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Obituary

Murrel Thomas Pruitt

Murrel Thomas Pruitt, 64, of Tompkinsville, KY passed away Thursday, January 9th, at his home.

Murrel was born on July 29, 1955, a son of the late Runelle (Wilson) and Robert Pruitt.

Murrel is survived by two daughters, Emily Dicken, of Red Boiling Springs, TN; and

April Williams, (Willie Pedigo) of Tompkinsville, KY; 6 grandchildren, Brittney Dicken, Amanda Eaton, Kaitlyn Dicken, Brandon Williams, Casey Williams and Kelsey Pedigo and 9 great grandchildren.

Murrel is also survived by three sisters, Wanda Peek (Jerry), of Edmonton, KY; Lisa Pruitt, of Edmonton, KY; Rachel Pruitt, of Indiana; three brothers, Don Pruitt, of Indiana; Robert Pruitt, of Indiana; Tommy Collins, of Russellville, KY;

Other than his parents, she is preceded in death by a sister, Brenda Jo Dickerson.

Funeral Services will be held at 1:00 PM on Monday, January 13th, at Yokley Tribble Funeral Home with Neal Mathis officiating.

Visitation is Monday after 10:00 A.M. until service time at 1:00 P.M. at Yokley Tribble Funeral Home.

Burial is in Basil Wilson Cemetery.

Pallbearers- Steve Bray, T.J. Wray, Brandon Williams, Matthew Dickison Jr., Bronson Pitcock, and James Brown.



Otis J. "O.J." Hurt, Jr.

Otis J. "O.J." Hurt, Jr., age 75, of Fountain Run, KY passed away Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at The Medical Center at Bowling Green. He was born on March 14, 1944, a son of the late Otis Jewell and Dollie Mae (Wheeler) Hurt.

On March 2, 1967, he married Becky Graves, in Tompkinsville, KY.

O.J. was a Truck Driver for 45 years, and owner and operator of JLN Transportation. He served in the National Guard for 6 years. He was a member of Fountain Run Church of Christ.

O.J. is survived by his wife, Becky Hurt, of Fountain Run, KY; daughter, Jogeana Jones, and husband, Greg, of Fountain Run, KY; two sons, Lee Jay Hurt, and wife, Tanya, of Bowling Green, KY; and Nicholas Hurt, and wife, Amanda, of Adolphus, KY. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, Kendall, and husband, Chad Rush; Kayla, and husband, Tanner Cain; Kortney, and husband, Jordan Keen; Sydney, and husband, Daniel Herrington; Brazleigh, Ellazyn and Maizlan Hurt. O.J. was expecting his first grandson, Rigzdon Hurt in April. Three great grandchildren survive, Dawson J. Rush, Bennett Keen, and Lenny Cain; brother-in-law, Joe Graves, of Austin, KY; and sister-in-law, Katie McMurtery, of Glasgow, KY.



Funeral services will be conducted 1 P.M. on Saturday, January 11, 2020, at the Fountain Run Church of Christ with Brian Fox officiating. Burial will follow in Fountain Run Cemetery. Visitation is Friday, 2-8 P.M. at Fountain Run Funeral Home, and Saturday, 9:00 A.M. until service time at 1:00 P.M. at Fountain Run Church of Christ.

In lieu of flowers donations suggested to the Alzheimer's Association.

Pallbearers-Jeff Downing, Bozie Collins, Scott Boles, Kent and Billy Simmons, Randy Welch.

Honorary Pallbearers- Dale Blevins, Joe Cornwell, Billy Word, Kenneth Simmons, Blon and Don Welch, Flapper Burgess, Richard Hagan, Norris Wagoner, Jimmy and Bobby Sprowl, Henry Burciaga and Warren Doss.

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Christopher Dale Howard

Christopher Dale Howard, 42, of Monroe County, passed away Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at Greenview Regional Hospital in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He was born on October 26, 1977, the son of Sharon Lynn (Copas) Warriner and the late Ricky Dale Howard. Chris was a graduate from Monroe County High School Class of 1996 and had a love for all sports especially the Tennessee Titans, the Nashville Predators, and UK basketball.

