

Shooting

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ing recklessly from Nashville, and that he had asked him to slow down several times. He said that at one point during the trip, Hunt had stopped at a stop sign and snorted an unknown powder through a rolled-up \$20 bill.

Thomas Holt said when they neared Hunt's residence Hunt became angry and irate and that is when the assault occurred.

Harry Holt told police Hunt's vehicle slid into Hunt's yard. Hunt pulled a handgun out from under the driver's seat and fired once at Harry Holt. Hunt then kicked Harry Holt in the groin, knocking him to the ground, and fired another round, striking him in the face.

Both Holts said Hunt fired an additional two rounds.

Police located Hunt at his home around 6 a.m., less than an hour after officers were dispatched regarding a man who had been shot and found the Holts walking on Florence Road near Talley Street.

The incident report says Hunt's face appeared swollen and he was unsteady on his feet. Hunt told police he fired the gun in self defense, and that the Holts had "beaten him up in the yard because of a disagreement over the Nashville trip."

Hunt said the gun was in his bedroom under a mattress, and police took an unloaded Bersa .380 handgun without a magazine into evidence.

Hunt's bond was set at \$500,000 in Hardin County General Sessions Court and he remained held at the county jail Tuesday.

Airport

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but one-two-and-three we got down perfectly. We were mostly successful but, even though the 'schedule' partis important - and we got it pretty close - we needed to slip the schedule a couple months to gain the other three priorities, which are the most important," Seaton said.

Now that the project is complete and he has an operational airport to manage again, Seaton said he feels a great deal of satisfaction, because the airport plays a vital role in many facets of the county's economy.

However, future airport operations aren't the only bonus to come from the project. Seaton said he and other county officials have been able to quantify how the construction itself has impacted the county, and they calculate the project injected about \$2 million into the local economy while construction was ongoing.

"We've had an average of 30 workers a day over the six months, some who were local and earning local paychecks, but also a lot from out of the area, which meant they spent locally on lodging, meals, shopping and other things. A lot of the material came from local sources, and a lot of the demolition material went back out to local public construction projects, which saved them money," Seaton said.

The general contractor on the project was RC Construction of Greenwood, Mississippi. A2H Engineers, Architects and Planners, which has an office in Savannah, were the project engineers.

The project was to demolish the then-existing runway and

two existing runway connectors, and rebuild a brand new one in close to the same spots. The connectors were relocated, but the runway itself is in the same spot is has been.

RC Construction brought in a mobile concrete batch plant to manufacture the concrete on site. To facilitate the transport of materials and construction vehicles for the project - as well as ease access to their concrete plant - RC cut a new entrance through the airport fencing, just north of the main entrance.

They built a Tennessee Department of Transportation-approved entrance and road that goes past where the temporary concrete plant was and straight to the runway. The new entrance and access road will be left in place now that the project is completed.

In early October, State Director of Aeronautics Michelle Frazier visited Hardin County to meet with engineers and officials overseeing project and inspect the ongoing work.

With a team of engineers from the Aeronautics division of the Tennessee Department of Transportation, Frazier flew into Robert Sibley Airport in McNairy County because the airport in Hardin County was closed to regular air traffic during the project.

"It's moving right along. We

are very happy with the progress so far," Frazier said at the time.

Asshe and her team inspected the various areas of ongoing work, Pat Harcourt, CEO of A2H Engineers, offered a project summary.

"We've actually been working on this project since Montill Warren was the airport manager - we've been monitoring it and checking it, and trying to get funding to replace the old runway. Once the funding finally came through, we jumped right on it," Harcourt said.

Montill Warren was the long-time manager of the airport until her retirement in 2017. Current airport manager Derick Seaton was appointed to the post on July 1, 2017.

Harcourt said, "There was some strange stuff going on with the concrete, so we knew it was going to have to be monitored and eventually replaced. There were twice-daily inspections performed on it to ensure safety; it wasn't dire, but we had to get this done."

He said to begin, the old runway was completely removed. A2H had RC Construction take it "all the way down to the dirt, then we stabilized the dirt to make sure it was sound, and then came over top of that with limestone rock and concrete."

He said the runway has 7-1/2 inches of concrete over 18 inches

of limestone rock-stabilized soil, and, if maintained properly, could last 50 years.

"Thirty years at a minimum. A lot of engineering, thought and testing went into this project - a lot of testing went into the materials we selected to make sure we build a sound runway," Harcourt said.

Also part of the project, the concrete aprons were also extended closer to the airport fuel tanks for easier access for larger jets. For smaller planes, which use a type of fuel called "100 low-lead," Seaton the airport has installed self-service card readers, to make it easier for pilots to fuel up and take off.

Beyond all of that, the runway is even longer than before. But only by 2 feet - the new runway is 5,002 feet long, while the one it replaces was 5,000 feet long.

The project is paid for mostly

by \$9 million in federal and \$1.6 million in state airport improvement grants, with a local match between Savannah and Hardin County of about \$84,000.

