

# Seasoned chef



Lisa Hobbs photo

**Jack Eslick, advertising sales executive extraordinaire, is the Southern Standard's Employee of the Month for June. He has worked at the newspaper for two years and says, "I love my clients. They make my job enjoyable. I'm a people person. If I can help people, it makes my day." When he's not at work, Jack enjoys camping and is a mean cook. His homemade pies are delicious.**

# School construction to begin

BY **LISA HOBBS**  
Reporter for the Southern Standard  
(McMinnville, Tennessee)

Construction of an addition at Bobby Ray Elementary is scheduled to begin this week.

"The contractor did produce bonds, insurance certificates, etc.," said architect Allen Hill of Upland Design Group. "They have been given a notice to proceed and they have physically started work in Building B. They are putting plastic to protect from dust when they are doing demolition and things like that. It's nothing you can see from outside. It's preliminary work. The outside site work is scheduled to start next week with weather permitting. Here we go."

FTM Contracting is the contractor. Its base bid was \$2.4 million. An electrical upgrade and three alternate projects

brought the total cost up to \$2.89 million.

The update was given to members of the county Education Committee.

"What was the contractor's response when he heard all the comments made about his bid being lower?" asked Commissioner Carlene Brown. "Did he hear about that and make any comments about it?"

The company's base bid was approximately \$600,000 less than two other bids received. Bids from Sain Construction and Romach were around \$3 million each. County Executive Herschel Wells, among others, voiced concern for the price being too low and suggested the company had underbid the project.

Hill replied, "They did not make any comment to me. The CEO or the CFO of the company just wrote me a letter and said they would honor their bid and

they did produce a bond to that effect and insurance."

A surety bond is a contract that ensures obligations will be met. Specifically, an insurance company will guarantee FTM Contracting can fulfill its obligations to Warren County Schools. If FTM Contracting does not, the insurance company will cover any resulting damages or losses.

The new addition will be located between buildings B and C, just off Chancery Street. Along with connecting the buildings, it will be used as the school's new entrance.

Alternate bids included in the project were for a visitor circle drive off Chancery, replacement of fire doors and modifications in Building B, and an elevator in Building A.

Renovation of West Elementary School is in the design phase. That project is slated to be out for bids in September.

# Collins gets prison for sex trafficking

**OXFORD, MISS. (AP)**—A Tennessee man convicted in a multistate sex-trafficking case has been sentenced to two years in federal prison.

The FBI and a federal prosecutor said in a news release Friday that Mario D. Collins, 37, of Memphis was sentenced Thursday in Mississippi by U.S. District Judge Michael P. Mills. Collins was convicted in December of transporting for prostitution.

An investigation by the FBI and police in Oxford, Miss., showed Collins and Paulette Clayton, 26, of Memphis, forcefully took an

18-year-old woman from Atlanta to Oxford to engage in prostitution, prosecutors said.

Collins and Clayton both threatened the woman after she objected to performing sex for money and asked to be taken home, investigators said in court records. Evidence presented at trial showed police received a 911 call April 27, 2017, indicating the woman was being held against her will.

Clayton was also convicted in December of transporting for prostitution, and she was sentenced May 31 to three years' probation.



**Warren County Middle School has lost one of its concrete walkways. The bridge was reduced to rubble by Midwest Maintenance without incident, which could pave the way for the company to receive payment on prior, but unauthorized, work.**

# School Board to consider paying unauthorized work

BY **LISA HOBBS**  
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Midwest Maintenance is within days of completing its project at Warren County Middle School.

According to Upland Design Group architect Allen Hill, two bridges have been renovated and the final bridge came down without incident.

"The bridge is down," said Hill. "Nobody got hurt. Everything went very well. That project is winding up."

That announcement

could pave the way for a payment for unauthorized work.

In February, Hill informed Warren County School Board members the contractor, while renovating one of concrete walkways, performed additional work totaling \$7,900 without prior approval and requested payment from a \$10,000 contingency fund built into the company's bid.

"They approached us about performing some additional work," said Hill. "They were told we could not get approval to do that until the board

meeting Feb. 22. They said they were going to have a hard time rescheduling their crew to come back and do this additional work. They went ahead and did the work and hope it's approved."

Director of Schools Bobby Cox asked the board to hold off for two reasons: 1) allow him time contact auditors to make sure payment would not cause an audit issue; 2) wait until the project is complete and no other unforeseen issues arise that might require part of the contingency fund.

"That contingency is there if an unforeseen event happens," he said. "If they get into that project and it's more than we thought, we don't have the money to do it."

Cox informed members in March that auditors gave the green light, as long as the project did not exceed the bid amount of \$98,750.

With the project nearing completion and no other issues found, School Board members must now decide if the contractor should be paid for the unauthorized repairs.

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