

Zavogiannis makes justice more accessible to Van Buren County

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The road to justice has gotten shorter for residents of Van Buren County.

District Attorney General Lisa Zavogiannis has opened an office in Spencer for the convenience of residents in that area. It's located at 121 Taft Drive in the new county administrative complex.

"It's been something we've been trying to do for the past 12 years," said Zavogiannis, who is in the middle of her second term. "We've never had a full-time, five-day-a-week office up there in Spencer."

Rhonda Williamson is assigned to staff the office full-time. Zavogiannis and her staff will be available as needed.

"We've had a steady stream every day," said Zavogiannis. "We're



Lisa Zavogiannis has opened a District Attorney's Office in Spencer. Pictured, front row, from left, are Zavogiannis and Rhonda Williamson. Back row, Matt Colvard and Randal Gilliam.

proud to be able to provide this service. We've always taken good care of the citizens of Van Buren County, but this will give them much better access

to our office. They don't have to drive 30 miles to talk to someone in person."

The phone number is (931) 946-5012.

Dog bite

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"The police, paramedics and the fire department came," said Milton, who chuckled. "It was a big to-do. Everyone was really nice and very helpful. When you call for help, they send it. I was thankful for it."

The bite caused a laceration on her left calf which required five stitches to close.

Milton says she lost four days of work and her sense of security around roaming dogs.

"They were border collies. I didn't think I was in any danger. I had pepper spray with me, but it wasn't in my hand. Like I said, I didn't think I was in danger. I know better now. When I see any dog roaming loose, I get very nervous. I'm scared when I wasn't before. This situation



has affected me."

She added, "I hope people read this and keep their dogs on their property. It doesn't matter what kind of breed you have. They shouldn't be allowed to roam freely. Westwood is such a beautiful area. I see people walking all the time. What if it had been a small child? This situation could have been a lot

worse. Thankfully, it wasn't a small child."

McMinnville Animal Control officer David Denton confirmed with the dog's owners that it is current on rabies vaccination. The dog was left in the owner's custody and a verbal warning was given for violation of city ordinance against dogs roaming at large.

School staff awarded



Lacy Garrison photo

A new school year has begun, but top employees from last year are being recognized. Warren County School's Classified Employee of the Year for 2017-18 is WCHS scholarship coordinator Debbie Jennings, right, while Hickory Creek librarian Lydia Taylor has been named Certified Employee of the Year for 2017-18.

Enhancement program applications approaching

The application period for the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program is approaching. Please mark your calendars.

The 2018 application period is Oct. 1-15. For those who were approved for genetics, grain storage, hay storage, livestock feed storage, working facility cover, poultry grower, or producer diversification during the 2017 application period, you are required to submit all reimbursement requests by Sept. 1, 2018.

It is hoped the new applications will be available by the middle of August. As usual we will try to get the applications posted around our local agri-businesses or you can go online to view the application and apply during the Oct. 1-15 application period at: www.tn.gov/agriculture/farms/taep.html.

ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF AGRICULTURE PER COUNTY

The importance of agriculture to the state of Tennessee

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is undeniable, accounting for 9 percent of the state's economy and \$57.6 billion in output. A new report from the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture reveals the economic impact of agriculture by county.

Online reports for each of Tennessee's 95 counties are available on an interactive map. In the reports, agriculture includes crop and livestock production, food and fiber processing, such as ice cream plants and textile mills, farm inputs, such as fertilizer plants and feed mills, and forestry-based products, such as sawmills and paper mills.

Reports include the multiplier effect, which is the impact of agriculture on the non-agricultural part of the economy.

Examples of the multiplier effect include farmers and other agricultural businesses purchasing local inputs, such as utilities, and local spending by agricultural workers and owner operators. Each report provides an estimate of agriculture's contribution to output — dollar value of sales — and jobs for the county in question.

