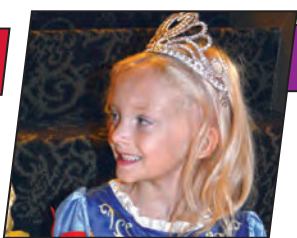




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Weekend of crime



Two burglaries, a stolen motorcycle, a broken-into car and a drive-by shooting into a house all occurred within a one-mile radius this weekend. Police encourage anyone with information to call 473-3386.

Drive-by shooting, burglaries, theft occur within mile radius

BY JAMES CLARK
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A home on Towles Avenue was the target of a drive-by shooting in the early morning hours Monday, capping a weekend crime spree that saw two business burglarized, a car broken into, and a motorcycle stolen.

The incidents all happened within a one-mile radius. Police believe the burglaries could be related, but think shooting into the home was an isolated incident.

"Generally if you're

breaking into places you don't want to draw attention to yourself with a drive-by shooting," said McMinnville Police detective Todd Rowland. "We don't know if the house was picked at random or if it was specifically targeted. The homeowner said he's not aware of having any enemies."

The drive-by shooting took place at 1:30 a.m. Monday morning. Four 9 mm shell casings were recovered. There were no injuries.

The two businesses burglarized were Cash N Dash on Chancery Street

and the office of accountant Rufus Gonder on Center Street. Both break-ins were discovered Monday morning when employees arrived for work.

At Cash N Dash, the thief or thieves gained entry by breaking in a back door. They escaped with a small amount of cash.

Access to Gonder's office was gained by breaking a back window. Rowland said thieves made off with \$20.

"They're not getting rich," said Rowland of the small amounts taken.

A motorcycle was stolen from a home on Walker Street, but it was found behind a vacant home on Center Street. Rowland says investigators believe the motorcycle was being hidden there temporarily until it could be moved.

Police say a wallet was taken from an unlocked car in the same area, but it was found on the ground nearby. There was reportedly no money in the wallet to steal.

Because of the location of the crimes, the person responsible could live in the area. Rowland said detectives are in the process of pulling surveillance footage and tracking down leads.

Anyone can provide information anonymously to police at 473-3386.

I swear

Incoming officials take oath of office

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

Recently elected officials in Warren County government were sworn into office Monday, bar one.

Judge Bart Stanley administered the oath of office to county commissioners, constables, trustee, sheriff, circuit court clerk, county clerk, register of deeds, road superintendent, director of accounts, and three School Board members. Each made a solemn promise to perform their duties to the best of their abilities.

Absent from the event was Jimmy Haley, who won his bid for county executive but is still serving as McMinnville mayor. His term – as well as all those sworn in Monday night – begins Sept. 1.

Haley says he will be sworn in Thursday afternoon by state Sen. Janice Bowling during her town hall meeting in McMinnville.

A packed house of onlookers at Warren County Administrative Offices saved the loudest applause for last

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It's an oath I will take very seriously.

**SHERIFF-ELECT
TOMMY MYERS**

Monday night, that being Sheriff-elect Tommy Myers.

"It felt good to hear that applause," said Myers. "It really did. I was very appreciative of that and the confidence people have shown in me."

His oath was also the longest.

"Bart warned me about that right before that my oath was different, and longer, than everyone else's," said Myers. "It's an oath I will take very seriously."

As the county's new sheriff, he is currently undergoing his first week-long training session in Nashville.



Lisa Hobbs photos

Sheriff-elect Tommy Myers flashes a wide smile Monday night as he signs his oath of office. He will assume full duties as Warren County Sheriff on Sept. 1.



School Board members taking the oath of office Monday night are, from left, Sue Anderson, James Bennett and Helen Martin.

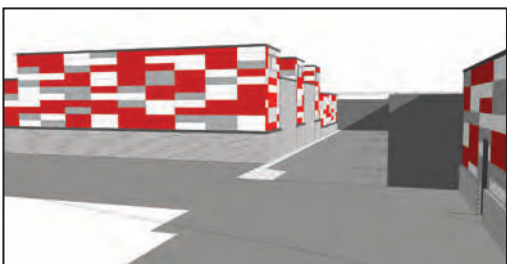
West raise plans eyebrows

Architect offers eye-catching school renovation plans

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

A row of high windows well above eye level to bring natural light into the cafeteria of West Elementary was one idea offered by architect Allen Hill of Upland Design Group to enliven the school in his renovation plans.

But it was another scheme, a combination of brick along with red, white and gray rectangular metal panels, that generated



This scheme presented by architect Allen Hill of Upland Design Group was not well received.

audible feedback at Thursday's School Board meeting. This was regarding the outside of West Elementary

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Hip hip hooray



Kyndal Hitchcock leads a homecoming cheer during a Warren County Middle School pep rally Tuesday afternoon. The Pioneers faced Franklin South for their homecoming game Tuesday night at Nunley Stadium. Results weren't available at press time.

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