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3 shooting incidents in Harlan County over weekend

STAFF REPORT

Three separate shooting incidents occurred in Harlan County beginning at approximately 1 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19, resulting in three deaths and multiple injuries.

According to multiple press releases from Kentucky State Police, five people were shot in three separate incidents,

resulting in the deaths of a father and son in Benham, the hospitalization of an 8 year old child in the Bledsoe Community, and a husband and wife suffering gunshot wounds in the Cranks area. The wife died as a result of her injuries.

Charles Timothy Allison, 63, of Benham, and Charles Adam Allison, 37, of Cumberland, were pronounced deceased by

the Harlan County Coroner on Saturday, Jan. 18.

According to a release from Kentucky State Police, Kentucky State Police Post 10, Harlan, received a report of a shooting on Hemlock Street in the Benham community at approximately 1 p.m. on Saturday. Preliminary investigation determined Charles Timothy Allison was found deceased outside his

residence from multiple gunshot wounds. His son, Charles Adam Allison, was found dead inside the residence of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The Harlan County Coroner's Office and LifeGuard Ambulance Service assisted at the scene.

This incident is under investigation by the Kentucky State Police.

A separate press release states

at approximately 1 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 19, Kentucky State Police also responded to a report of an accidental shooting in the Bledsoe community involving an 8-year-old girl near KY 221. The child was initially transported to Harlan ARH Hospital before being transferred to U.K.

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Beverly Jones (Photo submitted)

Harlan woman celebrates 50-year career

BY JOE ASHER

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A Harlan County woman is celebrating a career that has lasted for 50 years at a local bank, and she has no plans to call it a day anytime soon.

Beverly Jones, Vice-President and Branch Operations Manager at Hearthside Bank (Formerly Home Federal), has worked with the company for 50 years, beginning her career in Middlesboro before the Harlan branch opened. She took some time to talk about her time at the job and in Harlan County during a recent interview.

"On February 4th it will be 50 years, and I'm just 39," Jones said jokingly.

When she began her career,

what would eventually become Hearthside Bank was known as Home Federal Savings and Loan.

"I was looking through the phone book, and there was an ad in the back for Home Federal saying they were opening an office in Harlan in 1975," Jones remembered. "Me and my parents were in Middlesboro one day and my mom said, 'why don't you go and get an application?'"

Jones asked her mother to go in and pick her up an application, which she did.

"She went in there and got it," Jones said. "I went back for the interview, and I was hired. I worked in Middlesboro for a while before the (Harlan) office opened."

Jones remembers the Harlan branch opened in March of 1975.

"It doesn't seem like it's been that long," Jones said. "I'm proud of this bank...I love the customers; they've always been wonderful."

Jones said her coworkers have always been like family to her.

"They're just wonderful," Jones said.

Jones worked other jobs before beginning her banking career, including stints as a carhop at a drive in, a grocery store, and at a market in Evarts.

"I enjoy people," Jones said. "My kids say I get energy from people."

Jones mentioned she has seen a lot of life during the time she has worked at the company.

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Harlan City Council welcomes new members

BY JOE ASHER

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The Harlan City Council held their first meeting of 2025 on Monday, Jan. 13, welcoming incoming council members as well as a new city attorney.

Mayor Joe Meadors called the meeting to order.

"Madam clerk, would you please call the roll?" Meadors asked Harlan City Clerk Carla Jones.

Jones called out the names of the council members: Anne Hensley, Benny Patton, David McCarthy, Jeff Phillips, Jeanne Lee, Justin Luttrell, and Chris Jones.

Patton and Jones have previously served on the council, while McCarthy is new to the panel.

"I want to welcome everybody here tonight," Meadors said. "We've got a mixture of new and old; we've got a couple of council members who have served previously

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Harlan County native serves at President Carter's funeral

SPECIAL TO THE ENTERPRISE

A Harlan County native was on duty at President Jimmy Carter's recent funeral service as a member of the U.S. Army Band.

SFC Michael Victor Joseph II hails from Cumberland, KY. He is married to Amanda Joseph (Williams) of Cumberland, and they share two beautiful children, Andrew and Ari. He currently serves as the First Sergeant of the 282D Army Band at Fort Jackson, SC. Joseph has proudly served the United States Army for 21 years. His service to the country began in the Kentucky Army National Guard as an infantryman and continues with active-duty service as an Army Band Musician.

Joseph's love for music began at the age of eleven. He started his musical journey as a 6th grader in the beginner band program at Cumberland Middle School taught by band director, Mr. Dan Midkiff. He began marching in the high school band during his 7th-grade year as a bass drummer. He quickly gained technical proficiency as a percussionist and

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— Maxine Cheshire

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