Detectives search for carjacking suspects

Staff Reports

Mt. Juliet detectives are investigating a robbery where a group of teens ordered an 18-year-old man to hand over his keys and wallet while one pointed an AR-15-style rifle at him.

On Sunday, Dec. 30, 2018, around 5:25 p.m., multiple officers quickly responded to the parking lot of Regal Providence Stadium 14 theater, at 401 S. Mt. Juliet Road, after a carjacking had occurred.

Detectives determined that five teens, traveling in a gray Infiniti SUV, robbed an 18-year-old victim of his 2018 Dodge Charger.

As the victim exited his car, the suspects quickly approached in the SUV, and three Hispanic male teens exited the vehicle. One of the teens was armed with a rifle and pointed it at the victim while they ordered him to hand over his keys and wallet. After the robbery, the suspects fled the area in both cars.

Further investigation revealed that the suspects apparently spotted the victim’s car until it was parked and waited in the parking lot until the victim exited the vehicle. No indication led detectives to believe that the victim knew the suspects. No one was injured during the incident.

The car that was stolen is a hunter green, Daytona edition, 2018 Dodge Charger, and the original suspects’ vehicle is likely a gray Infiniti QX60 or similar SUV. The victim’s car was found abandoned in Nashville Monday morning at the Rosa Parks exit ramp.

This incident is the eighth robbery and 46th stolen car report in Mt. Juliet for 2018. In 2017, there were 11 robberies and 52 stolen cars reported.

If anyone has a feeling

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Music City Honda comes to Mt. Juliet

Staff Reports

Crain Construction has begun site work on 7.23 acres at 88 Belinda Parkway in Mt. Juliet for the future home of Music City Honda.

Music City Honda will relocate from its current home in Madison to the new 48,750-square-foot automotive dealership when it is completed in fall 2019.

According to Crain Construction Project Manager Scott Webb, the project includes a 13,708-square-foot conventional steel structure with masonry, glass and aluminum-composite panel exterior finishes to house the sales area, an upscale customer lounge and administrative offices.

Sales and customer areas will feature stainless-steel trim, tile with intricate designs, radiuses, a prep kitchen and other high-end finishes.

A pre-engineered metal structure with masonry, glass and aluminum composite panel exterior finishes will house the sales area, an upscale customer lounge and administrative offices.

See HONDA, PAGE 14

Police continue search for missing man

Staff Reports

Detectives continue to search for the whereabouts of a 29-year-old missing man, and they hope someone out there could have information to help them in the investigation.

Dace Martinez has not been heard from since Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018, and he was last known to be at his house on West Division Street in Mt. Juliet near the Davidson County line.

Martinez left his residence without his mobile phone, cash, or extra clothing, which is suspicious. It is unknown what Martinez was wearing when he left, but he is a Hispanic male, 6’1” tall.
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**Police search for suspect in shooting**

**Staff Reports**

Detectives have identified an 18-year-old male suspect, who fired shots toward a Mt. Juliet home in October. At the time of the shooting, the suspect was 17 years old, and juvenile petitions for 7 counts of Aggravated Assault have been obtained for his apprehension. His name is being withheld due to other pending investigations elsewhere, and he has not been located.

On Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2018, around 8 p.m., the suspect shot from a vehicle, specifically targeting a home in the 1600 block of Alsdale Road. No other homes were targeted, and detectives determined that it was an isolated incident. No one was injured as a result of the few gunshots fired toward the home.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**JAN 3**

**JECDB**
The Joint Economic and Community Development Board Executive Committee will meet at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019, at the JECDB office, located at 200 Aviation Way, Suite 202, Lebanon.

**JAN 4**

**Free Clothing**
The Free Clothing Store will be open Jan. 4 from 9 a.m. till noon. It is located at Life Church at 3688 Highway 109, Lebanon, and is open to everyone. Free breakfast will also be served.

**JAN 8**

**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. LifeChurchFamily.com.

**JAN 10**

**Parkinson’s Support Group**
The Peterson Foundation for Parkinson’s support group will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 10 at Green Hill Church, located at 1325 Lebanon Road, Mt. Juliet.

**JAN 11**

**Community Development Meeting**
The Community Development meeting will be held at the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce from 7:45 a.m. to 9 a.m.

