Commission defers tax increase until February

Members of BSA Troop 2015 presented the flag and led the meeting in the pledge Monday night.

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

The Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners had its first meeting of the new year Monday night to discuss and vote on issues affecting the community. To begin the meeting, Boy Scout Troop 2015 presented the flag and led in

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Vol State to open Mt. Juliet campus

Staff Reports

Volunteer State Community College has a verbal agreement with a land owner who is donating property for a new Vol State campus in Wilson County near Mt Juliet.

The State Building Commission has approved the purchase of additional adjacent land needed for the facility. The college is currently working through the multi-part State process.

The finished facility will be a new building with multiple classrooms and other educational facilities that will allow Vol State to offer a variety of classes. The size of the building and a timeline for the project are still being determined.

“This campus will allow us to better serve Wilson County and residents in the surrounding areas. We have offered classes in the county, including dual enrollment classes in the high schools, for many years. We are excited to be able to expand those offerings with a new Vol State facility,” said Dr. Mark Whittaker, President of Volunteer State.

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Police testing new load-bearing vests

Staff Reports

The community will likely see some Mt. Juliet Police officers wearing a different style uniform, one that has greater advantages and options that cannot be ignored.

The uniform transitions an officer’s ballistic vest to the outside of their shirt and is load-bearing, which will give relief to their waist because the equipment will be attached to the vest.

Traditional, heavier duty belts typically lead to back injuries after many years of service. In a recent university research study, it was determined that officers who carry their equipment on

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Gladeville Gator of the Month

Staff Reports

Gladeville Elementary School recently announced the Gators of the Month for December. They are pictured above, left to right:


Front Row: Madden Webster, Ella Hood, Elijah Saddler, Chloe Thornton, Audra Butler, Bristol Williams, Toni Calvetti, Jackson Harkreader, Layla Swasford, Piper Smith, Bryson Toy, Annabelle Pearson.

Not pictured: Victoria McKinney

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Lynn named chairman of House Finance Committee

Rep. Susan Lynn (R-Mt. Juliet)

“I am incredibly honored that Speaker Casada has appointed me to serve as Chairman of the distinguished House Finance Committee and has placed his faith in me in this way,” said Rep. Lynn. “Tennessee has been a national model for fiscal responsibility under conservative leadership. Because of our strategic investments and thoughtful financial decisions, cities and towns across our state are thriving. Together, we are committed to ensuring these successful trends in Tennessee continue.”

In her new role, Lynn also becomes a member of the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, Council on Pensions and Insurance, and the Douglas Henry State Museum Commission.

Additionally, the Governor appointed her to the boards of Launch Tennessee and the State Workforce Development Board, and her peers appointed her to the Greater Nashville Regional Council. Last December, Speaker Harwell also appointed Lynn to the Information Systems Council.

Representative Lynn previously served as Chairman of the House Consumer and Human Resources Subcommittee during the 110th General Assembly.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JAN 17
Planning Commission
The Planning Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 17 at City Hall.

JAN 19
Mt. Juliet League
Onsite registration for the Spring 2019 season for the Mt. Juliet League will be held Saturday, Jan. 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the park office. For additional information or to register online, visit www.mjleague.org.

JAN 19
Free Groceries
Free Groceries Saturday, Jan. 19, at 3 p.m. This first come, first served event will take place in the parking lot of Kids World Daycare on Cumberland Street in Lebanon.

JAN 21
Prayer Breakfast
Williamson Chapel Church will host a Prayer Breakfast on Monday, Jan. 21, at 9 a.m. in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Donations of $10 will be accepted, and Reverend Timothy Bryant will deliver the message. The church is located at 1576 Needmore Road.

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department’s firearms training facility, and the scouts were able to collect more than 2,200 pounds of brass ammunition shells. Those shells were swapped for cash, and it brought in $2,800 for Troop 911, who donated the proceeds to Troop 1204 to help cover the loss of the trailer.

“We would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for Sgt. Cook’s initiative and community involvement that truly benefitted many people,” said Boy Scout mom Rachel Underwood. “Because of Sgt. Cook’s ideas and actions embodied the Scout Law and Oath, he was awarded a plaque from the BSA Heritage District on behalf of Troops 911, 1204, and 263 at the Leader’s Round Table Meeting.”

Sgt. Cook was recognized by the Boy Scout Troops last week in his efforts in assisting the troop in replacing their equipment trailer and camping supplies.

