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TEN PAGES



PROPER RESPECT UPON THE PASSING OF OUR LOCAL HERO – HoJo Photos



FALLEN HERO MAKES LONG JOURNEY HOME - First responders, grateful community members, friends, and family from throughout Middle Tennessee lined the route of Jason Dickey's body on Tuesday from the Medical Examiner's Office in Nashville home to the Lawrence County Fire Department to mourn, support, and show appreciation for his sacrifice. – HoJo Photos



SHAI SEVIER (of Lawrenceburg) organizes the yarn displays at the newly opened Thread in Florence's English Village. Shai is an experienced crocheter and knitter who can answer customers' questions and guide them in their specialty yarn choices. Read all about Emily Kennedy's knitting and crocheting group – "Knitwits" in her second article about beating the winter doldrums with a good hobby on page A-2.

COLD

regular exercise

FLU

vaccination

&

regular hand washing

antiviral drugs

PREVENTION

Take Flu precautions

Lawrence County Schools were closed Friday due to widespread illness. The flu is very serious business this year. Wash your hands. If you are sick, isolate yourself and/ or seek professional assistance.



Jason Wade Dickey's obituary appears on page A-5.



A Heartfelt "Thank You" from LFD

Many outside fire departments have assisted the Lawrenceburg Fire Department in its time of need. The Department and the local community would like to extend their deep appreciation and gratitude to those who have stepped in to help during this difficult time. Thank you to the following and to each and every one who has reached out to help

in any way:

Giles County Rescue Squad
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Lebanon Fire Department
LaVergne Fire Department
Chattanooga Fire Department
Signal Mountain Fire Department
Wilson County Fire Department
Mt. Juliet Fire Department
Many Chaplains, including those from: Murfreesboro, Shelbyville, Knoxville, Clarksville and Ripley.

New Prospect FD gets help with morning fire from agencies backfilling for LFD



From the New Prospect Fire Department

Shortly after 5 a.m. Thursday the New Prospect Fire Department was dispatched to a residential structure fire on Pond Drive. Our first arriving units were met with heavy fire conditions throughout the

entire structure.

Units in town back filling for Lawrenceburg Fire including Rutherford County Fire, LaVergne Fire, and Murfreesboro Fire arrived immediately to assist with the operation along with units from the Crossroads, Leoma, and Gandy Fire

Departments.

First arriving units were able to affect the rescue of two family pets that had become trapped by the fire. The pets were treated on the scene by Lawrence County EMS. Fire Crews were able to stop the progress of the

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Local officers seize drugs, money while executing search warrant

By Sandi Mashburn

Local law enforcement officers seized drugs, cash and one firearm on Thursday morning while searching a Leoma business/residence where there was suspected drug activity.

Officers with the Loretto Police Department, assisted by agents with the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department, executed the search warrant at a building located at 2335 Highway 43 South. During the search, officers confiscated a semi-automatic shotgun along with 2.5 grams of marijuana, 1.5 pounds of crystal meth, and approximately \$1,400 in cash, believed to be proceeds of illegal drug sales. Officials report that the drugs confiscated had an estimated street value of \$55,000.

As a result of the operation three individuals were arrested. Twenty-three year old Dominick Watts of Leoma

has been charged with several crimes, including sale of a Schedule II narcotic,

possession of Schedule II narcotics for the purpose of

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PRESIDENTS' DAY

FEBRUARY 19, 2018

NO SCHOOL

More Presidents Day Closings

Offices of Lawrence County government, including the Library and Solid Waste facility, will be closed Monday, February 19 in observance of Presidents Day. All will reopen Tuesday, February 20 for regular business hours.

The Lawrence County Archives in Leoma will close on Monday the 19th and Tuesday the 20th.

Lawrenceburg city offices will be closed Monday, February 19 in observance of President's Day. City offices will re-open at their regular time on Tuesday, February 20. Please note that Monday's residential garbage cart pick up will be on Thursday, February 22. Please put carts out the night before Thursday morning pick up.

City of Loretto offices will be closed Monday, February 19. Monday's garbage pickup will be on Wednesday, February 21. Post Offices will also be closed on Monday.

