

Sprinklers to blame for flooding of classrooms

BY **LISA HOBBS**
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The mystery as to why the same classrooms at Hickory Creek Elementary have been left waterlogged two years in a row has been revealed.

For the second January in a row, sprinkler system pipes have burst at the school and flooded the classrooms of first-grade teachers Marianne Elliott and Toree Craven.

As a dry sprinkler system, no water should have been in the pipes unless there's a fire and the system activates.

Director of Schools Bobby Cox says the system wasn't as dry as its name implies.

"In that sprinkler system, a pressure relief valve is not required," said Cox. "What was

happening was water was seeping in over time. A little bit of water was getting in there and evidently, there are low spots in there. We would go in and blow the water out and release all the water that we could, but evidently, there was some water that got in there in a low spot. The last time it broke where the pipes were connected.

This time, there's a sprinkler head on either side, it got in those sprinkler heads and froze them. When it thawed out, it burst the sprinkler heads. It just happened to be in the same classrooms."

When the sprinkler burst, it activated the sprinkler system and doused both rooms with water.

The explanation was given during a county Education Committee

meeting.

Commissioner Carl D. Bouldin asked, "So when it activated last year, they didn't put a check valve in it?"

"No," said Cox. "They aren't required. The fire marshal checks it every year. We're looking to put one in now. We're putting a valve in. The fire marshal checks it every year and never said 'that's something you need to look it' or said that would be an issue. We kept blowing the water out and checking it. Everything checked out fine."

When asked about the school system offering financial assistance to the teachers, Cox said the school system replaces school property but per-

sonal items must go through the school's insurance provider and a receipt for the item is required.

"The last time, our insurance provider required a receipt for every personal item that was lost. They didn't have receipts. We can't purchase out of our budget for personal items. We replaced all the text books and things of that type, but the auditor won't allow us to use money out of a school system fund for items a teacher will take home if they leave the system."

The cost of the damage is approximately \$24,000 and the school system's insurance policy has a \$25,000 deductible, said Cox.



Slayden Rogers removes a desk for a water-damaged classroom at Hickory Creek Elementary in January.

OBITUARIES

GENERAL SESSIONS

BY **DUANE SHERRILL**
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Sentences were handed down Tuesday morning by Judge Bill Locke in General Sessions Arraignment Court. Included in the morning session:

THREE STAR CINEMA
Sparta Rd. at Three Star Mall
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FRI. THRU THURS.
FEB. 2 - 8
"HOSTILES"
- R -
7:00 - 9:20

FRI. THRU THURS.
FEB. 2 - 8
"WINCHESTER: THE HOUSE THAT GHOSTS BUILT"
- PG13 -
7:15 - 9:15

FRI. THRU THURS.
FEB. 2 - 8
"THE COMMUTER"
- PG13 -
STARRING LIAM NEESON
7:15 - 9:15

HELD OVER 2ND WEEK THRU THURS., FEB. 8
"MAZE RUNNER: THE DEATH CURE"
- PG13 -
7:00 - 9:30 FRI. & SAT.
7:10 SUN. THRU THURS.

HELD OVER 7TH WEEK THRU THURS., FEB. 8
"JUMANJI: WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE"
- PG13 -
7:00 - 9:10

- COMING FRI., FEB. 9 -
"1517 TO PARIS"
- PG13 -
"PETER RABBIT"
- PG -
"50 SHADES FREED"
- R -

PROGRAM SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE
ADMISSION ADULTS 7.00 CHILDREN 5.00

Noel Bryan Chisam was given an 11-month, 29-day sentence but released on time-served and must undergo the batterer program for domestic assault.

Shawn E. Giddeons was directed to serve eight days of an 11-29 sentence for domestic assault and failure to appear in court.

Shanna N. Gonzalez was given an 11-29 sentence but released on time-served for resisting arrest. She also must undergo batterer intervention.

Nathaniel Pickett was given an 11-29 sentence but released on time-served and must undergo batterer intervention for domestic assault.

Heather Leann Brown was bound to the grand jury on charges of introduction of contraband into the county jail and simple possession of drugs.

Christian DeSantiago was given a six-month probationary sentence and must pay \$150 plus costs for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Nicholas Hickerson was given an 11-29 probationary sentence and must pay \$100 plus costs for theft.

April D. Peremton was ordered to serve 10 days and pay \$50 plus costs for driving on a revoked license.

Taylor Dane Holton must pay \$10 plus costs for public intoxication.

Arizona D. Moore was released on time-served and must pay \$10 plus costs for public intoxication.

Rachel Baughman must serve 30 days for violation of probation.

Franklin Eugene Ramsey must serve the balance of his sentence for violation of probation.

Jacqueline E. Schultz had her probation extended by six months for violation of probation.

Jason L. Reece must serve 35 days and have his probation extended by one year for violation of probation and failure to appear in court.

