Detectives are hoping someone will recognize two people who fraudulently used stolen credit card information.

On Nov. 24, 2017, the victim noticed fraudulent activity on his credit card statement, and it was clear that the card information was fraudulently used at Kroger, at 401 S. Mt. Juliet Road, to buy items days earlier.

Detectives tracked when the credit card was used and were able to get surveillance video of a male and female suspect who made the purchase.

Police are also looking to identify an unknown man who stole a bottle of liquor from a local store, concealing the item in his pants and walking out without paying.

On Thursday, Dec. 28, 2017 around 1:15 p.m., a white male adult stole a bottle of liquor from Vintage Wine & Spirits, at 15255 Lebanon Road. Surveillance video confirmed that the man took the bottle of liquor from the shelf, concealed
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JAN 10

County Commission
Wilson County Commission is holding a special called meeting to appoint Tennessee House of Representatives seat, Wed., Jan. 10, at 6 p.m., in the County Commission Room of the Wilson County Courthouse, located at 228 E. Main St. in Lebanon.

JAN 13

MJ League
Onsite registration for the Spring 2018 season will be held Sat., Jan. 13, and Jan. 20, from 9 a.m. till 2 p.m. at the park office. For additional information or to register online, go to www.mjleague.org.

JAN 13

Career Opportunity
Mid-Cumberland Human Resource Agency’s Long-Term Care Ombudsman program advocates for the rights of thousands of residents in nursing homes, assisted-living facilities, and homes for the aged in Wilson County and 12 additional counties in Middle TN. The Long Term Care Ombudsman Program is a partner agency with the United Way of Wilson County. The Long Term Care Ombudsman Program is actively recruiting for volunteers in the Wilson County area. Volunteer applicants must pass a background check and attend a 16 hour in-house training. Check and attend a 16 hour in-house training. Volunteer applicants must pass a background check and attend a 16 hour in-house training. Once accepted, they are encouraged to call the Mt. Juliet Police Department at (615) 754-2550. Information can also be given anonymously by calling (615) 754-TIPS (8477) or via the Mt. Juliet Police Department website at http://www.mjpd.org/.

JAN 15

MJC Meeting
Ongoing discussion has until Mon., Jan. 15 to contact the program by sending an email to crudolph@mtjcra.com or by calling (615) 850-3918.

JAN 23

JECDB
The Board of Directors of the Joint Economic and Community Development Board of Wilson County will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at 7:30 a.m. at 200 Aviation Way in Lebanon, 2nd floor Conference Room.

JAN 27

Swap Meet
The Percy Priest Stripper/Hybrid Club is sponsoring a sportsman swap meet to benefit the hatchery program of the TN Wildlife Resources Agency. The Meet is Jan. 27 from 9 a.m. till 2 p.m. at Charlie Daniels Park. Tables are available to rent for $20 and can be reserved by calling (615) 449-5431. All proceeds collected will go to purchase the highest protein fish food available for the hatchery program to keep Tennessee water premier fisheries. A $5 donation is requested at the door, children under 12 get in free. No firearms.

FEB 3

Polar Plunge
The Wilson County Special Olympics annual fundraiser, Polar Plunge, will be 8 a.m. Feb. 3 at Jimmy Floyd Family Center in Lebanon. Take the plunge and challenge friends to do the same, for a good cause. It only takes a few minutes of bravery to get wet, be wild and have some crazy cold fun. Award for best costume. Top donor receives 1-year membership to JFFC. Register online at polarplunge.com or in person at JFFC.

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A man was seen on surveillance stealing a bottle of liquor from a local store Dec. 28, 2017.

From MJP, PAGE 1

the bottle in his pants, and walked away from the store. Video surveillance captured the suspect in the act, and detectives are hoping someone will recognize him.

If anyone has a feeling that they possibly know the suspects responsible for either crime, or if they have any information about the crimes, they are encouraged to call the Mt. Juliet Police Department at (615) 754-2550. Information can also be given anonymously by calling (615) 754-TIPS (8477) or via the Mt. Juliet Police Department website at http://www.mjpd.org/.

Without discussion.

Six items of new business were scheduled for first readings, but an ordinance requiring businesses selling firearms to follow security procedures was deferred. This ordinance was in response to a local gun store that had repeatedly been broken into and firearms stolen.

According to Commissioner Ray Justice, there are federal and state laws that prohibit the city from mandating these stores; however, the city can issue restrictions through codes.

As a follow-up, City Manager Kenny Martin wanted to assure Mt. Juliet residents that their city government is trying to do something about the repeated break-ins.

An ordinance to rezone the Land’s End Property on Saundersville Road was passed 3-0. According to Justice, there are pockets of land on the property that are not in city limits, so this ordinance will ensure city workers, such as police or emergency services, are able to respond to the area.

Traffic regulations for bicycle lanes were added to the city code through an ordinance that passed unanimously as well.

The Commission accepted a donation of $500 for community education from Wal-Mart.

Commissioner Brian Abston introduced a reading for a tether law, which the city does not currently have. Without a tether law, there is no one to say legally a resident cannot keep a pet chained outside all day, every day. A law will allow the city to implement regulations to reduce situations of animal cruelty or neglect.

An amendment was added to the ordinance stating the "extreme temperatures" in which an animal cannot be left tethered outside. If there is a heat index of 95 degrees Fahrenheit or above, as determined by the National Weather Service, or if it is 31 degrees or below, animals must be provided with a weatherproof, enclosed shelter.

The ordinance, with the amendment, was also passed unanimously, to the applause of Animal Care and Control volunteers and everyone in attendance of the meeting.

The Commission unanimously approved funding for the emergency repair of a failing culvert at Woodridge Place, near Mt. Juliet High School. A resolution declaring the emergency repair was also passed.

According to Andy Barlow, deputy public works director, crews will be out on Jan. 15 to begin repairs, when schools are closed for Martin Luther King Day, weather permitting.

