

Warren County has an Operation Christmas Child shoebox goal of 3,661. A kickoff meeting will be held Sept. 15 at First Baptist Church on Spring Street at 10 a.m.

# Speaker remembers getting shoebox as child

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It's that time of year again, time to open your heart and bring joy to the life of a child. The Operation Christmas Child shoebox season is gearing up for another year of giving. A local kickoff is

planned for Sept. 15 at First Baptist Church on Spring Street at 10 a.m. The public is invited. Guest speaker will be Izabella McMillon.

McMillon's testimony of faith and inspirational story will remind everyone why the shoebox ministry is important. She was 13 years old when she received a shoefrom Operation Christmas Child in communist Romania. Now, she is packing boxes for other children and spreading the **MCMILLON** word on how

box

important it is. **Operation** Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Its mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a



means of reaching out to children in their own communities.

Shoeboxes are shipped outside the United States children to affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children liv-

ing on Native American reservations in the U.S. National collection

week is Nov. 12-19. Warren County's shoebox goal is 3,661.

For more information, call First Baptist Church at 473-4416 and leave a message.

## SOBRIETY CHECKPOINTS

The Tennessee Highway Patrol will be conducting sobriety checkpoints Sept. 14 and Sept. 21 on Highway 56 and Highway 70S in Warren County.

Impaired driving is a serious crime that kills more than 16,000 people and injures 305,000 others every year in the United States.

Troopers will evaluate drivers for signs of alcohol or drug impairment.

Troopers will target those who operate a vehicle while impaired and take corrective actions for

other violations observed while ensuring the protection of all motorists.

The Tennessee Highway Patrol recognizes sobriety checkpoints are highly visible and effective tools in the battle against impaired driving.



The new TWRA building remains under construction and won't be finished in time for this year's fair.

## Fair

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"Being a free fair certainly helps us get a lot of people through the gate," said fair president Kenneth Medlen. "We're the only free fair left in the state. There are other fairs that offer free parking and free admission, but you have to pay to get in to certain shows. We don't charge for anything except your food and the carnival rides."

Free entertainment is always a draw, especially with country music star

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and ask for Brinda.

Pam Tillis headlining this year's lineup. She is scheduled to perform Thursday night at 7 p.m. 'We expect that to be a big draw because I've heard a lot of talk about her around town," said Medlen. "People are

excited." It was hoped the new TWRA building could be ready in time for fair week, but that project will fall short of its target. The TWRA will have its trailer on hand like it did last year. When complete, the new building

will be much bigger and even have a classroom where hunter education courses can be taught.

With two new pageants added this year, there are now pageants for ages 6 months to age 20 with no gaps in between.

Carnival rides remain a huge attraction for kids with specials that include a \$20 hand stamp for Monday, two for \$25 hand stamp for Wednesday, and a \$15 hand stamp from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday for fair day.

## GENERAL SESSIONS

Judge Bill Locke ruled on the following cases last week in General Sessions court.

Curtis Reed Davenport was ordered to serve 155 days of an 11-month, 29-day sentence for third-offense DUI, driving on a revoked license, and violation of a motor vehicle ignition interlock device. He must perform 52 hours public service work and pay a \$1,100 fine.

Danley J. Skelton was ordered to serve four days for public intoxication and

24 hours public service work

for shoplifting. Allen Williams was given 11 months, 29 days probation, ordered to stay out of Walmart, and perform 24 hours public service work for shoplifting. He was granted a judicial diversion, meaning the charge can be erased if he gets in no further trouble.

Ernest Gibson was ordered to serve two days for driving on a suspended license.

released on seven days time served of an 11-29 sentence for DUI. He was ordered to pay a \$350 fine and perform 24 hours public service work.

Amanda Beth Terry was ordered to serve 30 days of an 11-29 sentence and pay a \$750 fine for possession of meth

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unlawful possession without a prescription.

Ordered to serve jail time for violation of probation were Heather Diane Polson (30 days), Benito Castorena (65 days), Daniel Lynn Hudson (30 days), Jose Flores Torres (60 days), and Joshua Lawrence Hobbs (40 days).

Amanda M. Phillips was given 11 months, 29 days probation, ordered to stay out of Walmart, and perform

Carrie St. John was ordered to serve 30 days of an 11-29 sentence and pay a \$750 fine for possession of meth.

Coleen Jones was ordered to serve 45 days of an 11-29 sentence and pay a \$600 fine for second-offense DUI.

Robert Regalado was ordered to serve 48 hours of an 11-29 sentence, pay a \$350 fine and perform 24 hours public service work for DUI. Randy Glen Ross was



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