ACLU sues city over zoning ordinance

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Tennessee, in addition to the national organization, recently filed a lawsuit against the City of Mt. Juliet regarding a zoning ordinance limiting surgical abortion services within city limits. The organization announced the lawsuit on Dec. 18, 2019. According to the ACLU, the lawsuit was filed on behalf of a local clinic which alleges the ordinance is unconstitutional and violates the City’s zoning code. The suit names the City of Mt. Juliet as defendant.

Wilson Co. elections begin in March

Staff Reports

Wilson County voters will have three opportunities to express their opinions at the polls in 2020. There are three scheduled elections for the year beginning with the March 3 Republican and Democratic Presidential Preference Primary, the Wilson County Republican Primary and the Wilson County sales tax referendum.

The Republican and Democratic Presidential Preference Primary will be to choose candidates and/or party delegates to their respective conventions. The Tennessee Republican Party and the Tennessee Democratic Party have their own rules about how someone becomes a presidential delegate or candidate. The Republican presidential delegates are decided by election and the Democratic presidential delegates are decided by party rules.

The Wilson County Republican Primary will choose the Republican candidates for Wilson County Property Assessor and candidates to fill vacancies in the General Sessions Division III judgeship, County Commission District 17, 15th Judicial District Public Defender and 15th Judicial District Circuit Court Judge. The winners of this Republican Primary election will appear on the Wilson County General Election ballot on Aug. 6, 2020.

A Primary Election is a nominating election. Voters participating in a Primary Election consider themselves Republicans or Democrats — there are no Primary Elections for Independents. Tennessee is an Open Primary state and voters do not register as members of a political party. Tennessee has two recognized parties — the Republican Party and the Democratic Party. In order to vote in the primary, voters are required to choose their party on a Primary Election ballot on Aug. 6, 2020.

Voting opens for Best of Mt. Juliet

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

Readers of The Chronicle can now vote for their favorite local businesses in the Best of Mt. Juliet polls. Voting runs throughout the month of January. To vote, visit tcomj.com/polls.

Polls were available online prior to voting so readers could view the nominated businesses in each category and make suggestions for additions. Votes cast during December were not counted and were erased prior to official voting Jan. 1.

Young Marines honor veterans at Pearl Harbor

Staff Reports

Young Marines across the country traveled to Hawaii to participate in the 78th Pearl Harbor anniversary ceremonies to honor the surviving veterans and their families for their historic and dedicated service to the United States. Celebrations took place from Dec. 2-8.

Representing Wilson County from the Mid Cumberland Unit were YM Sgt. Jason Glaskox, YM Sgt. Logan Powell, YM Sgt. Jacob Austin, YM Sgt. Keirsten Loberbeck, and YM PFC Tristen Jackson. The unit trip was lead by Unit Commander CPL Charles B. Ware.

Young Marines began the week participating in community service by cleaning up the beaches at MCBH Kaneohe Bay. Community service is a big part of being a Young Marine. Over the past three years, the average hours of community service for a unit was 3,784; totaling 1,814,632 for all units across the country. Young Marines also performed a wreath laying ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, known as the Punch Bowl, in memory of all the
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The Historic Granville Sutton Store Players will perform “Romance in Mayberry” on Jan. 30-31 and Feb. 5-7 for their 2020 Valentine Play at the 1880 Sutton General Store.

The players have become one of Middle Tennessee’s most popular dinner theaters with two Mayberry Shows being performed with dinner.

This year’s Valentine Show will feature two of the most popular shows, Aunt Bee’s Invisible Beau and Andy and Opie as bachelors.

The plays will be performed at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 30-31 and Feb. 6-7. The shows on Feb. 5 will be at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

A meal will also be served between the two shows. The cost for a meal and play is $25. Reservations can be made by calling 931-653-4151.

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Start the new year off right with exercise

By Andrea Owens
Fit Physiques, guest contributor

The last of the Christmas cookies have been eaten, presents opened and most of us are feeling a little stuffed. After several weeks of rich, decadent foods and less time to exercise and sleep, we feel less than our best. What to do?

Make a New Year’s Resolution of course! Wait, I think we did that last year and the year before. …

The reality is, most people last less than a month on their “new plan.” By the end of January and early February, most resolutions have been abandoned and people go back to their comfort zone. How can we really make changes that stick?

Some tips from the experts at Fit Physiques:

Start small: Don’t make radical changes all at once. For example, don’t go from the holiday carb-fest to the Keto diet on Jan. 1. Make small changes each week that get you to your goal. If you don’t exercise at all, start with moving two days per week, then three and so on. Change is difficult; give your body and mind a chance to ease into it.

What do you enjoy?: Think about activities you enjoyed growing up. Did you like sports or team activities? Try a group exercise class or adult sports league. Did you like riding your bike exploring the neighborhood? Try hiking, biking or walking. Take dance classes as a child? Try yoga, pilates or a barre exercise class. If you find something you enjoy, you will be more likely to stick with it.

Get help: Let’s face it, even with Google, YouTube, etc., we really need more specific instructions for making any kind of change. Enlist the help of a personal trainer and/or nutrition coach. It doesn’t have to be forever, but the rewards from doing this are priceless.

Make yourself accountable: This is another area where a trainer can really help. Some people enjoy joining Facebook communities for support. Whatever makes you accountable for showing up and working your plan. People who enlist the help of a personal trainer are much more likely to make changes that stick and even go beyond what they thought was possible.

Get educated: Take advantage of health and fitness workshops, seminars and health fairs. Fit Physiques is hosting a Fitness and Nutrition Workshop on Saturday, Jan. 4 at 11 a.m. This will be in Mt. Juliet at their personal training facility located at 3384 N. Mt. Juliet Road. This can put you in a positive mindset with other like-minded people.