Mt. Juliet Senior Activity Center
Indoor Yard Sale and Chili Lunch ($5 for eat-in or take-out) at the Mt. Juliet Senior Activity Center, 2043 N. Mt. Juliet Rd., on Saturday, Jan. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All sales benefit the MJ-SAC. Everyone is welcome.

JAN 22
JECDB
The Board of Directors of the Joint Economic and Community Development Board of Wilson County will meet Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019, at 7:30 a.m. at 200 Aviation Way, Suite 207, Lebanon.

JAN 22
Free Dance Class
Free Dance Exercise Class called Refit every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the youth center of Life Church, located at 3688 Highway 109, Lebanon. This class is for all ages and fitness levels. For more information you can email info@LifeChurchFamily.com.

JAN 26
Mt. Juliet/West Wilson Lions Club Meeting
Mt. Juliet/West Wilson Lions Club Meeting at Courtney’s Restaurant at 4066 N. Mt. Juliet Rd., every first and third Tuesday of the month. For more information, contact President Ken Thomas 615-470-5252.

FEB 5
Free Fitness Class
Free Fitness Class every Tuesday evening 6:30 p.m. at Life Church in the youth center. Life Church is located at 3688 Highway 109, Lebanon, Tn. Right across the street from The Dollar General Store. This is a great class for all ages and all fitness levels. For more information you can email info@LifeChurchFamily.com.
ASK AN EXPERT

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The Mt. Juliet Bears kept things rolling Friday night with a television audience looking on, winning 67-47 over visiting Station Camp. Will Pruitt led the way with 19 points for the Bears who pretty much controlled the game from the opening tip. The lead was already 38-21 at the half and was built in the second half to more than a 20-point advantage, 56-34 going into the third quarter. The game was televised on MyTV 30. Gage Wells added 11 for the Bears. The Bears improved to 17-1 on the season.

In the early game, the Lady Bears dominated their game as well, winning 70-50 over the Lady Bison. The Lady Bears kept the Lady Bison at a safe distance, notching a 40-24 halftime lead and holding on in the second half. The Lady Bears had three scorers in double digits with freshman Reghan Grimes pitching in 22 points. Post Emma Palmer added 19 and Tondriannha Davis poured in 17.

Mt. Juliet goes on the road this Friday, traveling to Lebanon. The girls game will tip off at 6:30 p.m.

MT JU ET HOCKEY

Mt. Juliet Hockey won 5-3 over the Tennessee Outlaws at Ford Ice Center on Monday night. Goalie Michael Dillard had 17 saves out of 20 shots. Tristen Akron (61) had three goals and one assist during the game. Corey Settle (21) had one goal and three assists, while Michael Settle (22) had one goal and two assists. Shaun Caffrey (13) rounded out the night with one assist. The team is currently ranked 8 out of 15 high school hockey clubs.

Pool Play Games will start next, leading into the playoffs. The Pool Play Games will decide what division the team plays in playoffs. Each winner of the three divisions will be awarded a trophy. The next game has not been announced.
Following God’s calling

A simple definition of worship is extreme, excessive, radical submission to God. Using this definition of worship means that there is more of God and less of me. It means less of my will and more of God’s will in my life.

Israel knew the importance of worship. As they traveled through the desert, they carried the altar of God. Each evening when they would camp, they would set up the altar and the tent. They realized that worship was more than just a one-day-a-week event.

Why is worship important? James 4:8 tells us, “Come near to God and he will come near to you…”

When we worship, we draw near to God. So it makes sense that we should worship more than just one day a week.

Paul tells us in Romans 12:1 that we should have a lifestyle of worship by presenting our bodies as living sacrifices. In other words we are to die to self, and live for God.

A lifestyle of worship is a life that aims to honor and please God. God has given us a powerful force in our lives to help us live a lifestyle of worship — his Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit gives us power to overcome temptation and sin. The Holy Spirit changes our desires to be desires that please God and not self. The Holy Spirit gives us a Christ-like character of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
REFLECTIONS FROM AN OLD FRIEND

Who you calling old?

I can remember it just like it was yesterday the very first time someone called me sir. I thought to myself, did he just call me sir? It was pretty cool when I was younger because it was rare. But now that I’m older and hear it all the time, it hurts to the core.

Wow, am I old? Have I finally grown up? Have I become my dad? Am I really old? Nah, I’m not old. Well, I’m a little old I guess. But in reality, the reason I get called sir so much is because I’ve been blessed to be surrounded by people with manners and proper upbringings all my life and those folks normally reply with sir or ma’am out of respect for others. And it probably didn’t hurt to have been raised by wonderful parents who insisted and required that I use proper manners. They always told me to use yes sir and yes ma’am or else. I’ll let you figure out what the or else means.