**JAN 14**

**BOC meeting**
The Board of Commissioners will meet at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 14 at City Hall. A public hearing will be held before the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

**JAN 15**

**Lions Club**
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.

**JAN 17**

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

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**Best of Mt. Juliet voting is now open**

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.

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, votes were being recorded correctly. The error message should be corrected this year; however, if the message displayed is inaccurate, please send an email to editor@tcomj.com and know that staff will promptly work to correct the issue.

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

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

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

**Wanted murder suspect captured in Clarksville**

All four suspects were teenage males, ages 15, 16, 17, and 17, from Nashville, and they were transported to an undisclosed juvenile detention facility. The investigation is ongoing, and detectives are working closely with Metro-Nashville Police. No injuries were reported during the incident.

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the incident. Residents in the area were requested to shelter-in-place, and some were evacuated to a nearby hotel for their safety.

After about one hour and 30 minutes, the suspects began to comply and were detained. The firearms were stolen out of Nashville on Dec. 20.

From **MJPD, PAGE 1**

that they possibly know the suspects responsible for this crime, 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/.

**Did you hear?**

“Healthcare professionals in the Mt. Juliet area are trained and equipped to deal with such situations and were able to handle the situation efficiently,” said Chief Justice. “We are blessed to have the professional men and women here at LPD protecting our great community,” said Chief Justice.

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Green Hill Church of Christ welcomes its new minister, Darrell Blankenship. Green Hill Church of Christ is located at 11706 Lebanon Road in Mt. Juliet.

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Staff Reports

Honoring veterans is not just something Young Marines talk about, it's what they do. Each year, Young Marines from across the country travel to Pearl Harbor to honor those surviving veterans and their families for their historic and dedicated service to the United States.

This year, 125 Young Marines from Across the Nation traveled to Hawaii for the 77th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack, including nine Young Marines from the Rutherford County unit, all between the ages of 10 and 17.

The Young Marines from Rutherford County Young Marine Unit include: YM MGySgt Bryson Bell, YM MSgt Kyle Spivey, YM SSgt Cameron Robinson, YM SSgt Andrew Smith, YM Sgt Corey Smith, YM CPL Christopher Torres, YM CPL Vanessa Torres, YM LCPL Hunter Bartow, YM PFC Ashton Little. Spivey YM MSgt Spivey and YM SSgt Robinson are from Mt. Juliet.

The unit was there Dec. 2-8, staying in the barracks at the MCBH Kaneohe Bay.

Community service is a big part of being a Young Marine. They want to give back and leave places better than they find them, so while in Hawaii, they participated in a beach clean-up on base Dec. 2. The Units were divided up and cleaned three beaches.

They performed a wreath laying ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, the Punchbowl, in memory of all the brave men and women who are interred there.

They also marched in the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day Parade on Dec. 7. Some marched in a platoon, some carried banners, and some carried pictures of the soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice.

"This opportunity to learn history firsthand and on location will last forever for these Young Marines," said Col. William P. Davis USMC (Ret.), national executive director and CEO of the Young Marines.

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

Since the Young Marines' humble beginnings in 1959 with one unit and a handful of boys, the organization has grown to more than 275 units with 9,000 youth and 2,760 adult volunteers in 40 states, the District of Columbia, Japan and affiliates in a host of other countries.

Local Young Marines honor Pearl Harbor anniversary

Elderly man disarmed by police

Staff Reports

Officers responded to an incident at Carrick Glen Senior Living center in Mt. Juliet on Saturday night. According to police, an armed elderly male resident had a family member held at gunpoint during an argument.

Officers wrestled the gun away from the subject and no injuries were reported. Police said the man will undergo a mental evaluation.

Detectives look for runaway teen

Staff Reports

Detectives are actively searching for a teen who ran away from her residence in Mt. Juliet.

On Wednesday, Dec. 12, 2018, 17-year-old Anayiah Primm was reported as a runaway. Before leaving, Anayiah packed up several of her belongings, including a light brown Yorkshire Terrier dog.

Residents are urged to call the Mt. Juliet Police Department at (615) 754-2850. 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 Resolve of Jesus the Son

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

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FAITH & MESSAGE

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Now that the New Year is nearly upon us, I thought now would be the best time to tell you to keep up the great work and stay the course with your 2019 resolutions.

