

Drugs present at scene



A motorcycle rider was injured Tuesday around 5:45 p.m. on Smithville Highway when he plowed into the back of a Z71 pickup driven by McMinnville resident Phil Bennett, 70, who was not injured. Bennett said several motorists had slowed because a vehicle up ahead was turning left onto Twin Lakes Drive when the motorcycle plowed into his tailgate. Jason Moseley, 37, of DeKalb County was riding the motorcycle and was hospitalized from the crash. The Tennessee Highway Patrol says drugs belonging to Mr. Moseley were present at the scene and charges are pending.

James Clark photo

Waffle House shooter deemed incompetent for trial by institute

NASHVILLE (AP) — Prosecutors are seeking a court hearing after the suspect in a deadly shooting at a Tennessee Waffle House was deemed presently incompetent for trial and in need of hospitalization.

Nashville Deputy District Attorney General Roger Moore filed the motion in 29-year-old Travis Reinking's case Tuesday.

The filing says a mental health institute notified the judge last week that Reinking is currently not competent to stand trial and needs immediate judicial hospitalization.

Authorities say Reinking used an AR-15-style rifle to fire upon the Nashville restaurant April 22, killing four people.

WTVF reported Reinking called one of its reporters from jail in May and said he's "perfectly healthy" when asked about his mental fitness.

Friends and relatives have said Reinking suffered from delusions and sometimes discussed wanting to marry singer Taylor Swift.

STATE ROUNDUP

NASHVILLE (AP) — Democrat Phil Bredesen is proposing four debates before the November election for U.S. Senate against Republican Marsha Blackburn, whose campaign says she's still finalizing her debate schedule but looks forward to debating Bredesen.

Bredesen's campaign said Monday the former governor has agreed with debate sponsors to events at Rhodes College in Memphis on Sept. 13; at Cumberland University in Lebanon on Sept. 25; at Tivoli Theatre in Chattanooga on Oct. 1; and at the University of Tennessee's Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy in Knoxville on Oct. 10.

Blackburn campaign spokeswoman Abbi Sigler said the congresswoman is finalizing her slate of debates and is pleased to see Bredesen is willing to debate.

Hewitt rejects offer while Cotton is given opportunity

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Amy Hewitt will not be Warren County government's next Finance Department director.

The county Financial Management Committee gave her the initial nod last week, but she rejected the offer. Members met this week and amended the agenda to include reconsideration on the hiring process.

While Hewitt received four votes that gave her the majority, Justin Cotton received the remaining three votes.

"I think Justin was our second vote-getter," said Director of Schools Bobby Cox. "I have no problem with him. I'll make that motion."

The discussion to offer the position to Cotton took less than a minute. However, his beginning salary took much longer.

"I'll speak for myself, but we probably owe Linda (Hillis) an apology," said Director of Schools Bobby Cox. "We should have increased her salary way before this time. I checked with White County and Coffee County. Those are the two comparable counties that touch Warren. Coffee County budgeted \$79,996 for their director of

accounts. White County, with a population of 26,753 people, they pay their director of accounts \$76,069. Our population is 40,651 as of the census online. I think it needs to be comparable."

She makes approximately \$68,000.

Cox added, "I know he said he'd do it for \$60,000. I know he doesn't have the experience that Linda has. For me to consider salary, I would like to know what everyone thinks we should be using. Is it degrees? Is it years of experience? What is it?"

Commissioner Tommy Savage stated his belief that Cotton reduced his salary request due to his respect for Hillis and a desire to be similar to what the other applicants were requesting.

Commissioner Scott Rubley argued against offering someone more salary than what they requested.

"I feel like we should have set the salary scale before now, but that's water under the bridge," he said. "The fact of the matter is, Justin has expressed his intent to come to work for that. Like some of these



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other farmers here, if we go to buy a tractor and they say 'we'll let you have it for \$57,000' we don't say 'no, I think it's worth \$60,000 so I'll give you \$60,000.' We are leaving some space for Justin to have raises. If he's doing a good job and we feel like he deserves a pay increase, then it will be there for him."

A motion by Commissioner Terry Bell to set the salary at \$60,000 failed due to lack of a second.

Cox stated, "We were going to pay Amy \$80,000. She had 15 years' experience and a bachelor's degree. Justin has seven years' experience, I think, and a bachelor's degree and he's worked in the department. There has to be a happy medium between. That's my opinion."

After several more minutes of discussion, Bell made a second motion to set the salary at \$62,500. It was unanimously approved.

The measure will be sent to the full Warren County Commission for its consideration.



CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Bart Stanley ruled on the following cases in Circuit Court.

Austin James Baker was ordered to serve 291 days of a two-year sentence for theft of property, possession of meth, and simple possession.

Austin T. Martin was ordered to serve the balance of his sentence for possession of schedule II drugs and violation of probation. He must also pay a \$2,000 fine.

Kristi Lee Morrison was ordered to serve six days for simple assault.

Juan Hernandez Padilla was ordered to serve 90 days for identity theft.

Garen S. Wright was given an 11-month, 29-day sentence to serve

for driving while license suspended second offense.

The following people were given jail time for violation of probation: Calan Christopher Adcock (365 days), Amanda M. Arnold (time served), Michael Lynn Atnip (120 days), Jeremy Brandon Barnes (180 days), Courtney Dishay Blevins (serve balance), Marvin Thomas Clark (serve balance), Michael Brandon Colwell (180 days), Teri Beth Coppinger (90 days), Jeremy Lee Davis (60 days), Adam Elrod (serve balance), Ricky Christopher Fox (serve balance, but can be furloughed to rehab), James

Nicklaus Hale (365 days), Jarrod Allen Herrin (90 days), Jean Luc Keller (90 days), Roberta McCann (90 days) Lindsey McClure (serve balance), Sean David Michael Perry (180 days), James Cade Reagan (50 days), Alan Dean Smith (90 days), Derek Jeremiah Smith (serve balance), Edtavis Smith (90 days), Tasha Spurlock (75 days), Sarah Threlkel (serve balance), Joshua A. Tipton (serve balance), Kami Ward (60 days), Toshi Lynn Webb (30 days), Samantha Gaybrielle Whittaker (365 days), Cody Wayne Wood (180 days), Jacqueline Rose Yates (90 days).

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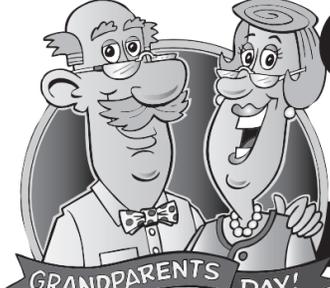
Last Thursday kicked off the 10th annual concert series called Live On the Green with Dispatch headlining and braving the storms.

On Thursdays in August, the Public Square Park in Nashville

will be filled with both big names and local bands in the rock and folk music scene with free admission to the public.

The entertainment will continue this Thursday, Aug. 16, and continue every Thursday in August, ending with a three-day festival over Labor Day weekend from

Aug. 30 through Sept. 1. Trampled by Turtles, Matt and Kim, Cold War Kids, Jimmy Eat World, Dr. Dog and X Ambassadors will be taking the stage this month along with some talented Nashville performers providing free entertainment to help finish the summer off right.



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