Needless to say, I’ve been using yes sir and yes ma’am my whole life and constantly reply to people with Mr. or Mrs., yes sir and no ma’am. The only problem is that most everybody I respond to with Mr. or Mrs. ask that I please just call them Bill, Joe or whatever their name might be. The say it makes them feel old.

Well, since I have done this my whole life and am now old enough to understand how being called sir makes one feel old, I have decided to keep calling people Mr. and Mrs. regardless. So if I make you feel old, give my parents a call and blame them. It’s their fault that I now make you feel old. I’m just doing what I was raised and told to do or else.

In the meantime, I have one big question: Who are we officially old? And to you young dudes who call me old, you might just be right. I now find myself saying the very same things my parents said when I was a kid.

You know, things like: When I was a kid we used to have to walk nine miles in the snow, sleet and rain to get to school or you don’t know what work is. That sure does bring back fond memories now that I’m older. I sure am glad I listened to the so-called old folks and am now blessed enough to have lived long enough to be considered old as a result of great guidance.

In closing, getting older does have its advantages you know.

From F & M, PAGE 6
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. When we display these fruits of the Spirit, we are exhibiting a lifestyle of worship. We use these gifts of the Spirit to love God and love others. You were created for one purpose in life, and that is to glorify God. We glorify God by living a lifestyle of worship. When we don’t live a lifestyle of worship, then there is no radical submission to God, and it is more of what I want without God in the equation.

From CAMPUS, PAGE 1
location,” said Vol State President Jerry Faulkner. “There is still much to be done and we will be reaching out to the community to raise the funds needed for the initial payment on the property.” Vol State currently has campuses in Gallatin, Springfield, Livingston and Cookeville. More than 9,000 students were enrolled in the fall of 2018.

Local students perform in Mid-State Orchestra

Staff Reports

Five students traveled to Murfreesboro last weekend to participate and perform in the Mid-State Orchestra.

Senior Ben Long, viola; Junior Tyler Driskill, violin; Junior Coda Clouser, bass; Freshman Noah McGlothlin, viola; and Senior Ben Patterson, cello, rehearsed with other top string students from all across Middle Tennessee for more than 12 hours between Thursday and Saturday, and then performed a concert Saturday morning. Sherie Grossman, MJHS orchestra director, said Mt. Juliet should be proud of these students, as this is a huge honor, and they worked very hard to accomplish a performance of very difficult music.

MJHS is the only Wilson County School with an orchestra program, and this is the first time this many students were selected to be part of the event. Students had to go through a rigorous and competitive audition in the beginning of December, and only the top students in each section were selected to participate.

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MJPD working with FBI to identify serial bank robber

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor


Police are looking for the man who they say passed a note to a bank employee, claimed he had a gun, and then demanded cash.

Once he received an undisclosed amount of money, he fled the area on foot. After a comprehensive search, police could not locate him, believing he had a getaway vehicle nearby. No one was injured during the incident.

Detectives with Mt. Juliet’s Criminal Investigative Division and Federal Bureau of Investigation responded to the scene to conduct a thorough investigation.

The suspect is described as a white male with a medium build in his 40s or 50s. At the time of the robbery, he was wearing a ball cap, black jacket, white shirt and blue jeans.

Police said the suspect also matches the description of a man who robbed banks in Johnson City, Tennessee, and Asheville, North Carolina, and that he is likely targeting banks along interstate corridors.

According to police, the last bank robbery in Mt. Juliet was in November 2015.

Anyone with information regarding the robbery can contact Mt. Juliet Police 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. The FBI’s Memphis Field Office can also be reached at (901) 747-4300 or online at tips.fbi.gov.

MJ Young Marines earn service awards

Staff Reports

The Young Marine program encourages community service, which helps with their personal growth, self-esteem and self-confidence. It helps the Young Marines to become responsible citizens and teaches them to give back to their community.

Rutherford County Young Marine Unit had four Young Marines earn the Presidential Volunteer Service Award for 2018, including two from Mt. Juliet. The Presidential Volunteer Service Awards are issued for community service hours served within a 12-month time period. The awards are offered in multiple levels: bronze, silver and gold.

