

Lowery announces run for District 43 State Representative

Current Sparta City Councilman and long-time educator Jerry Lowery has officially announced his candidacy in the Republican Primary for District 43 State Representative.

Lowery is a military veteran who has been a public school teacher for nearly three decades.

He is a deacon and trustee for Sparta First Baptist Church, where he also teaches adult Sunday school classes and assists with Wednesday night youth activities.

Prior to serving as councilman, he served four years as a member of the White County Commission.

Lowery's guiding

political principle is conservative stewardship grounded in traditional Christian values.

As councilman and county commissioner he has stood firm against wasteful spending, excessive government regulation and is a vocal advocate for transparency in government.

A 1976 graduate of White County High School, Lowery entered the United States Navy and received training in aviation electronics. After his honorable discharge, he returned to his hometown and was employed at the former Wagner Electric facility as an electrician.

Feeling the call to

become an educator, Lowery enrolled at Tennessee Tech and supported his family by doing residential plumbing and electrical work until graduating with a bachelor of science in education.

He later obtained his master's degree in supervision.

Lowery is married to the former Tracey Vaughn, the daughter of Bruce and Martha Vaughn, who was owner and proprietor of Sparta Hardware for several decades. Jerry and Tracey



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have two sons, Joshua and Caleb, and one grandson, Rex, and daughter-in-law, Logan Holder Lowery.

"There is a crisis of common sense in government and a need for conservative Christian lead-

ers with backbone," said Lowery. "I will be a representative who will be neither blinded by city lights nor swayed by lobbyists whose interests may not align with my constituents. I intend to bring a strong voice for common sense and good stewardship to the state

capitol."

Having worked his way through college and worked to better the lives of young people for his entire adult life, Lowery understands the educational and economic hurdles faced by young people.

"For decades I have dedicated myself to improving the lives of local students and I feel called to extend the mission at the state level," he said.

With hands-on experience, he understands challenges faced by teachers, students, and graduates in need of economic opportunity.

"I'd like to see greater emphasis on vocational

education in high schools and removing bureaucratic hurdles to scholarships at the university level."

More specific issue-related information can be found at his campaign website, and on social media, including Facebook, Twitter, and the web, www.jerrylowerytn43.com.

"Please feel free to reach out to me to discuss any issue that concerns you. The date for the Republican primary is August 2, 2018. I humbly ask for your vote, your support, and your prayers. I thank you in advance for your partnering with me in this endeavor".

Fourth of July celebrations

MORRISON RURITAN, JULY 4

- 1 p.m.** Pageant registration begins
- 1:45** Opening ceremony
- 2 p.m.** Pageant begins
- 3 p.m.** Bingo, concessions open
- 3:30** Cake walk, outdoor games begin
- 5 p.m.** Cornhole tournament, The Gilley Band
- 7 p.m.** WCHS choir
- 7:30** Midnite Toast Band
- 9 p.m.** Fireworks

MIDWAY CIC, JULY 4

- 10 a.m.** Opening ceremony, speaker, awards, Blowups for kids, concessions open
- 10:15** Baby show, ages birth to 35 months Little Mr. and Miss Midway, 3-6 years *must play softball or live in Midway
- 10:30** Horseshoe tournament, floral entries
- Noon** Music by Good Rockin' Tonight (1950s)
- 2 p.m.** Kids games
- 4 p.m.** Softball games, coaches games
- 7 p.m.** Awards
- 10 p.m.** Fireworks

Notes No pets please

McMINNVILLE, JULY 4

- 6 a.m.** Farmers Market opens
- 6:30** Stars & Stripes Fun Run registration
- 7 a.m.** First United Methodist breakfast begins Kids games begin, booths open
- 7:30** Fun Run begins
- 8 a.m.** Tae kwon do demonstration, face painting, museum opens Call to colors mayoral address
- 9 a.m.** Cemetery tour begins
- 9:15** Cemetery tour begins
- 9:30** Pickleball demonstration, crossfit demonstration, frozen T-shirt contest
- 9:45** Pet safety minute
- 9:50** 50-foot watermelon drop
- 10 a.m.** Hall of fame chalk drawing, dance performances
- 10:30** Yankee Doodle Parade, this is a change from the previously announced time of 9 a.m.
- 11 a.m.** Mr. and Miss Stars & Stripes Pageant
- 11:15** 3 Rusty Nails BBQ giveaway
- Noon** "E.T." plays at Park Theater
- 9 p.m.** Fireworks at Civic Center

Reckless motorcyclist caught by deputy in foot pursuit

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

A motorcycle rider faces several charges after running from the law and being apprehended by a swift-footed deputy.

Motorcycle rider Sandy N. Stemberge, 52, is charged with one count of evading arrest, one count of evading arrest with risk of death or injury, driving on a suspended license fourth offense, speeding, driving an unregistered vehicle, and driving without insurance.

His charges stem

from an incident when sheriff's deputy Jared Jacobs observed him traveling 64 mph on West Green Hill Road, which is 45 mph.

Jacobs attempted to pull over the driver. Mr. Stemberge refused to stop and led him on a street pursuit that ended when the motorcycle left the roadway and entered a wooded area behind a residential home.

A foot pursuit began at that point.

According to the warrant, "Jacobs had to exit his patrol vehicle and engage in a foot

pursuit with the motorcyclist in the wooded area. After chasing the subject for several hundred yards, K-9 deputy Jared Jacobs caught Stemberge and placed him under arrest."

A driver's license check revealed Stemberge has a suspended license. He has one prior offense in Rutherford County in 2014 and two prior offenses in Van Buren County in 2014.