Two resolutions were passed approving agreements between the city and Tennessee Department of Transportation for the widening a two Mt. Juliet roads: Lebanon Road from Park Glen Drive to Golden Bear Gateway and South Mt. Juliet Road from Central Pike to Providence Way.

While the resolutions were passed, construction is not set to begin for years due to all of the planning and meetings involved in projects of this size.

The Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners hold regular meetings the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Public hearings start at 6:15 p.m. and the meeting will follow at 6:30.
Poll Officials kick off the 2018 election cycle

Wilson County Poll Officials gathered Wednesday, Jan. 3, at the Election Commission office in Lebanon, for a reception thanking them for their service in 2017 and to kick off the 2018 election year.

More than 300 Wilson County voters are recruited, trained and serve as poll officials at the five early voting sites and the 31 Election Day polling locations each election. These poll officials answered the call in November and December 2017 when a special election was called by Governor Bill Haslam to fill a vacancy in the 17th District State Senate seat. The reception honors these dedicated individuals for their willingness to serve, making the election experience in Wilson County the best it can be.

In 2014, voters were greeted at the polls by smiles, electronic poll books and no long lines to check in. In 2016, the voting experience was further enhanced with the introduction of the Express Vote system. Innovations over the years have reduced wait times, increased efficiency and have added an additional level of voter confidence with the paper ballot marking system.

Through all the improvements, Wilson County poll officials have eagerly mastered the technology and procedures necessary to successfully administer every election.

“We cannot adequately express our gratitude to these special men and women that make elections in Wilson County so good,” said Assistant Administrator of Elections Tammy Smith. “Their smiles, competency and commitment to fair and honest elections are inspiring. This reception is a way for us to say thank you to them for all they do for elections and our county.”

There are two elections scheduled for 2018: Aug. 2, Federal and State Republican and Democratic Primary, Wilson County General and LSSD Board elections; and Nov. 6, Federal and State General and Lebanon, Mt. Juliet and Watertown municipal elections.

Wilson County Mayor, Trustee, Circuit Court Clerk, Register of Deeds, Sheriff, all 25 County Commissioners, four County School Board members, five Constables, and one LSSD Board member will be on the Aug. 2 Wilson County General Election ballot.

Offices on the Federal and State Republican and Democratic Primary ballots will be U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress, Governor, 17th District State Senate, 46th State House, 57th State House and Executive Committeeman & Committeewoman for Senate District 17.

Winners of the primaries will appear on the Nov. 6 Federal and State General Election ballot. Petitions for candidates seeking to be included on the Aug. 2 ballot were issued beginning Friday, Jan. 5, 2018 at the Election Commission office at 203 East Main Street in Lebanon. Qualifying deadline is April 5, 2018 at noon. Petition activity will be posted on the Election Commission website.

“We encourage anyone interested in the upcoming elections or with questions about running for office, elections or voting to contact us,” said Phillip Warren, administrator of elections. “Our website, www.WilsonVotes.com is a great resource for voters and candidates.”

To learn more about elections, voting and how you can be involved with Wilson County elections contact the Wilson County Election Commission at 615-444-0216 or online at www.WilsonVotes.com.

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

The Chronicle would like to thank everyone who has voted in the Best Of Mt. Juliet.

To clear up some misinformation, during the first week of voting, the “Thank you for voting for...” messages were incorrectly listing the first alphabetical option as the default message after anyone cast a vote in that category. The Chronicle staff can assure voters their votes are going where each person casts it.

The staff has been monitoring this problem to ensure the votes are accurate, and the IT department has worked diligently on a solution to this issue.

All votes are and always have been correct, and that should now reflect in the “Thank You” message.

Voting can also be done only once per IP address. This means anyone connected to the same network, such as using the same computer or using Wi-Fi to cast a vote, will not be able to cast their vote if someone else has already voted.

If you have a mobile device, such as a smartphone or tablet, try disconnecting from any Wi-Fi and using your data to vote from the device.

Thank you to everyone who has contacted The Chronicle about this issue. The staff has been doing all they can to assure everyone’s votes are accurate and to clear up any confusion.

Voting for Best Of Mt. Juliet will continue through the month of January. Polls close Jan. 31 at midnight.

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Best of Mt. Juliet
voting still open
Staff Reports

Last March, the 110th General Assembly passed Tennessee Joint Resolution 141 in support of the relocation of the tomb for President James K. Polk and First Lady Sarah Polk’s tomb from the State Capitol to the James K. Polk Ancestral Home in Columbia, Tenn.

As the General Assembly reconvenes, the joint resolution will continue to be discussed by the House of Representatives for a vote. Widespread statewide support has rolled in for The Journey Home for President James K. Polk, with 72 county mayors from across the State writing letters in favor of the tomb to be moved to the President James K. Polk Home and Museum, the only remaining home Polk lived in except for the White House.

Since 1929, it has been the main historic site for the 11th President, welcoming tens of thousands of visitors each year, and is home to the largest collection of Polk artifacts.

“Today is the 203rd anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans by offering visitors free admission to the presidential home and hosting an annual wreath-laying ceremony in addition to other special events. An estimated 200 guests attended the commemoration program and wreath-laying ceremony featuring guest speaker Brian Kilmeade, author and broadcaster for Fox News Network, and members of the Tennessee National Guard.

Following the ceremony, Kilmeade hosted a talk to discuss his latest book, “Andrew Jackson and the Miracle of New Orleans.”

“Today is the 203rd anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans, which was Andrew Jackson’s major victory as a military leader,” said Howard J. Kittell, CEO and president of the Andrew Jackson Foundation. “Winning that 35- to 45-minute-long battle was just against tremendous odds against the British, and Jackson immediately became an American hero. The level of celebrity is hard for us to imagine today. So every year, we commemorate that battle on Jan. 8.”

