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More Join The Race For County Commission

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Almost every district got a new candidate for the Greene County Commission races when election petitions were turned in on Monday.

Two Republican incumbents will seek re-election this year. In the 1st Commissioner District race, Dale Tucker has filed his completed petition to keep his seat on the commission. He joins Charles "Tim" White, running as a Republican, and Darrell Wayne Key, a Democrat, in the race.

Joshua Arrowood has decided to once again run to represent the 2nd District on the county commission. Arrowood joins Kaleb D. Powell and Brad Peters in the 2nd District race. All will run on the Republican ticket.

Newcomer Dollie Boyd, a married mother of two, will join J. Clement Allison and Melissa D. Willett on the Democratic Primary in the 3rd Commissioner District. Boyd has lived in the county for eight years and currently works as the director of museums for Tusculum College.

"I feel like it's time for some new energy in local leadership," she said. "I was inspired by the atmosphere in the country. I never really considered running for public office, because I just didn't think I had much to offer. But I've reconsidered that."

Boyd, Allison and Willett will take on the top three vote getters in the Republican primary. Jan Kiker, Jason Cobble, Robin Quillen and Chase Murray are



Dale Tucker



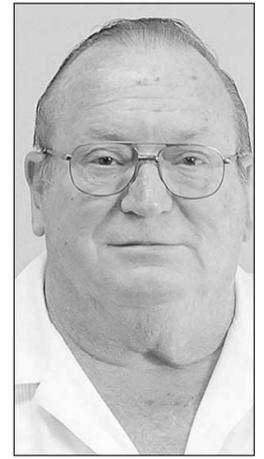
Joshua Arrowood



Dollie Boyd



Ryan Rowlett



James Secrist

competing in that party's primary.

Two more newcomers will have their names placed on the ballot after completing their election petition.

Ryan Rowlett filed his completed petition to run in the 4th County Commissioner District race. He is a single father who has lived in Greeneville for the last 12 years. After operating a successful food truck, he went back to school to pursue a degree in political science.

"The health and safety of the county is my main priority," he said. "I would like to see new avenues of economic growth explored for Greene County and new technologies such as live streaming used to make local government more transparent."

Donal J. Sexton also declared his intentions to seek public office in the 4th County Commissioner District election. Attempts

to contact Sexton for a comment were not immediately successful.

Both Rowlett and Sexton will join Mary Lynne Potter Nicholson in the Democratic Primary. They will square off against Republicans Lyle Parton, George Clemmer and William "Bill" Dabbs in the August general election.

Chan A. Humbert made it official and placed her name on the ballot in the 5th County Commissioner District race. She filed her completed petition to run in the Republican primary.

In the 6th County Commissioner District race, James H. Secrist will be running on the ballot as an Independent. He is a married father of four who has lived in the county since 1982. He previously ran for Greene County Sheriff in 1989.

"One of the main reason I'm running is I think a high school that has 2,000 stu-

dents ... is too many for any municipality," he said.

He joins Republicans Jeffrey Bible and Josh Kesterson and Democrat John Squibb Waddle Jr. in the race.

In order to get on the ballot, candidates must pick up a petition from the Greene County Election Commis-

sion and get 25 registered voters in their district to sign it. To qualify for the county primaries, all candidates must submit their petitions by noon Thursday.

It is recommended that a candidate get at least 50 signatures, because some people may not be registered voters, may have become

ineligible to vote or have not changed their address with the election office.

Office staff at the election commission will verify those signatures. The commission then has the legal responsibility to place on the ballot names of candidates who have met all necessary qualifications.

CORRECTION

Casteel Is 5th District Candidate

In a Jan. 20 article, Kandice Davis Casteel was listed as running in the wrong Greene County Commission district race due to incorrect information provided to The Greeneville Sun.

Casteel will be running in the 5th Commissioner District Republican primary. Davis was also misspelled in the article.

The Sun regrets the errors.

Casteel is a married mother of two. She graduated from South Greene High School and

obtained a Bachelor's Degree from Tusculum University.

"If elected I want to understand the issues that our community has in all areas and help get them resolved in a timely manner," she said. "I want the tax payers to feel like they have a voice through me and my vote in the commission. I am a very loyal and honest person, who will stand up for what is right for our community."



Kandice Casteel

IT HAPPENED HERE

Aaron L. Arwood, 26, of 79 Bradley Ave., was charged Sunday by Greeneville police with drug possession and other offenses following a traffic stop on Ocean Boulevard East. Arwood allegedly gave police a false name after the traffic stop, Officer Matthew Stanley said in a report. He was found to have an active arrest warrant for violation of probation, the report said. A pill bottle was found by police that contained methamphetamine and Oxycodone. As Arwood was being booked into the Greene County Detention Center, a small amount of meth was found in Arwood's clothing, the report said. He was charged with criminal impersonation, introduction of contraband into a penal institution, two counts of possession of a Schedule II drug, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Arwood had a first scheduled appearance Monday in court.

Charges were filed early Monday morning by Greeneville police against three women following a traffic stop on Kiser Boulevard at Industrial Road. Brittany L. Davis, 26, of 310 Juniper St., was charged with criminal impersonation and possession of a Schedule II drug. Cassie Hogan, 34, of 601 Wykle Road, was charged with criminal impersonation. Driver Jada M. Ellis, of Greeneville, was found to have an active violation of probation-2nd offense warrant. A car was seen on Industrial Boulevard without headlights and its

hazard lights on, Officer Ethan Metcalf said. A traffic stop was conducted in the parking lot of an apartment complex at the intersection. Ellis was found to have an active arrest warrant and was taken into custody. Passengers Davis and Hogan allegedly gave police a series of false names before eventually admitting their true identities, the report said. Davis told police she had methamphetamine in her bra, which was removed by a female corrections officer at the Greene County Detention Center, the report said. A syringe, scale and cut straws were found in the car, the report said. Davis, Ellis and Hogan had first scheduled appearance dates Monday in court.

A man sought on an arrest warrant for aggravated domestic assault in connection with an incident in January was taken into custody Saturday by Greeneville police in a house in the 400 block of Elk Street. Richard Anthony Sanchez, 22, of 102 Housely Ave., was located at the Greeneville Terrace Apartments after police received a report he was there, Officer Michael Ball said in a report. An earlier report said on the night of Jan. 7, Sanchez allegedly forced his way into the alleged victim's house and threatened her with a knife before taking a piece of metal and breaking dishes. The alleged victim said Sanchez kneed her in the stomach and face, splitting her lip, a report said. Sanchez was held

on no bond pending a first scheduled appearance Monday in court.



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