

# 13-year-old posts about shooting

**STRAWBERRY PLAINS (AP)** — Tennessee authorities say a 13-year-old student has been arrested for sharing a post online that said the student intended to carry out a school shooting.

Citing the Knox County Sheriff's Office, WBIR-TV reports the teen was charged Monday with filing false reports and harassment. A statement by the sheriff's office says the teen told deputies the post threatening a shooting at Carter Middle School in Strawberry Plains was a joke.

Authorities haven't released the teen's name or gender.

**MEMPHIS (AP)** — Mississippi police say a woman led officers on a car chase that ended in Tennessee when she fled

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on foot and left behind her 1-year-old baby.

News outlets report 22-year-old Jovitha Montgomery has been arrested on charges including reckless endangerment and child abuse. Southaven police say they attempted to pull over a Jeep for reckless driving Friday night, but it refused to stop.

Police say they chased it into Memphis, where Montgomery stopped the car and fled on foot with two other people. They say Montgomery was caught by a police K-9 unit. The other two people escaped.

# Three local principals chosen

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Three Warren County School principals have been chosen by the Tennessee Department of Education to participate in a Rural Principal Network.

They are West Elementary principal Michelle Lewis, Hickory Creek principal Mike Mansfield and Eastside principal Carol Prater.

"I am extremely excited Warren County has had three principals chosen to engage in this work by the Tennessee Department of Education," said Director of Schools Bobby Cox. "This is a wonderful opportunity to share and learn from other principals across the state and I commend Ms. Lewis, Mr. Mansfield and Dr. Prater



**LEWIS**



**MANSFIELD**



**PRATER**

on their appointment to this network."

Forty-nine other principals will serve in the inaugural class of the Tennessee Rural Principals Network, one part of Gov. Bill Haslam's Transforming School Leadership Initiative, which is a comprehensive approach to improve the preparation, retention and development of Tennessee's principals.

"We must ensure that every school, no matter

where it is located in Tennessee, is led by a principal who is supported and developed to his or her fullest potential and able to guide our teachers and students to success," said Education Commissioner Candice McQueen.

Lewis, Mansfield and Prater will receive funding to support their attendance and learning at five events during the 2018-19 school year. These events are

designed to provide them with professional learning to help address challenges unique to rural leadership.

Gov. Haslam has dedicated more than \$3.5 million in this year's budget to advance this work. Additionally, the Ayers Foundation, Scarlett Family Foundation and the State Collaborative on Reforming Education (SCORE) have invested a combined \$600,000 toward the efforts.

# Committee assignments met with some adversity

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Warren County commissioners have their committee assignments.

The full Warren County Commission met Monday and 24-0 approved County Executive Jimmy Haley as Chairman of the Commission.

Immediately following, they voted 22-2 to approve his committee recommendations.

Commissioners Tyrone Sparkman and Scott Rubley voted against the committee assignments.

"Some of the committee assignments made absolutely no sense to me," said Rubley after the meeting. "We have an Education Committee that has only two commissioners remaining with any experience. One was removed and placed on a new committee. Four of the five on the new list are freshmen

commissioners."

Education Committee members are Carlene Brown, chair, David Dunlap, Deborah Evans, Robert Hennessee and Daniel Owens.

Brown was the only returning commissioner.

Rubley also took issue with changes to the Safety Committee.

"The Safety Committee from the previous administration is a success story. The ambulance service has seen many improvements with reduced spending. That is due to, in my opinion, a Safety Committee that worked diligently to resolve issues, and a new director that has proved to be fiscally responsible and worked well with the committee. Mr. Haley removed people from this and other successful committees with no explanation."

Haley, prior to the vote, urged commissioners to approve his committee assignments and work as a

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team for the betterment of Warren County.

Rubley added, "I have heard a lot of talk about teamwork, but when you break up successful teams, that talk appears

to be political rhetoric rather than a true game plan."

Commissioners appointed onto the county's Financial Management Committee

are Rubley, Richard Grissom, Gary Martin, and Tommy Savage. The committee has seven members including county executive, road superintendent and director of

schools as standing members.

With all committee's set, commissioners can now begin conducting county government business.

# Florence leaves damage, 34 dead, in its wake

**WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP)** — Hundreds of people waited in long lines for water and other essentials Tuesday in Wilmington, still mostly cut off by high water days after Hurricane Florence unleashed epic floods, and North Carolina's governor pleaded with more than 10,000 evacuees around the state not to return home yet.

The death toll rose to at least 34 in three states, with 26 fatalities in North Carolina.

The dead include a 1-year-old boy who was swept away after his mother drove into floodwaters and lost her grip on him. Authorities in Virginia said a man was killed Tuesday when his pickup truck was caught in a flash flood.

Human and animal waste is mixing with the swirling floodwaters, which have killed about 1.7 million chickens on poultry farms.

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper warned the flooding set off by as much as 3 feet of rain from Florence is far from over and will get worse in places.

"I know for many people this feels like a nightmare that just won't end," he said.

Addressing roughly 10,000 people who remain in shelters and "countless more" staying elsewhere, Cooper urged residents to stay put for now, particularly those from the hardest-hit coastal counties that include Wilmington, near where Florence blew ashore Friday.

Roads remain treacherous, he said, and some are still being closed for the first time as rivers swelled by torrential rains inland drain toward the Atlantic.

"I know it was hard to

leave home, and it is even harder to wait and wonder whether you even have a home to go back to," Cooper said.

In Wilmington, population 120,000, workers began handing out supplies using a system that resembled a giant fast-food drive-thru: Drivers pulled up to a line of pallets, placed an order and left without having to get out. A woman blew a whistle each time drivers were supposed to pull forward.

Supplies have been brought into the city by

big military trucks and helicopters, which also have been used to pluck hundreds of desperate people from atop homes and other structures.

Mayor Bill Saffo said two routes were now open into Wilmington, which had been completely cut off by floodwaters, but those roads could close again as water swells the Cape Fear River on the city's west side.

More than 5 million gallons of partially treated sewage spilled into the Cape Fear River after power went out at a treat-

ment plant, officials said, and the earthen dam of a pond holding hog waste was breached, spilling its contents. A dozen more such pits, which contain animal feces and urine, were damaged.

The governor said 16 rivers statewide were at major flood stage and more than 1,100 roads were closed. Emergency workers reported rescuing and evacuating more than 2,200 people and around 575 animals, he said.

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