

Blair bids farewell

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Before Linda Blair finished her last Warren County School Board meeting Thursday night, she said a slightly emotional farewell to the other board members while thanking them along with the voters in Centertown, Morrison and Viola.

"To my current board members, thank you for all the support you have given me and for continuing to do what is best for the students and staff of Warren County Schools," said a teary

Blair. "To Bobby Cox, you are a great director and I can't say enough about your leadership skills."

Blair provided a brief recap of accomplishments during her time on the School Board, including outsourcing transportation services to Durham Services, which has saved millions of dollars over the past seven years. Additionally, with the support of the Warren County Commission, the



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board was able to tackle multi-school renovation projects.

Blair, who served for eight years, is being replaced by Sue Anderson who was elected earlier this month. Blair did not seek re-election to a third term.

"Sue will be a great advocate for our schools," said Blair. "We are going strong and have to keep moving forward for the future of our children and Warren County."

Congrats!



Warren County Education Association president Brent Estes awards Kassie McCarty with a \$750 scholarship from the local association. Kassie is attending Chattanooga State in Chattanooga this fall. With McCarty is her mother April Bratcher, who is a Warren County teacher and a proud member of WCEA.

Covenant to set sail for History Day competition at MTSU

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The Titanic was the largest ship afloat at the time it entered service in 1912. But its sinking at sea during its maiden voyage also made for one of the deadliest maritime disasters in modern history.

It's for those reasons students at Covenant Academy have selected the Titanic as one of their topics for an upcoming History Day competition at MTSU. The theme of this year's competition is Triumph and Tragedy.

"It was the biggest ship of its time, but its size also contributed to its downfall," said Covenant student Vansh Patel.

Covenant is sending several teams to the History Day competition with other themes of Triumph and Tragedy being the atomic bomb, Amelia Earhart, and the USS Indianapolis.

"The Manhattan Project was a success because it led to the creation of the atomic bomb which ended World War II," said Covenant student Terry Hines. "But it was a tragedy because it resulted in a tremendous loss of life and



Covenant Academy students in a social studies honor society called Rho Kappa are, front row, from left, Brandy Pennington, Mackenzie Mills, Maddie Gibbs, Marissa O'Hara, Cassie Sharpe, and Lydia Netherton. Back row, Beckham Scott, Ethan Hillis, Terry Hines, Caleb Hines, Jackson Sauer, David Netherton, Vansh Patel, and Erica Clay.

impacted millions of people with radiation that was left behind."

The History Day competition is one of the events made available to

Covenant students in Rho Kappa, a social studies honor society in its first year at the school. Students will also have the chance to participate in an upcoming

Oracle Contest through Rho Kappa where they give speeches up to 10 minutes in length.

"I've been so impressed because they've taken

these projects and they've run with them," said Covenant headmaster Kelly Stewart. "They do all this in their free time and most of them play sports

too." This year's Oracle Contest will focus on the U.S. Constitution, specifically the 2nd, 3rd, and 15th amendments.

Dates to remember for agriculture producers

TAEP FORMS HAVE ARRIVED: The 2018-19 Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Forms have arrived. They may be found at our local agri-businesses or online at: www.tn.gov/agriculture/farms/taep.html.

Other TAEP news includes:

FINAL REIMBURSEMENT DEADLINE SEPT. 1: This is a firm deadline. TAEP will not be able to offer extensions of any kind this year due to the tight timeline between the reimbursement request deadline Sept. 1 and the start of the next application period Oct. 1.

TAEP APPLICATION PERIOD OCT. 1-15: All



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applications must be postmarked or submitted online during this period.

TAEP PRODUCER NUMBER MAILING: SEPT. 1: A letter will be mailed in September to producers who have applied for TAEP within the past three years. The letter will include dates for the upcoming application period and will feature the producer's TPN and TAEP

ID.

TAEP will provide UT a copy of the letter and a spreadsheet featuring producers' TPNs in September. The TPN is considered the producer's account number and is used when applying and corresponding with TAEP. The TAEP ID is used when initially accessing the TAEP Online account system.

BQA RE-CERTIFICATION: Applicants qualifying with cattle will be required to have a current BQA certification at time of application. Please continue to encourage producers to update their BQA certifications if needed prior to applying in October. If a producer's BQA is scheduled to expire Nov. 1, 2018, it is current for the 2018 application period. UT-TSU Extension will be offering two BQA classes Sept. 18 and Sept. 20 in the early voting room beginning at 6 p.m.

ADVANCED MASTER BEEF: In order to participate in the 2018-19 TAEP program at the 50 percent level, all persons must have completed the Advanced Master Program (beef or nursery) Jan. 1, 2015 or after. The Advanced Master Beef Class will be offered beginning in February for those who are needing the certification. The Advanced Master Nursery is only offered online at <https://ag.tennessee.edu/plant-sciences/Pages/AFulcher/TMNP.aspx>.

SMALL RUMINANT CLASS OFFERED: A Master Small Ruminant Producer Program will be held at the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture's Middle Tennessee AgResearch and Education Center from Oct. 10-12. The program is an excellent learning opportunity for sheep and goat producers with informational sessions on small ruminant production, management and marketing.

The program will feature a combination of classroom teaching and hands-on learning experiences. At the end of the

three-day course, producers will receive their master producer certification and will be eligible to qualify for a 50-percent cost share from the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program.

Registration and fees are due Friday, Oct. 5. You may download the registration form at middle.tennessee.edu, or pick one up at your local UT Extension office. More information can be found online, or by contacting Matt Webb at (931) 359-1929 or at dwebb15@utk.edu.

Contact: Heath Nokes, UT-TSU Extension Warren County, 473-8484, hnokes@utk.edu.



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