

DCHS threat rumors prove unfounded

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Rumored threats made by a student to carry out an attack at the local school were taken seriously by local authorities who moved in to ensure schools were safe this past Friday.

"Around 6 p.m., Feb. 22 the school resource officer at the high school contacted me and advised me he had a concerned parent call him. The parent said their child had overheard a student make a threat to the DeKalb County High School," revealed Sheriff Patrick Ray, noting he put detectives on the case.

"Through an investigation, the detective and school resource officer found out a 17-year-old DeKalb County High School student made a comment that was interpreted as a threat to the school," Ray said, adding officers talked to the youth who denied making the statement. "Both of them interviewed the student and

the student said he did not make the comment." The investigators also talked to a teacher who was present at the time the comment was supposedly made. The teacher confirmed the student never said anything about harming the school. "After our investigation started, there were multiple

posts going around on social media that were incorrect and causing a panic," he said of rumors that were spread throughout the community as if they were fact. The heightened concern prompted the sheriff's office to assign extra deputies this past Friday at some area schools.

OBITUARIES

Connie Ruth Armour, 69

Funeral service for Connie Ruth Armour, age 69, of Smithville was held February 21, 2018 at Love-Cantrell Funeral Home. Barry Whiteaker officiated with burial following in Whorton Springs Cemetery.

Miss Armour passed away February 19, 2018 at her residence. She was a homemaker and a member of the Lower Helton The Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Luther Harvey and Juanita Green; husband, Jessie Armour; daughter, Sharon Thomason; sister, Bonnie Hooberry; and two grandsons, Bryan Thomason and Nicholas Reeder.

Survivors include a son, John Armour; two daughters, Samantha Armour and Joanie Butler all of Smithville; six grandchildren, Brittney and Nathan Gard, Nathan and Hannah Armour, Kelly Armour, Jonathan Armour, Linda Sue Bain all of Smithville, and Brandy Thomason of Manchester; nine great grandchildren; two brothers, Denny Armour of Greenbrier and Phillip Green of Florida.

Serving as pallbearers were Nathan Armour, Nathan Guard, Thomas Hosch, William Boles, John Armour, Shaun Buck and Mark Fish.

Love-Cantrell Funeral Home, Smithville, was in charge of the arrangements.

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Debbie Lynn O'Connor, 66

Debbie Lynn O'Connor, age 66, passed away on Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

She was born Sunday, February 10, 1952 in Nashville, Tennessee. She was a dedicated wife, mother, and Nana. She retired in 2012 after a long career with CNA Insurance.

Deborah was preceded in death by her husband, Jere M. O'Connor; father, John D. Parsley; brother, John Richard Parsley.

She is survived by her daughters, Stacie (Bill) Peek and Kimberly (David) House; mother, Helen Vandergriff Burt of Alexandria; sister, Vicki Corley of Alexandria; brothers, Phillip (Janice) Parsley and Larry (Mariam) Parsley; grandchildren, Austin, Jordan and Mackenzie.

Visitation for Deborah will be held on Friday, February 23, 2018 from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm at Forest Lawn Funeral Home in Goodlettsville, TN, followed by a Celebration of Life was held Friday, February 23, 2018 followed with burial in the Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens in Goodlettsville. Forest Lawn Funeral Home, Goodlettsville, was charge of the arrangements.

This information provided as a courtesy of DeKalb Funeral Chapel.

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Marty Schuster, 94

A memorial graveside service for Marty Schuster, age 94, of Gainesboro was held Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at Whorton Springs Cemetery. Bro. Ricky Arnold officiated.

Marty passed away Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at his residence. He was an avid gardener, hunter and fisherman who loved learning new things. He was also retired from maintenance at Alkali chemical.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Martin and Katharina Schuster; and wife, Ruby Schuster.

He is survived by three stepsons, Charles (Janet) Young of Riddleton, Larry Young of Murfreesboro, and Paul Young of Morrison; sister, Marie Rusnak of Ohio; several nieces, nephews and special caregivers Ken and Mary Denson also survive.

Love-Cantrell Funeral Home, Smithville, was in charge of the arrangements

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Shirley Jean Selvey, 81

Shirley Jean Selvey, age 81, of Smithville passed away Wednesday at Centennial Medical Center. She was a member of the Smithville Church of God and a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John Haskel and Jesse Mildred Fish; her husband of 56 years, William Arnold Selvey; brother, Dennis LaVon Fish; and a sister, Teresa Trout.

Survivors include five daughters, Yvonne Gilbert, Sherry Hensley, Gail and Ronnie Baines, Sallie Maples, and Norma and Joe Rice all of Smithville; eight grandchildren, Daniel and Jessica Evans of Georgia, Dana and Jacob Davis, Jason Baines, Corey and Rebecca Dickens, Whitney Maples, Caleb and Carrie Baines all of Smithville, Eric Dickens of Murfreesboro, and Lee and Andrew Stonestreet of West Virginia; 11 great-grandchildren. Five sisters, Donna Williamson of Dayton, Sandra McCoy, Tonya McBrayer, Norma Adkins, and Marsha Gibson all of Kentucky, and four brothers, Randall, Mitchell, Keith, and Gary Fish all of Kentucky.

