

Pack seeks District 8 County Commission seat

My name is Dalton Pack and I am running to be your District 8 County Commissioner. I'm a lifetime resident of the Irving College area where my family has lived for over 150 years. My roots run deep. Some of you may remember my grandfather Carlyle Hobbs, a man who taught me to love my family, my community, and above all else the Lord. He instilled these same qualities in my mother. She, along with my father, taught my family to be active and caring members of the community. Keeping these values

close to heart, I take an active role in many organizations. I'm a board and committee chair of The Heritage Alliance of Warren County and a member of the Chamber's McMinnville Young Professionals. I am the first man in my family to attend college. As a student, substitute teacher, and tutor, I know the importance of investing in children. Through teamwork, I have learned the value of cooperation and how it is the key to making projects a success. As your commissioner, I promise to make moral and informed decisions

based on what will best benefit the people. I will take all questions and comments from my constituents to help me better make these decisions. Listening to the voter's concerns is an important part of decision making. That is why I have taken my campaign door to door in my district. Connecting with people is an important part of who I am as a public servant. My values, along with my young age, give me



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insight on the needs of our rural community. We have to invest in the future and be involved with all those individuals who play a role in it to provide economic opportunities for our youth. We must create good-paying jobs through programs like Mechatronics and Advanced Robotics. I am currently enrolled in Motlow's Mechatronics program and hope to finish my engineering

degree at MTSU. My studies have taught me problem solving which will help me in my role as commissioner. Education has been key to my success and it will do the same for other young people in Warren County. My plan as commissioner will be to learn all I can about local government. I wish to be involved in education, programs at the jail and to help promote tourism across the county. If we grow the economy, we can grow our opportunities. Furthermore, I believe

our County Commission has become complacent in recent years. We are settling for less. Benjamin E. Mays once said, "The tragedy of life is not found in failure but complacency. Not in you doing too much, but doing too little. Not in you living above your means, but below our capacity. It's not failure but aiming to low that is life's greatest tragedy." I want to fix complacency and promote progress. Vote Dalton Pack for your District 8 Commissioner! Early voting, July 13-28. Election Day, Aug. 2.

Candidates say tariffs pose threat to economy

MEMPHIS (AP) — U.S. Senate candidate Phil Bredesen said Monday that tariffs on steel and aluminum being imposed by President Donald Trump's administration are "pure presidential politics" but will hurt key Tennessee industries such as agriculture and auto production. Bredesen, a Democrat and a former Tennessee governor, spoke with reporters after meeting with officials at Memphis Bioworks Foundation, an organization that supports investment in bio-science. He is seen as the leading Democrat in the race to replace Sen. Bob Corker, a two-term Republican who is not seeking re-election. The Trump administration is clashing with trading partners around the world by imposing tariffs on imported steel and aluminum, provoking retaliation from close U.S. allies including the European Union, Canada and Mexico. Trump has threatened to impose tariffs of 10 percent to 25 percent on up to \$450 billion of Chinese goods, and Beijing responded to Washington's first round of hikes by raising duties on soybeans, an important Tennessee export. Bredesen said the tar-

iffs will hurt farmers and automakers in Tennessee and cost the state jobs. Trump is "playing to Ohio and Pennsylvania," Bredesen said, pinpointing steel-producing states that could be key battlegrounds in the 2020 presidential election. "We are collateral damage in that, but there's no question these tariffs hurt." Earlier this month, dozens of Tennessee farmers sent a letter urging the state's U.S. House delegation to oppose the tariffs. They wrote that the tariffs would raise prices for farmers to update equipment, expand production or renovate farm buildings and storage. They say anticipated retaliatory tariffs would make it harder to export Tennessee crops and hurt farmers' ability to make ends meet. "I've talked to farmers who said they've already lost orders just in anticipation of these tariffs coming," Bredesen said. American distilleries also are concerned: The European Union on Friday began rolling out tariffs on American prod-

ucts, including bourbon. Bredesen worried that Jack Daniel's Tennessee Whiskey — maybe the state's "best known product," he said — could be affected. Later Monday, officials said the price of Jack Daniel's will increase in the European Union because of the impact of the bloc's new 25 percent tariff. Phil Lynch, a spokesman for Jack Daniel's producer Brown-Forman Corp., said the price increase for the whiskey will take effect over the next couple months as stockpiled cases are sold off. The top Republican in the Senate race is U.S. Rep. Marsha Blackburn. Her office said Monday that Tennessee stands to be disproportionately affected by retaliatory tariffs targeting the auto, agriculture, and distilled spirits industries. "Tariffs are intended to punish bad actors, not harm American consumers and manufacturers, but Congressman Blackburn is increasingly concerned these tariffs are a bad deal for Tennesseans," the statement said.



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Mr. Blanton had already jimmied open the lock to his cell, according to reports, and darted out the door when the false 911 call provided a distraction. His mother was reportedly waiting in a car for him outside. She then drove him to another car she had waiting for him. Ms. Blanton has been charged with facilitating an escape, filing a false report and tampering with evidence. She reportedly threw the cellphone she used to make the 911 call in a nearby pond which resulted in the tampering with evidence charge. She is being held at Van Buren County Jail on \$75,000 bond. Warren County Chief Deputy Tommy Myers said there could be additional charges because it is believed other friends and family members may have aided Mr. Blanton in his escape.

Van Buren County is still using its tiny, longtime jail with a capacity of 13 inmates, even though a new jail has been constructed at the new county offices. Inmates have yet to be transferred to the new jail. The new jail has a capacity for 96 inmates, according to Van Buren County Mayor Greg Wilson. Van Buren County currently houses about 45 inmates, Wilson said Tuesday. Van Buren County Sheriff Eddie Carter said his department is working hard on moving into the new jail and will have inmates there as soon as possible. "I wish we were in there last month," said Sheriff Carter. "But moving into a new jail is a little different than moving into a new house or a new office. We aren't going to move in until we know our inmates are safe and our staff is going to be safe." Carter said the extra space

is badly needed because of the area's soaring drug problem and increased arrests. "We've had as many as 72 inmates during my five years as sheriff," said Carter. "In those five years, we've made over 500 drug arrests and that's due to the great deputies we have in this department. I can't say enough about the relationship we've built with other departments and when we needed them at 2 in the morning because of this escape, help started pouring in." Carter thanked several departments, including the Warren County Sheriff's Department and McMinnville Police Department for their support in apprehending Blanton. Blanton is still scheduled to be sentenced Wednesday, but it will be at Warren County Courthouse because he is being housed here.

Patriotic 5K to take place July 4

BY **LISA HOBBS**
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Get patriotic and fit during the 37th annual Stars and Strips Fun Run and Walk on July 4. Organized by the Rotary Club of McMinnville, the event is a 5K and it begins at 7:30 a.m. Sign-ups will take place the morning of the event. Registration forms can also be printed from the city of McMinnville's website. According to event chair Jay Bragg, the race

now includes a one-miler for children. "New this year will be the inclusion of a 1 Mile Kids Fun Run for children age 10 and under," Bragg said. "Participants must be registered and accompanied by a parent or guardian." Along with the Rotary Club, the race is sponsored by Middle Tennessee Dr Pepper Bottling Company, First National Bank of Middle Tennessee, and Security Federal Savings Bank in conjunction with the city of McMinnville Parks and Recreation

Department as part of the annual Fourth of July activities. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. at the intersection of Main Street and West Court Square with the Fun Run and Walk starting at 7:30 a.m. at the intersection of Main Street and East Court Square. The race is slated to end at approximately 9 a.m. Bragg requested endorsement from the city of McMinnville. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen gave unanimous approval.

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