

# Sherrill goes 'Mad' for latest novel



**Duane Sherrill will be releasing his newest book "Mad Justice" on Monday night from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Magness Library.**

## Book release party set for Monday at Magness Library

Mayor Jim Haley's daughter has been kidnapped and the police are powerless to find her. Their only hope is super sleuth Graham Ripley, a modern-day Sherlock Holmes whose crime-solving acumen is the thing of legend. However, there is one small problem - he is presently residing in a home for the criminally insane.

"I had to get out of my comfort zone for this one," admitted mystery/suspense author Duane Sherrill of his newest book "Mad Justice" which will be available Monday evening, Feb. 12, during a release party at Magness Library. The event will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on the second floor and the public is urged to attend.

"We first meet Graham Ripley, protagonist in 'Mad Justice,' in a mental institution where he has been committed by the court,"

Sherrill said, noting the reason for Ripley's committal is slowly revealed during the novel. "This book was the most difficult one I've written because much of the book is written from the perspective of the insane detective."

The book, which is the first in just over a year put out by the professional crime and courts journalist, follows Ripley and rookie patrolman Tanner Hobbs as they try to discover who kidnapped the mayor's 10-year-old daughter before it's too late.

"Tanner is tapped by his superiors to both recruit and spring Ripley from the mental institution in hopes he can crack the case," said Sherrill, adding that complicating the issue is suspicion police may have been involved in the abduction. "Given Tanner has only been a cop for a month and has no

connections on the force, his superiors see him as a perfect candidate for the clandestine mission. Plus, he's expendable, just like Ripley."

The two navigate through a web of intrigue and corruption as they try to ferret out the culprits and rescue the young girl. Meanwhile, the mysterious reason for Ripley's insanity bubbles just below the surface, threatening to erupt at any point, jeopardizing not only their mission but their lives.

"The back and forth between Ripley and Tanner is something that is at the center of the book," Sherrill said. "There's a lot of humor, suspense and action that will keep R.D. Sherrill fans turning the pages."

The book is the sixth published by the longtime news writer. His other titles include "Red Dog Saloon," "Average Joe" and "Murder U," "Friday Night Frights" and "Paradise Ranch." All of his books will be for sale during the release of "Mad Justice" at Magness Library on Monday.

## Vietnam soldiers

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All photos will be used on the Wall of Faces online memorial on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial website. Hoehn says the much bigger project is building an Education Center that will be adjacent to the Vietnam Wall with an estimated \$100 million cost. Once built, all the photos will be on display there.

"Museums are incredibly expensive to build," said Hoehn. "We haven't received any money from the government for this. It's all been through private donations, just like the money raised to build the Vietnam Wall."

Hoehn says she recently received a \$10 million private donation for the Education Center, bringing the total raised to \$50 million. She has held four fundraisers herself and raised right at \$92,000. She hopes to have the \$100 million secured to start construction in the next two years.

For more information about the Education Center or to make a donation, go to: [www.vvmf.org/thewall](http://www.vvmf.org/thewall).



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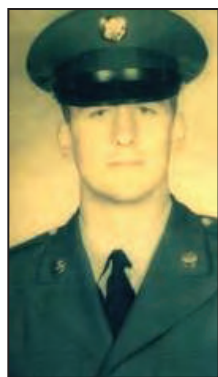
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Wilburn Leon Green**

**Homer L. Medley  
Roy E. McGee  
James C. Watson  
David R. "Bobby" Ray  
Johnny L. Whiteaker  
Thomas Dudley Young**

## Elections

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Other candidates have picked up qualifying papers for County Executive, but they have not been submitted to the Election Commission. All candidates for county government positions have until this Thursday, Feb. 15, at noon to submit qualifying papers.

The race for Warren County Sheriff is the most crowded race thus far as seven candidates have qualified. Those who have qualified, in order of when they submitted papers, are Billy Joe Crouch, Rodney Whiles, Tommy Myers, Bobby Edwards, Herb Rowland, Marc Martin and John Morgan.

Only two other county-wide races are currently contested. Register of Deeds Terry Smith is seeking re-election, but he will first have to defeat Wes Williams in the Democratic Primary and then Danny Cummings in the General Election to retain his job. Two others have picked up qualifying papers but haven't returned them.

The office open by the retirement of Circuit Court Clerk Bernie Morris has three challengers thus far in Casi Powell Cantrell, Melanie Milstead and Chris Cope. One other has picked up qualifying papers.

Three county officials are running unopposed thus far. They are Trustee Darlene Bryant, Road Superintendent Levie Glenn and County Clerk Lesa Scott.

All 24 seats on the Warren County Commission are also up for election.

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