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

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

After this very informative and enjoyable conversation, I found myself reflecting upon the experience and how it could possibly help not only me but others as well. Listening to this wise senior citizen made me realize that there are many good and bad New Year’s Resolutions, some obtainable and some not. I also found that succeeding and failing at a New Year’s resolution wasn’t always good or bad, but that resolutions were pretty much something most people discussed around the New Year. I also discovered that resolutions can be implemented at anytime, not just New Years. So if you fail during the first couple of months of the New Year with your resolution(s) or simply can’t think of any in December, don’t worry, you have the whole year to come up with one. And if you can’t come up with one this year, there’s always next year. Happy New Year!

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By Theodore Savage
Guest Contributor

“There are never enough hours in the day.” “Oh no worries, I’ll do it tomorrow.” These are just a couple of phrases I know we have all said to ourselves once or twice before. Life seems to be an uphill climb, and there never seems to be enough sand in the hour glass.

However, it doesn’t have to be that way. You can maximize the time you have in your schedule to exercise by doing a few simple, yet impactful things: Meeting with a knowledgeable trainer, completing at least 30 minutes of activity in the gym, and allowing yourself to enjoy the journey and celebrate the small victories.

Getting connected with a knowledgeable and caring trainer

Stepping foot into a gym atmosphere can be a little scary and downright daunting. Most first-time gym users experience one or a few of the five main fears:

- A – Fear of Anxiety
- K – Fear of being a Glutton
- I – Fear of Isolation
- S – Fear of feeling Stupid
- P – Fear of the Hard Sell

There’s absolutely nothing wrong with experiencing any of these fears. However, you don’t have to. There are many people waiting to help you overcome and conquer those pesky fears. You won’t cost you an arm and a leg — as matter of fact, it won’t cost you a thing.

There are certified, knowledgeable, and friendly fitness trainers who are waiting to connect with you and stay connected to you every step of the way. No matter your starting point in your fitness journey, these incredible individuals will meet you right where you are. Functional strength and mobility can be as easy as getting up and walking. Every exercise has an appropriate modification, and these terrific trainers can show you that you can do it.

Maximizing the time you have available

Time is, without a doubt, our most valuable commodity. Once spent, you can never get it back. In some cases in life, you don’t directly get a return on that all-important investment. However, the gym is one of those rare places that you get out exactly what you put in. It isn’t about sacrificing all of your day at one time, but more importantly, depositing smaller amounts of time consistently.

Getting fit is more about efficiency than it is about volume. Once you connect with a fitness trainer who understands your goals, you’ll see that 30 minutes can make a world of difference. There is no secret ingredient or quick fix needed to get in shape or live a healthier lifestyle. The only element needed is commitment.

At a time of year when we all are resolving to do great things or break away from bad habits, the simplest yet most monumental declaration one can make is to commit to taking one step at a time. Setting smaller benchmark goals and enjoying the journey. Not just looking ahead to the destination.

Enjoying the journey and celebrating smaller victories along the way

In similar fashion, the path to our ultimate success is often times not a straight line. Life can throw all kinds of detours in our way that causes us to alter the journey. It doesn’t, however, have to halt our progress. So often we get fixated on the end result that we forget to appreciate the journey. Celebrating smaller achievements along the way is key. Understanding that there is no failure in the attempt, and merely staying consistent to your daily investment of time, is movement in a positive direction.

Moreover, it’s always more fun to celebrate these victories together, in a group setting of like-minded individuals. Small group training is the perfect setting to remain energized and motivated to stay the course. Having others around to inspire you — or for you to inspire them — is sometimes the gentle nudge needed to keep going.

Getting started on your fitness journey

The first steps to any endeavor are always the most important. Here are five steps I recommend for getting started:

1. Orient yourself with the gym and the equipment: Find out where everything is located on the gym floor, from the cardio equipment, to the lower body, upper body, and core machines.
2. Choose one piece of equipment for each part of the body that’s simple and easy to learn: Familiarize yourself with what muscle group the machine is working and how to adjust it for your body.
3. Start light and work up: You have to check any ego you may have at the door and realize there’s no shame in using a lighter weight and focusing on form.
4. Ask the trainer about bodyweight movements you can do at home: Some times that 30 minutes a day occurs at home. It’s OK to practice functional movement at home utilizing your own body as the weight of resistance.
5. Allow yourself to rest and recover: Don’t try to conquer the whole mountain at once. Soreness is part of getting stronger. Ask the trainer to show you some effective stretches you can do on your off days to help your body stay limber and aid in recovery.

