

# Class of '68 gives back



After recently celebrating its 50th class reunion, the McMinnville City High class of 1968 decided to donate funds from the reunion to four separate local organizations. Pictured, from left, are Jane Ann Loftis with the Warren County Middle School library, Brad Walker with Magness Library, Brenda Wilson and Kerry Mullican, class representatives, Helping Hands representative Tammy Comfort and Phyllis Hillis, classmate and Meals on Wheels representative. Each organization received a check for \$100.

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## No tax increase

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“Folks, every one of us worked together four years ago to appoint these people to Budget and Finance (Committee) and later on, Financial Management (Committee),” Rubley said. “We put confidence in these people and they worked really hard on this budget this year. They feel like this consolidated budget is OK and that our tax levy is OK and we can make it another year. I hope we continue to put the confidence in them by voting to leave this tax levy where it is now.”

Brown reminded the commission that Finance Department director Linda Hillis stated a property tax increase would be needed to pay the debt service on the jail expansion.

“Two years ago, our finance director advised us that we needed a tax increase,” said Brown. “She also told us we needed a new source of revenue coming into the county. What bothers me about this particular motion is it is not tied to certain things. I believe we should tie it to a need. We definitely have a need for a tax increase in this county. We have so many buildings that need repairs. We have the situation with the jail, but we don’t know exactly what that bid is going to be.”

A resolution to leave the property tax rate unchanged for the 16th year passed 20-3. Commissioners Bond, Morgan and Rhea voted against it. When the consolidated budget came under consideration, it drew unanimous approval.

# Art grant could lend fresh mural to wall

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The Paul Holder Real Estate building is under consideration for a mural dedicated to honoring Warren County’s musical past in order to connect this community to a driving tour called Tennessee Music Pathways, a state-wide tourism initiative.

“There’s an art grant available, but there is a timeline attached to it,” said McMinnville Mayor Jimmy Haley, who requested the city’s Finance Committee to designate funds for the reimbursable grant. “We were looking for a non-profit to apply for this.”

Main Street McMinnville executive director Katie Kemezis has agreed to ask her board to be that nonprofit organization.

“We are happy to act as a pass through where we are the one keeping the grant, getting it fully covered and returning the money to the city,” said Kemezis. “Again, all this needs to be approved by my board.”

The mural, which can be expanded upon, will

initially showcase four local stars: Dottie West, Charles Faulkner Bryan, Uncle Dave Macon, and Hal Durham.

“Those are the initial ones,” said Haley. “There are others we can include. We felt like those were the easiest to document and the easiest to give pathway sites that if people who are on this driving trail or want to follow this music pathway they could come to McMinnville and see where these people lived when they were young – the area that had an influence on them as they grew up here.”

Steve Davis has been asked to be the artist.

An estimate of \$3,360 for an 8-foot by 24-foot painting was given by Steve Davis and presented by Haley. Davis was the artist who worked with Security Federal Savings Bank and painted a mural to McMinnville on the side of the old Atrium Building.

The realty business is currently being operated by Holder’s grandson, David Miller.

“Has David signed off on this?” asked Alderman



Lisa Hobbs photo

This bare wall on Court Square could receive an artistic touch and add to a musical driving trail called Tennessee Music Pathways. The trail is a tourism effort to promote the world-renowned music scene in the state. If a grant can be found, featured on the mural would be Dottie West, Charles Faulkner Bryan, Uncle Dave Macon, and Hal Durham.

Everett Brock.

Haley replied, “David is my son-in-law.”

“That doesn’t necessarily mean he’s good with it,” said Brock.

Haley stated, “I’ve talked to him. He’s OK

with this.”

Kemezis stated, “Ultimately, this is a great opportunity for Heritage Alliance, Main Street McMinnville and David, a private building owner, to actually bring

something to a very visible part of our downtown and hopefully bring more activity to the grassy lot.”

It is yet to be determined if the mural will be painted on the wall or

if it would be painted onto a secondary surface and mounted to the wall.