"This airport is critical to supporting local industry. TVA, the paper mill, Clayton Homes, Savannah Industrial Solutions - lots of local industries count on it to help get their work done. Not to mention out of town owners of recreational homes, law enforcement, medevac, military - this airport has about 3,000 usages per year, and that's a pretty good amount of traffic, and all of it benefits Hardin County," Seaton said.

"Heck - from time to time, I'm even having a fish fry every other week for the National Guard units that come through. We aim to treat everyone with hospitality and respect, and keep everybody we can happy," he added.

Head Start pre-registration is January 13, 14, and 15

Due to COVID-19, the South-west Human Resource Agency Head Start program is now accepting applications for three and four-year-old children to attend Head Start classes beginning in the fall of 2021. Head Start serves children the year before they are eligible to attend kindergarten.

Pre-registration is available for the Hardin County Head Start Centers on Wednesday, Jan. 13, Thursday, Jan. 14, and Friday, Jan. 15, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Headstart requests parents make every effort to enroll your child on one of these dates.

The Head Start program is designed for pre-school children of low income families who are on or under the poverty guidelines. Head Start provides medical and dental services, nutritional services, family services and educational experiences for the entire family.

Disabled children are included as an important part of the Head Start program. There are no fees for any of these Head Start services or participation in

the program for the children of families who qualify.

Information may be obtained by contacting family case managers, Jeanie Harville for the Hardin County Center at 925-3890 or Sharla Franklin for Hardin #2 at 926-2901; Carrie Williams Buck, FACP/ERSEA manager at 731-989-5111 ext. 1166 or Mayriene Moten, ERSEA assistant manager at 731-989-5111 ext. 1137.

During phone interview, have the following: child's name, birthdate (child's birth certificate), child's TennCare card, child's immunization form from their local Health Department or from the child's physician.

Family income must be verified by Income Tax Form 1040, W-2 forms, pay stubs or Families First.

Minimum immunization requirements for enrollment in Head Start is: D.T.P. (Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis)-4; Polio-3; MMR (Measles-Mumps-Rubella)-1; Haemophilus (HIB)-3 or 4; Varicella (Chicken Pox)-1; Hep B-3; Hep A-1; and PCV-4.

Tennessee's last vestige of income tax ended Jan. 1

Vivian Jones
The Center Square

Tennessee's last vestige of income tax ended Jan. 1, as the longtime Hall income tax on interests and dividends was finally phased out.

Tennessee is one of nine states that does not collect a general income tax. However, the state does collect taxes on interest and dividends earned on investments - a form of income tax known as the "Hall tax."

Enacted in 1929, the Hall tax was previously a 6% tax levied on interest earned on bonds and notes and dividends from stock. In 2016, the state legislature enacted a six-year incremental phase-out of the tax. Gov. Bill Haslam signed the phase-out into law on May 13, 2016.

Each year since, the tax

rate has been incrementally reduced, and will be completely eliminated beginning Friday.

"Tennessee continues to be a national leader in cutting taxes and eliminating regulations," Congressman John Rose said in a statement. "This week, the #HallTax will be repealed once and for all. No longer will Tennesseans be punished for saving and investing their money."

Tennessee will become the second state in history to repeal an income tax, according to the Beacon Center of Tennessee.

"Eliminating the Hall Tax is a great way to start off the New Year for Tennesseans," Americans for Prosperity Tennessee State Director Tori Venable said. "Our state is now officially income-tax free, helping attract more businesses, jobs, and retirees."

Department of Revenue to send postcards for vehicle registration

Starting this month, the Department of Revenue is sending postcards to motor vehicle registrants to remind them of upcoming renewal dates.

The postcards will replace traditional letters and will reduce state mailing expenses by an estimated \$500,000.

"This is a more efficient, effective way to remind citizens about their upcoming registration renewals," Revenue Commissioner David Gerregano said. "It's also a good way for the state to save money without sacrificing any services."

The department partners

with the state's 95 county clerks to administer vehicle title and registration in the state.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the department encourages motorists to renew their registration online at www.tncountyclerk.com.

Renewals can still be mailed to local county clerks. Send payment and renewal notice to your local county clerk office.

The TNCountyClerk.com website also allows registrants to sign up for e-mail and text message reminders about renewal dates.

On the Record

week of Jan. 7

Savannah Police Dept.

The following items are derived directly from official Savannah Police Department reports and spokesmen.

Dec. 30
Gabrielle Pickens, 30, 597 Ellis Road, Milledgeville, was arrested on charges of simple possession of methamphetamine and public intoxication after being found passed out in a vehicle at 65 Quick Stop.

Jeanie Kennedy, Milledgeville, said a black leather handbag was stolen from a vehicle parked at Tennessee Street Park.

Rocky D. Rickman, 37, 575 Oak St., was charged with shoplifting merchandise valued at \$263 from Walmart.

Dec. 31
Rayford Smith said a window had been broken in a vandalism incident at his 95 Brave St. home. He said also that his lawn furniture had been thrown into a creek behind the residence for the second time in a week.

Joshua T. Powell, 3160 Oak Grove Road, was stopped on Harbert Drive and cited on a charge of driving on a suspended license.

