Standard, WCPI to hold two days of forums

The start of early voting is less than one month away and the Southern Standard and WCPI are focusing efforts on helping voters make an informed decision.

The newspaper and radio station will be holding two days of political forums on Monday and Tuesday, July 9-10, at Warren County Administrative Offices. Start time is 6 p.m. each

The Monday, July 9 forum will be headlined by the Warren County Executive candidates. Three of those candidates, Jimmy Haley, Terry Bell and Ray Hixson, have confirmed they will be in attendance. Allie Hyatt declined, citing a prior commitment.

The newspaper will give candidates time to make an opening statement before asking general questions pertaining to county government. Candidates will also be given time for closing remarks.

Early voting is from Friday, July 13 to Saturday, July 28. The county election will be held Thursday, Aug. 2, with those elected to take office Sept. 1.

Also confirming their attendance are the four Paul Sherrell is the Republican candidates incumbent. He will face



and the 47th.

running for two seats in

the Tennessee House of

Representatives. Warren

County is divided into

two districts, the 43rd

In the 43rd District,





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opposition from Jerry Lowery in the Republican Primary. Both have said they will be in attendance.

In the 47th District, longtime state Rep. Judd Matheny has opted to run for Congress, leaving an open seat. Rush Bricken will square off against Ronnie Holden in the Republican Primary. Both have said they will be in attendance.

These candidates will follow a similar format and be given time to make opening statements before answering general state government questions. Winners of the Republican primaries advance to the Tennessee General Election on Nov. 6.

The Standard extended invitations to all six major candidates for Tennessee governor to appear at the forum. This includes Republicans Bill Lee, Randy Boyd, Diane Black and Beth Harwell, and Democrats Karl Dean and Craig Futzhugh.

Bill Lee and Randy Boyd have both declined to attend, citing prior engagements. None of the other candidates have confirmed.

Preparing for the possible absence of the gubernatorial candidates, the Standard and WCPI will be adding School Board candidates Monday night.

Warren County Sheriff candidates will be invited to headline the political forum on Tuesday, July 10, along with candidates for Trustee, Circuit Court Clerk and Register of

Jammin' out at Main Street Live



Above, Runaway Home kicked off the second installment of the Main Street Live summer concert series on Friday night by performing "The Jeffersons" theme song "Movin' On Up." The TV show was a sitcom that began in the 1970s and starred Sherman Hemsley as George Jefferson and Isabel Sanford as his wife, Louise.

Right, Blakelynn McKinney is a member of the next generation of Main Street Live summer concert enthusiasts. At 10-months-old, 2018 is her first series and her mother reports she is loving it so far.



Former bus driver faces statutory rape charges

NASHVILLE (AP) — A former Tennessee school bus driver convicted in a crash that killed six children now faces aggravated statutory

rape charges. Johnthony Walker, 25, was Thursday in Nashville, where he was free on bond while appealing his March conviction on criminally negligent homicide and assault charges in the 2016 Chattanooga crash. Hamilton County district attorney general spokeswoman Melydia Clewell says the judge had let Walker stay out of town with ankle monitoring.

The Nashville arrest report says Walker admitted to having sex with a 14-yearold on five occasions. His bail is \$350,000.

Walker wrecked while driving 37 elementary school children on a winding Chattanooga Prosecutors said he was

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speeding and talking on his

A judge handed him a four-year prison sentence.

NASHVILLE (AP) — Police say a man and a 15-year-old have been charged in the shooting death of a 16-yearold boy in Tennessee.

The Tennessean reports 18-year-old Oshae Stewart and the 15-year-old were charged Friday with criminal homicide in connection with the Thursday shooting of 16-year-old Laquan Link.

Metro Nashville police Capt. Charles Widener says officers responded to an area for a shooting call at about 9:18 p.m. The newspaper says the victim was outside when he was shot in the chest for unknown reasons. Police say the shooting sus-

Link was taken to Skyline Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead.

NASHVILLE (AP) — The hundreds of artists appearing at the CMA Fest last weekend weren't the only ones trying to court new fans. Streaming music providers had a larger presence at this year's festival, hoping to convert country music fans, who have been slower to adopt streaming compared with other

With roughly 80,000 people in town to watch more than 300 artists perform at multiple stages throughout Nashville, Spotify, Amazon Music and iHeartRadio's streaming platform all used the festival to persuade country music fans to use their technologies as music

discovery tools.

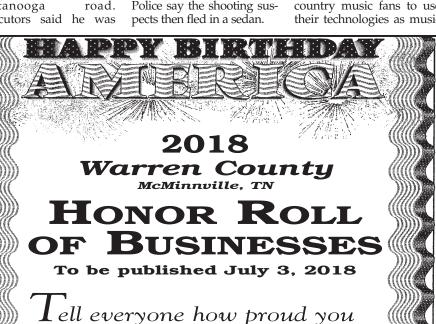
The music festival, now in its 47th year, had a new streaming exhibit area where fans could learn about the services, make playlists, find artists they liked or sign up. For the first year, Spotify had a significant footprint at the festival, including curating four days of performers at Blake Shelton's new downtown restaurant and integrating Spotify directly into the CMA Fest app, which prompted users to listen

throughout the weekend. Country Music Association CEO Sarah Trahern said its large study of country music fans that was released last year showed streaming as an area for potential growth.

Urtubees retires



After more than 36 years as a U.S. Postal Service employee, Karen Urtubees has retired. A reception was held for the mail carrier, who says she enjoyed the years she spent delivering mail to customers, family and friends. Pictured with her is dear friend Coty Jones.



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