Clifford Eugene Clendenon, 91

Clifford Eugene Clendenon passed away Jan. 28 in Indianapolis, Ind.

He was born to the late Harlie and Martha (Rigsby) Clendenon on Nov. 11, 1926 near the Grundy-Warren County line in the low mountains of the Cumberland Plateau in Tennessee, and as a teen moved to nearby McMinnville.

During World War II he served as a military policeman in Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii. In 1950, Cliff married Faye Sanders of McMinnville and they moved to Indianapolis. Faye passed away in 1997.

Cliff retired in 1988 after 38 years as a maintenance mechanic at RCA in Indianapolis. Cliff had a lifelong love of music and was best known for his self-taught stylings on the steel guitar. He performed with many bands over the years, including The Rhythm Buddies, Chuck's Variety Five, The Sound of Rhythm, Wings, and performed on Bob Hardy's Hayloft Frolic on WTVF. Cliff belonged to the Indy Steel Guitar Club and enjoyed jam sessions throughout retirement.

Cliff is survived by son and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Sherry Clendenon of Indianapolis, Ind.; daughter, C.J. Clendenon of Lansing, Mich.; and four siblings in Tennessee, Stanley Clendenon, Marilyn Ayers, Janie Mayberry, and Judy Cox.

Siblings Sam Hale and Elsie Clendenon preceded him in death.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 3, at High's Chapel with Tony Lawrence and Stanley Clendenon officiating. Burial will follow at Salem Cemetery with military honors administered by VFW Post 5064 and American Legion Post 173. Visitation will be from noon 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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Vancie "Buster" Martin, 66

McMinnville resident and Warren County native Vancie "Buster" Martin, 66, was born June 9, 1951 and died Jan. 26 at Saint Thomas River Park Hospital following an extended illness.

Retired from Oster Corporation and a member of the Church of God of Prophecy, he was the son of the late Vancie Ray and Geraldine League Martin Sr. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brother Jerry Martin.

He is survived by fiancée Cathy Spencer of McMinnville; stepdaughter Latoya Jackson of McMinnville; two step-grandchildren, Keiondre Jackson and Kenisha Waller; god-daughter, Keyonna Bryant of McMinnville; three sisters and brother-in-law, Carolyn Martin, Donna and Ricky Johnson, all of McMinnville and Linda Cunningham of Richmond, Calif.; aunts, Bertha Blackmon of Charlotte, S.C., Alice Stratford of Sarasota, Fla., and Martha League of Detroit, Mich.; special aunt, Mary Boyd of McMinnville; uncle, Michael Harris of McMinnville; and one niece, one nephew and a host of cousins.

Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 2, at High's Chapel with Willie Cameron officiating. Burial will follow at Bethlehem Cemetery at Martin Charge. Visitation will be from 9 a.m. until the time of service Friday at High's. Online condolences may be made at www.highfuneralhome.com.

High Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
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Larry Wayne Yates, 66

Larry Wayne Yates, 66, passed away expectedly Tuesday, Jan. 30, at Tri-Star Centennial Hospital in Nashville.

A resident of Cookeville and a Van Buren County native, he was born April 30, 1951 to Johnnie Rayborn Yates and Audrey Mae Hodges Yates, who preceded him in death along with infant brother Johnnie Ray Yates. He was a member of Spencer First Baptist Church.

Larry spent his professional career as an educator in several positions with the Van Buren County School System. He was superintendent of schools, principal, teacher and coach. After retiring from the school system, he was employed by the Van Buren County Assessor of Property as a field representative. Larry was always very helpful throughout the community and served as chairman of the board for Hodges Cemetery.

He is survived by sisters Joan (Marshall) Wilson of Sparta and Shirley (Jackie) Haley of McMinnville, nieces Sharon Wilson, Julia Moore and Jennifer (Marshall) Gilliam, nephews Michael (Susan) Wilson, grand nieces, Brianna Wilson, Ireland Moore, Ashley Gilliam, Saylem Powell, and Savanna Quick, grandnephew, Caleb Wilson, aunts Catherine (Sewell) Barnes, Melba Bouldin, Emmogene Hodges, uncles Robert Yates and Carl Yates. He is also survived by many beloved cousins, friends, and extended family members.

Services will be held Sunday, Feb. 4 at 2 p.m. at Layne Funeral Home Chapel, Spencer with Wayne Sullivan officiating. Burial will follow at Hodges Cemetery in Van Buren County. Visitation will be Saturday, Feb. 3 from 4 to 9 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 4 from 10 a.m. to time of service. In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made to the Hodges Cemetery Fund by contacting Teresa Sullivan, 945 Lemont-Yates Mountain Rd., Spencer 38585. Online condolences may be made at www.laynefuneralhome.com.

Layne Funeral Home & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.
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