Wednesday

Lenten

SERVICES

2018 Community Lenten Services

February 21—First United Methodist Church
February 28—United Church
March 7—Calvary Hill Church of God
March 14—Sacred Heart Catholic Church
March 21—Immanuel Baptist
March 28—Harmony Church of the Nazarene

*Services begin at Noon Wednesday, followed by a light lunch

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Lifestyles

Hobbyists groups kick the cold-weather doldrums: Part Two - Knitwits

By Emily Weathers Kennedy

When I was around nine or ten, my aunt, Juanita Weathers, taught me to crochet. I remember my first project—a pink afghan. The beginning stitches were big and loopy, but as the rows lengthened, my stitches became tight and ordered. Lopsided as it was, my afghan made me proud because I finished it. Such is the first project of most hobbyists. With experience comes precision, but all in all, satisfaction comes in the work and completion more than in the beauty of the creation itself.

Knitting came later—in my teens. A neighbor and friend, Mildred Brown, offered to teach me. I walked down the street and learned to knit my first sweater in her neat and tidy home. I found knitting to be harder than crochet, more tedious because of all of those open stitches. I gave it up in favor of the faster crochet.

But knitting beguiled me.

In the Florence Times Daily, I noticed a listing for Knitwits, a knitting and crocheting group that meets at the Florence Lauderdale Public Library. I wondered if someone there might help me

start a sweater with my rusty knowledge of the craft. What I found were delightful people who had developed friendships over hobbies I love, people who welcomed me with open arms.

Shoals Area Knitting Guild and Knitwits host annual Knit Out

The Knitwits meet every Wednesday and Saturday from 10 to 12 at the Florence Lauderdale Public Library. Since I came the first time, sitting between Teresa Coats and Karen Burton, I have been hooked (no pun intended). They patiently helped me start a sweater and correct mistakes while gradually showing me how to count my stitches in the complex pattern. Teresa and her sister, Patsy, also taught me that reading knitting is as important as reading a pattern or knitting and purling. When a mistake is made, the only way to fix it is to see it (read it) in the stitches first. Over time I found myself part of the group, looking forward to sitting and working on an easier project so that I could better enjoy conversations.

By fall, my Knitwit friends invited me to come to the library for a yearly free instructions



event called Knit Out. It is hosted by the Knitwits and their parent organization, the Shoals Area Knitting Guild. I was delighted to attend and to help teach crochet.

The second Saturday in October is the perfect time for Knit Out because the fall season inspires people to create things for warmth. Knitters and crocheters choose yarns that work up into beautiful shawls, hats, scarves, mittens, afghans, throws, and sweaters using wools, synthetics, cottons, silks, bamboo, and a mixes of fibers. Their creations are displayed at the Knit Out and then modeled after morning instructions and a lunch break.

At my first Knit Out, people of all ages came to the library to learn to knit and crochet. They were greeted with smiles and a hand-sewn bag (by Pam Black) filled with yarn and all of the materials needed to complete a simple project. Before long the room filled up, and occasional

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Above: Lawrence Countian Joan Lumpkins enjoys her first crochet lesson.



Like guilds around the country, the Shoals Knit Out was held at the Florence Lauderdale Public Library on October 7, 2017.



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LIFE IN CHRIST

Prepare

"Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove." (Mark 1:10 NIV)

We have begun what many Christians in our community and across the globe call Lent. This tradition of Lent is well over 1,000 years old in the Church. Lent is the 40 weekdays prior to Easter. It is a time of preparation. It is a time to prepare ourselves for the message of the Cross and Empty Tomb. Because of the Cross and Empty Tomb, we know God through Jesus Christ is always with us, loving us, and saving us.

Mark 1:9-15 is a traditional verse for the beginning of Lent. Mark's gospel has no nativity, rather starting with the baptism of Jesus by John. Jesus' baptism is not a baptism for repentance. Jesus was preparing himself for his earthly ministry, the Cross, and Empty Tomb.

At the baptism of Jesus the Spirit descended like a dove. The voice of God verifies ministry of Jesus. Mark's gospel tells us Jesus went from baptism to a time of testing and preparation in the wilderness before He began his earthly ministry. From that moment, the life of Jesus points to the Cross and Empty Tomb.