Remember, the journey to longevity, health and wellness, and getting fit is more a marathon than a sprint. Take your time and enjoy each step along the way to your greatness. Everything that you ever needed was in you the whole time, and now it’s time to get down with your judgment-free self.
State unemployment drops ahead of holiday season

Staff Reports

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam and Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Burns Phillips last week released unemployment statistics that show the seasonally adjusted statewide jobless rate dropped by 0.1 of a percentage point in November 2018 to 3.6 percent.

Tennessee employers added 3,400 nonfarm jobs between October and November. The largest increases occurred in the retail trade, transportation/warehousing/utilities, and the accommodation/food services sectors.

“Job creation is critical in maintaining a strong economy across the state,” said Haslam. “For more than a year and a half, we’ve experienced historically low unemployment, while Tennessee businesses added tens of thousands of new employees to their payrolls.”

During the last 12 months, Tennessee’s workforce has grown by 60,700 nonfarm jobs. The state’s leisure/hospitality sector, along with its trade/transportation/utilities and professional/business services sectors experienced the most growth.

Across the nation, unemployment continues to remain low. For the third consecutive month, the seasonally-adjusted national unemployment rate held steady in November at 3.7 percent.

When comparing 2017 to 2018, Tennessee’s November unemployment rate increased from 3.3 percent to 3.6 percent, while the national rate declined from 4.1 percent to 3.7 percent.

“Even though Tennessee’s unemployment rate is slightly higher than it was this time last year, 3.3 percent was the state’s all-time lowest jobless rate,” Phillips said. “We’ve hovered around that historic low rate for many months and that proves Tennessee currently has a very healthy economy.”

The statewide and national unemployment rates are seasonally adjusted to eliminate the influences of weather, holidays, the opening and closing of schools, and other recurring seasonal events from an economic time series.

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and weighs around 140 pounds.

Since Martinez has been missing, detectives have done extensive searches of property near his home, have contacted many of his known acquaintances, and have even reviewed communication details on his mobile phone and online presence.

Since Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018, there has been no trace of Martinez, which is extremely concerning. Detectives are hoping someone may know something about his disappearance. Any information about Martinez or his activities leading up to his disappearance would be very valuable to detectives.

If anyone has any information about the investigation into the disappearance of Dace Martinez, they are urged 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/.

Granville honors volunteers

Granville-Granville Museum held its annual Christmas Dinner Party on Dec. 13 at the new Granville Event Center. Around 100 volunteers attended and were entertained by the Jolly String Quartet Band.

Annual Volunteer Awards were presented to the following:

Left to right front row: Carolyn Webster, Decorator of the Year; Joe Moore, honored for 20 years of dedicated service having been one of founders of Museum; Brenda Curtis, Thimble Creation Award. Second row: Larry and Brenda Edmondson, Sutton Homestead and Pioneer Village Award; Brenda Francis, Granville Museum Award; Lisa Huff, Sutton Store Award; Carla and Steve Zoles, Scarecrow Festival Decorating Award; Chad, Ashley, Eli and Katie Argo, Volunteer Family Award; and not pictured is Diane Draper, the Legacy Of Granville History Book Award.

Historic Granville is currently enlisting new volunteers for 2019.
**DAVIDSON, Rebecca Kay**

Rebecca Kay “Becky” Davidson (Thompson), age 38 of Lakewood, Colorado, passed away Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018, after a fiercely fought two-year battle with breast cancer. Becky grew up in Mt. Juliet and attended Tennessee Technological University.

She is survived by her husband of 15 years, Brad; children, Tristan (7), Laurel (4), and Samuel (3); grandfather, Robert Thompson Sr.; parents, Robert Jr. “Bob” and Linda Thompson; brother, Robert Thompson III; niece, Grace; numerous uncles, aunts, and cousins; in-laws Steve and Linda Davidson; brother and sister-in-law Brian and Brittany Davidson; nieces, Kajsa, Aubrey, and Olivia.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to the link below for medical and funeral expenses. The remaining money will be used by Brad as he raises their three young children as a single father: https://www.gofundme.com/support-becky-davidson399sfamily

**NEWBERRY, Mildred McKee**

Mildred McKee Newberry, age 94 of Mt. Juliet, passed away Dec. 28, 2018. A funeral service will be held Jan. 3 at 2 p.m. at Sellers Funeral Home in Mt. Juliet, and interment will follow at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends on Jan. 2 from 4-8 p.m. and on Jan. 3 from noon until service time.

