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## Candidates for governor to appear at forum

Dean, Fitzhugh announce intentions to attend

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The two major Democrats running for Tennessee governor will headline a schedule of high-profile candidates that will appear at *Southern Standard*/WCPI political forums in McMinnville this week.

Karl Dean and Craig Fitzhugh are both vying for the governor's office and they will discuss issues crucial to the state this Monday at Warren County Administrative Offices on

Locust Street. They will be the first candidates on the schedule at 6 p.m.

"We're pleased these candidates for the highest office in Tennessee think enough of the Warren County voters to appear at our political forum," said *Standard* publisher Patricia Zechman. "We also extended invitations to the four major Republican candidates running for governor



**DEAN**

but none of them decided to accept."

Representatives from the campaigns of Bill Lee and Randy Boyd both declined to attend. A representative for Beth Harwell said another GOP candidate would have to come for her to attend. No one from the Diane Black campaign responded.

The candidates for governor will be given time for

an introduction, be asked questions from moderators, then be given time to make a closing statement.

Dean and Fitzhugh will highlight a full night of political discussion as candidates for Warren County executive will also be in attendance and be asked general county government questions from moderators. Jimmy Haley, Terry Bell and Ray



**FITZHUGH**

Hixson have confirmed they plan to attend.

Six candidates for Tennessee House of Representatives are also on the schedule Monday night.

Tuesday night will be headlined by the six candidates for Warren County sheriff and the three Democratic candidates for 4<sup>th</sup> District U.S. House of Representatives.

Thursday night all candidates running for Warren County Commission are invited to attend.



For a complete schedule of events for the *Southern Standard*/WCPI political forums, see **page 2A**

## Bus stop



**Randy Boyd, Republican candidate for governor, along with his wife, Jenny, stopped in downtown McMinnville for a casual meet and greet Friday morning at the Chamber as part of Boyd's 95-County Bus Tour. Early voting begins this Friday, July 13.**

Lacy Garrison photo

## Boyd's tour visits McMinnville

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On Friday, Randy Boyd, Republican candidate for governor, visited McMinnville for a meet and greet at the Chamber. Warren County was the first of six stops

that day for Boyd's Bus Tour, which will eventually span nine weeks across the state before the Aug. 2 Republican Primary.

Boyd is a businessman who founded a pet products company in Knoxville and served as Tennessee's economic development chief under current Gov. Bill Haslam.

Through business and vacation, Randy said he and his wife, Jenny, have been to Warren County on many occasions. He also explained why he feels it is important to campaign by traveling from county to county.

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## Heart doctor shot, killed in Woodbury

BY **JAMES CLARK**  
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The TBI is investigating the gunshot death of a prominent local heart doctor who saw patients at Saint Thomas River Park Hospital once a week.

Dr. Chester J. Falterman was found dead from a gunshot wound at a shooting range in Woodbury on the Fourth of July.

According to Nashville TV station WKRN, a call to the Cannon County Sheriff's Department was made at 4 p.m. Wednesday from 3175 Pleasant Ridge Road. That's the address of OK Corral Shooting Range.

Circumstances of the shooting have not yet been released, but investigators told WKRN the incident does not appear to involve foul play. An employee at OK Corral Shooting Range declined to comment and referred questions to law enforcement.



**FALTERMAN**

Dr. Falterman was a prominent cardiologist with St. Thomas Heart in Murfreesboro. He maintained an office in McMinnville and saw patients here once a week, according to Saint Thomas River Park CEO Dale Humphrey.

Dr. Falterman reportedly came to the Rutherford County area in December 2008 to help build the Saint Thomas Heart location in Murfreesboro with colleague Dr. Britt Mioton.

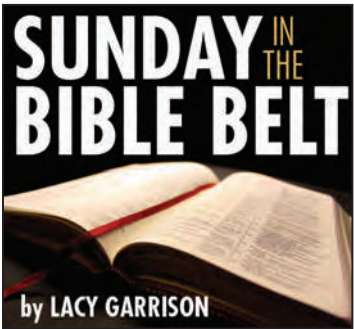
Gordon Ferguson, CEO of Saint Thomas Rutherford Hospital, said in a statement, "Dr. Falterman was a hard-working and compassionate physician who will be greatly missed and we are grateful for the compassionate care he provided our patients for many years. Our sincerest condolences are with his family, friends, patients, and fellow associates during this time. We understand unexpected loss can be particularly difficult and we will be providing pastoral care services through our mission team to our associates and patients during this time of loss."

## Striving to be a good neighbor

First United Methodist Church of McMinnville is looking to transform the world one neighborhood at a time.

"We just want to be a good neighbor and this is an agrarian community," said Rev. Tommy Vann. "A lot of people work hard on either a farm or nursery so the importance of being a good neighbor is very high. I need to have a good neighbor, I need to be a good neighbor. That's one way to put the gospel on the ground is to love God and love your neighbor as yourself."

Impacting the community is a top priority for First United Methodist members as they devote time, energy and resources



by LACY GARRISON

to local programs and events.

One such program is their Good Neighbor Food Program. According to Rev. Vann, this program has been providing meals to local people in need for 30 years. Each Thursday afternoon,

three teams (cooks, delivery drivers, and dessert makers) prepare and deliver 120 to 130 meals to those in our community.

When asked how important is being relevant to the community, Rev. Vann immediately responded "absolutely important," especially considering Jesus consistently took His ministry to the people. FUMC strives to show it cares. For example, last year during the eclipse, FUMC handed out Moon Pies with Psalm 8 on the back.

"As we were watching the



**VANN**

eclipse, we were reminded that behind that is God," said Vann. "We were part of the celebration with a little tent downtown and that is how we are relevant."

During a typical service, worship usually begins with a musical prelude, congregational recitation, hymns and singing, scripture reading, prayers, sermon and communion. Vann said the service is structured, but also has the warmth of the Spirit.

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