The Finance Committee unanimously approved \$3,500 in the budget to be used if a grant can be obtained.

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TDEC issued a second notice of violation after the first notice did not result in compliance. It provided the city 45 days to clean up the area or risk losing its permit. If lost, the city can no longer use the property as a transfer station.

The information was presented to the city Streets and Sanitation Committee by McMinnville Public Works Department assistant director Brad Hennessee.

City officials entered into an agreement with the recycling business in April 2017. McMinnville Green is allowed to use the property and a portion of the building, while the city retains use of the weigh station. The lease can be terminated with a 180-day written notice by either

party.

Hennessee said the city is faced with three choices:

- 1) Allow McMinnville Green to continue operations as they are and incur future violations which will eventually lead to penalties and/or monetary fines.
- 2) Move the city’s sanitation infrastructure to another location and drop the transfer station permit to relieve TDEC’s enforcement of the facility.
- 3) Terminate McMinnville Green’s lease.

Recycling business owner John Hoch says recycling can be a messy business, but he has hired someone to clean the area of wind-blown items and is considering a long-term solution with the purchase of buildings to house recycling.

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“We are researching ways right now to improve the situation,” said Hoch.

Committee member Ben Newman voiced his desire to continue the business relationship and if necessary, relocate the city’s transfer station.

“I would love to see curbside recycling and if we can have you (Hoch) at the station, whether we had to move our transfer station and use that entire building for that purpose, that might be worth it,” said Newman.

Hennessee said he estimates the cost of transfer station relocation at \$25,000 or \$30,000.

No committee action was taken. Members will await the state’s decision on a dual permit request for the property.

## Commissioners to be sworn in Monday

BY **LISA HOBBS**  
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Warren County government’s new commission will be sworn in Monday, Aug. 27 at 5 p.m.

That announcement was made by County Executive Herschel Wells, who says the official Oath of Office will take place at the Administrative Building on Locust Street.

“Judge Bart Stanley will be administering the Oath of Office in this courtroom on Monday, Aug. 27 at 5 p.m.” said Wells.

An oath of office is an oath

or affirmation a person takes before undertaking his or her duties.

Being sworn in as commissioners for the next four years:

- **1ST DISTRICT** – Christy Ross and Ron Lee
- **2ND DISTRICT** – Carl E. Bouldin and Robert Hennessee
- **3RD DISTRICT** – Joseph Stotts and Richard Grissom
- **4TH DISTRICT** – David Dunlap and Blaine Wilcher
- **5TH DISTRICT** – Lori Judkins and Tyrone Sparkman
- **6TH DISTRICT** – Phillip Stout and Deborah Evans
- **7TH DISTRICT** – Tommy

Savage and Gary Martin

- **8TH DISTRICT** – Randy England and Scott Rubley
- **9H DISTRICT** – Steven Helton and Carlene Brown
- **10TH DISTRICT** – Cole Taylor and Gary Prater
- **11TH DISTRICT** – Steve Glenn and Michael Bell
- **12TH DISTRICT** – Carl D. Bouldin and Daniel Owens

Jimmy Haley will also take the oath as county executive.

Wells, Linda Hillis and Carol Cantrell have arranged a reception for the group that will be offered in the Magnolia Room immediately following the ceremony.

## TRAFFIC COURT

Judge Bill Locke ruled on the following cases Thursday in Traffic Court.

Heath McKenzie was ordered to serve 48 hours for driving on a revoked license.

Ashley L. Stoner was ordered to serve 25 days for second-offense DUI.

Tina R. Duncan was ordered to serve 32 days of an 11-month, 29-day sentence, pay an \$1,100 fine, and perform 24 hours public service work for DUI and possession of meth.

Ryan Shane Harper

was ordered to serve 48 hours of an 11-29 sentence for DUI. He must pay a \$350 fine and perform 24 hours public service work.

Dustin Garrett Walden was ordered to serve 55 days of an 11-29 sentence for second-offense DUI and driving while license revoked second offense.

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