She is survived by children, Venessa (Tom) Waller and Jeff (Lisa) Newberry; grandchildren, Natalie (Patrick) Brown, Chelsea (Chris) Christman, Jesse Waller, and Zach Newberry; great-grandchildren; nephews, Bobby McKee, Mikel (Kathy) McKee and their children, Chris and Ashley, precious dogs, Poochie and Cinder; dear friend, Wayne Clemmons. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sydney McKee; parents, Charles Grover and Edna Carr McKee; brother, Grover McKee.

**SELLARS, Jeffrey Lloyd**

Jeffrey Sellars, age 58 of Lebanon, passed away on Dec. 20, 2018. A funeral service was held Dec. 22 at Sellers Funeral Home in Lebanon, and interment followed at Wilson County Memorial Gardens. Mr. Sellars had his own drywall business. He loved fishing and racing. He is survived by daughters Tina Perry and Mindy Perry, mother Lorene Sellars Strasser, brother Greg (Shannon) Sellars, and grandchildren Eric, Alisia, Manuel, Carmela, and Ruben Perry. He is preceded in death by father Paul Sellars, sisters Pamela Sellars and Paula Anderson, and companion Davy Brown.

**SHEPHERD, James “Benny”**


He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Trula Shepherd; children, Chris Shepherd and Melissa (Chris) Hood; grandchildren, Halen Shepherd, Kendria Biddle, and Mallory Hood; sisters, Margie (Darryl) Agnew and Sherri Yoder; several family members and friends also survive.

Memorial Donations may be made to either American Diabetes Association (2451 Crystal Drive, Suite 900, Arlington, VA 22202) or National Kidney Foundation (Finance Department, 30 East 33rd St., New York, NY 10016).

**DUTRA, Patricia Roy**

Patricia Roy Dutra passed away Dec. 24, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband Lawrence Dutra and her parents. Patricia is survived by her daughters Cindy Watson Brockette; Julie Holloway (Guylon); stepdaughter Rosemary West (John); stepson Ronald Dutra (Adalia); and granddaughters Rikki Finch and Haley Burnett.

**TIDWELL, Edward Thomas**

Edward Thomas “Ed-die” Tidwell, age 63 of Lebanon, died Dec. 23, 2018. He was the son of the late Bobby Leon and Mary E. Adams Tidwell. He was also preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Phineas and Electa Adams, and paternal grandparents, Edward N. Tidwell and Ora Lee Foust.


A funeral service was held Dec. 29 at Bond Memorial Chapel, and interment was private.


**WOLKONOWSKI, Chester Jr.**

Chester Wolkonowski Jr. was born in Rochester, New York on March 17, 1942, and passed away in Lebanon, Tennessee, on Dec. 16, 2018. Chester is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Priscilla (Younger); daughter, Jennifer (Edward) Fuchs; sons, Michael (Elizabeth) and John Christopher (Urd); grandchildren, Mary Grace (Ezza) Jones, Evan, Hunter and Dylan Wolkonowski; sister, Anne Ary, and brother, Steve Wolkonowski.

A funeral service was held Dec. 22 at Sellers Funeral Home in Lebanon.

**MOORE, Betty Jo**

Betty Jo (Hooper) Moore, age 83, passed away on Dec. 27, 2018, in Mt. Juliet. She was born on Aug. 6, 1935, in Nashville to the late William and Laura (Brown) Hooper. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her son James Denton Moore and sister, Barbara (Hooper) Goethe.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, James P. Moore; daughters, Wanda (Moore) Roh and Connie Moore; sister, Dorothy (Hooper) Watts and Billie (Hooper) Osborne. Betty and Jim have been blessed with seven grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren, that all call her Nana.

