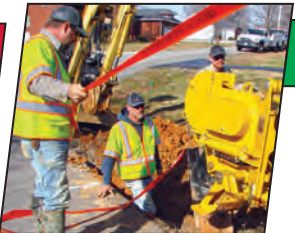




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County executive race to be contested

BY **JAMES CLARK**  
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There will be a contested race for Warren County Executive on the ballot this year.

Jimmy Haley and Terry Bell, two seasoned political veterans, have submitted their qualifying papers and will appear on the ballot in August. They are running as independents.

Haley served as a McMinnville alderman for 10 years before getting



BELL



HALEY

elected McMinnville mayor in 2012.

"I feel the best way for me to serve the most people, promote progress

across the entire community, and improve future opportunities for our children, is through the office of County Executive," said Haley. "My focus on teamwork and building partnerships with both private and public agencies has been a successful approach in McMinnville. Together we have moved the city forward. I wish to see this cooperative model used to bring our entire community together."

Bell has been elected four times to the Warren County Commission and

will have 16 years of experience at election time. He is chairman of the influential Budget and Finance Committee.

"Since I've been up there, I've tried to help the taxpayers and manage county government the best way possible," said Bell. "I've always had an interest in politics and I want to keep the county moving forward. We have some big projects in front of us at this time."

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Candidates for county government positions have until Thursday, Feb. 15, at noon to qualify.



Hawaii resident Janna Hoehn is pictured by some of the photos she's collected of fallen soldiers from the Vietnam War. She has helped collect over 53,000 photos of the 58,315 killed in Vietnam. She still needs a photo of one Warren County resident killed in action, Johnny L. Whiteaker, 1948-1968.

Pictures sought for soldiers killed during Vietnam War

BY **JAMES CLARK**  
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(McMinnville, Tennessee)

A visit to the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C., was a life-changing experience for Janna Hoehn.

Since seeing the memorial eight years ago, Hoehn has embarked on a personal mission to further recognize the soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice and died for America. She's working to compile pictures of every U.S. soldier who died during the war and is making significant progress.

To date, Hoehn says she has spearheaded efforts to gather more than 53,000 photos of the 58,315 names etched on the Vietnam Wall.

"Putting a face with a name changes the whole dynamic of the wall," said Hoehn, who was raised in California and is a current Hawaii resident. "It keeps memories alive for our fallen heroes. It's something that will honor them and ensure their sacrifice will never be forgotten."

There are 13 Warren County soldiers recognized as being killed in action in Vietnam. Hoehn has pictures of all of them except for one, Johnny L. Whiteaker (1948-68).

"I'm asking for the community's support and asking anyone who has a picture of him to send it to me," said Hoehn, 62. "The Vietnam War took place during my entire high school career so it really had an impact on me."

Anyone with a photo of Whiteaker can submit it to Hoehn at neverforgotten2014@gmail.com. She says stories like this one have been published in more than 500 newspapers nationwide and been tremendously effective.


"The response has been amazing," said Hoehn. "I have collected over 6,000 photos since 2011. I'm taking one state at a time, moving west to east. I've helped complete the states of Montana, Oregon, Idaho, Nevada, Washington, Utah, Colorado, South Dakota, Alaska, Idaho, Kansas and Hawaii. I'm very close on several others."

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TWO LOCAL SOLDIERS



JAMES AKINS



FLOYD CRAVEN

Harris faces charge of child rape

BY **JAMES CLARK**  
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A local man has reportedly admitted to a sex act with an 8-year-old girl, leading to the charge of child rape.

The man, Mathew Ryan Harris, 26, has been charged and is currently free on \$100,000 bond.

According to the warrant issued by Sheriff's Department investigator Jason Rowland, law enforcement officials were notified of the incident Dec. 12. It reportedly happened in the fall of 2017.

The warrant says the

Sheriff's Department and the Department of Children's Services both received the referral because it involved an unlawful sex act between Harris and an 8-year-old victim.

"The victim was interviewed at the Children's Advocacy Center and made a disclosure she had been digitally penetrated by Mathew Ryan Harris," wrote Rowland in his complaint. "Mr. Harris was interviewed at the Warren County Sheriff's Office and admitted to this digital penetration."

Rape of a child is a Class A felony punishable by a minimum 25 years, according to Tennessee Code Annotated.



HARRIS

Souper donation



Jacob Dodd photo

Ruthie Dunlap stacks food Friday at the Warren County Emergency Food Bank after First Baptist Church made a donation of 4,799 food items from its annual Souper Bowl food drive.

Water over sugar

BY **LISA HOBBS**  
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Warren County Health Department is battling sugary drinks. Warren County students will be given a reusable water bottle thanks to a grant.

Morrison School distributed its bottles Friday.

"We are thrilled to be able to provide opportunities for our students and families to improve their health," said Shannon Railling, Warren County Schools director of coordinated school health. "We know that having healthy

students means they are in the classroom and ready to learn."

Water bottles for every student in the county were provided by the Warren County Health Department through tobacco prevention grant funds.

On its way will be water bottle refilling stations to be installed at Bobby Ray, Dibrell, Irving College, Morrison, WCMS, and WCHS. Each will include health education information from the Tennessee Clean Water Network detailing the importance of replacing sugar-sweetened beverages with water.

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Lisa Hobbs photo

Morrison Elementary student Carlyn Sweeton was one of the first students in the Warren County School System to receive a free reusable water bottle thanks to a grant obtained by the Health Department. A different grant will provide several schools with filling stations for those bottles.

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