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Mayor won't be on November ballot

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Voters will not get to elect a new McMinnville mayor in November. Based on city charter, current Mayor Jimmy Haley would have needed to resign his position at least 20 days prior to the Aug. 16 municipal deadline. That would have been no later than July 27 to get the seat on the upcoming ballot.

The fact Haley has not resigned, and given no firm date on when he will, means steps cannot be

taken to fill the mayor's seat because it is not yet vacant.

"I plan to resign sometime after the certification of the election by the Warren County Election Commission," said Haley. "At that point, it will be up to the Election Commission to determine the need for a mayoral election in accordance with McMinnville's charter and state law. As with all decisions, I will do what I believe is in the best interests of McMinnville and Warren County citizens."

Election administrator Donna Smith says the election will be

certified Aug. 17 at 9 a.m. Haley is scheduled to take office as Warren County Executive on Sept. 1.

City attorney Tim Pirtle says Haley can serve as McMinnville's mayor up until the time he is sworn in as county executive.

"He could resign as mayor five minutes before he's sworn in as county executive," said Pirtle. "His resignation as city mayor is a necessary precedent for him to be



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sworn in as county executive. As for getting the mayor's race on the November ballot, it would be impossible from a time standpoint. There is not a fix for this."

Many cities use the minimum 20-day resignation period to give all potential candidates fair notice about an open seat. Pirtle said elected positions normally become available in the middle of a term due to death, poor health, or moving out

of the district.

As for extending the Aug. 16 qualifying deadline to allow for a full 20-day notice, election administrator Donna Smith said she would be willing to work with the city if asked to do so.

"We'll do whatever the law allows to get the mayor's race on the ballot, but that's really the city's call," said Smith. "I know we have to get military and overseas ballots in the mail Sept. 22 and that's something we can't change."

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Summer break slides away



Austin Breedlove barrels down a homemade waterslide in a plastic swimming pool during summer activities at First Baptist Church. Summer vacation is officially over as the 2018-19 Warren County school year starts Wednesday morning at 7:45 a.m.

James Clark photo



Lisa Hobbs photo

At 2 p.m. on Tuesday, it was a ghost town at Gilley Pool. The sounds of splashing ended abruptly when one visitor complained of "feeling bad" due to a health condition. The decision was made to close early on the last day of summer vacation.

Health scare clears pool

Report prompts evacuation

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

The Gilley Pool closed early Tuesday due to a health scare that eventually turned out to be unfounded.

According to city administrator Bill Brock, the closure was precautionary.

"We had a lady that got to feeling bad and an ambulance was called," said Brock. "While talking to her she told us of some health concerns that she had and we felt like the concerns were enough to move everyone out of the pool."

The exact health condition and related symptoms are not being revealed.

Warren County Health Department was called.

"We kept everyone out of the pool until we could get hold of the Health Department," said Brock. "We had people out of the pool for so long, we felt it was only right to give them a raincheck and send them home. It was a terrible time to do it. Today was the final day for the pool to be open during the week."

The chlorine level of the pool was tested to ensure it was at a level to make the water clean and safe for swimmers.

"They said as long as our chlorine checks out OK then we are OK," said Brock. "We're OK."

Gilley Pool now goes to weekend hours of operation. It is only open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Labor Day.

Commissioner raise rejected

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

Everyone related to Warren County government is expected to receive a salary increase for the upcoming year, except for county commissioners.

The county Financial Management Committee met Monday to consider the budget for fiscal year 2018-19. Included is a 75-cent per hour raise for all county employees, as well as raises for all school system employees and state-mandated raises of 4.66 percent for countywide elected offi-

cial.

Commissioner Terry Bell made a motion to provide each commissioner with an additional \$40 a month, if they attend the monthly meeting.

"This probably won't go anywhere, but in all these budgets we are giving everybody a raise," said Bell. "Over the last five years, our county employee received \$5,500 in raises. Part-time employees get raises. We have one set of individuals who haven't received a raise. This year is the only year you can raise their salaries, and that is our commissioners."

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IN THE MONEY

What elected officials will earn after getting pay raises:

- County executive **\$90,992**
- Sheriff and road superintendent **\$86,661**
- Trustee, clerks of courts, county clerk, register of deeds, property assessor **\$78,782**
- Election administrator **\$70,904**

Backpack to school

Churches partner to help Bobby Ray students

BY **LACY GARRISON**
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The cost of school supplies can quickly add up. Using a list provided by one of Bobby Ray's second-grade teachers, *Southern Standard* went shopping at Walmart to get an idea of the average cost of back-to-school supplies per student.

The 23-item list included basic supplies like crayons, pencils and notebook paper. At the end of the online shopping expedition, the total was \$125.30 and that doesn't take into account the cost of clothing, shoes, and other miscellaneous items.

That's why Westwood Church of Christ and Tree City Church partnered

to help parents and prepare Bobby Ray students for a successful academic school year.

"They have so graciously adopted us," said Bobby Ray principal Monti Hillis. "They were given the supply lists for each grade level and have stocked backpacks with those items for children to select during registration."

Hillis, along with several other volunteers, said seeing the smiles on the children's faces was the best part of the day. As the families entered the gym, they could walk around to each table for stocked backpacks, clothing options and even get a haircut. The last table provided hotdogs and chips for families to grab on their way out.

Westwood preacher Richard O'Connor said it was the church's hope

to relieve some moms and dads from the stress of the high cost of getting children ready for school.

"We were able to give out 350 backpacks and all the needed supplies to some very excited children and very thankful parents," said O'Connor. "It was really cool to see the pure joy and excitement in those little faces when they were able to pick out their favorite color backpack."

Red Berry Salon volunteer MaKayla Savage had parents lined up with their children to receive a haircut. Her first client was 4-year-old Grayson Holt, who said he was excited to start preschool, especially with his fresh haircut.

Anyone wishing to help with this work may contact Westwood at 473-8434 or Bobby Ray at 473-9006.



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Lanie Patrick, 5, selects a pink backpack stocked with back-to-school supplies at Bobby Ray registration Monday. There were 350 backpacks donated by Westwood Church of Christ and Tree City Church along with clothing, food and other services.

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