The Hermitage marks Battle of New Orleans anniversary

The battle lasted less than 45 minutes, and the result changed America and stunned the world. By the time the smoke had cleared, the British had sustained 2,000 killed, wounded, missing or captured. Jackson’s own losses were only 71. It was the most lopsided defeat ever suffered by a British army.

The battle changed how both Americans and Europeans thought about the United States’ experiment in self-government, branded Andrew Jackson as an American military hero, and served as the springboard for Jackson’s eventual election to the U.S. presidency in 1828.

Each year on Jan. 8, The Hermitage commemorates the anniversary of this American victory with public programs for children and adults and offers free admission to the public.

Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage is located at 4580 Rachels Lane and is open to the public.

Photo submitted
MJCA Honors Lists
Second Nine Weeks

Principal's List

First Grade

Second Grade
Rylee Barry, Olivia Cooper, Lily Cudd, Isaac Dailey, Ryan Duty, Caleb Graves, Autumn Gray, Bentley Harris, Valen Hart, Kylie Lane, Carter Lewis, Eva Norris, Isaac Otto, Ashlyn Parker, Sanaya Patel, Livy Pilote, Cayson West.

Third Grade
Tyler Worlow, Kevin Byrd, Hannah Oliva Willimon.

Second Nine Weeks

First Grade
Addie Benz, Moxy Clay, Travis Collins, Amelia Gregory, Addy Hancock, Kinsley Polzeli, Elizabeth Walker.

Second Grade

Third Grade
Riley Biddle, Ryan Blackwell, Kevin Byrd, Hannah Dailey, Abigail Whicker.

Fourth Grade
Xander Bancroft, Lily Barnes, Emmly Biggs, Kanon Burroughs, Johnathan Fahmy, Sadie Jennings, Katie Moore, Coleton Parker, Avary Stockwell, Brynley Usry, Caroline Woolson.

Fifth Grade
Addison Lanier, Sarah Little, Abigail Whicker.

Honor Roll

First Grade
Addie Benz, Moxy Clay, Travis Collins, Amelia Gregory, Addy Hancock, Kinsley Polzel, Elizabeth Walker.

Second Grade

Third Grade
Riley Biddle, Ryan Blackwell, Kevin Byrd, Hannah Dailey, Abigail Whicker.

WEMA responds to multiple outdoor fires

Wilson County EMA released the following statement after multiple outdoor fires over the weekend, most without a permit.

Happening Now
We saw an increase in out-of-control brush and grass fires again Saturday. One of those fires crossed property lines and threatened a barn and house before being stopped by WEMA fire crews. Those burning are responsible for any damage caused by careless burning. Because of low humidity, outdoor burning of any kind was strongly discouraged Saturday, even if you have a Tennessee Department of Agriculture burn permit. Permit & Safe Burning Information

Tennessee requires Burn Permits from Oct. 15 through May 15. They can be obtained free from the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. Once you have a Tennessee Forestry burn permit, please notify your local fire department to minimize the potential for false calls. You can notify us by completing the form online at burn safetn.org/burn_permit.html. Thank you and be safe burning.

Safety Tips
From Oct. 15 through May 15, anyone starting an open-air fire within 500 feet of a forest, grassland or woodland must by law secure a burning permit from the Tennessee Division of Forestry. The Wilson County EMA needs to know where controlled burns take place, in the event of a fire growing out of control, or a passer-by calling us, unknowing of the situation.

The following tips should be followed when it is safe to conduct a debris burn:

• Do not burn on days when the relative humidity drops below 30 percent. To find your humidity level, visit www.weather.gov/Nashville.
• Do not burn when the relative humidity drops below 30 percent. To find your humidity level, visit www.weather.gov/Nashville.
• Keep fire containment equipment on hand during the fire (e.g. rake, shovel, water).
• If you are unsure of what to do, call your local fire department and neighbors to let them know your plans to burn.
• Do not burn on windy days.
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• Stay abreast of changing weather conditions.

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Jesus did not take that approach. Prayer is personal, but when it comes to how we relate to God the Father, God the Son has some important guidance for all of us. Prayer is not a religious ceremony. Prayer is a natural part of growing relationship with God.

So if you are curious about how to pray for real, consider this:

**Pray privately more than publicly**

Jesus said, “Whenever you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites, because they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by people. I assure you: They’ve got their reward!” (Matthew 6:5)

Public praying is not the problem, but when we pray for show, the only reward we receive is the fickle applause of others. So find a private place and pray from there. God does His best work in our hearts when we seek Him from our private place.

**Pray anytime and anywhere**

In Jesus’ day, religious people only prayed at a certain time and in a certain place, but Jesus expected us to pray anytime and anywhere. He said, “Whenever you pray…” He just had a general expectation we would always pray. The church leader Paul wrote, “Pray constantly.” (1 Thess. 5:17)

Someone has described true prayer as “spiritual breathing.” It is a constant, ongoing part of a constant, ongoing relationship with God.

**Pray with words or**

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REFLECTIONS FROM AN OLD FRIEND

Lessons of life

Kenny Martin
City Manager
Mt. Juliet, TN

For quite a long time I thought crow's feet pertained to some type of bird's feet, but now that I'm older, I refer to crow's feet as lessons learned and experience. I also recognize crow's feet as the wrinkles around my eyes.

As a young boy I can indeed remember quite a few times thinking that my "old" parents didn't know what they were talking about because they were old. I can also remember reaching out to what I thought were my closest friends for good honest and reliable advice. I can also recall many times getting burned by their so-called good advice.

As each and every year passed, I seemed to become a little wiser as I got older. I began to notice a strange occurrence. My parents seemed to get a little smarter and wiser each year. I couldn't understand this strange and hard to believe phenomenon, but I thankfully trusted my gut and went with their advice going forward.

