

Pay raises

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"I know there was big talk about a tax increase, if the schools could just get 5 or 6 cents over last year," said Bell. "Per audit, the property tax and sales tax brought in \$391,320 more dollars last year for schools. The property tax collection was over what was expected and there's no reason not to expect it again this year. That equals nearly a 6-cent tax increase for schools."

That amount does not include the school system's portion of the State Revenue Sharing Telecommunications Bill. Commissioners opted to

prorate the \$120,215 received among the departments by the property tax rate.

"The school system will receive approximately \$55,000 of that," said Bell, of the unexpected revenue income.

Also reviewed during the meeting was an \$116,000 financial contribution request from Magness Library.

It is unchanged from last year's donation and was unanimously approved.

The proposed budgets will be sent to the county Budget and Finance Committee for consideration.

Case inducted into Corpus Cordis Aureum

BY JAMES CLARK
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Longtime minister Bro. Bob Case has been honored as a 50-year graduate of Emory University in Atlanta, Ga.

Case has been inducted into one of the university's distinguished clubs, Corpus Cordis Aureum, which is Latin for golden corps of the heart.

The induction took place last month during the university's commencement ceremony.

Case graduated from Candler School of Theology at Emory in 1968.

He is proud of Emory University and likes to say "Harvard is the Emory of the North."

Case spent 13 years as minister of First United Methodist Church in McMinnville.

When he left, he expected to retire but then spent 10 years at First Mill United Methodist in Manchester. Now fully retired for the past three years, Case is 78.

Asked about what he remembers most from his time in ministry, Bro. Bob said, "seeing lives transformed."

"One thing that surprised me during my years at First Mill is the number of people over 70 who were regularly baptized," said Bro. Bob. "Usually people join as young people and don't wait so long in life."

He said people commonly think preachers only work two days a week, on Sundays and

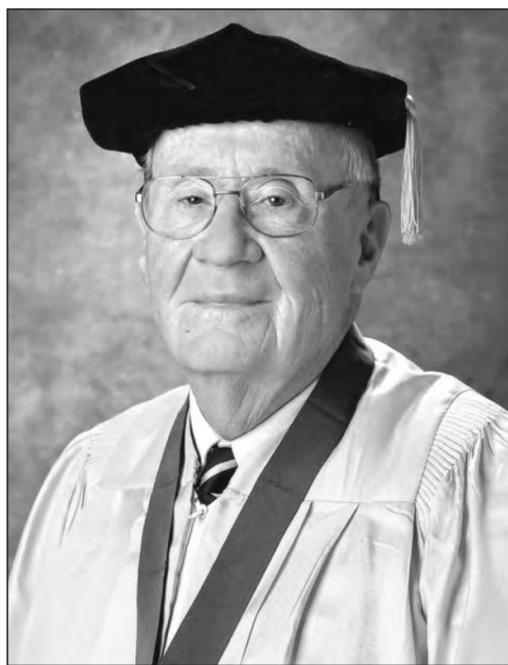
Wednesdays, but he says it's an around-the-clock job.

"One day I drove up to Nashville to see a member of the congregation who was in the hospital and as soon as I got back I heard about someone else who was in the hospital in Nashville," said Bro. Bob. "So I turned around and made two trips to Nashville in one day."

He said he once officiated three funerals in one day, which was tricky because the grave diggers have a union which dictates they won't work after 5 p.m. That didn't allow much free time from funeral to funeral.

As for his sermons, Case said he never threw them together at the last minute Sunday morning.

"I wrote them a month in advance," said Bro. Bob. "That way you can mull them over and get them in your head."



Bro. Bob Case has been inducted into Corpus Cordis Aureum at Emory University.

Gwyn

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"I've asked myself so many times 'How can a profession that has transformed itself through education and training lose the trust of the public after all of the work that has been done for decades,'" said Gwyn. "Can one city be burned down over an officer-involved shooting and erode the trust of the public nationwide? That's what seemed to happen overnight."

Gwyn credits this erosion of trust to the history of the badge, not the person wearing the badge. He explained not everyone has forgotten the oppression and abuse associated with the badge from the past so he believes strongly in providing agents with Civil Rights training.

"If you don't understand why these people are fighting you, your natural training is to fight back, which compounds the problem and then law enforcement starts to barricade themselves because they are upset they are being portrayed in a light that's not true," said Gwyn. "Now does law enforce-

ment have bad eggs in the profession? Absolutely, but you tell me a profession that doesn't, but 99 percent of law enforcement officers want to do two things - protect and serve."

In order to regain the trust of the public, Gwyn believes there needs to be more data collection on officer-involved shooting incidents for the national database.

He plans to continue to work on this issue in his retirement.

"Support your law enforcement and be honest with them so they can address the problem," said Gwyn in his closing remarks. "As Sir Robert Peel said, 'The police are the people and the people are the police.'"

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Pics

Standard publisher Pat Zechman has been in the newspaper business for 50 years, the last 26 years as publisher/general manager of the **Southern Standard**. Zechman wants to give back to the community and the **Standard** alike and it has led her to creating the Publisher's Pics feature. This week we go back to the year 2000. Look for more Publisher's Pics on the **Southern Standard** Facebook page.



Steve Warner photo
UT Lady Vols coach Pat Summitt signs autographs and poses for pictures Monday night at McMinnville Civic Center during Boyd Christian School's Spring Benefit 2000. Summitt talked about what it takes to be a winner, a subject she knows a lot about coaching the Lady Volunteers for 25 years now.

Kite Day circle of winners



Margaret Hobbs photo

Winners in Kite Day activities receiving congratulations from Bonnie Bear are, front row, from left, Logan Hollandsworth, Bryce Caten, Rebekah Dorris and Cameron Holt. Back row, Mary Helen King holding Ethan King, Dakota Myers, Andrew Gardenhire and Rachel Dorris. The event is sponsored annually by the **Southern Standard** and Dr Pepper.

SNAKES ALIVE



Jackie Stroup photo
A black rat or chicken snake dangles its slinky five-foot body from the hand of Rock Island State Park Ranger Naturalist Greg Garrison. Non-venomous, this snake eats insects and rodents, not people, and is one of 23 shy species found in Warren County of which only two - copperhead and timber rattler - are poisonous.