

Weather proves fatal

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — The deep freeze that shut down much of the South began to relent Thursday as crews salted and cleared roads after a slow-moving storm left ice and snow in places that usually enjoy mild winters. At least 15 people died in accidents and frigid weather.

North Carolina state troopers responded to more than 2,300 crashes, while local police reported hundreds more.

In Atlanta, temperatures remained below freezing until midday. Metro Atlanta's commuter rail system was operating on a limited schedule as the city continued to recover from the approximately 1 inch of snow and ice that brought the area to a standstill.

Officials at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, the world's busiest, were hoping to reduce lines to get

through security that stretched through the airport Wednesday. Flight delays were exacerbated because some screeners couldn't make it to work, leaving the Transportation Security Administration with a single checkpoint in the domestic terminal.

At least four people died in Louisiana, including a man knocked off an elevated portion of Interstate 10 in New Orleans when a pickup spun out on ice, and an 8-month-old baby, identified Thursday as Kollage Le-Silva, who was pulled unconscious with his mother from their car after it slid off an icy overpass and landed in a canal in suburban New Orleans. The baby's mother was in critical condition.

Two others died along an icy stretch of I-75 southeast of Atlanta. One was inside their car and another standing beside it on the shoulder

when another driver lost control and hit them, killing both, authorities said.

A young college student died on icy I-64, hitting a tractor-trailer in West Virginia.

Most of the deaths were in traffic accidents, but others died quietly, after authorities said they likely succumbed to exposure to temperatures as low as 10 degrees.

The body of one woman was found in the snow near City Hall in Memphis, Tenn. In Texas, two women in their 80s were found dead after apparently wandering from their homes. One homeless man's body was found in the snow behind a Dumpster in Houston, another on a sidewalk in Dallas. Another woman was found dead at a bus stop in Dallas, her wheelchair nearby. According to authorities, none showed signs of foul play.

City looks to expand tax freeze program

BY **LISA HOBBS**
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McMinnville Downtown Revenue Finance Corporation wants to branch out to cover the entire city limits.

The corporation was created to oversee a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) program which offers incentives to promote the development of downtown. McMinnville Mayor Jimmy Haley wants to propose an expansion.

"We are going to have a presentation by the PILOT program where they want to expand their reach out of downtown and into the whole city limits," said Haley. "We will be approving or disapproving that in committee and then it will go to the full board for consideration."

For individuals who are approved, the program is a financial incentive to encourage commercial real estate development by freezing property taxes at the predevelopment level for a period of time.

This incentive makes the cost of building improvements, or a new building, more affordable for property owners by freezing real estate taxes at their predevelopment level.

For example, an empty field with an appraised tax value of \$50,000 would maintain that tax value for 10 years, even after a \$5 million hotel is built there.

Expanding the program, said Haley, could be used as a tool to encourage economic development across the entire city of McMinnville.

The measure must be reviewed in committee prior to Board of Mayor and Aldermen consideration.



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OBITUARIES

William Carlton Patterson, 76

William Carlton Patterson, 76, of Murfreesboro died Tuesday, Jan. 16.

He was a native of Pelham and is preceded in death by daughter Connie Sue Patterson; parents, John Alton and Martha Patterson; sister, Anna Eloise Henley; and brother, Ray Patterson. Mr. Patterson was a member of Belle Aire Baptist Church in Murfreesboro.

Mr. Patterson labored faithfully for 56 years in operations management and human resources management with Ford Motor Company, United Technologies, and Clinton Street Recruiters. Mr. Patterson is a nationally recognized human resources expert and renowned for his contributions to human resources management, labor relations, and personnel recruitment. He has been recognized numerous times for his professional and community service from such organizations as National Personnel Associates, United Way, and CHEER Mental Health. Most importantly and eternally, Mr. Patterson served the Lord Jesus out of a deep and humble gratitude for a loving Savior. He answered the call at churches in McMinnville, Columbus, Ms., Tampa, Fla., and Murfreesboro to serve as deacon, personnel chairman, teacher, and church administration consultant.



Mr. Patterson is survived by his wife of 54 years, Sharon White Patterson; children Todd Patterson and wife Lori of McMinnville, Brian Patterson and wife Renee of Franklin; sister, Reba Kay Henley Alhart of Pelham; brother, David Patterson and wife Mickey of McMinnville; grandchildren, Lauren Dunahoo and husband John of Murfreesboro, Kyle Patterson of Nashville, Blake Patterson of Franklin, Brett Patterson and wife Abby of Murfreesboro, and Zachary Patterson of Franklin; and great-grandson, William Mason Dunahoo of Murfreesboro.

Visitation with the family will be Sunday, Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Woodfin Memorial Chapel. Funeral services will be held Sunday, Jan. 21 at 1 p.m. at Woodfin Memorial Chapel. Burial will follow at Gardens of Memory near McMinnville. Online guestbook is available for the family at www.woodfinchapel.com.

Woodfin Memorial Chapel (615) 893-5151 is in charge of arrangements.

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On Sunday, January 28, 2018 the Southern Standard will publish special pages entitled "In Memoriam... 2017" honoring the memory of those having passed away in 2017. A listing of names, by month, from obituaries printed in our paper will be given.

As part of these pages we are providing the opportunity for family and friends to honor that special someone. The cost will be \$15 for a 30 word message, \$20 if you wish to include a photo (30 words is in addition to person's name, birth date and death date).

Deadline 5:00pm on Tuesday, January 23.

