

Back to School Bash

James Clark photos

Bobby Ray Elementary students enjoyed a Back to School Bash on Friday on the school's football field. Funds raised go toward the positive behavior program to reward students with prizes and parties when they are good. At right, second-grader Kiptyn Adcock tests his skill on the ring toss. At bottom, Kyndra Foy experiences glee while taking part in a pie-in-the-face game with teachers. The game brought plenty of smiles for students.



Sunday in the Bible Belt

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"We have a 30-minute, Bible-based talk followed by an in-depth 'Watchtower' Study geared for Witnesses," said Farris. "Our mid-week meeting is focused on training for our ministry work."

This one-hour lesson comes from "The Watchtower," which is an illustrated religious magazine, published monthly by Jehovah's Witnesses. According to their website, they use the material to apply the Bible's guidance in their lives and this same material is studied in 110,000 congregations worldwide.

"My mom was a church jumper, but to me, you know what's right and the Witnesses teach the Bible and everything is backed by scriptures," said David Bailey, who became a Witness later in life. "A lot of churches just go along with traditions and if you look in the Bible, it's not there."

Farris said there are two common misconceptions concerning Jehovah's Witnesses -- that they don't believe in Jesus and that they have their own Bible. He explained both are untrue. They do believe in Jesus and they typically teach from the New World or King James translation.

In order to shed some light on what Jehovah's Witnesses believe, here are five brief points to summarize their basic beliefs.

God -- They believe God is the Creator and His name is Jehovah.

Bible -- They accept the entire Bible and are not fundamentalists, so they believe parts were written



Jehovah's Witnesses Rickey and Velinda Farris hand out free religious literature at the Morrison Yard Sale.

in figurative or symbolic language and are not to be understood literally.

Jesus -- They follow the teachings and example of Jesus Christ and honor him as their Savior and as the Son of God. However, they believe Jesus is not the Almighty God and there is no scriptural basis for the Trinity doctrine.

The Kingdom of God -- Jehovah's Witnesses believe this is a real government in heaven, not a condition in the hearts of Christians. They believe the faithful are rewarded with a paradise on earth.

Death -- People who

die pass out of existence and they do not suffer in a fiery hell of torment. According to their interpretation of the Bible, God will bring billions back from death by means of a resurrection, but those who refuse to learn God's ways after being raised to life will be destroyed forever with no hope of a resurrection.

For more information about Jehovah's Witnesses visit www.jw.org. If you're interested in service times for the Kingdom Hall in McMinnville, call 668-7655.

CIRCUIT COURT

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

Heather Brown was given a six-month sentence to serve at 75 percent for simple possession of Tramadol.

Damon Dwayne Grove was ordered to serve 180 days of an eight-year sentence for possession of meth with intent to deliver. He was also fined \$2,000.

Connie Clark was ordered to serve two days of an 11-month, 29-day sentence for driving while license revoked.

April Doss was given 11-29 probation for assault and vandalism. She must make \$2,500 restitution and perform 32 hours public service work.

Kimberly Lynn Johnson was released on 17 days time served for driving on a suspended license first offense.

Matthew Christopher Jones was ordered to serve nine days of an 11-29 sentence for reckless endangerment and DUI. He was fined \$1,250 and given 24 hours public service work.

Seth Martin Jones was given a three-year sentence but allowed to serve it on full probation for delivery of hydrocodone. He was fined \$2,000.

Dana Lee Ramsden was ordered to serve 180 days of a four-year sentence, perform 60 hours public service work, and was fined \$3,000 for DUI sixth offense.

Justin J. Watson was ordered to serve 30 days of an 11-29 sentence for domestic assault.

Getting jail time for violation of probation were Lois Ambrose (90 days), Danny Alan Arnold (32 days), and Jason Glenn Deckard (balance of sentence).

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Democratic candidate for U.S. Representative for Tennessee, District 4

Les Trotman
Democratic candidate for State Representative for Tennessee, 43rd District

Mike Winton
Democratic candidate for State Representative for Tennessee, 47th District

John Ray Clemmons
Tennessee State Representative, District 55

Guest Speaker

Paid for by the Warren County Democratic Party, Dale McDaniel, Treasurer