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Raid turns up drugs, guns

Patterson held on failure to appear charges

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A raid on a Dowelltown residence has a man facing guns and drug charges as officers found a cache of narcotics hidden in the suspect's home.

The suspect, Travis Eric Patterson, 29, is being held on failure to appear charges while lawmen decide what charges to hit him with from the raid. According to Sheriff Patrick Ray, a search warrant was obtained on his Toad Road home for selling illegal narcotics and possession of weapons. Patterson is a convicted felon and banned from possessing firearms.

It was last Wednesday that officers with the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department, the Tennessee Highway Patrol Special Operations Unit (SWAT), an agent with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, and members of the 13th Judicial District Attorney General's Office, executed the warrant.

Through their investigation, Sheriff's Department Detectives found that Patterson was in possession of firearms at his home. As a safety precaution, the THP Special Operations Unit was summoned to assist in the search



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of the home. The SWAT team made a forcible entry into the home after no one came to the door. Patterson finally gave himself up along with another male and female who were at the residence. No one was injured.

Upon searching Patterson's residence, sheriff's department officers found 15 grams of methamphetamine, six ounces of marijuana, an assortment prescription pills, one rifle, two shotguns, three pistols, digital scales, glass pipes, and possible stolen power tools. Detectives also seized \$427.00 in cash.

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On the campaign trail

Boyd speaks in Smithville

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"I started my first company at 23 and it failed immediately," Boyd told the crowd of supporters at the county complex during his bus stop in Smithville this past week. "You learn more from your failures than your successes."

Boyd noted his next business proved to be spot on, leading him to become a successful entrepreneur, business, and philanthropic leader. Boyd is the founder and chairman of Radio Systems Corporation, which is headquartered in Knoxville. He first started out of the back of his van. The company today produces over 4,600 pet products under brand names such as Invisible Fence, PetSafe and SportDOG, with more than 700 employees and annual revenues of \$400 million.

"You actually want a governor who has run something before. I can bring that experience," Boyd said. "It's important the next governor has made a payroll before. Understands how hard that can be."

Boyd said his experience as an entrepreneur positions him to serve as governor. "By definition an entrepreneur has to be innovative and has to be disruptive. I believe Tennessee government needs innovation and disruption."

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Duane Sherrill photo

Gubernatorial candidate Randy Boyd made a bus stop in Smithville this past week during his 95-county whirlwind tour of the state leading up to the Republican Primary this August. Boyd told supporters in attendance that his business sense will be valuable in leading the state. He also noted that the opioid crisis is a growing threat that needs to be fought tooth and nail.

City taxes hold steady

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Smithville city employees will get a one percent cost of living raise as part of a bare-bones municipal budget hashed out by the board of mayor and aldermen during a pair of budget meetings this past week.

The budget does not include an increase in taxes or user fees. Taxes will remain unchanged, staying at 64.9 cents per \$100 in assessed property.

City leaders nixed most of the requests for extra funding such as a plea by city fire and city police for extra full-time officers. They also shot down a request to buy a pair of used police cars and a pickup truck for the public works department. The city will buy a utility truck for the water and sewer department and fund building a wrought iron fence to protect the veteran's monument at Greenbrook Park, where thieves stole the bronze stars from the monument last year. A private fundraising effort will allow the stars to be replaced; however, they are waiting for the protective fence before installing the replacements.

At the heart of the no-frills budget is the fact the city has spent more than it has brought in the last couple of years. The negative cash flow; however, has been brought about by the purchases of fire engines and a garbage truck, items that are not normally on a yearly budget.

As it stands today, the city will be in the red approximately \$542,769 by the end of the coming fiscal year in 2019. Had the requests for spending made by department heads been approved in total, the deficit would have been over \$800,000.

The budget is expected to be officially adopted July 2 when the board of mayor and aldermen meet for a second reading at 6 p.m. at city hall.

Meet the candidates at forum Thursday

Focusing on educating the voting public by giving them an opportunity to hear and meet the people who want to represent them in government, the *Smithville Review* will be hosting its second candidate forum tomorrow night at the county complex.

"This is a chance for candidates to get their message out and for the public to hear what they have to say, so they can make an informed decision before going to the polls," said *Review* General Manager An-

gie Meadows, who will be moderating the event. "Early voting is just around the corner for the local races so this will be one of the last major informational events before voters begin going to the polls."

The event, which is free to the public, begins at 5:30 p.m. in the convention room at the county complex. The first 30 minutes will be used as a mixer with the forum portion to begin promptly at 6 p.m. As was the case in the forum held before the Democratic

Primary, county commission candidates will be the first to take the stage.

"We will begin with first district and work our way up through the seventh district in order," said *Review* Editor Duane Sherrill said. "We will give each candidate two minutes to make an opening statement, telling the voters about themselves."

The candidates, after making their opening statements, may be asked a question by the modera-

tor, time permitting.

"We will have to enforce time limits," Sherrill said. "We will have a bell to warn the candidate their time is up and we ask everyone cooperate so we can keep the event on schedule. We don't want to exhaust our audience plus we want to provide time for people to mingle before and after the event."

It is not known how many candidates will appear, so an exact schedule is not available. After county commission, city and

countywide offices will take the stage. Since a forum is being planned for state and federal offices this September, those races have not been included in the Thursday debate. However, time permitting, candidates for statewide office are present may be permitted to make a two-minute address.

Candidate supporters are welcome to wear campaign t-shirts and to give out campaign material, inside and outside the event. However it is asked no signs or banners



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