YM PFC Eloy Caban, age 12, earned silver with 82 hours; YM FPC Shay-la Skalnik, age 11, earned gold with 101.95 hours. YM SSgt Cameron Robinson, age 16, earned gold with 210.50 hours. YM MSgt Kyle Spivey, age 17, earned gold with 264 hours. Robinson and Spivey are from Mt. Juliet. They earned their hours preparing food to feed low-income families, veterans and elderly. Both earned the Presidential Volunteer Service Award for 2018.
SFMO offers tips for wood-burning heating during winter

Staff Reports

Colder temperatures are in the forecast for many Tennesseans, and the Tennessee State Fire Marshal’s Office (SFMO) is reminding Volunteer State residents to keep safety in mind when choosing to use alternative heating options as a way to stay warm.

Wood-burning heat sources, like wood stoves and fireplaces, are common in Tennessee and are just as hazardous as traditional heating sources (electric, gas). According to state fire data from 2013-2017, wood-burning stoves or fireplaces were involved in 9 percent of heating fires but accounted for 38 percent of heating fire deaths. Additionally, fires involving wood-burning heating equipment caused more than $10.7 million in loss during that time period.

“Tennessee winters can bring bitterly cold temperatures, and many residents turn to alternative heating options to warm their homes,” said Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshal Julie Mix McPeak. “With heating being one of the highest known causes of home fires in the nation, we are urging consumers to practice caution and follow manufacturer’s instructions when using wood-burning heating equipment.”

To help keep residents safe, the SFMO offers the following tips for those utilizing alternative heating options:

**DO:**
- Fire your chimney cleaned and inspected regularly. Have only qualified professionals install stoves, or clean your chimney following the manufacturer’s instructions.
- Make sure your stove is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Give all heating equipment space. Keep items that can burn at least three feet from heat-emitting sources.
- Place stoves on a non-combustible, fire-resistant base.
- Burn only dry, seasoned hardwood.
- Remove ashes regularly. Let them cool before disposing of them in a metal container that is kept at least 10 feet away from buildings or vehicles.
- Check for damage or cracks in the stove’s exterior masonry, glass, metal, or flue.
- Keep a close eye on children whenever a wood stove is being used. Remember to keep them at least three feet away from the stove.
- Make sure you have and maintain working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. Install smoke alarms in each sleeping area, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home.

**DON’T:**
- Extend the stove pipe through a wall or ceiling.
- Connect a wood stove to a fireplace chimney unless the fireplace has been sealed off.
- Connect a wood stove to a fireplace serving another appliance burning other fuels.
- Make a larger fire than the stove can handle. This can result in flames entering the flue or chimney and can cause damage to the stove or chimney, which can result in a fire.
- Use flammable liquids, like gasoline, to start a fire in a wood stove.
- Burn anything other than wood in your stove. Other combustibles, like trash or cardboard, could damage your stove or give off toxic fumes.
- Leave a wood fire unattended. Extinguish the fire before going to bed or leaving the house.
- For more tips on how you can keep your family fire safe, visit tn.gov/fire.

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By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

Voting reaches halfway point

Readers of The Chronicle can now vote for their favorite local businesses in the Best of Mt. Juliet poll. 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.

Voting for the Best of Mt. Juliet began at midnight Jan. 1, 2019, and will run the entire month, ending at 11:59 p.m. Jan. 31, 2019. Along with receiving certificates, the winners and runners up will be announced in The Chronicle’s annual “Best of Mt. Juliet” special section, which will be announced closer to publication.

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 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. During the first couple weeks, the page may load slowly due to the increase in traffic. This should subside so that readers will be able to cast their votes quickly.

In years past, voters have received a message after casting a ballot thanking them for voting for a business they may not 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, voters 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 let us know that staff will promptly work to correct the issue.

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OBITUARIES

BENTLEY, William

William H. (Bill) Bentley, age 84 of Lebanon, passed away Jan. 12, 2019. Preceded in death by wife Laura Bentley, father John Bentley, mother Ruby Bentley, and sister Charlene Key. Survived by sons, Micky Bentley and Marty Bentley; and great-grandchildren, Lisa, Steven, Jessica, Hayden, Hunter Hayden, Emily Pettigrew, Colin Pettigrew, Ryan Bentley, and Amanda Bentley; and great-grandchildren, Lisa, Steven, Jessica, Hayden, Hunter Hayden, Emily Pettigrew, Colin Pettigrew, Ryan Bentley, and Amanda Bentley; and great-grandchildren, Liam Hayden and Isaac Bentley. Visitation will be held Jan. 16, from noon to 3 p.m. at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon. Funeral services will be held Jan. 16 at 3 p.m. at Sellars. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association or to West Haven Baptist Church. Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon, TN, 615.444.9393.