I recall thinking, could it be that my parents were smart and wise? Could it be that all the whippings and groundings they gave were for my best interest when I misbehaved?

Suddenly, I realized that my parents were the two best friends I had. These were the two people who had sacrificed most of their adult life for little ole me. These are the folks that put me first. How cool!

For those of you that have yet to realize what crow's feet truly means, hang in there. In time you will realize just like I did that your parents were only looking out for your best interest because they love you immensely.

In the meantime I have crow to eat now for not listening to my parents more when I was younger.

Please don't make the same mistakes I did and please listen to your parents. Your friends are great and can offer good advice, but the best advice comes from your parents.

Thanks, Mom and Dad for your very helpful guidance. And thank you God for giving us good parents.

State Fire Marshal’s Office urges safety during deadliest week for fire deaths

Staff Reports

The Tennessee State Fire Marshal’s Office (SFMO) urges Tennesseans to focus on home fire safety during what has traditionally been the most tragic week for fire-related incidents in the Volunteer State: The second week of January.

SFMO data shows that Tennessee has averaged 3.6 fire deaths (29 in eight years) during the second week of January since 2010. This is the highest number of fire deaths for any week of the year and is nearly double the rate of the average week.

“While fire safety efforts are important all year long, winter causes more fire-related tragedies in Tennessee than any other season,” said State Fire Marshal and Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance (TDCI) Commissioner Julie Mix McPeak. “We’re urging Tennesseans to help us fight winter fire during what is historically the deadliest week for home fires in Tennessee.”

In Tennessee, nearly half (46.8 percent) of all fatal fires occur between November and February. When the temperature drops below 32 degrees Tennesseans are 40 percent more likely to have a home fire than if it were above 32 degrees. For temperatures below 15 degrees, Tennesseans are twice as likely to have a fire. Heating fires are a major reason for the increase in fires and fire deaths. SFMO data indicates that 37.7 percent of fatal heating fires may have been caused by electric space heaters. The second leading possible source of ignition was wood stoves at 23 percent. January leads all other months in residential fires, heating fires and fatal fires.

“Tennesseans can make a difference for their families by remembering a few simple safety tips,” said TDCI Deputy Commissioner Gary West. “Always turn off portable space heaters when leaving a room, test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors to ensure they’re working, practice a home fire escape plan with your family, and always close the door behind you if you have to escape a fire.”

The SFMO encourages Tennesseans to utilize the following safety precautions to avoid common winter fire hazards and help prevent fire-related deaths:

• Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from a furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
• Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
• Check electrical cords for space heaters and other appliances to make sure they are not frayed or damaged.
• Never use your oven to heat your home.
• Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
• Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
• Install smoke alarms on every level of the home, including the basement.
• Replace smoke alarms that are 10 years old or older.
• Make a home fire escape plan. Have two ways out of every room in the home if possible and a designated outside meeting place.

Throughout 2017, the SFMO continued to bolster its fire-prevention efforts through its “Get Alarmed” smoke alarm installation program. From January to December 2017, SFMO staff distributed over 26,000 smoke alarms, coordinated 14 door-to-door smoke alarm installation events statewide, increased its list of fire safety partners to 514 organizations, and recorded the 197th life saved as a result of the SFMO’s alarms.
Wilson Bank & Trust promotes new management positions

Staff Reports

Recent promotions have placed Beverley Walker and Trey Geisenhoffer in new managerial roles at Wilson Bank & Trust in Mt. Juliet, officials announced recently.

Beverley Walker has been named mortgage sales manager for the bank’s western region. In the newly created position, she will oversee secondary market mortgage lending operations for an area that includes western Wilson County and all of Davidson County.

Walker has worked for WB&T for more than 14 years, and has served as office manager at the Providence branch since 2015. She is a graduate of Leadership Wilson and is an active member of the Mt. Juliet Chamber and Women in Business.

“Beverley’s experience in mortgage lending has been a great asset for her, the bank and the customers she has served over the years,” said Regional President John Goodman. Walker and her husband Brandon live in Watertown with their three children.

With Walker’s transition away from branch management, Trey Geisenhoffer was named the new manager at the Providence office. Geisenhoffer joined WB&T 14 years ago, and most recently managed the Tennessee Boulevard office in Lebanon. He is a graduate of Cumberland University and the Southeastern School of Consumer credit.

In the community, Geisenhoffer serves as board chairman for Habitat for Humanity of Wilson County and is a member of the alumni board of directors at Cumberland University. He is also a graduate of Leadership Wilson. Trey and his wife Erin live in Mt. Juliet with their two daughters Ava, and newborn Raelyn.

Wilson Bank & Trust (www.wilsonbank.com), member FDIC and an Equal Housing Lender, is one of the top banks in the South in stability, products, technology, growth and earnings, WB&T currently operates 27 full-service offices in eight Middle Tennessee counties, and offers a full range of financial products that include secondary market mortgage loans and mobile and online banking services.

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Vol State initiative, spring events discuss incarceration

Staff Reports

The American prison system has been the focus of a year-long project at Volunteer State Community College. The One Book, One Community initiative continues this spring with new events.

The community-wide book read is “Just Mercy” by Bryan Stevenson. The non-fiction book is an examination of the criminal justice system in the United States, and the myriad problems with that system. It focuses on a notorious murder case in Alabama, and widens the scope to include the stories of people caught up in the system.

The One Book, One Community initiative joins Vol State, local schools, libraries and readers from across Sumner County for the group read. There are several speakers coming to the Vol State campus in Gallatin this spring to discuss issues raised by the book. Everyone is welcome to attend these free events.

Molly Lasagna is the executive director for Tennessee Higher Education Initiative (THEI) college programs. THEI funds and coordinates on-site degree-bearing college programs to incarcerate individuals in Tennessee prisons leading to associate’s degrees in one of three major areas: Business Administration, Psychology or Political Science. She will be joined by Vol State faculty members in a panel discussion on Jan. 24 at 1 p.m. in Caudill Hall.