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James Arnold Elliott, 75

McMinnville resident and White County native James Arnold Elliott, 75, was born Oct. 3, 1942 and died Jan. 18 at Saint Thomas River Park Hospital following an extended illness.

A retired tool and die/ metal fabricator, a United States Army veteran of Vietnam, and a member of Northside Baptist Church, he was the son of the late Miller Joe and Dora Mae Davis Elliott. He was married to Delores Lee Bouldin Elliott, who preceded him in death Oct. 27, 2010. In addition to his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by son, Andre Elliott; two brothers, Joe and Mackie Elliott; and six sisters, Pearl Caldwell, Willie Caldwell, Christine Collazo, Louise Hildreth, Lola Hash and Evaline Elliott.

He is survived by daughter, Marianne Elliott of McMinnville; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Dewey and Doris Elliott of Rock Island and Larry and Jackie Elliott of McMinnville; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Lexie Taylor of Rock Island, Ellen and Jimmy Grissom of Florida, and Ruby and Osburn Huntley of McMinnville; and several nieces and nephews also survive.

Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20 in High's Chapel with Jim Hunt officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. View Cemetery with full military honors administered by VFW Post 5064 and American Legion Post 173. Visitation will be Friday from noon to 9 p.m., and from 9 a.m. until the time of service Saturday at High's. Online condolences may be made at www.highfuneralhome.com.

High Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
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Amanda Jean Wanamaker, 34

Amanda Jean Wanamaker, 34, of McMinnville passed from this life unexpectedly on Wednesday, Jan. 10.

She was preceded in death by grandparents, Don and Jean Preston and Jake Wanamaker.

Amanda is sadly missed and survived by her mother, Dana Wanamaker; father and step-mother, Randy and Brenda Wanamaker; sister, Gail Hobbs Wanamaker; two nieces and one nephew, Alexa and Joe Austin and Layla Beth Hobbs; grandmother, Isabell Wanamaker; three aunts, Darla Shelley, Dawn Wagoner and Rhonda Lewis; four special cousins, Billy Preston, Kyla Harris and Mike and Larenda Stephens; special friends, Natasha Bryant, Beth Slaughter and Kacie Nunley and godmother, Anita Wanamaker.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at High's Chapel with Jason Brown officiating. Visitation will be held from noon until time of service at High's. Online condolences may be made at www.highfuneralhome.com.

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Frankie Mae Leverett, 71

Frankie Mae Leverett, 71, a McMinnville resident and Warren County native, was born Feb. 26, 1946 and died Jan. 17 in Alive Hospice of Murfreesboro following an extended illness.

She was a homemaker, member of the Church of Christ, and daughter of the late Frank and Audrey Bouldin Hudson. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by son, Doyle Leverett; grandson, Terry Clayton; three sisters, Sue Cagle, Geneva Brimer and Willie Summers; four brothers, James, Larry, Jimmy and Billy Joe Hudson.

Mrs. Leverett was married Dec. 9, 1967 to Charles Edward Leverett, who survives. In addition to her husband, she is survived by three children, Charlie Leverett (Michelle Bennett), Amanda Leverett (Rodney Walker) and Misty Leverett, all of McMinnville; nine grandchildren, Wesley Leverett, Allan Walker, Doylecia Mullican-Davenport, Adrian Walker, Christian Leverett, Christopher Leverett, Alex Walker, Haygen Leverett and Addison Leverett; brothers and sisters-in-law, Ronnie and Therese Hudson, David Hudson and Henry and Frances Hudson, all of McMinnville; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside service and interment will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20 with Jerry Hudson to officiate. Visitation will be 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday at High's. Online condolences may be made at www.highfuneralhome.com.

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Ova Jo Wilson, 76

Ova Jo Wilson, 76, of McMinnville died Tuesday, Jan. 16, at Saint Thomas River Park Hospital in McMinnville.

She was born Jan. 11, 1942 in Woodbury, was of the Baptist faith, a homemaker, and was preceded in death by parents, Colonel Thomas and Sylvia Elizabeth Murphy Underwood, husband, William Cecil Wilson, daughter Vickie Wilson, sisters, Ruby Underwood and Hazel Atkinson, and brothers, Colonel, Troy, Jap, and Richard Lee Underwood.

Survivors include her children, Donna (Michael) Prater, Cathy (Billy) Fann, Ricky Wilson, Bill (Susie) Wilson, grandchildren, Carolyn (Brian) Adams, Amy Lawson, Kim (Randy) Carrier, Ellen Prater, Matthew Wilson, Andrew (Becca) Wilson, Adriann Fann, and Allison Fann, 13 great-grandchildren, four great-great grandchildren, special son, Eugene Watson, and special niece, Rachel Caldwell. Many nieces, nephews, family members, and friends also survive.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, at McMinnville Funeral Home Chapel. Larry Thomas will officiate. Interment will follow at Mt. Zion Cemetery. The Wilson family will receive friends Friday from 4 to 8 p.m., and again Saturday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the parlors of McMinnville Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis 38105. Online condolences may be made at www.mcminnvillefuneralhome.com.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Singing

There will be Singing at the First Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic Faith on Sun, Jan. 21 @ 5pm. The Bowling Family & Bowling Sisters will be featured. Everyone is welcome! The church is located at 1465 Shelbyville Rd. in McMinnville.

Ham Breakfast

The First Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic Faith will be having a Ham Breakfast on Sat, Jan. 20 from 7-11am. The cost will be \$8 per meal. Everyone come out and enjoy some good food and fellowship! The church is located at 1465 Shelbyville Rd. in McMinnville.

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