GAINES, James Anthony


CROSLIN, Glenn Allen

Glenn Croslin passed away at his residence on Jan. 14, 2019, at age 66, after a battle with cancer. The Memorial Service is 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, in the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon. The family will be receiving friends at the funeral home on Saturday from noon until the service. He is survived by his wife, Martha Croslin; children, Christie Croslin, Billy Bill, and Renee (Ricky Mitchell) Johns; grandchildren, Christina, Corvell, Briana, and Sierra; two great-grandchildren; sister, Fay (John) Severs; brother, Rick Croslin; and special friends, Sylvia Jackson, and Gil and Sheila Fox. He is preceded in death by parents, four brothers, and one sister. Arrangements by Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.

HAGAR, John Robert

John Robert Hagar, age 86 of Hermitage, died Jan. 14, 2019. He was preceded in death by his parents Emmett Guillel and Nova Zembla Jenkins Hagar, wife of 64 years Mary Elizabeth Roberson Hagar, and nine siblings. He is survived by: Children – Michael (Cindy) Hagar, Pat (Russell) Hajek and Melvin (Debbie) Hagar; Sisters – Louise (Robert) Davis and Frances Bruce; Grandchildren – Nathan, Jessica (Chris), Emily (Eric) and Claire (Kris); Great-grandchildren – Brandon, Camden, Christopher, Nora, Makenzie and Baby Gunerson due in July 2019; Many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be conducted 10 a.m. Jan. 17, at Bond Memorial Chapel. Interment will follow at Binkley-Steel-Hagar Cemetery.

Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to Mr. Hagar’s name to the New Hope Baptist Church Debt Relief, 6010 S. New Hope Road, Hermitage, TN 37076.

Visitation will be 3-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to service time Thursday at Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. (615)773-2663, Obit Line (615)641-2663, www.bondmemorial.com.

NEWMAN, Harold Mabry

Harold Mabry Newman, age 82 of Old Hickory, passed away Jan. 11, 2019. He is preceded in death by his parents Clarence Homer (Pickey) and Gladys Irene (Mabry) Newman, his son, David Newman, and brother, Robert Newman. Harold is survived by his wife, Mary Oliver-Newman; daughters, Terry Eakes (Alan) and Robinette Jackson; sons, Richard Oliver and Dwayne Oliver; grandchildren, Michael Mulloy, Leslie Tuberville (Kevin), Anthony Oliver, Morgan Oliver, Victoria Oliver and Brittany Jackson; great-grandchildren, Bryson Tuberville, Jacob Tuberville, MacKenzie Oliver and Layla Jackson; sister, Betty Jean Barkley (Bernard “Bubba”); several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life Service was held Jan. 14, 2019, at Hermitage Funeral Home in Mt. Juliet. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Providence United Methodist Church: 2293 S. Rutland Road, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122. Arrangements by Sizemore-Moreira. Interment will be conducted 10 a.m. Harold was preceded in death by his parents Clar...
tnAchieves exceeds mentor goal

Staff Reports

With a record breaking 9,465 volunteers completing a tnAchieves mentor application, the program has successfully exceeded its mentor recruitment goal for the TN Promise Class of 2019. This is a testament to local communities rallying around a common goal and supporting local students. Countless businesses, civic clubs, non-profit and government organizations shared the need and Tennesseeans in every community responded.

“On behalf of the tnAchieves board of directors and the tnAchieves team, I cannot thank our mentors and the tnAchieves community responded,” commented Krissy DeAlejandro, Executive Director of tnAchieves. “The mentors are the heart of TN Promise and often are the difference makers as students transition from high school to college. It is incredible what we can accomplish when we all pull in the same direction!”

In its fifth year, TN Promise experienced a record number of applicants from the graduating Class of 2018. TN Promise seeks to increase the percentage of students accessing college and ultimately earning a college credential as the state pushes toward 55 percent post-secondary attainment by 2025. “We are overwhelmed and humbled by the 9,465 volunteers across the state that answered the call to serve as a mentor,” commented Graham Thong, Deputy Director of Outreach at tnAchieves. “TN Promise works because students have a local support system. For our students, knowing someone is in their corner, advocating on their behalf, provides the confidence they need to succeed.”

tnAchieves plans to leave the mentor application open through December 15th in an effort to assist those counties who have yet to meet their mentor need. The application can be found at www.tnachieves.org. Launched in 2008, tnAchieves is a privately-funded scholarship and mentoring program that seeks to provide an opportunity for every Tennessee student to earn a post-secondary degree.

