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Search for city administrator gets underway

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

Individuals have until Oct. 1 to apply for the position of McMinnville city administrator. Advertisement has begun.

The city is seeking, "well-qualified, innovative, professional applicants for the position of city administrator. Minimum qualifications include a bachelor's degree in public administration, or a closely related field, with at least five years' experience in municipal government management and finance or experience and training in municipal management."

Alderman Mike Neal unsuccessfully attempted to stop that process and appoint Bill Brock, whom has been interim city administrator for several years.

"Since the requirements have been changed, I believe before we go through the possible expense that we could incur with the interview process, I think we should make sure we want to travel down this road since I believe Bill is doing a more than adequate job," said Neal.

His motion before the Board of Mayor and Aldermen on Aug. 14 to consider the appointment of Brock failed 4-3.

Neal's attempt to stop this process will continue. However, the date he asked for the measure to be placed on the agenda was not Aug. 28. Neal wants to wait until after a new member of the board is appointed to replace Aldermen Ben Newman before he tries again.

"The date I asked for the item to be placed back on the agenda is Sept. 11, when a new member of the board could be selected," said Neal. "Depending on the order of the business that night, and ensuring that a new member is in place, I may change the request to Sept. 25."

Newman, as vice mayor, will be automatically appointed as mayor when Jimmy Haley resigns to begin serving as Warren County executive.

Neal needs four members of the seven-member board in order to be successful in his attempt.

For a full advertisement and how to apply for the position, see Sunday's edition of the Southern Standard.

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John Winburn was driving this Chevy Cruze when he was killed.

Meth behind deadly crash

Driver sentenced to 1.5 years in jail

BY JAMES CLARK Editor for the Southern Standard (McMinnville, Tennessee)

A driver high on meth when she crossed the median and killed another motorist on the bypass will serve 1.5 years in jail.

Asia Jeanene Smartt, 28, was sentenced Wednesday by Circuit Court Judge Bart Stanley to serve 544 days of a 14-year sentence. She entered guilty

pleas to charges of vehicular homicide and vehicular assault.

According to District Attorney General Lisa Zavogiannis, a blood test showed Smartt had meth in her system on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 21, when she caused a two-vehicle accident between Angel's Bridge and McMinnville Funeral



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Smartt's vehicle was heading inbound, traveling toward Walmart, around 2:30 p.m. when witnesses say her Nissan Pathfinder suddenly veered across the highway, jumped the median, and collided with a Chevy Cruze driven by John Winburn, 75.

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Photo courtesy Shelly Swanger

The SteelDrivers entertain last Friday at The Caverns in Grundy County, the new site of Bluegrass Underground. Todd Mayo, creator of Bluegrass Underground, talks about his reasons for leaving Warren County in his first interview with the Standard since his departure.

Cave concerts clash Organizers tell their sides of story

BY JAMES CLARK Editor for the Southern Standard (McMinnville, Tennessee)

Bluegrass Underground celebrated its 10th anniversary last weekend with a lineup that included Band of Horses and The SteelDrivers.

But instead of taking place at its longtime home at Cumberland Caverns, the three-day event was held at a different cave in Grundy County.

Bluegrass Underground creator Todd Mayo says the 10-year milestone gave him time to reflect on his popular concert series. During its storied run in Warren

County, Bluegrass Underground was like a three-part harmony for tourism, bringing people to this community from around the world.

So what went wrong? Why did the concert series take its banjo and go?

One year after the decision to leave in August 2017, Mayo and Cumberland Caverns president Jim Herschend have made their first public comments to the Standard. While their recollections of the failed negotiations differ, the length of the Bluegrass Underground lease seems at the heart of debate.

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Stanley to retire as county attorney

BY LACY GARRISON Reporter for the Southern Standard (McMinnville, Tennessee)

Larry Stanley has been an attorney for 51 years and has served under every county executive since Bud Barnes. At the end of the month, Stanley is retiring as attorney for Warren County government.

"My plans for the future are to do what I want, which is probably a lot of nothing," chuckled Stanley. "I'll still be practicing law though."

When asked about his most memorable moments, he reflected on the time Robert Bonner was shot and killed by

a disgruntled client, J.B. McCord.

"Robert had represented him and lost in court and we warned him that the man was crazy," said Stanley. "After the man shot and killed Robert in his law office, they handed me a notice that I had two days to prepare before we went to federal court in Greenville."

In another memorable case, Stanley explained a contempt order was served because the Warren County Commission hadn't done anything about its overcrowded jail, but he was able to get the county a six-month extension before the county got the money to start

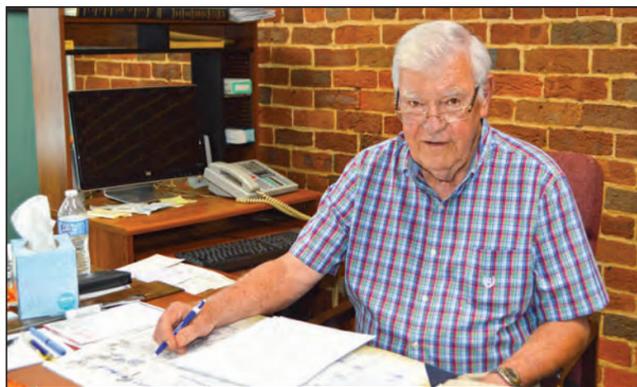
building the new jail back in the early 2000s.

Replacing Stanley as county attorney could be his partner, Robert Bratcher, who Stanley said will do a great job if he is appointed.

"I am confident in his capabilities," said Stanley. "He has been my assistant for five years so he knows what to do."

The decision for selecting the next county attorney will officially be left to County Executive-elect Jimmy Haley when he takes office Sept. 1.

Per Warren County budget numbers, the county attorney earns a base salary of \$72,000 a year.



Larry Stanley is retiring as county attorney on Aug. 31. Stanley began serving when Bud Barnes was county executive from 1966-74.

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