Stemberge was arraigned Wednesday and faces his next court appearance Aug. 22.

Counterfeit

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The search came to an end two days later when officer Chris Odom spotted the vehicle at Short Stop Market on Sunday. During the search of Cole's person, he found several counterfeit bills that matched ones that had previously been passed at local businesses.

An investigation is ongoing. Police have not revealed if Cole was involved in making the money or if the money simply came into her possession from another source. Due to counterfeit bills being used, the Secret Service is also examining the case.

Criminal simulation is a Class E felony punishable by one to two years in prison. She remain in jail under a \$50,000 bond for the Walmart incident.

It's likely other counterfeiters are working this area as reports continue to surface about counterfeit bills being passed since Cole has been in jail.

Jet ski accident claims life of 13-year-old boy

MOORE COUNTY, TENN. -- An accident involving a jet ski has claimed the life of a 13-year-old boy on Tims Ford Lake.

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency received the call a little after noon on Thursday.

TWRA officers responding to the call reported a jet ski with two passengers was towing a 13-year-old on a tube.

It is still unclear at this time, but at some point, the tube came in contact with a dock severely injuring the 13-year-old

passenger.

Emergency crews responded, but he died from his injuries.

The investigation into this accident is ongoing.

MEMPHIS (AP) — Federal prosecutors in Tennessee say eight people in the U.S. and Africa have been arrested on charges they stole millions from people and businesses around the world through computer and wire fraud.

Authorities say the group broke into servers and email systems belonging to a Memphis-

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based real estate company and used fake emails to commit financial fraud.

The suspects also are accused of using internet scams involving romance, fraudulent checks, gold buying and credit cards to illegally ship money and goods to Ghana, Nigeria, and South Africa.

Prosecutors say U.S. citizens in Indiana and Washington state were arrested.

Also arrested were a Mexican citizen living in

California, a citizen of Ghana living in New York and a Nigerian citizen in Atlanta.

Three other Africans were arrested in Ghana.

THREE STAR CINEMA

Sparta Rd. at Three Star Mall
24 Hr. Movie Answering Service
473-7600

HELD OVER 2ND WEEK THRU THURS., JULY 5

"JURASSIC WORLD: FALLEN KINGDOM"

- PG13 -
7:00 - 9:20

HELD OVER 3RD WEEK THRU THURS., JULY 5

DISNEY'S "INCREDIBLES 2"

- PG -
7:00 - 9:15

FRI. THRU THURS. JUNE 29 - JULY 5

"UNCLE DREW"

- PG13 -
7:15 - 9:15

HELD OVER 4TH WEEK THRU THURS., JULY 5

"OCEANS 8"

- PG13 -
7:10 - 9:15

HELD OVER 3RD WEEK THRU THURS., JULY 5

"THE TAG"

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7:10 - 9:10

- COMING FRI., JULY 6 -

"ANT-MAN AND THE WASP"

- PG13 -

PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

ADMISSION
ADULTS 7.00
CHILDREN 5.00

VETERANS CORNER Southern Standard

AMERICAN LEGION POST 173

Our MONTHLY MEETINGS are held the first Thursday of each month at Billy's Restaurant (2822 Nashville Highway in McMinnville). Members will meet at 5:00 pm for dinner with the meeting to follow at 6:00 pm. All members are encouraged to attend. Prospective members are also welcome to attend.

Everyone is invited to visit our Facebook page @post173 to stay up to date on all American Legion activities.

New Post address is: American Legion Post 173, P.O. Box 173, McMinnville, TN 37111. The Ladies Auxiliary meets at the same time.

THE BOBBY RAY DETACHMENT OF THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Our MONTHLY MEETINGS are held the first Thursday of each month at the Warren County Administrative Building (201 Locust Street) in the Magnolia Room. Doors open at 1800 and the meeting starts at 1830. All honorable discharged Marines, Navy FMF Corpsman and Navy Chaplains who served with the marines are invited to attend. For more information call 931-934-5619.

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS CHAPTER (POST 173)

Our MONTHLY MEETINGS are held the third Saturday each month at Gondola Restaurant (305 Mullican St. in McMinnville). Members will meet at 9:00am for breakfast and the meeting will follow at 10:00am. We will ride after the meeting. We are looking for new members. Everyone is invited to visit our Facebook page @ American Legion Riders Chapter Post 173 McMinnville. For information please contact Director John A. Davis at American Legion Rider Chapter Post 173, PO Box 173, McMinnville, TN 37111.

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, ROYCE DAVENPORT CHAPTER 1112

Monthly meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at Billy's restaurant (2822 Nashville Hwy. in McMinnville). Members will meet at 5:00 p.m. for dinner, with meeting starting at 6:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend. Prospective members will need to bring copy of DD Form 214 to verify service and join. Everyone is invited to visit our Facebook page @ VVA1112 to stay up to date on all VVA and AVVA activities.

Associate Vietnam Veterans of America, Royce Davenport Chapter 1112

Meeting is the same time and place as the VVA (see above). Anyone can be a member. There is no requirement to be related to a Veteran in anyway, however Veterans can also join. Please come and join our organization. Royce Davenport Chapter 1112 will again be collecting non-perishable items for the Warren County Emergency Food Bank during the Main Street Live Concert Series on Friday nights starting June 9, 2017 and continuing through the series. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 5064

Our MONTHLY MEETINGS are typically held on the third Thursday of each month at the VFW Post Home (3340 Sparta Highway) at 7:00 pm. Prospective members are encouraged to attend. Call 931-668-8392 for more information. The VFW Auxiliary meets at the same time.



WED., JULY 4TH
9:00 PM
McMinnville Civic Center

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