Alex Friedmann is the associate director of the Human Rights Defense Center and managing editor of Prison Legal News. He is responsible for news research, investigative research, editing, advocacy campaigns and other tasks, including litigation support as a paralegal. While incarcerat-ed, he litigated his own cases in state and federal court. Friedmann will speak Feb. 21 at 1 p.m. in Caudill Hall.

Graham Reside is the executive director of the Cal Turner Program (CTP) in Moral Leadership for the Professions at Vanderbilt University. CTP states the purpose of facilitating “discussions across the various professions about their moral purposes and perspectives and to encourage professionals to consider how they contribute to the common good.”

Reside will be joined by Rahim Buford, a formerly incarcerated social justice advocate from Nashville. Buford was paroled in 2015 after being locked up for 26 years. While in prison, he acquired certifications from a number of educational institutions and became a leader in SALT (Schools for Alternative Learning and Transformation). Reside and Buford will speak on March 28 at 1 p.m. in Caudill Hall.

“Just Mercy” is available at many Sumner County libraries and all Vol State library locations. For more information on One Book, One Community and “Just Mercy” visit www.volstate.edu/onebook.


TDEC offers home radon tests for Radon Action Month

Staff Reports

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) is encouraging residents to identify and address radon problems in their homes as part of Radon Action Month by offering free radon test kits and hosting educational outreach events.

“In winter weather, we are spending more and more time inside our homes, where exposure to radon is most likely,” said TDEC Commissioner Bob Martin. “Roughly three-quarters of Tennessee’s population lives in moderate- to high-risk areas for radon, which can pose a threat to human health in concentrated levels.”

Gov. Haslam has proclaimed January 2018 as Radon Action Month statewide to emphasize the importance around education, testing and mitigation.

To receive a free radon test kit, fill out the online form at https://tddec.gov/Radon_Online_form/RADON_Online.aspx, or by calling the Tennessee Radon Program hotline at 1-800-232-1139.

As part of TDEC’s statewide indoor Radon Program, the Office of Policy & Sustainable Practices also provides technical information and specific materials for real estate professionals, home builders, home inspectors, school officials and others.

As part of Radon Action Month, TDEC staff will be joining partners in communities across the state to offer educational outreach events on radon mitigation.
Cain, Merrianne Kunkel

Cain, Merrianne Kunkel, age 89, of Mt. Juliet, died Jan. 5, 2018. Mrs. Cain was a retired LPN. She loved animals, jewelry and antiques. Mrs. Cain was the daughter of the late Raymond and Anna Kunkel. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Bernard Cain; sister, Nancy Long and brother, Chester Kunkel.

She is survived by: Children – Russell Cain, Cindy (Roger) Morse, Jeanne Dunn, Bruce Cain and Gregg Cain; Brother – Byron Kunke; Sister – Twila Derr; Brother – Byron Kunke, age 89, of Mt. Juliet, TN. (615)773-2663. Obit Line

No funeral services are planned.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Mt. Juliet Animal Shelter, 115 Industrial Dr., Mt. Juliet, TN 37122.

Arrangements by Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. (615)773-2663, Obbit Line (615)641-2663, www.bondmemorial.com

JONES, Mable Gray Prater

Jones, Mabel Gray Prater, age 92, of Hermitage, died Jan. 4, 2018. Mrs. Jones was a member of Abundant Life Church. She was retired chief clerk of the Federal Probation and Parole Office in Nashville. Mrs. Jones was a native of Insko, KY and was the daughter of the late Claude F. and Jennie Margaret Nickell Prater.

She was the Salutatorian of the 1943 graduating class of Mt. Sterling High School. Mrs. Jones was an avid country music fan.

She was also preceded in death by four siblings; her grandson Zakree Biel, and her former husband, Paul Jones.


Funeral services will be conducted 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018 at Abundant Life Church, 1000 Woodridge Place, Mt. Juliet, Tenn., with Pastor Larry Grainger officiating.

Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to Abundant Life Church, 1000 Woodridge Place, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122.

Visitation will be 12-2 p.m. Saturday at the church.


SANDERS, Joe Ewing

Joe Sanders passed away on Jan. 4, 2018 at age 82. In honor of his request, he will be cremated with no services.

Mr. Sanders is survived by wife of 54 years, Linda Taylor; siblings Ernest (Ann) Sanders and Margaret Turner; nephews Timmy Smith, and numerous other nieces and nephews. He is predeceased in death by parents Houston and Lillian Sanders; brothers Calvin, James Clarence, Willie Ray and Herbert Sanders; and sister Nannie Lou Smith.

Sellers Funeral Home, Lebanon TN 37087, 615.444.9393.

WOODSON, William David “Uncle Billy”

Woodson, William David “Uncle Billy,” age 71, of Mt. Juliet, died Jan. 6, 2018. Billy was a native of Nashville and was the son of the late Carl and Ruby Binkley Woodson. He was a 1964 graduate of Donelson High School and was employed as a printer for Rand McNally for 36 years.

Billy was a member of the Mt. Juliet Masonic Lodge #642 F&AM and Harvey Freeman Chapter #181 Order of the Eastern Star. For many years, he was very involved in the Mt. Juliet Little League and ran the Mt. Juliet Skate Club. Billy had a wonderful sense of humor, enjoyed riding motorcycles, spending time in Florida and was an avid Tennessee Vols fan. He also had a love/hate relationship with Titans football. Billy was a wonderful husband, daddy, PawPaw and a friend to many. He was also predeceased in death by his brothers, Charles Woodson and Clyde Woodson.

He is survived by: Wife of 49 years – Kitty Woodson; Son – Brandon (Ashley) Woodson; Grandson – Liam Woodson; Mother-in-law – Marie Dingle; Sisters-in-law – Pat sy (Gerry) Chessor and Barbara (Harry) Breece; Nieces and nephews – Kevin Woodson, Cary Woodson, Becca Robinson, Michael Breece, Matthew Chessor, and Chelsea Pollard.

