

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUG. 26

The McGee Reunion is taking place at Shellsford Baptist Church fellowship hall at noon. Bring a covered dish, pictures and anything you would like to share.

MONDAY, AUG. 27

Come eat at Prater's BBQ where 10 percent of proceeds from your meal benefit Project Graduation when you have a Project Graduation voucher. This includes lunch and dinner.

TUESDAY, AUG. 28

There will be an American Red Cross blood drive from 2 to 6 p.m. at Caney Fork Electric Auditorium, 920 Smithville Highway.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 29

Warren County Democratic Party is having a grand opening at 4 p.m. at 268 Northgate Plaza. Everyone is invited to meet the candidates.

THURSDAY, AUG. 30

State Sen. Janice Bowling will visit Warren County for her next in a series of town hall meetings. The meeting will held at 1 p.m. in the Magnolia Room of the Warren County Administrative Offices, 201 Locust Street, McMinnville. The public is encouraged to attend.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 1

Riverside School Reunion is meeting for lunch at noon at Gondola Restaurant. All former students and teachers of the school are invited to attend.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The annual Holder Reunion will be held on Sept. 2 at Centertown CIC. Doors open at 11 a.m. Bring a covered dish.

The Lucky CIC will be meeting Monday, Sept. 3 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

There will be a fishing tournament for Project Graduation on Monday, Sept. 3 at Cotten's Marina, 1967 Rock Island Rd. from 6 a.m. until noon. Registration is \$50 per boat and registration starts at 4:30 a.m. All proceeds after payout benefit the Class of 2019 Project Graduation. For more information, call Leanne Grissom at 931-212-9501.

The Warren County Retired Teachers Association will have a meeting Thursday, Sept. 6 at 10 a.m. at the Magnolia Room at Warren County Administrative Offices. Special speaker Kelly Clarkson from the Upper Cumberland SHIPPS program will be discussing Medicare enrollment and updates. Refreshments will be served and all retired teachers are invited.

The Griffith Reunion will take place at Morrison Ruritan on the Sunday after Labor Day on Sept. 9 after church. Bring food, dessert and your family.

The Rock Island Lion's Club Craft Fair on Sept. 22-23 still has vender space available. For more info, call 686-4180.

Free developmental screening is taking place at Bobby Ray Elementary for children from birth to four years of age by a team of child development professionals. The screenings will be offered Friday, Sept. 7, Friday, Dec. 14, Friday, March 15, and Friday, May 10. Call Sandra for an appointment at 931-473-9006.

Charge against Golden dropped

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

A woman who cooperated with the District Attorney's Office to help secure convictions against three people for aggravated kidnapping had her criminal case dropped on Wednesday.

Ashley Dawn Golden had the charge of aggravated kidnapping dismissed. Prosecutors says Golden had very little involvement in the incident and her assistance helped secure jail time for those who did.

Earlier this month, Zackery Dale Turner, deemed the ringleader, was given a 15-year sentence to serve at 100 percent for four counts of especially aggravated kidnapping and two counts of aggravated assault. He was determined to be

the main person responsible for holding four people hostage at gunpoint at a home on Cherry Springs Road in the Centertown area.

Jeffery Scott Pegg, not deemed to be a central figure, was given 185 days for one count of especially aggravated kidnapping.

The other person charged, Donald Lee Shields Jr., was convicted by a jury in July for especially aggravated kidnapping and faces 25 years in prison. He is scheduled to be sentenced Sept. 26.

According to evidence gained during the investigation, the four kidnapping victims showed up at the home on Cherry Springs Road to buy meth. The drug deal was



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complete and the victims were preparing to leave when the alleged drug dealer, Zachery Turner, reportedly misplaced a large amount of meth and believed it was stolen by the visitors.

Turner came outside demanding to know what happened to 20 grams of meth and ordered everyone back into the house. Turner told them they could not leave until they returned his meth or gave him \$2,000. He then took their cellphones. The victims say they were held against their will from Aug. 9 to Aug. 11, 2017.

Investigators say during that time the victims were hit, kicked, and held at gunpoint.

Pope, Haley honored by school system

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

WCMS maintenance man Greg Pope has been named Warren County School's Classified Employee of the Month, while Jimmy Haley has been named Certified Employee of the Month.

Pope was nominated by WCMS principal Gerald Tidwell.

"Greg has been our maintenance man at WCMS since I began as principal here eight years ago," said Tidwell. "From the very beginning of our working relationship, I have found Greg to be a very hard working employee and committed to doing the best job he could for our school and staff. No matter how many times Greg is called upon for his services, he is always more than willing to assist anyone in need and does so in a very polite and respectful manner."

Tidwell says Pope

stays busy outside his school system job, maintaining a farm and staying involved in his daughter's school and 4-H activities.

"Even so, he finds time on weekends and evenings to make extra trips to WCMS just to check on the school or to make sure the temperature remains comfortable for students and staff," said Tidwell. "Greg also does an excellent job monitoring our campus, which helps tremendously with maintaining a safe school campus. He goes above and beyond expectations to serve WCMS."

After receiving the award, Pope addressed the School Board and sincerely thanked members for the opportunity to work in the school system.

"I've worked for the school system for about 12 years now and I appreciate the opportunity to be employed and I will continue to strive to do a good job," said Pope.

Haley was presented with the Certified Employee of the Month award by Director of Schools Bobby Cox.

"Mr. Haley is a true advocate for education and children in our com-



Lacy Garrison photo

Warren County School's Classified Employee of the Month is Greg Pope. Pope was nominated by WCMS principal Gerald Tidwell. Pictured, from left, are Tidwell and Pope.

munity," said Cox. "He has dedicated 41 years of his life to the Warren County School System, touching countless lives and endeavoring to make a difference in the lives of others through education. Mr. Haley has a heart for children of all

ages and will always be remembered for Freezer Pop Fridays."

Haley is retiring in order to take his newly elected position as Warren County Executive.

The awards were given for August.

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Reception honoring Mark Gwyn



September 6th from 2:00 p.m. until 4 p.m.

At 2:30 Special Guests and Presentations

Held at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 403 N. Spring Street. A reception will be provided.



Please help us congratulate Mark Gwyn, former Director Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, on his retirement. Mark worked in his hometown in many roles before becoming the TBI Director and working under two Governors and during three administrations. We are proud of Mark and his service to our great state.