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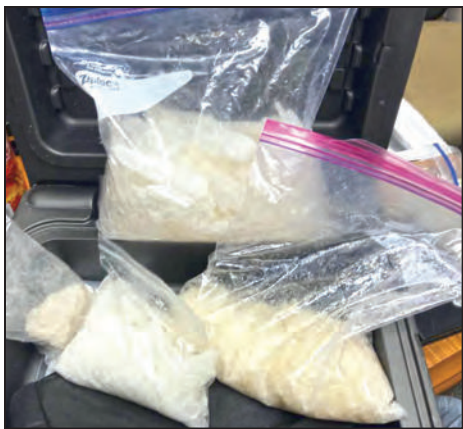
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Chase leads to massive meth bust

Estimated \$160K worth of drugs seized



These are the bags believed to be 3.6 pounds of meth found at the scene.

BY **JAMES CLARK**
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A motorcycle chase where the rider initially escaped custody has resulted in one of the biggest meth busts in Warren County history. Dillon Alexander Meacham, 22, and Christina Faith Price, 18, have been arrested and charged with possession of meth with intent to deliver.

According to Sheriff Tommy Myers, the two were found with 3.6 pounds of a crystal-like substance believed to be meth with an estimated street value of \$160,000.

Meacham is additionally charged with possession of a weapon during commission of a felony, simple possession, theft, evading arrest, driving on a revoked license second offense, and violation of probation.

The initial incident which led to the meth bust took place Sunday, Sept. 9, when deputy Jared Jacobs observed a yellow Suzuki motorcycle driving erratically. Deputy Jacobs attempted to



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Steven Carpenter made contact with Meacham and Price in a back bedroom.

perform a traffic stop, but the motorcycle fled. Since he had the license plate number, Jacobs called off the chase.

That motorcycle was spotted last Thursday, Sept. 13, at a residence at 202 Yankee Street. Jacobs and investigator

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Lacy Garrison photos

It's a year of firsts for 1-year-old Willa Myers – her first trip to the Warren County A&L fair and her first fair treat.

At right, tenth-grader Adrianna Martinez sticks her hand out as the Silver Streak accelerates before spinning in reverse, while friend India Holt squeals with laughter at the Warren County A&L Fair.

Don't miss Friday's edition for our special Fair Highlights section for even more fair pictures.



City looks to detour TDOT plans

BY **LISA HOBBS**
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McMinnville officials may try to detour the state's plan to redesign traffic flow in front of Pacesetters and Three Star Mall.

Tennessee Department of Transportation announced in August it plans on redesigning the entire intersection due to the city's request to extend Magness Drive to the bypass. As part of those plans, it would remove the merges on and off Highway 70S and dead-end Sparta Street in the area of U.S. Auto Sales and Fresenius Medical Center.

Removing the merges is meant to reduce the number of motor vehicle accidents.

Alderman Everett Brock says local residents want to keep the merges.

"How can we get some input into the way they want to redesign that?" Brock asked. "I don't think anybody in this town is happy with the way they want to funnel the traffic out there by making two right hand turns verses one merging lane. Everybody is against this. I don't know how we provide input into this."

Brock's disapproval was voiced during the most recent McMinnville Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting. Alderman Steve Harvey and Mayor Ben Newman said they too have heard negative comments about the state's plan.

City administrator Bill Brock offered to contact TDOT to open the lines of communication on the subject.

Everett Brock added, "I just don't want this to get so far down the road that they then say 'We can't change it' so I'd like to address this now."

Prompting the discussion was an update that TDOT has agreed to move forward with the Magness Drive/ intersection redesign project as long as city officials agree to pay 50 percent of any land acquisition costs or utility relocation costs that are necessary.

There will not be a public hearing on design plans. However, residents can send an email to TDOT. Comments@tn.gov and reference US-70S@SR380 and Magness Drive exit to express their thoughts on design plans.

Alderman spot could be filled

BY **LISA HOBBS**
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The vacant seat on McMinnville's Board of Mayor and Aldermen will likely be filled during its next regular session Sept. 25.

Mayor Ben Newman made that announcement during the last regular meeting.

"Next meeting I'd like to discuss, and likely fill, the vacant alderman position," said Newman. "I've individually talked to board members and just asked that if you have somebody in mind, someone who has approached you and you think they would be a good can-



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didate, please let the other aldermen know. Don't come to a consensus, but let them know so we have a chance to talk to that person."

Newman says he will allow each alderman to nominate one individual and names will be placed in a random draw to be voted on in that order.

"If we don't elect the first person, we will move down to the second," Newman said.

Alderman Everett Brock made a request last month that all prospective individuals be questioned in an open meeting as a way to shed light on the selection process.

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Right-lane ruckus



Lisa Hobbs photo

An investigation continues into a rear-end collision on Highway 70S in the area of Old Rock Island Road on Sunday around 4 p.m. According to state trooper Rodney Whiles, Karen Marlowe was traveling inbound driving a Honda Accord, pictured, when she struck a Ford Explorer driven by Vicky Lowry. Both vehicles were in the right-hand lane. The crash caused Marlowe's vehicle to cross the median, enter outbound traffic and come to a stop in the right-hand lane. No citations were issued at the scene. Marlowe was transported to Saint Thomas River Park.

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