A Celebration of Life service was held Dec. 29, and interment followed at Mount Olivet Cemetery. Contributions can be made to the Cosmic Cancer Foundation. For more information, visit: www.mountolivet.com

A funeral service was held Dec. 22 at Sellers Funeral Home in Mt. Juliet, and interment followed at Wilson County Memorial Gardens. The family would like to thank Alive Hospice for all of the assistance they provided to their beloved Patricia. If so desired, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.

A celebration of the life of Patricia Roy Dutra will be held at a later date to honor her extraordinary adventures. The family would like to thank Alive Hospice for all of the assistance they provided to their beloved Patricia. If so desired, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.

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Chester Wolkonowski Jr. was born in Rochester, New York on March 17, 1942, and passed away in Lebanon, Tennessee, on Dec. 16, 2018. Chester is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Priscilla (Younger); daughter, Jennifer (Edward) Fuchs; sons, Michael (Elizabeth) and John Christopher (Urd); grandchildren, Mary Grace (Ezza) Jones, Evan, Hunter and Dylan Wolkonowski; sister, Anne Ary, and brother, Steve Wolkonowski.

A funeral service was held Dec. 22 at Sellers Funeral Home in Lebanon.

**DUTRA, Patricia Roy**

Patricia Roy Dutra passed away Dec. 24, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband Lawrence Dutra and her parents. Patricia is survived by her daughters Cindy Watson Brockette; Julie Holloway (Guylon); stepdaughter Rosemary West (John); stepson Ronald Dutra (Adalia); and granddaughters Rikki Finch and Haley Burnett.

A funeral service was held Dec. 22 at Sellers Funeral Home in Mt. Juliet.


**MOORE, Betty Jo**

Betty Jo (Hooper) Moore, age 83, passed away on Dec. 27, 2018, in Mt. Juliet. She was born on Aug. 6, 1935, in Nashville to the late William and Laura (Brown) Hooper. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by her son James Denton Moore and sister, Barbara (Hooper) Goethe.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, James P. Moore; daughters, Wanda (Moore) Roh and Connie Moore; sister, Dorothy (Hooper) Watts and Billie (Hooper) Osborne. Betty and Jim have been blessed with seven grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren, that all call her Nana.

A Celebration of Life service was held Dec. 29, and interment followed at Mount Olivet Cemetery. Contributions can be made to the Cosmic Cancer Foundation. For more information, visit: www.mountolivet.com

A funeral service was held Dec. 22 at Sellers Funeral Home in Mt. Juliet, and interment followed at Wilson County Memorial Gardens. The family would like to thank Alive Hospice for all of the assistance they provided to their beloved Patricia. If so desired, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.

A celebration of the life of Patricia Roy Dutra will be held at a later date to honor her extraordinary adventures. The family would like to thank Alive Hospice for all of the assistance they provided to their beloved Patricia. If so desired, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice.
Ensley Hagan was sworn in Monday as the new general sessions judge for Wilson County. His first day of court is Jan. 3. Pictured left to right: Criminal Court Judge Brody Kane, Newly-appointed Wilson County General Sessions Judge A. Ensley Hagan, Jr., Circuit Court Judge Clara Byrd, Retiring Wilson County General Sessions Judge John Gwin, Chancellor CK Smith. Not pictured are Judges Tatum, Barry, and Wootten.

Wilson Co. Democratic Women elect officers

Staff Reports

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Ashworth to speak at Republican Women of Action meeting

Started in late 2018, the new Republican Women of Action club brings its desire to recruit, educate, and promote future leadership in the areas of life, liberty and constitutional values in Wilson County.

The club’s newly-elected board consists of President April Branescum, Vice President Sally Ebel, Treasurer Tara Bezawada, and Secretary Cara Krug.

The group meets monthly to plan charitable and political support activities within Wilson County and Tennessee. Men and women are welcome to attend.

The group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 24 at Courtney’s Restaurant in Mt. Juliet to hear guest speaker Al Ashworth. Ashworth will speak about his book, “No Snow Days: Commitment, Honor, Purpose,” which is about restoring faith and purpose to one’s life.

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Tastes like Heaven

By Angel Kane
Wilson Living Magazine

In the last few weeks, I’ve become absolutely addicted to drinking Toasted White Chocolate Mochas. It all started when the holiday keepsake cups came out, filled to the brim with the limited edition holiday coffee flavors. A so-called friend actually bought me a Mocha in a festive holiday cup before she came by to see me.

