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## Seniors set for super night

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**W**CHS seniors will be armed with the superpower of a high school diploma after Friday night's graduation ceremony at Nunley Stadium.

Seating is expected to be at full capacity as 405 seniors walk the stage to receive their degrees.

The class of 2018 won't have a mission as weighty as saving the world, but graduates are sure to encounter the forces of good and evil as a hulking journey awaits. There will be kryptonite along the way and villains lurking, but these challenges will help graduates learn their true identity.

For WCHS student body president Allison Cripps, it will be up, up and away. Her immediate plans after high school are to attend Air Force basic training with the goal of becoming a pilot.

"My dad always enjoyed it so I figured I would too," said Allison of her father, Jason Cripps, who has served as a military and commercial pilot.

Shawn Woodlee and Maddie Merriman say they plan to attend Chattanooga State in the fall. In college, there will be one significant change for Shawn, who has played football his entire life.

"I'll be hanging up my cleats," he said. Caden Brownyard said Popsicle Fridays were one of his favorite parts of high school. He says he will miss his friends and is glad for the memories they share.

"I'd do it all over again if I could," said Caden.

Cripps will deliver a speech during the graduation ceremony. Asked if she knows of any surprises that will take place during graduation, Allison said, "I think Shawn is going to crowd surf."

Shawn replied, "Don't say that or I'll have to do it."



**G**raduation is scheduled to begin Friday at 7 p.m. High school officials say graduation will be held Friday night if at all possible.

In the event of severe weather, the ceremony will be moved to Saturday at 5 p.m. An automated call will be made by 4 p.m. Friday if there is a postponement. If it's postponed Saturday, graduation will be Monday at 6 p.m.



**Federal prosecutors contend McMinnville resident Dylan Wesley Barnes was producing counterfeit pills similar to these.**

## Barnes faces federal charges for making pills

BY **JAMES CLARK**  
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A McMinnville man faces 14 years in prison after he was indicted on federal charges for producing and distributing counterfeit prescription medication.

Dylan Wesley Barnes has been hit with two federal charges -- conspiracy to distribute narcotics, and possession of a pill press. His first appearance in federal court in Chattanooga was Monday.

According to the federal grand jury indictment against Barnes, he was distributing alprazolam, a Schedule IV controlled substance. The drug is commonly known under the trade name Xanax and is used as a mood relaxer to relieve anxiety.

The grand jury contends Barnes began possessing and distributing alprazolam in June 2016 and continued until January 2018.

It was on Jan. 9, 2018 when Barnes was reportedly found in possession of equipment to manufacture the pills.

"Dylan Wesley Barnes did knowingly and intentionally possess a punch, die, plate and other things designed to print, imprint and reproduce the trademark, trade name and other identifying mark and imprint of another, and any likeness of any of the foregoing, upon any drug so as to render such drug a counterfeit substance," the grand jury determined.

The drug making equipment reportedly had a die and plate to stamp tablets with "WATSON 853" with a center score on the other side.

## Knowles retiring from jail supervisor post

BY **LISA HOBBS**  
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When a new Warren County Sheriff is elected in August, one of his first responsibilities will be naming a new jail supervisor.

Eddie Knowles has announced he will be retiring in August.

"I'm leaving Aug. 31," said Knowles. "I'm getting ready to live life, I guess. I've been making decisions all my life and some pretty big decisions, but this was the hardest one I've ever made. When to retire is a tough decision to make. It wasn't easy."

Knowles began working as a corrections officer at the jail 16 years ago and became supervisor in 2005.

"It has been a challenge, that's for sure," said Knowles. "But, everybody says I have the easy job. I've got about 35 employees and about 300 inmates. That isn't much to take care of everyday, is it?"

Members of the county Budget and Finance Committee met Tuesday and expressed concern for a new sheriff giving someone Knowles' ending salary. There are six sheriff candidates: Billy Joe Crouch, Bobby Edwards, Marc Martin, John Morgan, Tommy Myers, and Rodney



Lisa Hobbs photo

**Eddie Knowles is retiring after 16 years with the Warren County Sheriff's Department. Currently the jail supervisor, his replacement will be selected by the new sheriff elected in August.**

Whiles.

"Some of the people running for sheriff already have their jail director picked, by what some of them have told me," said Commissioner Carl E. Bouldin. "We can't let them start out at \$48,313."

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**Hit the pool! Gilley Pool is scheduled to open for the season this Saturday at 10 a.m.**

## Pool ready to make splash

BY **LISA HOBBS**  
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Swimmers are just days away from a refreshing dip in McMinnville's Gilley Pool.

Hours on opening weekend are Saturday, May 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and

Sunday, May 27, from 1 to 6 p.m. On Memorial Day, hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

June hours have been changed slightly from years past.

"We've extended the hours on Mondays and Wednesdays in June," said Kyle Clyde, who is the activities director for McMinnville

Parks and Recreation. "We've had people ask about being open longer. We're going to try this and see what happens. In June only, we're staying open until 7 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays. We usually close at 5 p.m."

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