City leaders provide update on new business

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

The Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce held its monthly community development meeting last Friday. Member of community businesses as well as city leaders were in attendance.

District 1 Commissioner Ray Justice gave an update on businesses coming soon to his district. Businesses coming to District 1 include Slim Chickens, a stand-alone Taco Bell, a bank and new dental office, and Donut Time, among others.

Justice also gave an update on new businesses in District 4, including Music City Honda, At Home, Learning Experience, Chick-fil-A expansion, and more. Wilson County Commissioner Lauren Breeze informed those in attendance of what has been happening at the county level, such as possible expansion of the Wilson County Jail due to overcrowding. County Mayor reiterated this statement, saying bidding for the expansion will begin in August.

The next community development meeting will be Feb. 8 at the chamber office. The Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce is located at 2055 N. Mt. Juliet Road.

St. Thomas announces opening of Cancer Center

Staff Reports

Ascension Saint Thomas Health recently announced the grand opening of their Cancer Center at Ascension Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital. The Saint Thomas Cancer Center is located at 4002 Hayes Street, integrated into the campus of Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital.

The Saint Thomas Cancer Center was designed to allow patients to access cancer experts and advanced therapies in a supportive and encouraging environment. The space includes most cancer services under one roof, including diagnostics, cancer surgeons, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, radiologists, and support services.

“We are excited to expand access to comprehensive services including prevention, screening, advanced therapy, innovative clinical trials and a full suite of support programs all in one place to support individuals in their health journey,” said Tim Adams, President and CEO, Ascension Saint Thomas Health.

“The Saint Thomas Cancer Center is the next step in our journey to deliver comprehensive health solutions in convenient, accessible locations.”

“The goal of the Saint Thomas Cancer Care Center is to support individuals beyond a disease treatment and to enrich their well-being – mind, body, and spirit – led by a sophisticated, skilled clinical team of experts,” said Fahad Tahir, President and CEO, Ascension Saint Thomas Midtown & West Hospitals.

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St. Thomas completes 1,000th TAVR procedure

The Saint Thomas Heart Team recently completed the 1,000th TAVR procedure since the program launch in 2012. TAVR is a minimally-invasive heart procedure that replaces the aortic valve through catheters and wires.

Fewer than 20 heart programs in the country have achieved this level of success with TAVR procedures.

Because the procedure is minimally invasive, patients experience rapid healing and are often able to return home the day following their procedure.

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The Saint Thomas Heart Team is proud to be a continued healthcare leader in the region by providing comprehensive cardiac services, from the treatment of chest pain all the way to heart transplantation,” said Dr. Brian Wilcox, Chief Physician Executive, Saint Thomas Heart.

Saint Thomas Heart continues to be a leader in innovation and advancements, including device research and the implementation of new technology. Due to being one of the top TAVR sites in the country, Saint Thomas Heart is currently the only health system in the state to offer continued access to the Partner 3 Trial. This trial is evaluating the use of TAVR for low-risk patients with aortic stenosis as a less invasive therapeutic option.

In Tennessee, Ascension’s Saint Thomas Health operates nine hospitals in addition to a comprehensive network of affiliated joint ventures, medical practices, clinics and rehabilitation facilities that cover a 68-county area and employ more than 8,000 associates.

Across the state, Saint Thomas Health provided more than $127 million in community benefit and care of persons living in poverty in fiscal year 2018.

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Ascension is the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world’s largest Catholic health system, operating more than 2,600 sites of care – including 151 hospitals and more than 50 senior living facilities – in 21 states and the District of Columbia. Visit www.sthealth.com.

lution in 2011 that limited funds for fire protection in Mt. Juliet. According to Justice, this created a $2 million annual expenditure that the City was not expecting.

“The popular thing to do would be to kick this thing further down the road so everybody could get re-elect,” said Justice. “I for one, and I believe everyone on the board, is not willing to sacrifice our principles in order to get elected. If that is the case, then none of us belong in these seats.”

Abston said the commission takes this matter seriously and that they always try to do what is best for the community, while Hagerty said he would have more to say on the topic when the board revisits the resolution.

“I’ll have a lot more to say about it on Feb. 11, but I do think there’s an argument to be made that governments should live within their means and that there’s certainly ways that that can be done,” said Hagerty. “You’ve heard me more about that on that day, I suspect, from me and from others.”

In other business, City Manager Kenny Martin thanked the city workers and staff for all their hard work into making Mt. Juliet a great place to live. He also thanked Mt. Juliet Police for their protection, saying they are a reason Mt. Juliet was named the fifth safest city in the state, as well as being one of the Top 10 best cities to live in Tennessee.