Funeral services will be conducted 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at Bond Memorial Chapel with Vic Junkkurth officiating. Interment will be private. Active pallbearers will be Kevin Woodson, Cary Woodson, Michael Breece, Matthew Chessor, Ernest Watson and Mike Watson.

Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, Office of Development, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607.

Visititation will be 4-8 p.m. Tuesday (Billy wouldn’t want anyone to miss the College National Championship game) and 1-2 p.m. Wednesday at Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. (615)773-2663. Obbit Line (615)641-2663, www.bondmemorial.com

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Time to focus on school choice in MJ and across America

By Andrew Campanella

Guest Contributor

Later this month, schools, homeschooling groups, organizations and individuals in Tennessee and across America will work together to raise awareness about the importance of opportunity in K-12 education.

National School Choice Week begins Jan. 21 and celebrates all types of schools and education environments for children.

Nationally, 32,240 different events and activities — such as open houses, school fairs and information sessions — are being planned, with an estimated attendance of 6.7 million people. In fact, 640 of those events and activities will be held in Tennessee, and seven are in Mt. Juliet.

National School Choice Week has been celebrated every year since 2011. And even with increased awareness, many families still have questions about school choice and how it can benefit them and their communities.

The first thing to know is that school choice isn’t partisan or political. It isn’t about a specific set of policy goals either. Rather, it’s about parents making personal decisions for their children.

School choice means empowering individual parents with the opportunity to search for, and find, the best education environments for their individual children — regardless of where they live or how much money they make.

Finding the right school is important, because every child has unique talents, challenges and needs. School choice isn’t about finding fault with any of the schooling options available. Instead, it recognizes that while one student might thrive at a neighborhood school, another student might do better somewhere else.

Research shows that when parents actively choose schools and education environments for their children, students are more likely to succeed in school. They are also more likely to graduate from high school, get good jobs and participate in their communities.

School choice isn’t just theoretical. Right now, more parents in Tennessee and across America are actively choosing the education environments for their children than at any other time in history.

National School Choice Week provides parents with an opportunity to evaluate the education options available for their children. If parents are interested in switching their child to a different school, or considering homeschooling, it helps to start looking into these options in the winter.

Families in Tennessee can choose from traditional public schools, public charter schools, public magnet schools, private schools, online academies and homeschooling. Because the state offers a private school choice program, parents who choose private schools for their children may also be eligible for state-supported scholarships or tuition assistance for their children.

Searching for a new school, or considering an alternative education environment, doesn’t have to be daunting. Parents can start by talking to their children and other parents, researching schools online and visiting schools in person.

A good place to start is the National School Choice Week website: www.schoolchoiceweek.com, where information is provided about specific school choice options in the Volunteer State as well as listings of the tens of thousands of local and regional events happening this year.

National School Choice Week is a time when the country comes together around the idea that every child can succeed when they find the right school fit. This January, parents have more options and opportunities than ever before to find that right fit. For individual communities and for our country, that is a good thing.

Clementine

Clementine is a beautiful young hound mix that was picked up around a year old that was picked up by the only dog. Sadly, they never came for her. She has been adopted and returned because of stress of where they live or how much money they make. Finding the right school is important, because every child has unique talents, challenges and needs. School choice isn’t about finding fault with any of the schooling options available. Instead, it recognizes that while one student might thrive at a neighborhood school, another student might do better somewhere else.

Staff Reports

Encore Theatre will hold open auditions for the first radio show of the 2018 season, the suspense-drama “Wrong, Wrong Number” by Louise Fletcher and adapted by Don Breedwell.

Auditions will be held at the theater on Sunday and Monday evening Jan. 14 and 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. Performance dates are Feb. 2 through Feb. 4.

Auditions will consist of cold reads in a radio script. Resume and headshots are helpful and appreciated but not required. Leading roles are available for two females and five males. Multiple supporting roles may be double cast.

“Wrong, Wrong Number” was originally a half-hour radio script aired on the Suspense radio program on May 25, 1943. The play was reprinted seven times.

In 1946, the play was made into a television play on a local New York station. In 1948, Lucille Fletcher adapted a film from her radio play and in 1950, LUX Radio Theatre broadcast an adaptation of the film.

A second live teleplay was broadcast in 1948 and a further television version was produced in 1989. This version was adapted as a radio suspense-drama produced as a live staged reading with Encore Theatre Company. The transcript and adaptation were completed by Don Breedwell, who also served as the Executive Director for the ETC Radio Production along with Director, Debbie Smith.

The plot:

Leona Stevenson is the spoiled bedridden daughter of a millionaire. The telephone is her sole connection with the outside world.

One day, while listening to what seems to be a crossed phone connection, she eavesdrops on two men planning a woman’s murder. Leona calls the police company, only to be ignored. Adding to Leona’s dilemma is the fact that her husband Henry is missing.

After a number of phone calls, the terrorized Leona begins to piece together the mystery. Her uneducated husband, who works for her wealthy father, turns out to be not all he seems. She finally realizes that she is the intended victim.

Encore Theatre is located at 6978 Lebanon Rd., in Mt. Juliet, just west of Hwy 109.

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TN Promise students volunteer more than 1.5 million hours

Staff Reports

An often overlooked but important component of TN Promise is the required community service hours each student must complete prior to the start of each college semester. The idea is to ensure students are cultivating a culture of giving back to their communities. It is also an opportunity for students to explore possible career paths.

