

# Female officer kills black man

**DALLAS (AP)** — The case against a white Dallas police officer who shot and killed a black neighbor in the neighbor's home will be presented to a grand jury, which could decide on more serious charges than manslaughter, the district attorney overseeing the case said Monday.

Lawyers for the victim's family questioned why it took three days for officer Amber Guyger to be charged and why she was so quick to use deadly force in her encounter with 26-year-old Botham Jean,

who lived in the apartment directly above hers. She told authorities she mistook the neighbor's unit for her own.

She parked on the fourth floor, instead of the third, where she lived, according to an affidavit filed for the officer's arrest warrant, possibly suggesting that she was confused or disoriented.

When she put her key in the apartment door that



**GUYGER**

was unlocked and slightly ajar, it opened. Inside, the lights were off. Then she saw a figure in the darkness, the affidavit said.

The officer concluded her apartment was being burglarized and gave verbal commands to the figure, which ignored them. She then drew her weapon and fired twice, the affidavit said.

# Walling named Officer of the Year

Kyle Walling has been named the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency Wildlife Officer of the Year for the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.



**WALLING**

The recipient of the award was announced by Darren Rider, TWRA boating and law enforcement division colonel.

Walling is a wildlife officer in TWRA Region III's District 31 and was selected among other TWRA law enforcement officers to become the state recipient. Mr. Walling is assigned to Van Buren County, but works throughout the district's 12 counties.

He will be recognized at the annual meeting in

October to be held in Mobile, Ala.

During Walling's activities during the year, he conducted educational and outreach events that included boater education, hunter education, trapper education, NASP tournaments, fair booths, a Wildlife

on Wheels display at NWTF Jakes Day, and an information booth at Tennessee Fur Harvester Association convention.

He also participated in the Jim Hall Hunt for Wounded Warriors, and youth hunting and fishing events.

"Kyle's efforts in excellence and innovation were great," said Rider. "His dedication to the youth of the community and knowledge

that he passes on is an achievement that will ensure the longevity of hunting, fishing, and trapping for many generations to come."

Walling's law enforcement efforts resulted in 2,018 hunters, fishermen and boaters being inspected for compliance. These duties produced a total of 121 court citations and warnings with 35 of these being big-game cases. He also assisted other officers with additional citations and warnings.

Walling is a TWRA Honor Guard member, helping demonstrate his passion in honoring agency law enforcement personnel for their career service as wildlife officers.

"Kyle is certainly a great asset for the agency and also for the hunters, anglers and boaters in the state of Tennessee," said Rider.



Lisa Hobbs photo

**North Warren Volunteer Fire Department's Colby Pearsall was named Grand Champion during the 2018 Firemen Olympics at the Warren County A&L Fair. Pictured is the Two Minute Drill in which he placed third.**

# Pearsall douses competition, wins fair's Fireman Olympics

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

The 2018 Fireman Olympics was held Monday at the Warren County A&L Fair.

"It was a great event," said Fair Board member Christine David. "The firemen enjoyed it and it worked them hard. We had one brand new fireman and it was a great learning experience for him, Brady Moffitt, and he is with North Warren. Next year we hope to have a representative from every fire department to compete."

Firefighters from volunteer fire departments in North Warren, Centertown, Collins River and Viola competed.

Colby Pearsall, of North Warren, was named 2018 Grand

Champion after placing in three out of four events. Reserve Champion went to Centertown's Grant "Sea Biscuit" Seaborn.

### DIVISION WINNERS

**Two Minute Drill:** First place Robert Bess from Collins River; second Seaborn; third Pearsall.

**Chainsaw:** First place Pearsall; second Steven Helton from Viola; third Trevor Norris from North Warren.

**Tire Flip:** First place

Helton; second William Rose from North Warren; third Pearsall.

**Dummy Drag:** First place Seaborn; second Victor Cruz from North Warren; third Brady Moffitt from North Warren.

The contest was touted as a great way for local residents to come together and have good-spirited fun in competition. Participants were not required to be firefighters.

# Chamber of Commerce awarded \$17,000 for branding campaign

Tennessee Department of Tourist Development announced \$1 million in grant funds awarded to 84 organizations for tourism marketing.

The McMinnville-Warren County Chamber of Commerce was awarded \$17,000 for the completion of the "Life in Full Bloom" brand awareness campaign. This campaign has included tourism marketing videos for use on social media, onsite brand awareness events in target markets, and a new tourism-focused website to be completed by the end of 2018.

The marketing award is a

50 percent reimbursable match grant.

"These marketing grants create an opportunity for our partners across the state, especially in rural areas, to double their resources for a project to promote their area," said Tennessee Tourism Commissioner Kevin Triplett. "We are glad we can make this program available."

Said McMinnville-Warren County Chamber president Mandy Eller, "Our rebranding project has modernized our tourism marketing and propelled us to new levels of visibility, especially in our target markets of Nashville,

Murfreesboro, and Chattanooga. Between last year's grant and this year, we've received \$34,000 from the state to help fund our marketing efforts. It's a true partnership."

In 2017, the Tennessee Tourism Marketing Grant budget increased from \$855,000 to \$1 million in funds. The grant has allowed tourism organizations across Tennessee to expand marketing efforts thus expanding exposure for the entire state.

For more information on the Tourism Marketing Grant, visit [industry.tnvacation.com](http://industry.tnvacation.com).

# Chickens

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"This exhibit is open all week," said Carter. "There are close to 600 chickens in here. Most of them are in individual pens. A few are in trio pens. It's a lot of cans that we have to fill with water and feed. We feed them about four to five times a day. Youth Fair Board members are a tremendous help. They help us clean all the cages, sterilize all the cans and replace all the wood shavings."

Paisley Wanamaker,

12, is a Youth Fair Board member.

"I enjoy volunteering at the fair," said Wanamaker. "It's my way of giving back to the community. Right now, I'm collecting eggs. I have a couple dozen so far. I just reach into the cage and pick them up. The chickens don't seem to care."

Carter added, "We collect eggs all day long, several dozens of eggs each day."

Visitors may leave the area broody. While many have asked, eggs laid at

the fair are not for sale.

"The Warren County A&L Fair is all volunteer work," said Carter. "The fair wouldn't be possible without dedicated volunteers. We used to do different things with the eggs. A few years ago, we started getting up, coming out here and fixing breakfast for all the

fair workers. Jim Davenport, Mike Pelham, Wayne Davenport, different ones, get up early in the morning and fix breakfast so we at least have something to eat before we start work every morning."

Carter has been a fair volunteer for 39 years, while Wanamaker is on

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