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City Council

Uptown Motel Updates Presented At City Council

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Scottville City Council convened December 11, 2023 in the City Council room with Mayor David Burch presiding and all council members were present except Shane Blankenship. Special guest, Reverend G. J. Farmer of Scottville Baptist Church, was requested to open the meeting with prayer. Rev. Framer has announced his family will be leaving Scottville and returning to his home area in Somerset Ky.

Meeting minutes of November 27, 2023 were approved with no corrections or additions.

Chief Darren Tabor reported 1,052 calls for service during November. Wyatt Marr has been employed by the police department and will begin January 1 along with 20-week academy training.

Chief Tabor reviewed the council members on the Uptown Motel 30 day vacate order for all residents and the order will expire December 16. Anyone remaining on the property will then be involved in court eviction.

“On November 23, 2022, Dilavar Dwivedi was indicted for trafficking in controlled substances after being investigated by the Scottville Allen County Crime Task Force. He subsequently

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Supporting Heroes Receive Donation



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Scottville Police Department presents \$2,500 to Supporting Heroes as their mission is to honor the service and sacrifice of public safety heroes who give their lives in the line of duty - by caring for the loved ones they leave behind. Left to right: Chief Darren “Habegger” Tabor, Executive Director Eric Johnson, Officer James Cook, Sergeant Chadd Foster, Advanced EMT Bryan Borth, Officer David Clark and Officer Nick Prock.

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Every time a call is received in the Allen

County Dispatch Center for the police, sheriff, ambulance or fire departments, dedicated individuals risk

their lives in service to the local community. This November, Scottville Police Department and Allen

County Ambulance Service Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) joined to-

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Police Beat

Staff Writer

•On Saturday, Dec. 2 at 11:46 a.m., Scottville Police officers responded to a call made by Deborah Johnson of a man identified as Cody B. Shrum, 29, breaking her vehicle’s window while her children were in the vehicle.

Johnson had stated that she and Shrum had been in a relationship, however he accused her of being unfaithful to him while she was working. She had requested that Shrum leave her alone and that she had no interest in continuing their relationship. Johnson then dropped her oldest daughter at work and attended a brunch at Scottville Baptist Church.

After the brunch, Shrum made contact with her and stated he would be going to her home. Johnson informed Shrum that he was not allowed to go to her home as he was not allowed to be around her youngest daughter because of a court order. Shrum went to Johnson’s home anyway and Johnson called the police. That was when Shrum had thrown a weapon and broke Johnson’s vehicle window. Johnson was able to provide a knife with a 17 and a half inch blade that she claimed Shrum had used.

Shrum, who was located at North First and East Cherry streets, denied any wrongdoing and

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Haley Sue Foundation Celebrates Third “Merry Little Christmas” Party



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Members of the Pearson Family and board members of the Haley Sue Foundation gathered for this picture. Richard Hamilton, Nat Hubert, Hadley Pearson, Morgan Stubner, Dana Smith, Valery Parham, Charlotte Chaffin, Kim Stone, Pam Pearson, Stacy Pearson, Jennifer Barton, Darlene Tinsley, Tammy Smith, in the back- Andrew Smith, Ann Zander, Ken Zander.

Chris Cole
Staff Writer

The season between Thanksgiving and Christmas means so

many things to so many people. The gathering of family around dinner tables and simply spending time with each other

usually is one of the things that’s most anticipated. Yet for many, the holiday season serves as a reminder of those

who no longer can gather together with family and loved ones. What makes this time especially difficult is

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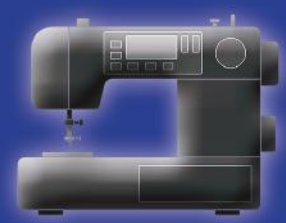


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when those who are lost are young in their life. For the Pearson family, dealing with the loss of their daughter Haley Sue led them to continue a legacy she had lived by loving and helping those around her.

Part of that comes in the form of hosting the "Merry Little Christmas" party, which they did on Saturday, Dec. 9 at the Washington Center.

Haley Sue Pearson was born on Nov. 30, 1995 and Scottsville was her home for the first eight years of her life. "She loved Scottsville. This was her home. She actually wrote a paper when she was in college about going home, and it was to go to Scottsville," said Pam Pearson, the mother of Haley Sue. "She didn't want to go when we went. We went because of jobs, so in her mind this was home to her, and she loved to come home and see her family, her grandparents, her aunts and uncles because a lot of them were still here."

On Dec. 6, 2020, just days after her 25th birthday, Haley Sue went to go help a friend. However an accident claimed her life. It came as no surprise to her family and friends that she went to help a friend without hesitation.

Love was something that really defined Haley Sue's life. Her husband, Matt Hubert, said she was "just a light in every single room she walked in. I think the key to her and her soul was every single person who came into her presence was loved, and loved fiercely



Photos By Chris Cole

Who doesn't like an ornament you've decorated yourself? So many shapes and colors to choose from. The kids had a blast.

and immediately. It didn't matter if it was children, like we're doing today, or her family or her friends. There's not a single person that's ever met her that wasn't changed for the better."

Christmas especially was important to Haley Sue, and it was her favorite holiday of the year. "She loved Christmas and she loved children. And so we wanted to come back here and do this where she loved to be and do the things that she loved to do. So that is to create a great Christmas, just like a good ol' Pearson Christmas, but in her honor with a bunch of kids that we invite to our event" said Pam Pearson.

In addition to the "Merry Little Christmas" party held in Scottsville, the Haley Sue Foundation is involved in other things as well. Founded in March of 2021, the Haley Sue

Foundation has helped college students with scholarships. One is called a "Sibling Scholarship" which Stacy Pearson, Haley Sue's father, described as a scholarship "for those who have lost a brother or sister, and this year we're looking to expand that nationally." The other is available to those who have demonstrated a life like Haley Sue lived. While that one is available currently to Williamson County, Tenn., residents, they're looking to expand it nationally as well.

Beyond scholarships though is the investment in families and especially in women and children. Stacey Pearson added, "We're looking at families and women as well who are in hardship. Haley really started having a heart for those in women trafficking and child trafficking. We're just a small group trying to do big things and



A small sampling of the presents and decorations for this year's Haley Sue Foundation "Merry Little Christmas" party. It was held on December 9 at the Washington Center.



Decorating your own sugar cookies is a fun part of the Christmas season.

we're trying to expand on that every year.

Added Kim Stone, president of the Haley Sue Foundation, "One of our big goals is to partner with corporations that see what we're doing and the impact we're making." She continued "When

there's a need, we have a really close-knit board that brings those to the board and expresses the need. And we'll go do it, whether it's helping flood victims, other families that may have lost their children. Whatever that need is, we want to help fulfill that need."

The Haley Sue Foundation is based in Franklin, Tenn. and hosts events throughout the year such as a Legacy Ball, which will be held on March 2, 2024. Other events will be announced on their website which can be found at thehaleysue-foundation.org

Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas!

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