Easter Sunday is April 1. Much will happen in the next month and half. The weather will change and the days will continue to get longer. We will start preparing for our Spring and Summer activities. Are you preparing yourself for the message of the Cross and Empty Tomb?

This begins a season to prepare. Immerse yourself in the gospels and receive the Good News. Prepare yourself for the Good News of the Cross and Empty Tomb through spiritual disciplines like fasting or self-denial. Deepen your prayer life through prayer journaling. Spend this pre-Easter season listening for God.

As you prepare to receive the Good News of the Cross and Empty Tomb let the Spirit fall upon you and hear how God through Jesus with the power of the Holy Spirit is with you, loves you, and saves you.

Grace and Peace
Brother Kevin

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Oaks & Nichols - www.oaksandnichols.com
Loretto Memorial - www.lorettomemorialchapel.com
Greenhill - www.greenhillfuneralhome.net
Heritage - www.tnfunerals.com

Lawrence County Advocate Engagement & Wedding Announcements

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Jason Wade Dickey

Jason Wade Dickey, age 38, of Leoma, TN passed away Monday, February 12, 2018 at Southern TN Regional Health System in Lawrenceburg.



He was a native of Lawrence County, TN, an Engineer/EMR with the Lawrenceburg Fire Department, and a member of Gum Springs Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his grandfathers, Lonnie Dickey and James Snider.

He is survived by his loving wife: Jennifer Kelley Dickey, Leoma, TN; children:

Kensley Dickey, Kason Dickey, Korbyn Dickey, all of Leoma, TN, Kallon Knox Dickey (Due in March); parents: Timothy "Tim" Dickey, Leoma, TN, and Debbie Snider Dickey, Lawrenceburg, TN; two sisters: Rebecca Dickey Morgan (Jason), Lawrenceburg, and Rae Berry, Leoma, TN; grandmothers: Martha "MeMe" Dickey and Peggy Snider both of Lawrenceburg; nieces: Whitlea Morgan and Josie Morgan both of Lawrenceburg; nephew: Chase Morgan, Lawrenceburg.

Funeral services for Jason Wade Dickey were conducted at Mars Hill Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 16, 2018, with Chad Clanton and Chad Moore officiating. Interment followed at Freemon Cemetery in Leoma, TN. Family suggests memorials be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-9959. Condolences may be sent by way of our website at www.nealfuneralhome.net.

Hobbyists . . . Continued from A-2

laughter punctuated the hum of voices. I was delighted to see men there and knew they got it—knitting and crocheting allow the brain to focus on an activity while sending cares and worries away. They are natural mood enhancers with end results that can be worn.

Sharing with others is the greatest mood elevator of all. When people reach out to others in their communities with their talents, a cycle of goodwill begins. And folks, there are hobbyists all around Lawrence County, nearby counties, and Alabama who welcome new members or who would enjoy gathering with others to start a group. Many crafters are willing to teach or point us in the right direction for instructions. It's never too late, and we are never too old to become a part of a hobby community.

For more information on the Shoals Area Knitting Guild and Knitwits, email shoalsknitwits@comcast.net and on Facebook see Shoals Area Knitting Guild and Knitwits Knitting Group.

Lawrenceburg's knitting and crocheting group meets at the Senior Citizens Center on Bicentennial Avenue every Wednesday from 9 to 3. Please call Dianna Huskey for more information at 931-762-9259. Free lessons are offered, and the group participates in projects for the needy. Their most recent donations have been to hospice and to the volunteer fire department.

To find other crafters, check with churches, hobby stores, city halls, and local libraries. Most have community announcement boards. Facebook is another great source.

Emily Weathers Kennedy, a Loretto native and a graduate of Vanderbilt University, is a freelance writer and photo stylist. You can read more of her work and contact her at emilyweatherskennedy.com.

"Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going."
~ Jim Rohn

Margaret Joan Coffey Hudgins Cochran

Margaret Joan Coffey Hudgins Cochran, age 80, a resident of Columbia, TN, passed away quietly at home on Monday, February 12, 2018.

She was a member of Lawrenceburg First United Methodist Church where she was a member of the Aldersgate Sunday School Class. She attended Columbia First United Methodist Church in recent years. She was a member of the Buffalo River Chapter DAR and various bridge groups.