You are not alone: There is so much information available it is difficult to make sense of it all. Get expert advice to find what works for you. A good trainer and nutrition coach will customize a plan for you that is realistic, attainable and fits your lifestyle.

In conclusion, if it seems like you are always starting over, stop giving up on yourself. Results happen over time, not overnight. Like most things in life, changing habits takes persistence, perseverance and patience. Good luck!
required to choose which party primary they wish to vote in. Of course, voters may vote in only one Party primary election.

Tennessee law says that, “A registered voter is entitled to vote in a primary election for offices for which the voter is qualified to vote at the polling place where the voter is registered if: The voter is a bona fide member of and affiliated with the political party in whose primary the voter seeks to vote; or, At the time the voter seeks to vote, the voter declares allegiance to the political party in whose primary the voter seeks to vote and states that the voter intends to affiliate with that party.”

A referendum to increase the sales tax in Wilson County will also be included on the March 3 ballot. This election is a General Election for Wilson County voters. Voters may choose to only vote in the Sales Tax Referendum election and not vote in either the Republican or Democratic Primary. Those choosing to vote in either primary will automatically receive the Sales Tax Referendum ballot.


“Whether taking advantage of Early Voting or voting on Election Day, to participate in the elections you must be registered to vote in Wilson County,” said Tammy Smith, assistant administrator of elections. “New residents of Wilson County can register to vote when they update their Tennessee Driver’s License, by downloading the form from our website, coming to our office at 203 East Main Street in Lebanon, or, the fastest and most secure way is, by registering online. We want to remind voters that have moved within the county since the last election to be sure and update their address and avoid any delay when they come to vote.”

Early Voting begins on Feb. 12, 2020, at the Election Commission office at 203 East Main St. in Lebanon, the Mt. Juliet Community Center at 6141 Saundersville Road in Mt. Juliet, the Watertown Community Center at 8630 Sparta Pike, and on Feb. 24-25 at the Statesville WEMA station at 7239 Greenvale Road in Norene.

All Early Voting locations will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. (Lighthouse Church closes at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays) and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Taking advantage of Early Voting has become a tradition in Wilson County, allowing voters to choose a day, time and location that is convenient and to avoid the possibility of inclement weather, lines or other delays on Election Day.

On Election Day, Tuesday, March 3, 2020, Wilson County voters may vote at one of the 18 convenient vote centers. Vote Centers are located throughout the county at sites easily accessible and convenient to voters who live, shop or travel. There is no longer an assigned polling place on Election Day.

“Our goal is to make the voting experience the best it can be for Wilson County voters,” said Phillip Warren, administrator of elections. "With five Early Voting locations open six days a week, an efficient and streamlined voting process, a state of the art voting system with a paper ballot that voters can hold in their hands and verify before casting, and the introduction of Vote Centers on Election Day we continue to enhance the experience each election cycle.”

The Election Commission is eager to answer any voting and election-related questions. To learn more about registration, Early Voting and for all the details about Vote Centers, contact the Wilson County Election Commission at 615-444-0216 or online at www.WilsonElections.com.

County Republican Primary Election—March 3, 2020
The Qualifying deadline is NOON—January 11, 2020
Last Day to Register to Vote—February 3, 2020
Last Day to Request Absentee Ballot—February 25, 2020
Early Voting—February 12th through February 25th

Petitions may be picked up at the Election Commission Office which is located at 203 East Main Street, Lebanon, TN 37087 starting on January 2, 2020.

Independent Candidates for these offices must also file their nominating petitions by 12:00 NOON, January 11, 2020 in order for their name to be placed on the ballot for the County General Election.

Voters with Disabilities or Elderly Voters:
Pursuant to section T.C.A.§ 2-3-109 (E) Notice is hereby given that voters with disabilities or elderly voters (persons 60 or older) assigned to vote in precincts where the polling place is inaccessible may vote at the Wilson County Election Commission office on election day OR vote early by personal appearance during the dates specified for early voting at the election commission office OR vote by absentee ballot. Any voter with a disability or elderly voter desiring to vote at the election commission office must notify the office in writing and complete an affidavit that states their voting location is inaccessible. Deadline for notification is February 22, 2020 for the County Republican Primary election and July 27, 2020 for the County General election. Affidavits are available at the election office.

Early Voting or Absentee By-Mail:
Registered voters who will be unable to go to their polling place on Election Day may vote during early voting or after meeting certain legal qualifications, may vote absentee by mail:

To vote an absentee ballot by-mail, the voter must make the request in writing and include their name (as registered), social security number, date of birth, residence address (911 address), mailing address (if different from residence address), the election(s) they wish to vote in, the reason they are requesting to vote an absentee ballot and their signature. The written request must be received by mail not later than February 25th for the March 3, 2020 election and not later than July 30th for the August 6, 2020 County General election. Requests must be mailed to The Wilson County Election Commission office, P.O. Box 97, Lebanon, TN 37087.

Photo ID Required:
When you come to vote, remember to bring identification with you. A voter must have a federal or TN state issued photo ID. If no photo identification is provided, the voter will vote a provisional ballot and the voter will have until two business days following Election Day to return to the election commission office and show an acceptable photo ID. or the ballot will be rejected. Forms of acceptable identification include a Driver’s License with your photo, United States Passport, Department of Safety photo ID, Photo issued by the Federal or TN state government, United States Military photo ID or Gun permit card with your photo (even if they are expired). The voter can sign an oath stating he/she is indigent or an oath stating a religious objection to being photographed. The Wilson County Election Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability. Please call (615) 444-0216 if you have any questions.

Sherrie Orange, Chairman—Ronnie Kelley, Secretary—Terry Muncher, Commissioner—John Pope, Commissioner—Don Simpson, Commissioner—Attest: Phillip Warren, Administrator of Elections
Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) Commissioner David Salyers recently announced two loans for the City of Lebanon totaling $5.7 million to address water infrastructure.