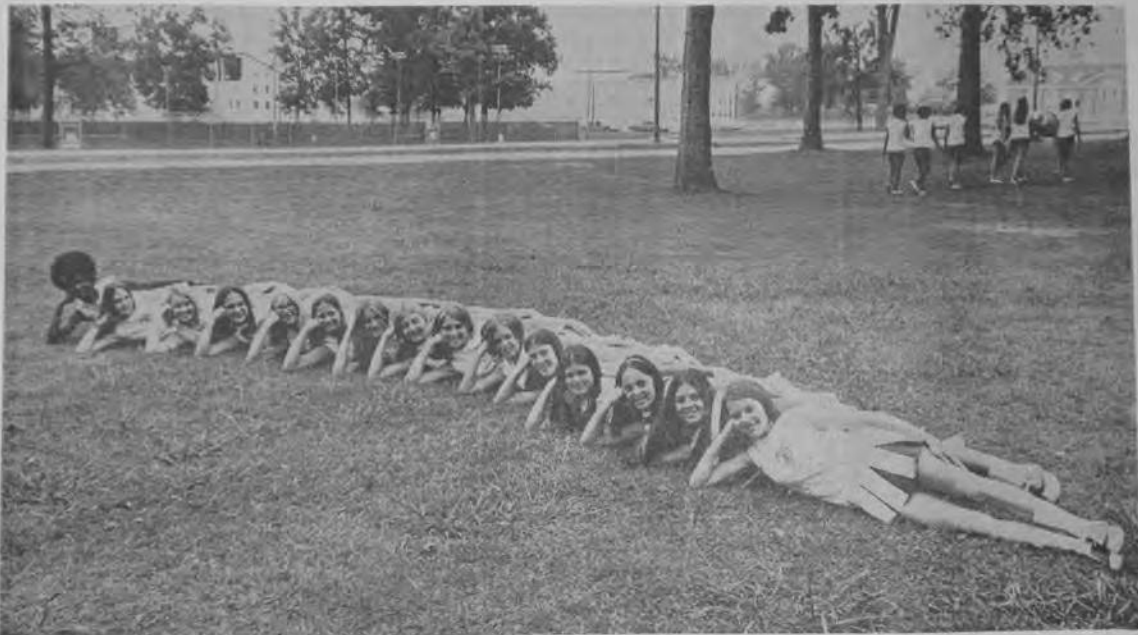
For example, activity in agriculture and the resulting multiplier effect are responsible for \$1.017 billion in sales and 4,003 jobs in Weakley County.

To access the reports, go to ageconomicimpact.tennessee.edu and click on the county of interest. The webpage also provides training materials for those who wish to learn more about the method of analysis used to generate the reports.

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PUBLISHER'S Pics

Standard publisher Pat Zechman has been in the newspaper business for over 50 years. Zechman wants to give back to the community and the **Standard** alike and it has led her to creating the Publisher's Pics feature. This week's pictures are from Aug. 1971. Look for more Publisher's Pics on the **Southern Standard** Facebook page.



TECH WORKSHOP DELEGATES—These Warren County Senior High varsity cheerleaders from McMinnville are among more than 2500 high school and junior high participants at the 14th annual Cheerleaders Workshop in progress at Tennessee Tech. From left to right are Cytoyse Thomas,

Jackie Perry, Cheryl McCormick, Susan O'Neal, Jody Barney, Valorie Milstead, Genay Pennington, Susie Hitchcock, Betsy Wagner, Debbie Allen, Missy Carothers, Chandra Davis, Debbie Glenn, Marlene Slaughter, and Susan Davis.

Ben Lomand DRIVE-IN THEATRE
Show Time: At Dusk
Monday-Tuesday August 16-17
Robert Redford
Michael J. Pollard
"LITTLE FAUSS & BIG HALSY"
R IN COLOR
Wed.-Thurs.-Fri.-Sat. August 18-19-20-21
Ali MacGraw - Ryan O'Neal
The Year's #1 Best Seller
IN COLOR
John Marley & Ray Milland
ALSO SATURDAY
ROCK HUDSON SYLVIA KOSCINA
"HORNETS' NEST"



TEDDY BURT JONES was guest of honor at a party given in celebration of his second birthday on July 28. In addition to many gifts, Teddy received a uniquely decorated birthday cake, shaped in the form of a giraffe. Teddy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Jones, of Route 2, Smithville.



'61 CLASS REUNION—Fifteen members of the Irving College High School graduating class of 1961 attended a reunion of the class held Saturday night at Hillcrest Restaurant. Special guests included the principal of the school in that year, J. K. Stanley, and three of the teachers. The instructors and principal are seated in the foreground. From left are G. L. Dodson, Mrs. Vivian Dodson, Stanley and Vernon Williams. Members of the class in attendance were,

from left standing, front row, Shirley Woodlee, Sarah Woodlee, Carolyn (Roberts) Frazier, Betty (Bouldin) Greene, Avery Curtis, Faye (Panter) Warren and Minnie (Rhea) Smartt. Second row, Joyce (Hillis) Mayfield, Ronnie Smith, Kaye (Argo) Woodlee, Carolyn (Bates) Fults, Clayta (Taylor) McGee, David Nunley, Jack Clark and Linda (Smartt) Hudson.