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Former TBI director speaks to Rotary

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Former TBI director Mark Gwyn made his first public appearance since his retirement from the TBI last month in addressing the Rotary Club of McMinnville on Thursday.

Gwyn didn't beat around the bush, immediately tackling the question "What was the thing that made you decide to retire?" According to Gwyn, he knew going into his third term it would be his last and said there was no single issue that led to his decision.

"No director in the history

of TBI had ever been appointed to three terms," said Gwyn. "I was the first ... two terms by Gov. Bredesen and one by Gov. Haslam. I knew that more than likely I would not serve the entire term because I was already over 30 years in the profession and I had accomplished a lot of the goals and objectives I

wanted when I became director back in 2004. I just knew it was time and I knew in my heart of hearts I had made the right decision."

Gwyn reflected on the past and looked to the future of the TBI. When he began his career with McMinnville Police Department in 1984, he said law enforcement was transforming into a more professional career. Changes were being made and more

emphasis was being placed on education, training and resources.

Now, his primary concern for the future of the TBI is the "erosion of the trust" seemingly caused by the officer-involved shooting in Ferguson, Missouri back in 2014. He believes this incident has caused a major setback.

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Pay raises planned for school employees

BY **LISA HOBBS**
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Warren County Schools is not requesting a funding increase for the upcoming fiscal year, and if its proposed budget remains unchanged, employees will receive an additional \$800.

The county Education Committee unanimously approved a \$12.2 million maintenance of effort general purpose school budget for fiscal year 2018-19.

"We're asking for the same amount and trying to give a raise," said Director of Schools Bobby Cox. "I've tried to tighten it up as much as I can and make sure we are covering everything. There's not a lot of fluff in there."

Teachers will receive an \$800 salary increase and noncertified employees will receive \$820 with \$300 of that being a bonus.

"We are not giving a bonus to teachers. It's \$800. They're getting a raise," said Cox.

"The other employees are getting \$520 on the salary schedule and a \$300 bonus. Noncertified are getting \$820. It's a \$20 difference, but that's not a huge amount of money. Plus, teachers receive a little bit more paid on their insurance than classifieds."

Last year, the Board of Education unsuccessfully attempted to increase school funding. It first requested a 19-cent tax increase, then a 9-cent increase, both of which were rejected by Warren County commissioners.

While he is not on the Education Committee, Commissioner Terry Bell was in attendance and presented information that the school system has received more than \$300,000 in additional revenue.



COX

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Good, clean fun



James Clark photos

Don't worry about "Dirty Laundry" at Bonnaroo. LG Electronics is offering free laundry service where clothes are washed, dried, and folded. Pictured is LG representative Phoebe Dinner.

Bonnaroo adds laundry service

BY **JAMES CLARK**
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After 17 years, Bonnaroo has finally become your mother.

Free laundry service is among the many new offerings at the four-day music festival which got underway Thursday in Manchester.

Called the LaundROO Lounge, visitors can drop off their dirty clothes, then pick them up later after they've been washed and folded. The service is compliments of LG Electronics, which is constructing a new manufacturing facility in the Clarksville area that's expected to employ 650.

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Have your picture made in this Volkswagen bus and it will be texted to your phone.



NOAH SMITH

Main Street Live returns

The Main Street Live summer concert series makes its long-awaited return Friday night as Noah Smith takes the stage at 7 p.m. to kick off eight weeks of music.

"The lineup this year is a home run covering many genres that should excite everyone," said Debby Boyd, Main Street McMinnville board member.

Noah Smith is a returning favorite, having played locally at the Warren County A&L Fair, Cumberland Caverns, Collins River BBQ, and Main Street Live. His captivating blend of country rock has been a hit with audiences.



THIS YEAR'S LINEUP:

- Noah Smith, with country/rock, June 8
- Runaway Home, with country/Americana, June 15
- Utopia, with funk/R&B, June 22
- Midnight Riders, with an Allman Brothers tribute, June 29
- Joe Harvey Band, with rock, July 6
- Four on the Floor, with a beach party, July 13
- Don Coyote, with country/Americana, July 20
- Forever Abbey Road, a Beatles tribute band, July 27

Take the plunge



Jacob Dodd photo

Dylan Jones cools off during a hot day by zipping down the slide at Gilley Pool. The pool figures to be a popular place the next two days with the temperature expected to reach 91 on Friday and 88 on Saturday, according to AccuWeather.

City prepares for disaster

BY **LISA HOBBS**
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You cannot predict, but you can prepare.

A new committee set by the city of McMinnville and charged with examining emergency preparedness and security measures convened for its first meeting Tuesday.

"We are to gauge the community's preparedness for, basically, mass casualty events," said Alderman Ryle Chastain, chairman of the new Security and Safety Committee. "These events can be natural in nature. We have tornadoes in Tennessee and floods. We have had, in the past, an earthquake.



CHASTAIN

Also, unfortunately, the day we live in we are susceptible to acts of terror, such as mass shootings, improvised explosive devices, and things like that."

Chastain said they are tasked with looking to see if the community - the city of McMinnville and Warren County - is prepared for an unfortunate event and if not, how it can be.

For example, how would different law enforcement agencies work together with EMS and first responders? How would the different utilities would work together to restore services or stop possible contamination?

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