The city has been awarded both a Clean Water State Revolving Fund loan and a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan for updates to the community’s infrastructure. The Clean Water loan for $4.3 million will aid the city in rehabilitation of sewer interceptors, including replacement of 7,000 linear feet of the Blair Lane collection system. This loan has a 20-year term at 1.32% interest rate.

The city has also been awarded a $1.4 million Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan to assist with the construction of a new one-million-gallon water storage tank at Seay Hill. This loan carries a 20-year term at 1.31% interest.

“The State Revolving Fund Loan Program serves our state well, and we are pleased to announce this funding for Lebanon,” Lee said. “These loans show our commitment to modernizing infrastructure, and this should be of major assistance to the community.”

“We look forward to the improvements these loans can bring to Lebanon,” Salyers said. “The SRF program continues to assist cities across Tennessee, and these loans should be a big boost.”

Through the State Revolving Fund Loan Program, communities, utility districts, and water and wastewater authorities can obtain loans with lower interest rates than through private financing. These low interest rate loans can vary from zero percent to below market rate, based on each community’s economic health.

TDEC administers the State Revolving Fund Program in conjunction with the Tennessee Local Development Authority. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provides grants to fund the program, and the state provides a 20% match to the federal funding. Loan repayments are returned to the program and are used to fund future SRF loans.

This fiscal year, TDEC has awarded $1,485,000 in drinking water loans and $100,300,000 in clean water loans to meet the state’s infrastructure needs. Tennessee’s Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program has awarded more than $2 billion in low-interest loans since its inception in 1987. The state’s Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program has awarded more than $300 million in low-interest loans since its inception in 1996.
Here we are on the brink of a New Year (it is probably already 2020 by the time you are reading this), and people are making or thinking about resolutions to make to begin the new year.

The apostle Paul wrote to the church at Philippi, “...One thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on...” This got me to thinking of the resolution of Jesus, which was not a one-time attempt at doing or not doing something, but it was His lifestyle while He was here on the earth as one of us. If not for His resolve to press on, our way into the kingdom of God and into God’s presence would have never been realized. One of the greatest tragedies is the failure to succeed in God’s purpose, often because we lost our resolve, or we were not resolute in our direction.

The word resolute carries with it the definition of “having a fixed purpose that we pursue with determination and consistency.” Isaiah said of Jesus, “He will not be disheartened or crushed until He has established justice in the earth.” We find that discouragement could not find a place in Jesus, although He had plenty of reasons to be discouraged. He had made a commitment to Himself and the Father that He would complete the mission and be

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REFLECTIONS FROM AN OLD FRIEND

New Year’s resolutions

Keeping resolutions can be tough if not impossible. As we all know, most only last about eight weeks or so. Some resolutions include quitting the smoking of cigarettes and the consumption of alcohol or starting an exercise program and so on. When reviewing current resolutions and considering future resolutions, I thought I might offer a little suggestion that might help you increase your chances of succeeding with your resolutions. Senior citizens can give you many good ideas for resolutions. As the old saying goes, our senior citizens have been there and done that and probably know better than anyone which resolutions work and which ones simply don’t work.

I once had the opportunity to sit down and chat with one of our wise local senior citizens. During that conversation I discovered some very vital and informative information concerning New Year’s resolutions that I will never forget. As someone who had lived many years, this fine lady went on to tell me about many resolutions she had either succeeded at or failed at over the many years of her life. She discussed the many failed attempts at exercise with a chuckle, stating she just didn’t understand all the fuss over working for nothing by exercising. She stated that she had worked too hard in her lifetime to spend countless hours exercising. She then asked, “Do I look like a lady who needs exercise?” After a short pause, I replied, “Of course not!” She then laughed and stated, “When you’re as gorgeous as me, who needs exercise?” I then stated, “That’s right.” This fine lady then stated that out of all the resolutions she had attempted in her life, the best resolutions to follow were to always put God first, family second, and work third in your life. She further stated that this was a resolution many people make every year but for whatever reason end up putting work first and don’t leave much, if any, time for God and family.

After this very informative and enjoyable conversation, I found myself reflecting upon the experience and how it could possibly help not only me, but others, as well.

Listening to this wise senior citizen made me realize that there are many good and bad New Year’s resolutions, some obtainable and some not. I also found that succeeding and failing at a New Year’s resolution wasn’t always good or bad, but that resolutions were pretty much something most people discussed around the New Year. I also discovered that resolutions can be implemented at anytime, not just New Year’s. So, if you fail during the first couple of months of the New Year with your resolution(s) or simply couldn’t think of any in December, don’t worry, you have the entire year to come up with one. And if you can’t come up with one this year, there’s always next year. Happy New Year!

The Community Foundation initiative receives new look

Staff Reports

The website GivingMatters.com has been making sense of the complicat ed world of Nashville-area nonprofits for some time now. As an informational clearinghouse, there remains nothing like it in the region.

An initiative of The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee (CFMT) since 2004, GivingMatters.com provides detailed information about more than 1,800 Middle Tennessee nonprofits to help donors give with meaning, confidence and ease.

It’s an important resource to promote and facilitate philanthropy, providing in-depth information about nonprofits’ missions, finances, management, and programs and the ability to make credit card gifts directly to organizations. It has been a place where donors and potential donors can learn about issues facing Middle Tennessee, find organizations addressing community needs, and give directly through the website.

“For those who like to ‘give with confidence,’ GivingMatters serves as a trusted pathway to sustainable organizations,” said Kaki Friskics-Warren, executive director of the Dan and Margaret Maddox Charitable Fund and the first director of GivingMatters.com at CFMT.

“For those with a taste for adventure, GivingMatters opens doors to groups taking risks on bold interventions that might change the face of our communities,” said Kaki Friskics-Warren. “Every time I visit the site, I leave not just knowing more but inspired to do more.”