Maness also thanked police for their response to cars speeding around stopped school buses, a major concern for parents, students, and members of the community.

A resolution to accept a performance bond instead of a letter of credit from the general contractor for Wilson County Schools for the new high school was discussed after being deferred from a November 2018 meeting.

Because Wilson County Schools has a lawsuit against the City, Hagerty made a motion to amend the resolution in that the City will accept the bond only in the lawsuit is resolved. The motion was approved 3-1 with Justice opposing. He said he didn’t want to do anything detrimental to the school board because his constituents have children currently enrolled and it would be an abuse to the people he represents.

After approving the amended resolution, the board voted 3-1, again with Justice opposing, to send it to the planning commission, which meets this Thursday. Hagerty also encouraged each commissioner to send a letter to the planning commission outside of the resolution.
TELLING TALES

Lessons ... going through it to get through it

By Becky Andrews
Wilson Living Magazine

When Angel and I started sharing the good, bad and funny about our lives (and husbands and friends and hairdressers, etc.), our children were much smaller. To put it in perspective, my oldest child Jacob was 7 years old and my youngest, Jackson, was barely 3 when I wrote my first Telling Tales column.

So what's that 7-year-old will turn 20 and is now a sophomore in college, while “my littlest” isn’t so little anymore. He’s 15 and nearly 6 feet tall.

It was easier back then. The boys were small. And by comparison, our worries as parents were small-ish too. Maybe it’s because it was easier to make light of the tough times.

I worried about Jacob being a little smaller than other kids his age despite having a longshoreman’s approach. I worried that Jackson would not sleep in his own bed EVER.

Now, things are different. There are days I would give anything for my biggest worry to be finding anything for my big, toothy grin every time you walk into a room. You must sit in the passenger seat and watch as it looks like the permitted driver next to you tries to change lanes but the car is held in its track by a 15 year old.

Just like kids, parents have the worrying feels. Is it because there’s more at stake? May be. Is it because parenting teenagers can sometimes feel like slaming your hand in the car door over and over the months between their 15th and 17th year of life? Probably.

When I feel myself spiraling into a worry tornado, I stop, take a few Ujjayi breaths then realize that this behavior doesn’t produce anything except middle-aged acne breakouts and sleepless nights. It didn’t help when weaning a 1 year old from the bottle, so it probably stands to reason that reading every single text your child sends and receives won’t accomplish anything except early mistrust.

Now, the worrying feels justified. Is it because there’s more at stake? Maybe. Is it because parenting teenagers can sometimes feel like slaming your hand in the car door over and over the months between their 15th and 17th year of life? Probably.

When I feel myself spiraling into a worry tornado, I stop, take a few Ujjayi breaths then realize that this behavior doesn’t produce anything except middle-aged acne breakouts and sleepless nights. It didn’t help when weaning a 1 year old from the bottle, so it probably stands to reason that reading every single text your child sends and receives won’t accomplish anything except early mistrust.

It doesn’t matter that you are totally justified because the little twit lied about going to the movies. Just like kids, parents have to learn the hard way too. Eventually you understand. You wake up one day and realize your mom, your sister Laura, and your friend Beth were right about so many things.

1. The more you listen, the more they will talk.
2. There are some things you do not need to know.
3. It’s totally normal to worry.
4. It’s totally fine to laugh at your children.
5. Never trust a teenager who casually gives you the goods on what bad things other teenagers are doing (This was my mom.)
6. Find comfort in fellow mothers.
7. The nipple ring Jacob got on his high school senior trip will make you laugh one day.

Parenting is tough. You must go through the teeth- ing and sleepless nights. You must sit in the passenger seat and watch as it looks like the permitted driver next to you tries to take out every mailbox between your house and the grocery store. You must look on helpless as they experience heartbreak for the very first time. As difficult it is to do nothing, it’s worth it.

One day you get to see an 8-month-old give you a big, toothy grin every time you walk into a room. You get to call your teenager and ask him to pick up kitty litter on the way home. And since he had his heart broken, you see how very careful your son is with the heart of anyone he “hangs out with” these days.

You must go through the bad to get to the good. Sometimes it’s funny. Sometimes it’s sad. But it’s always worth it.