He is survived by his mother, Sharon Warriner; one sister, Ashley Poindexter (William); maternal grandparents, Barbara Lois Hodge and Jeff Copas Jr.; several aunts and uncles, Harlan and Becky Webb, Teresa Wheeler, Faye Howard, Joyce Howard, Charlie and Lynn Howard; and several cousins also survive.

In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by stepfather, John H. Warriner; paternal grandparents, Robert and Mayble Howard.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January



FOOTBALL

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Pettett appeared as excited as he was the first time, he become head coach. Pettett has over 20 years of coaching experience, and he is the winningest coach in Monroe County High School football history.

"Sixteen years ago, I took this job," Pettett continued. "I didn't know much as a head coach. Sixteen years later, here I stand, and I still don't know much, not much at all. But I do know this. I had great assistant coaches, and I had great players. And I will surround myself with that again. We will be successful."

Pettett said it is a process that is hard and fun but one that players will leave a "better person than when you came through the football program." "That's a fact. We will work hard daily," added Pettett. "We will put a product on the field that is very, very, very good."

Pettett said then they will let the results "be what they are at the end of the day."

Murphy, who is the assistant principal at MCHS, resigned in December of 2019. Pettett is also the school's current athletic director and, both Pettett and Murphy, will remain in their other current positions at MCHS.

Pettett has seen changes in the Falcons Football program including the recent revamping of Class AA District 2 last season and changes in the playoffs. The Falcons finished his last season with a 7-5 overall record.

Pettett when asked during the press conference about his plans for hiring assistant coaches replied that he has a "few coaches" in mind but that is a process still in the works. Pettett did say he would switch back to offensive coordinator and would be "looking for a defensive coordinator." Pettett called the defense for the past two seasons.

Pettett said he has been involved with football at Monroe County High for 29 out of the past 35 years since consolidation as either a player, head coach or assistant coach or athletic director. He said the decision to return to the helm was not an easy one.

"Any decision like this is tough," Pettett said. "We did post the job and do everything the correct way. We did go through multiple

candidates, and it's just one of those things that I have a lot invested in this program. If you would've told me four years ago that I would've been the head coach of Monroe County football again I would've told you that you were lying."

Pettett coached his two sons this season while serving as assistant. Senior Curtis Pettett returned to football action this season after missing the previous two seasons due to injuries. Pettett was the quarterback while his younger brother, Jameson Pettett, was a freshmen linebacker.

Pettett said that moving forward, his first goal was to increase the "numbers of kids playing football at school" including recruiting at the middle school level. Pettett, while serving as the head coach, held camps during the summer to encourage younger students to begin to play

football as they grew older and to given him an opportunity to get to know the younger kids in the school system.

Pettett said in an interview during his last season as head coach that he always looked forward to the interaction with the kids during his camps. He hopes this will help increase their numbers in the future.

"I'm excited to get back to the grind of everything," said Pettett. "We want our players to have that desire to play football again. That's what's first and foremost. We are going to make football players out of them."

The Falcons lost in the first round of the KH-SAA playoffs in 2019. They finished the season with a 5-6 record in Murphy's last season as head coach. The Falcons will open the 2020 season on August 28 against Woodford County in the

Trojan Trail Turf War. The Falcons defeated Hart County 40-22 last season in the inaugural year of the Trojan Trail Turf War hosted by Barren County High School.

Monroe County High School Principal Melissa Emberton announced Pettett as the new head coach. Emberton said that Pettett had over 20 years coaching experience and was "winningest coach" in the school's history. "He took a little time away for a while," she said. "We are really excited that he has taken the program back. We appreciate all the work he has put into it. We look forward to great things."

Pettett said before he left podium at the press conference that being the head coach at MCHS was "the best coaching job in all of Kentucky in my opinion. I love Monroe County football. I'm back."

Super Crossword

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Table with crossword clues: ACROSS (1-35) and DOWN (1-25) including words like 'Shred', 'Nobelist', 'Soccer star', etc.

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