Given its helpful nature, the website has been deserving of a refreshed look and feel. And now it has one.

GivingMatters.com transitioned to a new website platform in late November. Here’s what prompted the transition:

Since 2009 GivingMatters.com has been hosted on the DonorEdge platform, a product of Williamsburg, Virginia-based GuideStar. Earlier this year, the company announced it would be ending service to the platform.

After much study, CFMT decided to move the site over to Denver-based Civicore, which has provided the same software used to power The Big Payback online giving day the past three years.

Now, all registered area nonprofits will be able to log in to one easy-to-use administrative portal that will house all of their information for both GivingMatters.com and The Big Payback. An up-to-date GivingMatters.com profile is a requirement for participants in The Big Payback and The Payback.

The two initiatives will continue operating as their own websites. Users still visit GivingMatters.com for nonprofit profiles and will visit TheBigPayback.org to make gifts from 6 p.m. May 6 to 6 p.m. May 7, the dates set for The Big Payback 2020.

Features from The BigPayback.org, such as peer-to-peer fundraising campaigns, will also be available all year through GivingMatters.com.

The new platform no longer has restrictions on the number of multimedia elements that can be added to profiles. Nonprofits are encouraged to add more photos and videos to make their profiles more robust.

Participating nonprofits and those considering the benefits of participating in GivingMatters.com should go to the website for information on how to update profiles/view donation reports, or establish a new profile.

PET OF THE WEEK

Rowdy is a 5-year-old Lab mix who came to the shelter as an owner surrender. Rowdy is a sweet and smart guy. He knows his basic commands and is looking for a family who can teach him even more. Rowdy is good with kids and other dogs. Rowdy is neutered so his adoption fee is $75. If you are interested in meeting Rowdy, call us at 615.773.5533 or stop by during our open hours.

OPEN HOURS: Tues–Thurs from 11:30-5:30
Mt. Juliet Animal Care & Control
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State unemployment rates improve in more than one-third of counties

Unemployment dropped in more than one-third of Tennessee's 95 counties in November, according to newly released data from the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD).

Rates decreased in 38 counties, remained the same in 24 counties, and unemployment increased in 33 counties during the month.

The new data shows there are 91 counties across the state with rates less than 5% and only four counties with rates greater than 5%.

“It’s very encouraging to have so many counties with unemployment rates below 5% during November,” said TDLWD Commissioner Jeff McCord. “As we moved closer to the busy holiday season, more Tennesseans were taking home paychecks, which is the ultimate goal.”

Williamson County has the state’s lowest unemployment rate at 2.2%. That figure is down 0.1 of a percentage point when compared to October.

Davidson County has the second-lowest unemployment rate for the month. Its current statistic of 2.3% mirrors the rate from the previous month.

Cheatham and Rutherford counties both have a rate of 2.4%. For Cheatham County, that represents an increase of 0.1 of a percentage point. Rutherford County’s rate did not change between October and November.

Clay County experienced an increase in unemployment, giving the county the state’s highest unemployment rate. Its rate jumped from 5.2% in October to 5.9% in November.

Hancock, Hardeman, and Bledsoe counties follow Clay County with rates of 5%. Hancock County’s rate dropped one-half of a percentage point, Hardeman County is down 0.1 of a percentage point, and Bledsoe County is up by 0.3 of a percentage point.

Statewide, seasonally adjusted unemployment was down 0.1 of a percentage point when compared to October, setting the November 2019 rate at 3.3%.

The United States’ unemployment rate for November is 3.5%, 0.1 of a percentage point lower than it was in October.

Tennesseans searching for employment can access the state’s workforce development website, Jobs4TN.gov, where they will find a wide range of helpful information and services.

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have voted for. This message was an error, defaulting to the first alphabetical option in the category. We can assure voters that the ballots were correct and that the message was the only error.

Each year, we closely watch the votes throughout the month to ensure accuracy. Though the default message may have stated otherwise, votes were being recorded correctly. The error message should be corrected this year; however, if the message displayed is inaccurate, please send an email to editor@tcomj.com and know that staff will promptly work to correct the issue.

On November 15th, Fleet Feet of Mt. Juliet sponsored the first 5K Fun Run through the Dancing Lights of Christmas in Lebanon. All proceeds were used to benefit Wilson County CASA, which trains volunteers to be advocates for children in court who have been abused or neglected. Fleet Feet presented CASA staff with a check of $11,750. | Photo submitted
Wilson Central High School’s Jared Lawrence recently signed with Indiana State to play football with the Sycamores. | Photo submitted

TDOT updates on I-440 reconstruction

Staff Reports

Ten months ago, crews began shifting traffic across the seven miles of I-440 to make room for heavy construction work in the inside lanes of the $152.9 million I-440 reconstruction project.

Since then, the contractor has crushed 220,000 tons of concrete, laid 225,000 tons of asphalt, and installed 2.2 million pounds of structural steel to widen the I-440 bridges over I-65.

Since March, 235,000 man-hours have been logged in the field. The I-440 corridor has had construction activity 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for most weeks over the last ten months in order meet the accelerated project timeline.

Many of contractor’s crews will be taking off for the next two weeks to get some rest and relaxation following the intense work schedule in 2019.

In early 2020, the remaining ramp repairs will be completed, as well as the noise wall repairs, and widening the I-440 bridges over I-65.

In the spring, the contractor will need to close the I-65/I-440 interchange for one weekend in order to substantially complete the widening work. Then traffic will be switched on the bridge to facilitate the grading and roadway work on the outside alignment.

Once temperatures warm up, asphalt paving will resume, including the final layer of pavement which is currently targeted for early summer. Roadway lighting updates are also scheduled to wrap during this time, followed by final striping and sodding.

The project is still on track to be completed by the July 24, 2020, completion date.

