

Blaze interrupts interstate travel for hours

Marshall County crews braved the cold to battle a blaze which interrupted interstate travel for hours. At approximately 4:30 a.m., based on the time of dispatch, a semi-trailer carrying an estimated 35 tons of tires caught fire close to the Mooresville Highway exit along I-65. The interstate was closed in both directions for several hours as crews dealt with the fire and dense, black smoke from the burning tires, reopening fully around 11 a.m. on Wednesday. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.



Fail! at Historical Society

Jon Fail! will be the guest speaker at the Marshall County Historical Society's winter meeting on Sunday afternoon, February 5, at 2 p.m. at the museum. Fail!'s presentation will focus on the United States Constitution as the founding fathers intended it to be as opposed to the current interpretation. His key points will cover the basic changes in man's perception of his rights in the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation in response to British rule, and the Constitution in response to failures in the Articles of Confederation. Fail!'s interest in the Constitution comes from a deep love of the United States,



Jon Fail!

politics, veterans, and service to community. Born in Tokyo, Japan, when his father was serving in the military, both of his parents are naturalized U.S. citizens – his father British and his mother a Japanese war bride. His father enjoyed a 30-year military career

which meant the family moved every two to three years and gave Fail! a diverse education and socialization. With a final stop in North Carolina, the young Fail! attended the University of North Carolina where he earned a BA in 1980 and a Juris Doctor in 1983 from North Carolina Central University School of Law. Fail! has spent his entire career in construction-related jobs including construction management, purchasing, contract negotiation, and ADA compliance. From 1996 to 2021 he served as the ADA Program Director and International Division Construction Director for HCA. He is currently the

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Harpist plays encore Saturday

Local high schooler Aliyah Wenneker is hosting her second annual "Evening with a Young Harpist" at the Dixie Theatre in Lewisburg on Saturday, Feb. 4, beginning at 5 p.m. This event serves as Wenneker's senior recital, after a very well received initial performance at the Dixie in November, 2021. Since then, she has added her musical talents on a seldom seen instrument to several local church services and at least one wedding as well as successfully auditioning for a grueling summer program at the Governor's School with other talented young musicians. The evening is open to the public and free of charge.



Spring springs eternal



Photo submitted

Despite the cold and ice of this week, Mother Nature continues her march toward springtime rebirth and renewal with flowers, like the daffodils captured here, beginning to provide splashes of color and hope in another gray Tennessee winter.

Drugs in, out of jail

By **David Melson**
Special to the Tribune

•Methamphetamine was found on two Marshall County Jail inmates Thursday, Jan. 27, a Marshall County Sheriff's Office report said.

Catherine Lurlene McCoy, 27, of Third Avenue North, and Katherine Lenore Harmon, 22, of South Horton Parkway, Chapel Hill, were each charged with introducing drugs into a penal institution. Bonds were set at \$7,500.

•An alleged attempt was made to sneak a drug into Marshall County Jail by a man being brought in following his arrest last Wednesday, an MCSO report said.

Joseph Rochester, 39, of Caney Creek Lane, Chapel Hill, was being arrested following a domestic disturbance at his home investigated by the MCSO and Chapel Hill police. Approximately 5.6 grams of cocaine were found inside a backpack in Rochester's possession, Deputy Josh McKinney's report said.

Rochester allegedly denied having drugs on him once arriving at the jail. Deputies said 92 Xanax bars were hidden in one of Rochester's jacket sleeves.

Charges of possession of a schedule 2 drug with intent to sell, possession of a schedule 3 drug, possession of drug paraphernalia, and domestic assault were filed. Bond was set at \$27,000.

•Video evidence resulted in a man being charged with possession of a schedule 2 drug and reckless endangerment after allegedly dropping a bag of methamphetamine in the parking lot of the Marshall County Probation and Parole office on Nashville Highway.

The video allegedly shows Patrick Eugene Mitchell, 49, of Belfast Farmington Road, shortly before entering the office. Mitchell is on probation for a previous conviction of possession of a schedule 2 drug, police said.

A client found the bag and turned it in to office staff.

•Methamphetamine was allegedly found on a man being arrested on a failure to appear warrant last Friday, the LPD said.

Alan Ward, 42, of Fifth Avenue North, was being searched at a Buena Vista Avenue home when officers noticed he allegedly tried to hide a

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