Since tnAchieves, the precursor to TN Promise, launched in 2008, students have given back more than 1.5 million community service hours. TN Promise greatly contributed to this number with more than 1.1 million of those hours completed since the launch of Gov. Haslam’s scholarship and mentoring program. “TN Promise funding is critical to our students’ success; however, I believe the support provided by our volunteer mentors as well as increased community involvement via the community service requirement are equally important to our students’ growth,” said Krisssy DeAlejandro, Executive Director of tnAchieves.

Through the community service requirement, students gain a greater perspective on the needs in their community. This past semester, TN Promise student Harrison McSpadden decided to give more than the required eight hours of volunteer service.

Each semester Harrison has volunteered with Veterans First, a resale store that assists veterans in his community. This fall, Harrison decided to donate a car that he and his father had restored to the organization. “Volunteering at Veterans First was an eye opener. It connected me to something bigger than myself,” said Harrison. “I felt happy when I donated the car. It brought joy to the organization and I knew the car was going towards a better use.”

TN Promise students can select the organization where they complete their community service hours. While many choose familiar organizations, other students explore possible career options by shadowing a teacher, an accountant, a welder, etc.

On Nov. 10, 2017, tnAchieves Job Shadow Day provided 106 TN Promise students exposure to some of the largest employers in their region while also satisfying the community service requirement. The participating companies included Arconic, Caterpillar Financial, Eastman, FedEx, Maury Regional Hospital, Radio Systems Corporation and Unum.

Each business incorporated an overview of their company, professional development activities and individual job shadowing.

The concept for the Job Shadow Day stemmed from efforts by the Tennessee Attorney General’s Office and Hilton’s Memphis Operations Center. Both organizations have hosted TN Promise students for job shadow days in the past.
I walked into the mouth of the beast on Tuesday. It was as horrible and scary as you can imagine. If it weren’t for the barely breathing battery on my son’s phone, I could have avoided the “incident” I’m about to share.

My conversation with Trevor started out well enough. He told me nothing else could be done. It was time to say goodbye. And because this cell phone company is so nice, we could trade in our pitifully outdated phone for a credit.

Here’s how our conversation went.

Becky: “But we have insurance. Remember, you talked me into the insurance that covers all our phones? I can file a claim. He’ll get a new phone, and I won’t have to pay all of the ridiculous fees you are about to make light of.”

Trevor: “You can do that, but they will replace it with a refurbished phone. Who knows what will happen.”

Becky: “What do you mean? Is it going to explode?”

Ignoring my sarcasm, Trevor replied, “Plus, you could just get a new series for $27 a month.”

The insurance I pay $33 a month isn’t worth it? Let’s cancel it. That will save $6 a month if I get the new phone.

Trevor: “You do not want to do that.”

“You just said they send refurbished phones. Why keep it?”

Trevor: “I just think it’s not worth the trouble to file a claim.”

“Oh, of course, you don’t think it’s worth the trouble, Trevor. I’m paying for it. Every time I come inside this store, I leave with a new device, promises that my bill won’t increase “that much” and a false feeling of hope. And when I come back to this store with problems on that new phone, I’m told the phone that was great a few months ago should be destroyed for being so electronically inept; my insurance doesn’t cover whatever problem I have and a realization that I’ll never get out from under you people.

Please, I beg of you. Please, help me, Trevor. I don’t want to be here for three hours. I need some good news.”

Trevor looks confused but determined.

“You did pay $22 per month for his phone. But his phone is paid for now.” He continued. “This new phone is $27 per month.”

This math didn’t mean our bill would increase by only $5. Nope. $27. I knew when I’d been beaten.

Trevor came back from the storeroom with my child’s brand new (probably already outdated) phone. He went on to tell me that AMAZINGLY the trade-in credit on his old phone will EXACTLY cover an accessory bundle.

“He doesn’t need it,” I said firmly.

“You don’t want to leave without a screen protector,” Trevor said as he continued to type. “No way, that would be a mistake. That glass breaks so easy. And the cover will protect the body of the phone. They are both fragile.”

Essentially, I was buying my child a premature kitten that needed around the clock care to survive. He only needs the screen protector and case.

“So, you want to pay $120 plus tax for those two accessories? Instead of $97 for all three?”

“No! I’m going to take our chances that a bolt of lightning doesn’t hit his phone between now and the time it takes us to get to TJ MAXX to purchase the same things for $40.”

Without skipping a beat, he delivered more good news.

“Ok, so you have to pay the taxes and upgrade fee on your new phone today. We can’t put this on your bill. That total is $97.”

Perfect let’s use the credit from his phone.”

“You can’t use the credit for that. You can only use it for merchandise.”

I asked to speak to a manager. He explained that this was company policy and there’s nothing he could do. When I suggested we may just switch companies, do you know what he did? He gave me the 1-800 number I could call to cancel our plan.

I wanted to hurl my phone, my children’s phones, my husband’s phone, my dad’s phone, my mother in law’s phone and scream, “IT’S OVER TREVOR AND TREVOR’S MANAGER! WE ARE THROUGH! I CAN’T TAKE THIS ANYMORE. I’M DONE WITH YOUR HIDDEN FEES, YOUR FALSE PROMISES, YOUR WORTHLESS INSURANCE, AND THE SMUG LITTLE WAY YOU IMPLY I DON’T HAVE ANOTHER CHOICE. I’VE SEEN THE COMMERCIALS. YOUR LITTLE DEFECTOR HAS BEEN TELLING ME FOR MONTHS THAT YOU’VE ONLY GOT HIM BEAT BY 1%. I’M LEAVING YOU, TREVOR AND TREVOR’S MANAGER. GOODBYE.”

But I didn’t do that. I left without the new phone.

I called customer service where William was reassuring and kind. He told me that he wasn’t ready to give up on us. He planned to have the new phone shipped to my house. Only it was shipped to the store instead. The store where I ended it with Trevor.

He tried to act like he didn’t see me when I walked in. “Hi Trevor, I’m here to pick up our new phone. It shipped here.”