The design-build project was let to contract in August 2018, calling for a complete reconstruction of the 7-mile I-440 corridor. The scope includes replacing deteriorated concrete with an asphalt roadway, installing a concrete barrier to replace the elevated median for enhanced roadway safety, and adding an additional lane in some areas to facilitate three travel lanes throughout the corridor.

More information about the project can be found at www.tn.gov/tdot/projects/.

The Mt. Juliet Noon Rotary Club recently awarded Maren Bergesen, a first grade student at Mt. Juliet Elementary School, with a bicycle as part of its Wheels in Motion Program. Pictured with Maren are her mother, Jessica, and brother, Parker. Also pictured are Rotarians, Marty Crow and Matthew Hayes. | Photo submitted

Farmers Insurance-Lynn Agency had its ribbon cutting with the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce on Dec. 12. | Photo submitted

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Was Town Named After Julia Gleaves?

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Special to The Chronicle

How did Mt. Juliet get its name? There are several theories. In this article John McCulloch reviews the life and times of Aunt Julia Gleaves, or Aunt Julie, a woman who figures prominently in our town’s history.

Sometime in the year 1798 or 1799, before Wilson County was cleared, two brothers from North Carolina came to Fort Nashboro armed with a land warrant, probably by the Revolutionary War service.

Leaving the fort, they worked their way up to the Cumberland to the mouth of Cedar Lick Creek, where their section of land began. For some reason, probably privacy or protection, they chose the location for their homes nearly a mile up the creek from the point where it emptied into the river.

The brothers were named Clem and Richard Jennings and soon after they had erected their cabins, Clem married a daughter of William Bennett who lived across the river in Sumner County.

Julia Jennings was born in 1817 in the farm where the subdivision called Paradise Acres now stands. If you go to the end of Spring Valley Drive where the land becomes too low and wet for houses you will find a spring at the creek banks. Somewhere close by, in the cabin erected by her father, Clem Jennings, Julia was born and spent all her early life.

She was married first to a young man named Beard or Baird (I have not yet determined which is his grave site or records have not been located), whose father was said to be one of the wealthiest men in the county. He lived somewhere near Lebanon and built a home for Julia and her husband nearby.

It is said that Julia and her husband went to Cuba for a honeymoon, an unheard of event in that day. Her husband lived only a few short years and Julia was left a widow with a young son named Billy who was probably born in the early years of the 1840’s.

Julia must have been quite an attractive widow for she soon remarried to Guy Trigg Gleaves, the son of Absolom Gleaves, who had extensive land holdings along Stoner Creek but where it crosses Old Hickory Blvd. Trigg carried her new bride further up the creek along the Old Lebanon Dirt Road where he had a large farm and a new, unoccupied house.

This house still stands and today is called the Howard Clark place and is probably one of the oldest houses in this area. In the year 1854 a daughter, Mecca Ann, was born to the Gleaves and she (Granny Tabler) is the authority for most of this article.

Julia probably first acquired her reputation as the ministering angel for the community during the period of the Civil War. She would have been in her middle forties at that time and her husband, Trigg, probably the same. Whether or not her husband was away in the service is uncertain, but he must have been for all able-bodied men were. Her son Billy was fighting with Lee in Virginia, at this time.

Granny Tabler tells of remembering the day the Union Soldiers came raiding in the village and came out to Gleaves’ farm looking for food and anything else to steal. In the middle of the night, whiskey was made and kept on every farm and no one thought anything about it. This day they had the whiskey, flour and pork hidden in the barn, but the Union Soldiers found it and became violently drunk.

Granny Tabler further recalled the family receiving the dreaded news that her half-brother, Billy Beard, had been killed in Virginia in one of those battles. She told how the Gleaves’ family, led by Aunt Julie, determined the lad would be buried at home and sent a wagon to the battlefield to bring the body home. The trip took months.

It was as a storekeeper and provisioner for the neighborhood, Julia said, that was her destiny as the benevolent angel of the area. The sick knew her healing hands, the extra quart of soup or butter that she just happened to have left over.

Furthermore, it is said that no one was ever turned away from her store for the lack of money. The little hill became known as Julie’s Hill or Mt. Julie. It is said that this affectionate name was transferred to the town. The hill was so dear to her that she chose it for her final resting place and the little iron fenced cemetery is still in good order today on the same Old Lebanon Dirt Road.

The coming of the Tennessee & Pacific railroad in 1870 brought new problems for Aunt Julie. The town just moved itself about one half mile north to arrange itself along side of the tracks which ran parallel to the Old Lebanon Dirt Road. Aunt Julie’s store was no longer the center of attention and began to fade.

The obvious questions that came to mind are namely, “When did the town change its name and why did it change and was the name before it changed.”

The town had its beginning by at least 1835 and maybe even sooner and a little simple arithmetic and even simpler reasoning will bring us to the conclusion that the town would hardly name itself for a young lady barely eighteen years of age and not even living in the area.

Less than a mile up the Old Lebanon Dirt Road, toward Lebanon, was the well known Eagle Tavern, which was said to be famous for its Mint Juleps. It is said to have been a well-known stopping place for Andrew Jackson in his travels along the road. The several historians who doubt the town was named for Aunt Julie say that it was really called “Mint Julep” after its most noted product.

True, even I can remember the older people of my day never called it anything but “Julep.” Probably the true answer lies in a combination of both theories.

Maybe the town was called Mint Julep in the days that prohibition was unheard and undreamed of. With the passing of the frontier days and the beginning of the science that lead to the Volstead Act and prohibition, it is possible the town began to feel uneasy about the name that had been thrust upon it and began to cast about for a new name or a way to erase the stigma of being named for a portion of the devil’s brew.

Perhaps some bright, unnamed genius saw the solution of Julie’s Hill or “Mt. Julie.”