Gary Lewis, 29, 327 Airways Boulevard, was cited on a charge of second offense driving on a revoked license. Lewis was stopped on Main Street after crossing the center line twice.

Jan. 1
Talmage C. Hampton, 43, 50 Cricket Lane, was arrested on charges of DUI, violation of the implied consent law and possession of open alcohol. According to the report, Hampton was driving east on Main in a turning lane but continued straight across an intersection and crossed into the turning lane for oncoming traffic.

Jan. 2

Tracy L. Wiley, 42, no address, was arrested at Hardin Medical Center on charges of simple assault and disorderly conduct. A woman said she was sitting in the lobby when Wiley sat next to her, grabbed her by the wrists and pulled her mask off, and tried to drag her out of the lobby until hospital staff intervened. The woman said she did not know Wiley.

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serves Tishoming County, Mississippi.

Luna said the occurrence of three unwarned tornadoes in Lawrence County last February due to "a lack of necessary lower atmospheric radar along the Tennessee River in southern middle Tennessee" prompted the creation of the new weather outlet.

WLX Radio started a non-profit organization and working within the area's business community, money was raised to buy a new "dual polarimetric doppler radar" which came online last May. The radar's data transmits directly to the National Weather Service to aid in better warnings for the area, he said.

"We are dedicated to Hardin County citizens," Luna said, "and will always be there to provide not only daily weather updates, but wall-to-wall severe weather coverage during stormy days."

The new camera can be viewed on The Courier's website at www.courieranywhere.com. Click on the "Downtown Camera" tab at the top of the homepage.

Tennessee Valley Weather Channel can be viewed at www.tvalleyweather.com.

NOTICE

The Hardin County Board of Education will meet on Monday, January 11, 2021 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Hardin County High School Cafeteria located at 1170 Pickwick St., Savannah, TN 38372. Public is invited.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Project - City of Savannah TN 2020 HOME grant
The City of Savannah will hold a Public Hearing at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at the Savannah City Hall located at 140 Main St., Savannah, TN 38372.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments regarding the 2020 HOME grant. The HOME 2020 grant allows low to moderate income households to apply for assistance to rehab or reconstruct their homes. Topics to be discussed include project costs, benefits for low and moderate income households and general performance on project implementation. The City of Savannah encourages interested persons to attend the hearing.

Questions regarding the public hearing should be directed to Tom Smith at 731-925-3300 or Patti Pickler and Edna Johnson at 1-800-497-1286.

The hearing site is accessible to persons with disabilities.

Persons with disabilities requiring special accommodations to participate in the City of Savannah public hearing should contact Savannah City Hall at 731-925-3300 at least 48 hours in advance.

NOTICE
Unit #39-40 Tommy Terrell & #23 Cristie King's items will be sold after January 23, 2021 at 10 a.m. if storage fees aren't paid.
Need More Space

PUBLIC NOTICE
Savannah Industrial Development Corporation Board of Directors will be meeting January 14th at 10 a.m. in the Tennessee River Museum Conference Room.

NOTICE OF AUCTION:
• 2005 Chevy Tahoe VIN# 1GNEC13V45R143733
Auction Date: January 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.
B&S AUTO REPAIR
12195 Hwy. 194, Oakland, TN 38060

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Savannah Utility Department, Savannah, Tennessee (Owner)
Unit price sealed bids for the Pickwick Regulator Station Upgrade will include the furnishing and installation of a regulator station and demolition of an existing station, existing metal building and slab repairs, tie-ins, pressure testing, erosion control and other appurtenances as set out in plans and specifications. This project is located in Hardin County. The Savannah Utility Department will receive bids at 140 Main Street, Savannah, TN 38372 until 2:00 p.m., local time, Thursday, January 28, 2021, and then at said location publicly open and read aloud.

The information for Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Plans, Specifications, and Forms of Bid Bond, Performance and Payment Bonds, and other contract documents may be examined at the following locations:
Savannah Utility Department
140 Main Street
Savannah, TN 38372
Mr. Virgil Morris
Project Manager
(731) 925-4216
Copies of the above information will be available Wednesday, January 6, 2021. Copies may be obtained at Clark Engineering & Utility Solutions upon a non-refundable payment of \$75.00 for each set. Contact Richard S. Clark, P.E. at rclark@clark-eus.com and make checks payable to Clark Engineering & Utility Solutions, PO Box 132, Bolivar, TN 38008.

Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders.
THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL BIDS AND TO WAIVE TECHNICALITIES IS RESERVED BY THE OWNER. ALL BIDDER'S MUST BE CONTRACTORS LICENSED IN THE STATE OF TENNESSEE.
Any bid received after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids will be returned to the bidder unopened. No bid will be opened unless the sealed envelope contains the license number, the date of the license's expiration, and that part of his classification applying to the bid. Bids will be required to remain open for acceptance or rejection for sixty (60) calendar days after the date of opening bids.

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DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE
Notice of Motor Vehicle Registration Renewal
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John Smith
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Chattanooga, TN 37422
Emissions Testing:
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PUBLIC AUTO SALE
January 14, 2021 at 10 a.m.
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