Comments? Email becky@wilsonlivingmagazine.com
Pinnacle grows to No. 1 bank for deposits

Staff Reports

Pinnacle Financial Partners is the No. 1 bank in the Nashville-Davidson-Murfreesboro-Franklin MSA by deposit market share, according to the June 30, 2018, data from the FDIC. The firm leapt ahead of a large regional bank and one of the biggest banks in the nation to earn the top spot. In 2017, Pinnacle sat at No. 3 below Regions (No. 2) and Bank of America (No. 1).

“Nashville likes banking locally, and that’s why we’ve gathered so many local deposits this year,” said M. Terry Turner, Pinnacle’s president and CEO. “Our strategy has always been to get underneath the large regional and national banks and take their market share by offering what we believe is a better banking experience. That’s exactly what we’ve done in Middle Tennessee and our other markets, and it’s why we’re No. 1 here at home.”

Pinnacle grew its locally-held deposits by more than 26 percent from June 30, 2017, to June 30, 2018, to just over $9 billion. That represents 14.67 percent of all deposits in the area and is nearly $377 million ahead of the No. 2 bank. The firm now holds more deposits in the Nashville MSA than in all of its other markets combined.

In Rutherford County, Pinnacle held strong to the No. 1 spot in deposit market share. The firm grew deposits by 10 percent year-over-year to $1 billion at June 30, 2018, which is 22 percent of the market share. Similarly in Wilson County, Pinnacle’s deposits grew by 27 percent year-over-year to $12.2 billion at June 30, 2018. In Knoxville, deposits shot up by 50 percent over June 30, 2017 levels to $1.3 billion. And in Memphis, deposits grew by 28 percent year-over-year to just over $1 billion at June 30, 2018.

“These numbers speak to the power of our model in seeking complete relationships with clients who want more from their financial institution,” Turner said. “When you can offer the full slate of sophisticated products and services of a big bank with the community bank level of service, your business will grow. That approach will beat a battle over interest rates any day.”

The firm began operations in a single location in downtown Nashville, TN in October 2000 and has since grown to approximately $24.0 billion in assets as of June 30, 2018. As the second-largest bank holding company headquartered in Tennessee, Pinnacle operates in 11 primarily urban markets in Tennessee, the Carolinas and Virginia.

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Gardens.
The family request that contributions in Harold’s name be made to the family of Sean McDougal at: Cure for Our Friends, PO Box 1385, Mt. Juliet, TN 37121.

Ralph Jacob “Jake” Pennycuff, age 22 of Denver, Colorado, and formerly of Mt. Juliet, died Jan. 2, 2019. A funeral service was conducted Jan. 12 at Bond Memorial Chapel. Jake was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Albert Terwilliger, and cousins, Caitlyn and Jessica.
He is survived by: Parents – Roger and Tracy Pennycuff; Sisters – Amber Lynn (Cody) Carroll and Amanda (Dustin) Roberts; Maternal grandmother – Nancy Terwilliger; Paternal grandparents – Ralph and Jane Pennycuff; Niece and nephew – Ainsley Roberts and Reed Roberts; Several cousins.
Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to the https://afsp.org/.

VAUGHT, Robert Layton
Robert Vaught passed away Jan. 13, 2019, at age 94. The family will be receiving friends at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon, on Friday from 4-8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. until the service. The Funeral Service is 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, in the chapel of Sellars. Interment in Wilson County Memorial will follow the service.
Mr. Vaught is survived by wife of 70 years, Patricia Dodder Vaught; children Doug (Carolyn) Vaught, Teresa (Jeff) Cobble, Bill (Sandra) Vaught, and Mary (Eddie) Harrington; grand-children Jeff Jacobs, Andrew Norman, Nicole Nor- man, and Isaac Vaught; and two brothers Ernie (Myrna) Vaught and Edwin “Doc” (Amy) Vaught. He is preceded in death by parents Wallace and Willma Vaught; and 11 brothers, Wilson, Lloyd, Wallace, James, Harold, Don, Sylvester, Gerald, Rex, Ray- mond and John. Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.

ZBOJA, Shirley
Shirley G. Zboja, age 82 of Lebanon, passed away Jan. 13, 2019. The Fu- neral Service will be held Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 1 p.m. in the chapel of Sel- lars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet. Interment will fol- low in Roselawn Memorial Gardens.
She is survived by loving husband, John J. Zboja; children, Robert E. (Pame- la) Lindemann, Deborah A. (David) Fann, James J. (Mary Dana Laird) Zboja; grandchildren, Keith Lin- demann, Amanda Park- er, John D. Fann, Daniel M. Fann, and Julie Zboja. She was preceded in death by parents, Edward and Frona Koshork; brother, Duane Koshork.