Is the similarity of names too much of a coincidence for this solution to be true, or is it as the scoffers of Aunt Julie theory say: that the latter years, preachers, historians, relatives and do-gooders simply picked out the Aunt Julie story to kill the brand of her beloved little village for her son-in-law for she spent her last days with them leaving her beloved little village for the first time in 1885. Today her mortal remains lie on top of Julie’s Hill beside those of Jasper and Mecca.

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OBITUARIES

CLARK, Alfred McDonald

Alfred McDonald “Don” Clark, age 92 of Mt. Juliet, died Dec. 16, 2019. Mr. Clark was the son of the late Bratton J. and Mickie Bell Jenkins Clark. He was also preceded in death by his son, Wendell Clark, and brothers, Paul Clark and Eddie Clark. He was survived by: Wife of 72 years – Dean Clark; Sons – Wayne Clark and Tim Clark; Grandchildren – Dale Clark and Wayne Clark, Jr.; Great-grandchild – Mia Clark; Niece – Linda Brockett; Nephew – Larry Clark.

Funeral services were held Dec. 20 at Bond Memorial Chapel, and graveside services followed at Anderson and Son Memorial Park in Lafayette, Tennessee. Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, 410 allied Drive, Nashville, TN 37211.

Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Westcon Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. (615) 773-2663. www.bond-memorial.com

COLEMAN, James David

James David Coleman, age 77 of Mt. Juliet, died Dec. 22, 2019. Mr. Coleman was the son of the late Jimmie and Estelle Clark Coleman. He was also preceded in death by an infant sister, Dorothy. He is survived by: Wife of 35 years – Carolyn Coleman; Children – Tracy Coleman, Darryl Biggs and Angela Palmer, Sisters – Dianne Coleman and Liz (Lowell) Joynt; 13 Grandchildren; 12 Great-grandchildren; one Great-great-grandchild due in June 2020.

Funeral services were held Dec. 27 at Bond Memorial Chapel. Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 16934 Memorial Way, Suite 500, Nashville, TN 37203 or Susan G. Komen, 4009 Hillsboro Pkoe, #209, Nashville, TN 37215.

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COLLINS, Pat

Pat Collins, age 78 of Mt. Juliet, died Dec. 16, 2019. Mr. Collins was the son of the late Herschel and Virtie Adams Collins. He was also preceded in death by 10 siblings.

She is survived by: Wife of 60 years – Sue Collins; Daughter – Jackie Collins Durbin; Sons – Tony Collins; Granddaughter – Jesica Wirtz; Great-grandchildren – Taylor Wirtz, Jersie Wirtz and Jadyyn Wirtz; Several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Dec. 20, 2019, at Bond Memorial Chapel, and interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery in Murfreesboro.

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CONNOLLY, Donnie Eugene

Donnie Eugene “Burn Out” Connolly passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Dec. 26, 2019. He was born Dec. 17, 1957, to Patrick and Leota Connolly and had a younger brother, Dwanye.

He was a devoted husband to Lisa for 39 years. He was a father to Crystal, Tiffany and Tabitha. He was also a grandfather to Jocelyn, Kassidee, Kalleigh, Kaden and Brodie, and was recently blessed with a great-grandchild, Everett.

Funeral services were held Dec. 30 at Sellars Funeral Home in Mt. Juliet, and interment followed at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens.


CROUCH, SR., Robert “Bob”


Funeral services were held Jan. 1 at Sellars Funeral Home in Mt. Juliet, and interment followed at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens.

Memorial contributions may be made to: St. Jude Children’s Hospital at www.stjude.org, or Alive Hospice, 1718 Patterson St., Nashville, TN 37203.


CUNNINGHAM, Annie Mae

Annie Mae Cunningham passed away Dec. 26, 2019 at age 93. A funeral service was held Dec. 27 at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon, and interment followed at Antioch Cemetery in Lebanon.

Annies Cunningham is survived by daughter Carol Thorne; grandchildren Tim (Christan) Gray; and great-grandchildren, Jacob Biggs, Kassidee, Kaileigh, Kaden and Brodie. She is also survived by four nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jar C. Cunningham.

CUNNINGHAM, John William

Mr. Cunningham is survived by: Daughter – Jackie Collins; and many nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews.

The Funeral Mass will be conducted on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020, at 11 a.m. at St. Stephen Catholic Community. The family will receive friends on Saturday from 10 a.m. until the funeral mass. In honor of Art, the family requests that memorial contributions be addressed to The V Foundation for Cancer Research: (14600 Weston Parkway, Cary, NC 27513).


PROPSTER, John William

John William Propster, age 58 of Mt. Juliet, died Dec. 22, 2019. Mr. Propster was the son of the late Howard Joseph and Jacqueline Betty Mahaffey Propster.

He is survived by: Daughter – Sarah Nicole Propster-Pope; Brothers – Michael Joseph Propster and Patrick John (Kelly) Propster; Sisters – Paula Marie (Keith) Reeves, Lisa Marie Propster, Todd Biggs and London Hutchings; Granddaughter – Elaine Elizabeth Pope; Former wife – Deborah Darlene Propster; Several nieces and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Funeral services were held Dec. 29 at Bond Memorial Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the funeral home for the funeral expenses. https://www.gofundme.com/jf-propster-memorial-fund

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STEPP, Dennis Ray

Dennis Ray Stepp, age 74 of Lebanon, passed away Dec. 20, 2019. Mr. Stepp was preceded in death by parents, Russell and Thelma Propster; brothers and one sister. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Marsha Stepp; daughters, Tra- cie Stepp and Tara (David) Wiygul; three brothers; four sisters; grandchildren, Ara- bli Blattner; and great-grandchildren, Car- la Wiygul, Hope Ilia and Noah Ilia; and several nie- see OBIT, PAGE 15
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**COUNTY OFFERS**

**Christmas tree recycling**

**Staff Reports**

Rockwood Sustainable Solutions is offering free Christmas tree recycling for Wilson County Residents for the third consecutive year. The Christmas tree recycling began Dec. 26 and runs through Jan. 10. Rockwood Sustainable Solutions will be accepting real Christmas trees at their site. A large container will be placed near the road onsite for residents to drop off their trees. All trees will be 100% recycled into landscape mulch or fuel for electricity. All lights and ornaments must be removed. Rockwood is only accepting real trees.

