastain.

The committee is charged with looking for any vulnerabilities the city may have. Specifically, members have been tasked to:

1. review McMinnville's emergency preparedness plans;

2. review security of all city properties and assets, including all parks and cybersecurity;

3. interview all department heads to determine their security concerns and their department's role in any emergency response.

Vulnerabilities are weaknesses or gaps in a security program that can be exploited by threats to gain unauthorized access to an asset.

The ad hoc committee was assigned by Mayor Jimmy Haley. While standing committees are permanent, ad hoc committees are formed for a specific purpose or objective, and dissolved after the completion of the task or achievement of the objective.



CHASTAIN

Just for kicks



Lisa Hobbs photos

Oliver Drakeford "accidentally" takes a dip in the downtown water fountain. When splashing his feet in the cool water, his body soon followed. To mom's effort to retrieve him, he proclaimed, "But this is awesome!"

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