

Southern Standard, WCPI to hold political forums for candidates

What's been a lengthy county election season is entering the final stages as early voting is set to begin next Friday, July 13.

To help voters make an informed decision when electing Warren County leaders, the *Southern Standard* and WCPI public radio are holding three public forums next week. Start time is 6 p.m. each night at Warren County Administrative Offices on Locust Street.

On Monday, Karl Dean, candidate for Tennessee governor, has confirmed he will be in attendance. All six major candidates for governor were invited. Bill Lee, Randy Boyd, Beth Harwell, Diane Black and Craig Fitzhugh have yet to accept the invitation.

Jack Maddux, candidate for 4th District U.S. Congress, will also appear Monday.

Candidates for Warren County Executive have been invited to attend.

SOUTHERN STANDARD WCPI POLITICAL FORUMS AT WARREN COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES	
MONDAY	TUESDAY
43rd District State House 47th District State House School Board County Executive Karl Dean	4th District U.S. House Trustee Circuit Court Clerk Register of Deeds Sheriff
THURSDAY	
All candidates for Warren County Commission	

Candidates will be given three minutes for an introduction then asked general questions about county government.

Candidates for the Tennessee House of Representatives have confirmed they will be in attendance. Paul Sherrell, Jerry Lowery and Les Trotman are running for the 43rd District seat. Rush Bricken, Ronnie Holden and Mike Winton are running for the 47th District seat.

In local School Board races, Andy Link is challenging James Jacobs in the 1st District. Sue Anderson and James Jacobs are fighting for an open seat in the 5th District.

On Tuesday night, candidates for 4th District Congress will be on the schedule. They will join candidates for Warren County Sheriff - Billy Joe Crouch, Bobby Edwards, Marc Martin, John Morgan, Tommy Myers and Rodney Whiles.

Each of these candidates will be given time for an introduction then asked general questions pertaining to either federal government or local law enforcement from moderators.

Anyone who would like to submit a general question for the Standard to consider can do so by email at editor@southern-standard.com.

Also on the schedule Tuesday night are candidates for Trustee, Circuit Court Clerk, and Register of Deeds. These candidates will be given a chance to speak but will not be asked questions.

On Thursday night, all candidates running for Warren County Commission are invited to attend and they will be given three minutes to speak. Candidates will not be asked questions.

Early voting is July 13-28 with election day Aug. 2.

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: 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.**

Couple jailed

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At Wanamaker's Market, the only thing reported missing was the hard drive to the surveillance system. Images of the suspects and their vehicle were captured by surveillance cameras at some of the stores.

In addition to their jail time, the two were ordered to make \$1,050 restitution to

Wanamaker's Market, \$100 restitution to Medley's Market, \$140 restitution to Medley's in Viola, and \$3,200 restitution to Country Club Market.

The suspects were encountered later that same day by chance by Sheriff's Department deputy Jared Jacobs inside The Smoke Shop on Sparta Street. He recognized them from sur-

veillance photos that had been circulated. Jacobs accompanied them to their vehicle, a Chevy Trail Blazer. In plain sight were a number of packs of cigarettes.

Permission to search the vehicle was granted and a number of items taken in the burglaries were found. A search of their home on Rebel Hill Street uncovered more stolen items.

Pruitt resigns from EPA

WASHINGTON (AP) — Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt resigned Thursday amid ethics investigations of outsized security spending, first-class flights and a sweetheart condo lease.

With Pruitt's departure, President Donald Trump loses an administrator many conservatives regarded as one of the more effective members of his Cabinet. But Pruitt had also been dogged for months by a seemingly unending string of scandals that spawned more than a dozen federal and congressional investigations.

A former Oklahoma attorney general close to the oil and gas industry, Pruitt had filed more than a dozen lawsuits against the agency he was picked to lead. Arriving in Washington, he worked relentlessly to dismantle Obama-era environmental regulations that aimed to reduce toxic pollution and planet-warming carbon emissions.

During his one-year tenure, Pruitt criss-

crossed the country at taxpayer expense to speak with industry groups and hobnob with GOP donors, but he showed little interest in listening to advocates he derided as "the environmental left." Those groups applauded his departure.

Many of the EPA regulations Pruitt scraped or delayed had not yet taken effect, and the tens of thousands of lost coal mining jobs the president pledged to bring back never materialized.

Pruitt was forced out following a series of revelations involving pricey trips with first-class airline seats and unusual security spending, including a \$43,000 soundproof booth for making private phone calls.

He also demanded 24-hour-a-day protection from armed officers, resulting in a swollen 20-member security detail that blew through overtime budgets and



PRUITT

racked up expenses of more than \$3 million.

Pruitt also had ordered his EPA staff to do personal chores for him, picking up dry cleaning and trying to obtain a used Trump hotel mattress for his

apartment.

He had also enlisted his staff to contact conservative groups and companies to find a lucrative job for his unemployed wife, including emails seeking a Chick-fil-A franchise from a senior executive at the fast-food chain.

Barren Fork receives markers

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

River fanatics should take a moment to notice mile markers that have been placed along the Barren Fork River.

The markers provide a four-digit code that can be used by emergency response personnel to help locate people in distress. McMinnville Breakfast Rotary launched the river safety program.

Warren County Rescue Squad members stepped up to begin placing the signs.

"We volunteered to help put up the signs because it will only benefit us to help locate people if they need help while on the river," said Chad Hillis, director of Warren County Rescue Squad. "Many times people can only give us the location of where they started and where they planned to stop. It's up to us to find them and that can take a lot of time. By having the signs up, that can narrow down their location to within a mile or so instead of 7 or 8 miles."

While the river is known for its beauty, it can become hazardous. Hillis said one family found that out first hand.

"Three adults and three children decided they would float the river on inner tubes. They made it about a mile below Frank G Clement Bridge and all of them fell off their inner tubes and swam to shore. We launched from Pepper Branch Park and made contact with them. We made two separate trips hauling them to the opposite shore in the Depot Bottom area. One adult was complaining of pain in his left side rib area and one adult had a small cut around her eye."

It took Rescue Squad members approximately eight hours to hang 14 mile



Photo provided

Warren County Rescue Squad members went out on a limb to support a program aimed at quickly locating people who need emergency response when floating the river turns less than enjoyable. Pictured is Dillion Butcher holding the ladder while John Kester places a marker.

marker signs and reflectors. There are two signs at each location and two reflectors.

"We feel these mile markers will definitely be a safety benefit to anyone who needs help and normally wouldn't know where they may be located," said Hillis. "It will speed up the rescue process tremendously."

The four-digit code provides the name of the river and the distance from the mouth of the river. BF07 stands for Barren Fork River and seven miles from the mouth of the river.

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- PG13 -
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THRU THURS., JULY 12

DISNEY'S
"INCREDIBLES 2"

- PG -
7:00 - 9:15

FRI. THRU THURS.
JULY 6 - 12

DISNEY'S
"ANT MAN AND THE WASP"

- PG13 -
7:00 - 9:15

HELD OVER 5TH WEEK
THRU THURS., JULY 12

"OCEANS 8"

- PG13 -
7:10 - 9:15

HELD OVER 2ND WEEK
THRU THURS., JULY 12

"UNCLE DREW"

- PG13 -
7:10 - 9:10

- COMING FRI., JULY 13 -

"SKYSCRAPER"

- PG13 -
&
"HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 3: SUMMER VACATION"

- PG -

PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

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ADULTS 7.00
CHILDREN 5.00