This year, Rockwood will also have a box onsite for Christmas lights recycling. If you have broken Christmas lights that have been removed from your tree, there will be a small box onsite to deposit lights. All lights will be sent to Electronics Recycling Solutions (ERS), a company built to provide jobs and workplace training for adults with autism.

The drop off location will be Rockwood Sustainable Solutions, 510 Hartmann Drive, Lebanon, TN 37087.

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Bennett, GivingMatters. com manager at The Community Foundation. “If nonprofits need assistance during this transition, they can contact their coaches directly, or reach us at our general email givingmatters@cfmtn.org.”

The Community Foundation exists to promote and facilitate giving in the 40 counties of Middle Tennessee and beyond. It does this by accepting gifts of any size from anyone at any time and by empowering individuals, families, companies, nonprofits, and communities to respond to needs and opportunities that matter.

The Community Foundation Works with people who have great hearts, whether or not they have great wealth, to craft solutions that reflect their intentions and goals.
The complaint was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee. The complaint alleges, in part, that the ordinance “does not protect the health, safety, or welfare of Mt. Juliet citizens, and serves no legitimate governmental interest. It simply prohibits carafem from providing surgical abortions, in turn unduly burdening Tennesseans attempting to access abortion.”

Melissa Grant, chief operating officer of carafem, said in a news release that they were filing the lawsuit to not only fight against an “unfair, obstructive” zoning ordinance, but to “stand up for Tennesseans who deserve access to safe, comprehensive abortion care, regardless of their political or social opinion.”

As of press time, Mt. Juliet Mayor Ed Hagerty could not be reached for comment.

From MARINES, PAGE 1

brave men and women who are interred there. This is where they met World War II veterans and listened to amazing stories first hand.

To complete the festivities of the week, Young Marines marched in the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Parade. Since its inception, Young Marines have been the banner carriers in the parade for all the capital ships that were sank on Dec. 7, 1941. Young Marines also marched in platoon, performed color guard, and carried flags. Mid Cumberland Unit had the honor of leading the parade by carrying the opening banner.

“We were honored for our unit to represent Wilson County in these ceremonies,” said YM MSGT Glaskox. “It was surreal to meet the men and women that were a part of that historical event. I will never forget this great opportunity and most of all, I will never forget those veterans who fought for our freedom.”

Young Marines is a national non-profit 501c (3) youth education and service program for boys and girls, age eight through the completion of high school. The Young Marines promotes the mental, moral and physical development of its members. The program focuses on teaching the values of leadership, team work and self-discipline so its members can live and promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

Mid Cumberland Young Marines are pictured, left to right, at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific: YM MSGT Logan Powell, YM SSgt Jacob Austin, YM Sgt Kiersten Lowerback, YM PFC Tristan Jackson, YM MSGT Jason Glaskox. | Photo submitted

Sherry’s Run board announces chairpersons for Mardi Gras at the Capitol

The Sherry’s Run Executive Board recently announced that Julie Miller-Wilson and Sarah Haston are the official chairs for the 5th annual Mardi Gras at the Capitol to benefit Sherry’s Run to be held Friday, Feb. 7, 2020.

“We are thrilled to have Julie and Sarah heading this benefit for the Sherry’s Run organization,” said Scott Jasper, Sherry’s Run Executive Board member. “Their tremendous support of Mardi Gras at the Capitol and the mission of the Sherry’s Run organization is greatly appreciated. We know their guidance and support will make this another spectacular event.”

Julie and her husband, Glenn, are involved in the Wilson County community and are active supporters of several nonprofit organizations in the area. Julie and her daughter, Heather Hull, are owners of Body Kneads, Etc. in Lebanon. Body Kneads, Etc. is a full sensory spa, coffee shop and boutique fitness center located on Hamilton Station Blvd. in Lebanon.

As Economic Development Director for the City of Lebanon, Sarah is very involved in the Lebanon community. Sarah and her husband, Scott, are also active supporters of nonprofit organizations in the county. She is president of the Kiwanis Club of Lebanon and serves on the board of directors for Wilson County CASA, Christmas For All and Leadership Wilson.

Mardi Gras at the Capitol will be Friday, Feb. 7 at the historic Capitol Theatre on the square in Lebanon. Doors will open that evening at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Table sponsorships are available at Body Kneads, Mo’Cara Southern Dining and the Sherry’s Run office or by calling 615-449-7880.

Julie Miller-Wilson, left, and Sarah Haston, right, are the chairs for the 5th annual Mardi Gras at the Capitol to benefit Sherry’s Run to be held Friday, Feb. 7, 2020, at the Capitol Theatre in Lebanon. | Photo submitted

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I’m a sucker for matching outfits. I love family portraits of everyone wearing some coordinating form of denim/khaki/white combination on the beach, walking down a long, shaded trail, on a farm, sitting on a couch on a farm. Although, I will admit this one always confuses me. Isn’t an open pasture a strange place for a French provincial couch to sit?

Anywho, when my boys were small, they didn’t care if they matched. They didn’t care if their “ outfit of the day” had a peter pan color. They didn’t care if a pair of saddle oxfords completed their look. They didn’t even care if their mother had a coordinating dress or skirt. Then they grew up and suddenly mom wasn’t as cool as they originally thought. Never mind the fact that she produced life sustaining nourishment in their first months of life and for that very reason, her breasts resemble two ferrets.

