

Sparkman seeks re-election for County Commission seat

I, Tyrone Sparkman, a lifelong resident of Warren County, am announcing my bid for re-election as 5th District County Commissioner of Warren County.

I was born and raised on a farm in the Oakland community. That's where I learned the value of hard work, common sense, efficiency and integrity. I attended Warren County schools and graduated from McMinnville City High School.

Being active in sports allowed me to letter in football all four years. I received the honor of being chosen as Most Athletic and received the Sportsmanship Award and the

Love-Cantrell Sportsmanship Award. Involvement in sports taught me the importance of teamwork and collaborating to accomplish a goal.

Following graduation, I was employed at Century Electric until June 1966. I was drafted into the United States Army during the Vietnam War. I served 13 months on the DMZ in Korea. I was promoted to the rank of sergeant and received the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Sharpshooter Rifle Medal, and Expert Infantryman Medal.

I served actively until 1968 when I received an honorable discharge. I

was honored to serve my country during a time of war and am proud to be an American veteran.

Following my tour with the U.S. Army, I returned to Century Electric and later accepted a position with Carrier Corporation where I remained until 2005 when the plant closed.

I have been blessed to share the majority of my life and 56 years of marriage with my wife, Treva Pendergraph Sparkman. We did



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not have children but Treva and I cared for her sister, Kathy Pendergraph, who had special needs, until Kathy's death in 2014.

Throughout my life I have been lucky to serve my community in various ways. I am an active member of McMinnville First Baptist Church, a lifetime member of the VFW, a member of American Legion, a Mason and Shriner.

In 2010, I served with the Tennessee Disaster Relief Program as a volunteer assisting with tornado-damaged communities in East

Tennessee. In 2012, I had the privilege to serve on a mission trip to Ecuador where a church was built and our team helped with distribution of Samaritan Purse shoeboxes.

Over the last two years I have had the honor and pleasure of representing the 5th District.

I would appreciate the continued opportunity to make Warren County a great place to live. If re-elected, I pledge to continue to serve the 5th District with integrity, intelligence and dependability. Your vote for Tyrone Sparkman in the Democratic Primary on May 1, and the General Election in August, is appreciated.

Leaf it to seniors



High school seniors Hunter Brock, left, and Blake Waldron load a shrub in the back of a pickup Friday afternoon during the annual Project Graduation Nursery Sale at Bobby Ray Elementary. The nursery sale is the single biggest fundraiser for Project Graduation, an all-night party for seniors and their guests at McMinnville Civic Center.

Quarantine lifted

BY **LISA HOBBS**
Reporter for the Southern Standard
(McMinnville, Tennessee)

The quarantine at Warren County Animal Control and Adoption Center is scheduled to be lifted the day after Easter, but shorter facility hours will begin.

"We plan to reopen April 2," said Kim Pettrey, Animal Control director.

The information was presented to members of the county Health and Welfare Committee on Wednesday. Also discussed was Pettrey's several-week absence due to surgery and who will run the facility during her absence.

Both other employees are part-time and restricted to not more than 29 hours a week.

Animal Control officer Brandi Bouldin was in attendance.

"Brandi, you're in charge now," said Commissioner Michael Martin.

Bouldin shook her head no.

"Yes," said Martin.

Pettrey interjected, "No, she's not."

"Let me explain what's going to happen," said Martin. "You're having surgery. If you go down there, get hurt and fall, you're a liability to county government. Since you will get paid while you're off, to reduce our liability to the county, you need to stay home."

Pettrey said all she planned to do during those weeks was paperwork, but now she's in fear of losing her job because she was instructed to return the county's truck and her cellphone to the facility.

"OK," said Pettrey. "I don't want to lose my job over this because I'm not there. I'm still the director, if I have surgery or not."



After a 10-day closure due to two cases of kennel cough, the gate at Warren County Animal Control and Adoption Center is slated to reopen Monday.

Martin stated, "You're a liability to the county." "I don't mind staying at home until I'm better. I don't. This job means the world to me, and I don't want it suffering. They shouldn't be made to do my job when they don't get paid for it."

Pettrey is a salaried employee, which means she is on call 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.

If she receives a call about a dog bite victim at 1 a.m., she's to go pick up the dog and transport it to Animal Control.

Her staff members are hourly employees.

"All they (staff) are going to do is clean and take care of the animals," said Martin, who says 911 dispatchers will be instructed to report those calls to Warren County Sheriff's Department during Pettrey's absence.

Staff will continue their current work schedules. The facility will close each weekday at 2 p.m.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

A revival begins at 6 p.m. at Sunny Hills Baptist Church, 2216 Robert Wilson Road. Bro. Eric Bohman will speak. Weekday services at 7 p.m. The church will also hold an Easter sunrise service April 1 at 6 a.m. with Bro. Robert Brown speaking.

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

Westwood Church of Christ is having a free clothing giveaway from 8 to 10 a.m. for anyone in need.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

A political debate will be held beginning at 6 p.m. at

Warren County High School auditorium. Local candidates for office have been invited to attend and they will be asked questions by students.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

SkillsUSA is holding a spring festival with dinner and live auction at Tennessee College of Applied Technology, 241 Vo-Tech Drive. BBQ dinner and open house begin at 4:30 p.m., with auction following at 6 p.m.

A spring dance is set for 6 to 8 p.m. at Bobby Ray Elementary.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

Midway CIC will have a Relay for Life breakfast from 7 to 10 a.m. All donations benefit Relay for Life.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A gospel meeting is April 8-11 at Berea Church of Christ located on Francis Ferry Road. Bro. Dan Gulley will speak. Everyone invited.

The Class of 1963 will be having a meeting April 9 at Chabelitas Mexican Restaurant, 1124 Sparta Street at 5 p.m. For more

information, call Sandra Burger at 808-6352.

Kindergarten screening is April 12-13 at West Elementary. Contact the school your child will attend to schedule an appointment.

The 4th annual Special Games Spring Fling at The Redemption Center is Friday, April 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. This event is for children and teens ages 17 and under with special needs. Each child must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. RSVP by tele-

phoning 931-808-8816 with your child's name.

East End Church of Christ is holding a gospel seminar Friday, April 13, from 7 to 8 p.m., Saturday, April 14 from 10 to 11 a.m. with lunch provided and Sunday, April 15 from 9 to 10 a.m. with a meal provided following morning worship. Eric Lyons from Apologetics

Press will be the speaker.

Relay for Life T-shirts are now on sale at McMinnville Electric System with this year's theme of "Hope, Sweet Hope." Proceeds from the sale are donated to the American Cancer Society. Shirts are \$12, with extended sizes \$2 more. Call MES at 473-3144 to order or to donate.

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Lunch - 12:00 PM
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