Funeral service was held Saturday, February 24, 2018 at Love-Cantrell Funeral Home. Donnie Kelly officiated with burial following in DeKalb Memorial Gardens.

Serving as pallbearers were Daniel Evans, Jacob Davis, Devin Thomas, Eric Dickens, Caleb Baines and Jason Baines.

Love-Cantrell Funeral Home, Smithville, was in charge of the arrangements.

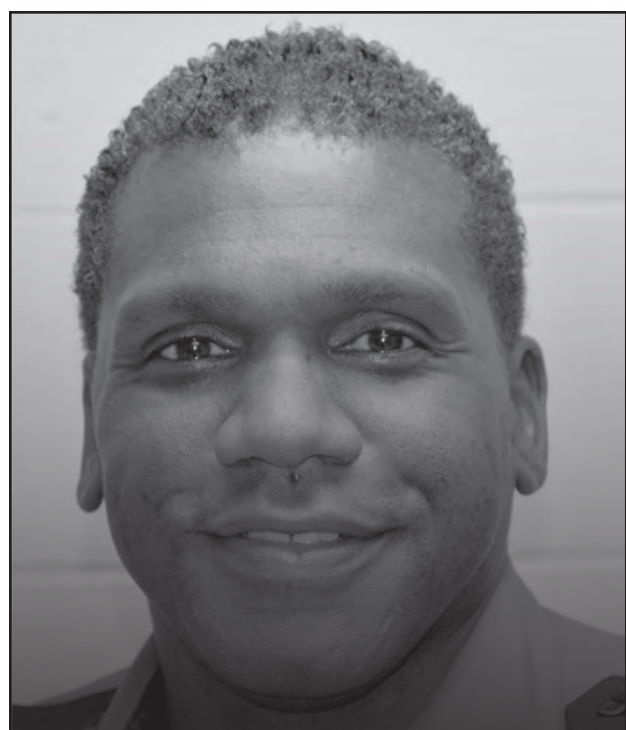
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We would like to express our appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown following the recent death of **Mr. Jerry L. Winfrey**. Thank you for the flowers, the food, the donations in remembrance, and your support which we shall be forever grateful.

Relatives of
JERRY L. WINFREY



HONORING OFFICER LEWIS CARRICK

In a world of uncertain times and times when we find expression so much of fear for things that have happened at schools around the world it is wonderful to know that there are still Angels among us. I am a father of two children in the DeKalb County school district. DeKalb West Elementary school to be exact and I thought it was only right to share with the community just how blessed we are to have an exemplary officer to be on the grounds and protecting our children daily. Officer Carrick is more than an officer, he is a person who takes pride in his work and I've never felt that he thought it was work at all for he loves what he does and it shows. He has taken the time to dedicate his life to doing what he does and for going above and beyond and honestly and then some. There is not a child he does not know and not just their names but he knows them personally. As a father I protect my children daily from anything that could happen in life and I take precautions I hope more than most to ensure my children have a long and prosperous and safe life to say I take my children serious is an understatement. So it is very refreshing to know that when I surrender my children to going to public school and for that time there is such a wonderful officer to take my place during those hours for what I believe to be the most important job one could ever imagine. I not only posted and took the time to have this column read about his character and contribution, but I also will be dropping off a trophy/plaque for him at the school in which he attends letting him know that the community and myself very much appreciate him. If your children go to that school take the time to let him know how you feel. It is not every day that we find such a person of great character. And I know we are blessed to have our children under his wings of care and protection.

Signed,
A Grateful Parent

Gracie Lee Henley, 92

Funeral service for Mrs. Gracie Lee Henley, age 92, of Alexandria was held February 21, 2018 at Avant Funeral Home. Bro. Dennis Wood and Bro. Freddie Curtis officiated with burial following in New Hope Cemetery.

Mrs. Gracie was born June 11, 1926 to the late James Thomas and Sarah Neal Curtis and went to her heavenly home on February 18, 2018. She was a member of the Lower Helton The Baptist Church. Mrs. Gracie worked at the Dowelltown Shirt Factory.

She was also preceded in death by husband, Smith Henley; brothers, Monroe Curtis, Johnny Hall Curtis, and Jimmy "Cowboy" Curtis; and sisters, Mary Cason, Mattie Malone, and Gladys Driver.

She is survived by brothers, Ralph Curtis of Alexandria and Roy D. "Pig" Curtis and wife Linda of Watertown, and sister Amy Johnson of Alexandria; brother-in-law, Lawrence "Nub" Henley of Dowelltown; and special friend, Clyde Allen Ray.

Although Gracie had no children, she was loved dearly by her many nieces and nephews who also survive.

Serving as pallbearers were Tony Fowler, Bennie Curtis, Jeff Curtis, Jason Taylor, Greg Judkins, and Mike Richardson.

Avant Funeral Home, Alexandria, in charge of the arrangements

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