When Jacob was a senior in high school, he tried to forgo this very important tradition. He made several valid arguments. “I’m almost 18 years old.” “I have a mind of my own.” “What difference does it make?” and my personal favorite, “This is the last year I’ll be wearing matching pajamas.”

I may have implied that year that once he graduated from high school he wouldn’t have to participate. I lied. When he was home for Christmas break during his freshman year of college, he teamed up with his little brother and dad to give a more compelling argument. It seems they were all in agreement. This would be the last year. It didn’t matter if the pajamas were comfortable and they only had to wear them long enough for me to snap a photo. THEY. WERE. DONE.

The following year, as December 24th approached the melancholy set in. The ghosts of Christmas past were old photos of my boys on December 25th. No matter what they were opening; a hot wheel racetrack, bike or mini kitchen, two things always looked the same. The excitement and their coordinating PJs.

I couldn’t break my promise. But I came up with a compromise. Armed with supplies from Joann’s, I put my crafting skills to work. I made a personalized iron-on for their respective T-shirts. T-shirts we could sleep in, but only if we wanted to. Across the front, their shirt read “REGULAR PAJAMAS” while mine read “Christmas Pajamas.” Miraculously, they didn’t mind. They even thought it was clever. I got my photo, and all was well Christmas 2018.

If I want to continue this tradition, I need to come up with something new every year. So, when Christmas Eve 2019 rolls around, my boys will open a new set of pajamas with something clever written on it.

This might be the last year for this, but I’m not going to waste precious time being sad if it is. The memories of two decades of matching PJs will keep me warm on future Christmas morns. And as long as they will still watch Elf and help make cookies for Santa, I have no complaints.

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SUMMERS, Stephen David

Stephen David Summers, age 51 of Lebanon, died Dec. 27, 2019. He is survived by: Parents – Ralph and Polly Summers; Siblings – Mark (Julie) Summers, Amy (Lex) Conatser and Phil (Melissa) Summers; Several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Dec. 30 at Bond Memorial Chapel, and interment followed at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to: 109 church of Christ, P. O. Box 48, Mt. Juliet, TN 37121.


TEAGUE, Harold

Harold Teague, age 78 of Lebanon, died Dec. 21, 2019. He was the son of the late Rufus and Lillie Pendley Teague. Harold was also preceded in death by his wife of 43 years, Moyna Lee Murphy Teague, his brothers, John Teague, and his sisters, Cathy Neel and Lou Price.

He is survived by: Children – Tracey (Joe) Case, Jeff Teague, Jennifer (Keith) King and Carol (Brooks Carrasco) Teague; Brothers – Darold (Josephine) Teague and Charlie Teague; Sisters – Christeen Marks, Alice Gosey, Helen Shampang and Peggy Williams; Grandchildren – Patrick Case, Shelby Case, Meagan Teague, Morgan Teague, Micki King, Brittney Teague, Brooklyn Carrasco and Brooks Carrasco, Jr.; Many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held Dec. 28 at Bond Memorial Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the funeral home for the funeral expenses or to the Mt. Juliet Senior Center.

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WYLEMANS, Kevin

Kevin Wylemans, age 56 of Old Hickory, passed away Dec. 26, 2019. The Celebration of Life Service will be held on Thursday, Jan. 2 at 7 p.m. in the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet. The family will receive friends on Thursday from 5-7 p.m.

The family respectfully requests memorial contributions be addressed to either American Parkinson Disease Association (135 Parkinson Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10305) or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital (St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital (501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105).

He is survived by loving wife of 27 years, Lisa Wylemans; daughters, Hailey (Daniel) Zajac and Danielle Wylemans; granddaughters, Faylin Zajac; mother, Ans Wylemans (Bobby Love); father, Jack Wylemans; father-in-law, Russ Hathaway; aunt and uncle, Thea and Wim Schuurman; nephews, Zach Hathaway and Jay Hathaway; several cousins also survive.

On Friday, Dec. 20, AGA Insurance celebrated its new location at 708 N. Mt. Juliet Road with a ribbon cutting and open house reception. Many local businesses, clients, family, city representatives and friends attended to support the occasion.

AGA Insurance is a Commercial General Insurance Agency that specializes in church and non-profit insurance and opened in Mt. Juliet in 2006.

Art Giles, owner, said he and his family are blessed to be part of the Mt. Juliet community.

In another prophecy concerning the Lord Jesus, Isaiah wrote that He would have a disciplined tongue, or the tongue of a disciple. He resolved to say the right things at the right time.

Isaiah points out that this type of disciplined tongue sustains the weary in their time of need. The Scripture goes on to observe that Jesus had a hearing or learning ear and the ability to obey, even in the face of difficult circumstances.

As I stated earlier, He had plenty to cause Him to be discouraged. He was called a drunk; it was said of Him that He was operated by the power of Satan and that He Himself had an evil spirit. Some called Him a glutton; He was accused of being a keeper of bad company and He was charged with treason. How many of us could have maintained our resolution in the face of that opposition?

In addition to these attacks, He had selfishly ambitious men in His congregation of disciples. He also had an impetuous, sword-wielding disciple who was the most vocal and visible. Don’t forget that one of His closest disciples betrayed Him for 30 pieces of silver.

Shall I continue? He was abandoned by a large throng of His disciples; after 3.5 years with Him, His core group of disciples were still uninterested and unmotivated, men who slept while He prayed.

The only person who really understood Him and His mission was beheaded. His own family thought He was insane and sought to capture Him. He suffered an illegal trial which was followed by an unjust execution. But in the face of all this, He stayed steadfast in His obedience to His Father.

When we lose our resolve, no matter how temporary the loss, we become distracted and occupied with other things or people. We should not wait until it is “resolution time” to determine to be consistent with our resolve, but now is as good as a time as any.

The thing that made Jesus different from the rest of the world was they could kill Him, but they couldn’t stop Him. Anyone can find an excuse, but a resolute person will find a way.