

# Register to vote by July 3 deadline

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Take the excitement of the 2018 election year to the next level.

Make sure you're registered to vote so you can cast your ballot in August.

For local residents eager to help determine the next sheriff and county executive in Warren County, there is still time to register.

The registration deadline is July 3 to be eligible to vote in the Aug. 2 general election. That date also serves as state primary.

"There has been strong interest in this election and we've been registering a lot of people to vote," said election administrator Donna Smith, who noted the number of registered voters in Warren County has climbed to 21,220.

To be eligible to vote, a person must be 18 on or before the day of the election.

There are more options than ever to make registration as easy as possible.

You can accomplish this the old-fashioned way by



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**Rumble in the Valley was just that Saturday night. More than 30 trucks and tractors competed in various categories. The event is sanctioned by the Middle Tennessee Pullers Association. Pictured is Casperilla, driven by Brandon Adcock. He came in second place in his division.**

## Viola revved for tractor pull

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More than 30 trucks and tractors gave the track in Viola a try Saturday night during Rumble in the Valley.

Mervin Turner provided the longest pull with a distance of 349 feet. His truck "No Fear" probably frightened off the competition. He pulled alone in the category 6200 Pro Stock 4wd Trucks.

Jeff Reynolds from Alexandria dominated in his category with a pull of 328.9 feet. His 5500 Hot Rod Tractor called Ragin' Bull barely edged Morrison resident Nick Harrell at 328.3 feet. Morrison resident David Shelton had 317, Jonathan Carter had 299, and David Scott had 287.

Danny Swafford in Turkey Truck gobbled up the 800 2.5 Diesel Truck category with 324 feet. The Georgia resident beat the other participants by more than 25 feet. Brandon Adcock had 299 feet, JP Reagan 287, and Travis Owen 283.

A Poore Excuse gave other pullers in the 4300 Mini Truck category a reason to be envious. Driver Wayne Poore from Pall Mall came in first with 315 feet. He was followed by John McClellan

with 310, Randy Pryor with 304, Elaine Watkins with 303, and Gary West with 244.

It's a Poore Thang with driver Scott Watkins took first place in the 5800 Pro Stock 2wd Trucks category with a pull of 311 feet. He was followed closely by Bob Stewart with 308, Willie Savage with 307, and Ethan Stewart with 301.

Larry Anderson in Grease Monkey slid into first place in the 6200 LLSS Tractors category. He pulled 312 feet and out distanced Bruce Baird with 304 feet and Christopher Underwood with 300 feet.

The largest category of the night was 5500 Super Stock 4WD Trucks. It attracted 11 contestants. Taking the lead was Phillip Waggoner from Liberty in The Wild Card with 321.84 feet. He barely edged Crossville resident Randall Pryor in Patchin' It Up with 321.83 feet.

Rounding out the remaining 11 were: Tommy Taylor with 319, Lester Cole II with 317, Cody Beatty with 313.2, Leland Baird with 313.0, Bobby Pirtle with 311, B.J. Jennings with 304, Mason Johnston with 283, Donovan Savage with 129, and Tyler Byrom with 128.



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**Bo Davis, 7 months, enjoys his first truck and tractor pull Saturday with Rumble in the Valley. The annual event is a big draw for the town of Viola and a fundraiser for its volunteer fire department.**

## Utopia returns



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**Utopia returns to Main Street Live this Friday, June 22, at 7 p.m. with funk, R&B, and Motown. Concerts are offered on the West Lawn of Security Federal. Vendors open at 6 p.m., and music begins at 7 p.m. The series is a production of Main Street McMinnville. Events are free thanks to generous sponsorships.**

## Rausch announced as director of TBI

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam on Monday announced the appointment of David B. Rausch as director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation.

Rausch, 55, has served as chief of police for the Knoxville Police Department (KPD) since 2011, overseeing an agency of more than 500 employees, including some 400 sworn police officers.

Rausch joined KPD in 1993 and rose through the ranks, serving in several different roles, including as deputy chief and a member of the special operations squad.

Throughout his 25 years with the KPD, Rausch has focused on community policing and building relationships with local, state and federal agencies.

"David brings a wealth of experience to the TBI and the proven leadership

to continue the great progress the agency has made in making Tennessee safer," said Haslam. "As police chief in Knoxville, he took on both urban and rural public safety issues and collaborated with local, state and federal partners to help address some of the region's most pressing crimes, such as gang activity and human trafficking."

Rausch has served in multiple leadership roles in professional law enforcement organizations, including the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police.



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Police and the International Association of Chiefs of Police. He was named the 2017 Chief of the Year by the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police.

He is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy and several federal law enforcement programs. He also has extensive community service involvement.

"I am honored and humbled the governor has selected me for this position.

The TBI is an excellent organization with amaz-

ing employees dedicated to serving the great state of Tennessee. I look forward to working alongside them to lead the agency into the next chapter and am excited to bring my vision and energy to serve in this capacity," Rausch said.

Rausch is a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in the Military Police Corps from 1986-1990. He earned a master of science degree in justice administration and a bachelor of arts degree in political science from the University of Louisville. Rausch will become director effective Monday, June 25.



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