She was born August 23, 1937, and a native of Lawrence County.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Laura Lou White Coffey and F. L. Coffey. Also, preceded in death by her two sons, Michael Chandler Hudgins and David Coffey Hudgins. She was a widow of Paul Cochran.

She is survived by her two daughters, M'Lee Hudgins and Lisa Ann Givens (Woody). Joan was loved by her grandchildren, Sam Mayfield (Lyndsy), Lauren Parkes, Neelley King (John) and Blair Hickman (Andrew). She was a great-grandmother to Gavin and Chandler Mayfield; Caroline, Ann Russell, and Harrison King; Parkes Hickman; and Brooke and Logan Gibbs.

Funeral services for Margaret Joan Coffey Hudgins Cochran were conducted at Neal Funeral Home at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, February 15, 2018, with Chip Hunter officiating. A private family interment will follow at Mimosa Cemetery in Lawrenceburg, TN. Family suggests memorials be made to the Wounded Warriors or the charity of your choice. Condolences may be sent by way of our website at www.nealfuneralhome.net.

Donald Oscar Hillhouse

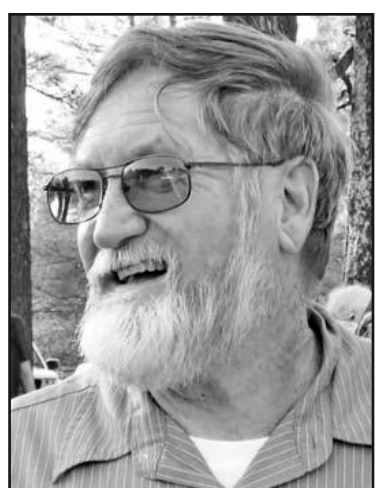
Donald Oscar Hillhouse, age 69 of Fall River, passed away Saturday, February 10, 2018.

He was born in Lawrenceburg, on November 12, 1948, a member of Antioch United Methodist Church, retired from Maremont Gabriel Corp., and a Veteran of the United States Army.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Oswald Leon and Carrie Belle Springer Hillhouse, his granddaughter, Rebekah Foust, his sister, Peggy Alice Powell, and his brother, Norman R. Hillhouse.

Survivors include his wife: Linda Dodge Hillhouse of Fall River, TN; his sons: David O. Hillhouse, Jeffery S. Hillhouse and Kristy, and Nick J. Hillhouse all of Fall River, TN; his daughter: Carrielyn P. Foust and Buddy, of Fall River, TN; his nieces: Jennifer Tidwell & Beth Powell; his nephew: Brad Powell; his grandchildren: Eric, Brittini, Jon, Courtney, Dylan, Cynthia, Meranda and Avery Hillhouse, and Trenton, Autumn and Peyton Foust.

Funeral services for Donald Oscar Hillhouse were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 16, 2018 at Carr & Erwin Funeral Home. Burial to follow at Fall River Cemetery. The family requests Memorial Donations of food items to God's Store House Food Pantry, 425 Franke Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464



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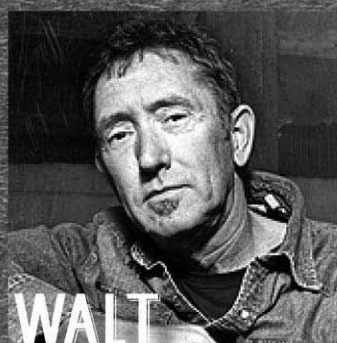
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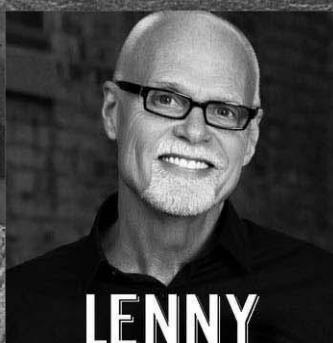
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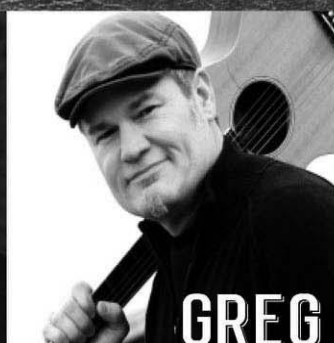
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