He looked like Glenn Close was standing in front of him saying, “I’m not going to be ignored, Trevor.” Then he said, “I’m going to have to refer you to my manager, I’m off the clock.”

In the end, we stayed with the same company ... for now. Also, I apologized to Trevor. Not really, but I meant to.

“His name isn’t Trevor.”

Comments? You can email Becky@wilsonlivingmagazine.com

To read more of Angel and Becky’s columns go to www.wilsonlivingmagazine.com.
Vol State offers free pregnancy ultrasounds

The Volunteer State Community College Sonography Center on the Gallatin campus offers free ultrasounds for expecting mothers in their second or third trimester.

Staff Reports

The Volunteer State Community College Diagnostic Medical Sonography program is offering free ultrasounds for expecting moms in their second or third trimester this spring.

The program organizes the scans so that Vol State students can gain experience with real obstetric patients. The scans will be performed in the Sonography Center at the Vol State campus in Gallatin. The center is equipped with six beds, HD screens and state-of-the-art ultrasound machines. All ultrasounds are supervised by a Vol State faculty member.

The students will be scanning on Mondays and Wednesdays through the end of April. The scans usually last one-hour. Patients must sign a release of liability and already have had an initial ultrasound exam before they can participate.

To schedule an appointment, please contact Jessica Campbell at (615) 230-3322. For more information about the Diagnostic Medical Sonography program visit www.volstate.edu/DMS.

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“Providing a safe, reliable and debt-free transportation network was our main goal in passing the IMPROVE Act and we are now delivering dozens of much needed road and bridge projects across the state – all while cutting the grocery tax and attracting manufacturing jobs to Tennessee,” Haslam said. “These investments in Tennessee’s infrastructure will ensure the next generation of Tennesseans will have a robust transportation system.”

This is TDOT’s first bidding process utilizing significant IMPROVE Act funds, along with federal dollars available since the start of the new federal fiscal year, and includes several key IMPROVE Act projects, including:

• Widening of US 411 in Jefferson County;
• Widening of SR 14 in Shelby County; and
• Widening of SR 109 in Wilson County

The list of projects also includes several bridge rehabilitations, safety projects and the resurfacing of more than 80 miles of interstates and state routes.

Later this year, TDOT anticipates project bids to increase by about $100 million, with calendar year bids totaling more than $1 billion. TDOT will also initiate design/build contracts on reconstruction of I-440 in Nashville and the I-24/I-75 interchange in Chattanooga.

“From planning, to environment, to design and construction, TDOT’s staff is working diligently to move these important projects forward,” Schroeder said. “We are extremely focused on meeting the expectations of our customers by getting projects out the door and completed on time.”

Richerson retires from WB&T

Wilson Bank & Trust held a retirement party for longtime president Elmer Richerson Dec. 15.

Richerson started at the bank in 1989 as a lender at the level of vice president when the bank was still very young. He was promoted quickly and became the bank’s first executive vice president in 1996 and chairman in 1997.

At Wilson Bank & Trust, Richerson also established the Richerson Family Scholarship for children of employees beginning their college careers. This was one of many ways he impacted his bank family. Richerson was known to be a mentor to many employees in a effective, caring way.

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of Senate District 17 for giving the opportunity to represent them in Nashville.”

Pody took a seat among the state’s 33 state senators in the Capitol yesterday as lawmakers reconvened the 2018 session of the 110th General Assembly. He formerly served as a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives, representing House District 46 for the past seven years.

“I am eager to get down to official business in the Senate next week as we craft legislation to address important issues such as opioid abuse, education and job creation, among other issues,” Pody concluded.

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Sherry’s Run hosts Breakfast with Santa

Staff Reports

The Spirit of Christmas is all about light and hope. Who could use a great big dose of light and hope more than a family battling cancer at the holidays? That thought is what inspired the Sherry’s Run staff, board and volunteers to host a very special “Breakfast With Santa” event for their patients with children.

The event was a great success with more than 100 in attendance. The beautiful Tuckers Gap Event center provided a magical atmosphere for the morning. Santa came all the way from the North Pole to take pictures with the children. There were games, crafts, story time and of course, a delicious pancake breakfast.

Every child went home with a special stocking, stuffed by friends at the Pavilion Senior Living Facility with items donated by Wilson County Sheriff’s office. Several families went home with large door prize baskets filled by the generous sponsors.

“Sherry’s Run includes so much more than just financial support,” said Executive Board member Kevin Bass. “It is about providing hope and walking alongside our neighbors battling cancer. What a joy it is to be a part of!”

Mark Marshall, Pastor of Gladeville Baptist Church, brought a special reminder message about the true meaning of the Christmas season. Also, several Sherry’s Run patient families used their talents to give back at this event. Al Ashworth, owner of Custom Color in Lebanon, volunteered by taking photos of the kids with Santa and donated a color print for every family. Jill Smith, wife of a patient, donated her time as a storyteller. Teresa Harrison, wife of former patient, Lt. Bob Harrison, volunteered her time along with her nephew, playing beautiful Christmas music to set the mood.

“We love every opportunity we have to interact with and know our patients and their families,” said Sherry’s Run Patient Coordinator Alisa Eakes. “This event perfectly captured the spirit of hope that this organization is all about.”

This event would not have been possible without the support of these sponsors: Creative Graphics, Tucker’s Gap Event Center, Al’s Foodland, Lowe’s, Home Depot, Walmart, Family Video, Goodby’s, The Lebanon Opp, Salon Inspire, Friends in Stitches, Lebanon Distributing, Roxy Theatre, Demo’s, Pro Bowl, Sunset, 3:16, and Kids World Child Care.

“Sherry’s Run invites everyone to consider being a part of bringing light and hope to our neighbors battling cancer in 2018. Consider making a one-time gift or becoming a monthly partner in hope. Visit www.sherryrun.org or mail a check to P.O. Box 8, Lebanon, TN 37088.