

# go hall a Sunday

ile court case drags on

Walker County Circuit Court — a case some lawyers privately are predicting could run into next year. That effectively put a hold on new rules passed by the county commission this year.

Tirey said that on Saturday night, July 12, just prior to midnight, he received calls that one bingo hall would possibly attempt to play past midnight, which would violate rules for playing on Sunday. No other bingo halls were involved.

"We assembled a crew of deputies and investigators, and did some investigating. They, in fact, did operate some after midnight," Tirey said. "We did close that operation that night."

He said the time they were playing at that point was about 12:35 a.m. Sunday.

Tirey said in the end, no arrests or seizures were made by the department.

"We, in fact, then met with this operation and their attorneys," Tirey said. "They

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# rally to help



Daily Mountain Eagle — Elizabeth Higgins

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# More than \$23,000 obtained in BOE chair's primary race

County's candidates receive  
money from variety of sources

By ED HOWELL  
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The Democratic nomination race for Walker County Board of Education proved to raise the most money during the primary season, with \$23,187 in contributed cash, in-kind serves and personal money or loans set aside between two candidates.

Financial fundraising records at the Walker County Probate Judge's Office show that Bill Smith, who won the nomination to face Republican Brad Ingle of Cordova in November, had \$17,932 in reserves or services, while Erwin Peak had \$5,255.

Republicans did not have contested races during the primaries.

Peak's 45-day report showed \$3,305.32 in itemized cash (although \$2,200 was listed as coming from himself), \$700 in non-itemized cash and \$1,250 from in-kind services. He had no report from the 5-10 day report.

Smith's 45-day report showed Smith had raised \$2,550 in itemized contributions, while he raised \$2,060 in contributions below \$100 each. He also had \$5,000 from himself, which counted as "other resources." His 5-10 day report showed additional funds of \$900 in cash, \$2,020 of non-itemized cash, again from donations of less than \$100 each, and \$5,402.20 from other sources, again listed as himself.

His two largest contributors were E.A. Hardin of Sipsey and C.A. Naramore of Jasper, who each gave a combined \$1,000.

The other big county race was the county treasurer's race, where the winner of the nomination, Sheila

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# Shoemaker running for mayor of Sumiton

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SUMITON — Ralph Shoemaker knows what it is like to be down on his luck. He also knows what it is like to rise above unfortunate circumstances and create something

# Money

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Rice, only reported a total of \$360 in non-itemized cash donations and one \$120 itemized donation over the whole primary season — from her husband, Charlie. Her runoff opponent, Morris Studdard Jr., reported \$1,025 in cash for the primary and runoff, \$1,415 in in-kind services and loans of \$3,439. Of that, only \$300 in cash and \$544 in loans came during the June 3 primary period. Ruth McCloud reported no contributions, while Jason Maloy raised \$120.

Rice will face Republican Keith Duncan in the fall.

The District 2 Walker County Commission race resulted in the winner of the nomination, Dan Wright, raising \$900 in cash, \$616.50 through in-kind services and \$3,866 in other resources (including a \$2,880 loan in February and use of his own funds in March).

His runoff opponent, Pete Bray, raised \$1,300 in cash, \$3,495.12 of in-kind contributions and \$4,900 of other resources, through loans. A primary opponent, Tex Sparks, took out a \$5,000 loan.

Wright — who received \$500 from the United Mine

Workers of Fairfax, Va., on June 3 — will face Republican Grace Pennington of Nauvoo in November.

In the District 4 race, which has no Republicans, the incumbent and winner, Randy Bridges, obtained \$950 in cash, \$737.10 through in-kind donations and \$620 in other resources. Steven Aderholt raised \$1,985 in cash and listed \$745 from his own funds as other resources, raising roughly \$1,000 in cash donations during both the 45 day and 5-10 day filing periods.

District 3 Commissioner Ben Huggins, who won reelection without Republican opposition, raised \$950 in cash while his opponent, Dan Earnest, reported no contributions.

Revenue Commissioner Jerry Guthrie, who will face Greg Fanin in the fall, had a cash donation of \$1,150 from the First National Bank of Jasper, while commission Chairman Bruce Hamrick, who faces Jerry Bishop in November, got \$1,500 from the bank. District 1 Commissioner Dual Tubbs, who will face Larry J. Cain, got \$1,000 from First National Bank.

A total of \$8,700 was listed as distributed from First National Bank and its political action committee, FI PAC, mostly on Feb. 29, according to its 45-day report for the June 3 primary. Others who got contributions from the PAC, included Jim Wells and Henry Allred in the district judge's race (\$500 each); Huggins, \$750; Smith, Peake and Ingle, \$400 each; Bridges, \$750; Bray and Wright, \$300 each; and Bishop, \$750.

Another large contributor, at least through in-kind services, was state Rep. Ken Guin's Walker PAC in Carbon Hill — which, according to PAC records on the Secretary of State's Web site, gave \$1,890 on June 4 and \$906.46 on July 7 to Guin's newspaper, The Corridor Messenger, for advertising. The last contribution appeared to have a direct connection to Bray's report.

According to Bray's report, Walker PAC contributed \$3,495 in in-kind advertising services to Bray: \$773.86 on June 14; and three separate payments of \$863.62; \$951.18 and \$906.46 on July 7. Studdard's report also showed Walker PAC contributed in-kind advertising

of \$703 on July 9.

Walker PAC has also given a cash contribution of \$1,000 to Carbon Hill Councilman Chris Hart's mayoral campaign.

Bray also took \$1,000 — four contributions of \$250 each, all on May 21 — from four PACs which the Secretary of State's Web site show are chaired by Montgomery lobbyist John Teague, who heads up 21 PACS listed on the site.

According to published news reports, Teague was most recently connected to the county from his representation of the Poarch Creek Indians, who banded with Walker County bingo interests earlier this year to defeat dog track owner Milton McGregor's bingo bills.

David Woodley, who took out advertising endorsing Studdard, was listed as giving \$685 of in-kind service in advertising on June 28, as well as \$300 in cash in Studdard's 5-10 day primary report.

Efforts to download forms for this year's district judge's race from the Secretary of State's Web site Saturday were unsuccessful due to technical problems.