So kind. So merry. So very passive aggressive now that I think about it. But I digress.

I’m not sure how to describe a Toasted White Chocolate Mocha except to say it’s what liquid chocolate and marshmallows must taste like in heaven.

As if I didn’t loathe myself enough, I’m pretty darn sure the guy at the drive-thru window thinks less of me too.

In all honestly, I’m going to miss you, my friend. It’s been a great run. You’ve literally watched me pack on seven pounds in four weeks and your cheery morning greeting was great until I could no longer breathe in these jeans.

So, while we are officially breaking up, I’m considering this more like a hiatus, when the next batch of holiday goodness comes out once again!

Until next year...
Stark joins First Freedom Bank

Staff Reports

Natalie Stark has joined First Freedom Bank as the Providence Office Manager, announced John Lancaster, chairman and CEO.

Stark’s considerable experience in the banking world makes her a perfect fit for First Freedom Bank. After earning her B.A. in Marketing/Management from Marietta College in 1987, she began her 26-year career with Fifth Third Bank where she would become a Banking Center Manager and later a Senior Mortgage Loan Officer. She was a member of the bank’s Presidents Circle for her outstanding achievements and served as a mentor to new hire mortgage loan officers.

“We are very pleased to be associated with Natalie Stark,” said Lancaster.

Unemployment rates drop in every Tennessee county

Staff Reports

Each of Tennessee’s 95 counties experienced lower unemployment in November 2018, according to newly released data from the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD).

Ninety-one counties had an unemployment rate of 5 percent or lower during the month and only four counties had a rate higher than 5 percent.

Wilson County ranked sixth in the state for unemployment with a rate of 2.7 percent. Williamson County had the state’s lowest unemployment rate at 2.5 percent, which was 0.2 of a percentage point lower than the previous month. Both Davidson and Rutherford counties had a rate of 2.6 percent in November, a drop of 0.3 percent for each county.

The 10 counties with the lowest unemployment each had a rate of 2.9 percent or lower in November.

“It’s very encouraging to have so many counties with unemployment rates below 5 percent during November,” said TDLWD Commissioner Burns Phillips. “That means more Tennesseans were working and taking home a paycheck as we headed into the holiday season.”

The counties with the state’s highest unemployment still experienced significant drops in their rates. While Lauderdale County had the highest jobless rate in November at 5.8 percent, that figure is a percentage point lower than the previous month. Bedsole County’s unemployment rate dropped nearly a full percentage point from 6.1 percent to 5.2 percent. McNairy County went from 5.5 percent in October to 5 percent in November.

Tennessee’s seasonally-adjusted statewide unemployment rate for November decreased from 3.7 percent to 3.6 percent. Nationally, unemployment held steady for the third consecutive month at 3.7 percent.
Nashville’s most beloved gardening event will celebrate 30 years with “Changing Times, Changing Gardens,” a show designed to reflect the changing landscapes of Middle Tennessee.

The 2019 Nashville Lawn and Garden Show, scheduled for Feb. 28 to March 3 at The Fairgrounds Nashville, will focus on the changing trends and realities of modern cityscapes, suburban and rural gardens, community initiatives, container and waterwise gardens, organic foods, sustainability and more.

“As Nashville has gone from a small city to the ‘It City’, the way folks in and around Nashville garden and think about planting flowers and trees has also changed,” said Randall Lantz, co-manager of the Nashville Lawn and Garden Show. “With that in mind, we also wanted to make a change to better reflect the changing times and changing gardens in our area. People want to learn to grow organic vegetables on their patio or balcony. People are thinking about where their food comes from and ways to better conserve our resources. This year’s Nashville Lawn and Garden Show will provide inspiration and learning opportunities that focus on these ideas.”

The Nashville Lawn and Garden show has inspired generations of plant lovers with its live, indoor garden spaces. Creatively constructed patios, pergolas, water features, landscapes and containers of bright flowers serve as motivation for green thumbs — and those who would like to learn.

Workshops focused on gardening in smaller spaces and lectures on teaching attendees to be successful growing plants are free with paid admission to the Show. Shoppers enjoy more than 250 vendor booths filled with garden decor, plants, flowers, lawn equipment, farmhouse crafts, and more. Food trucks will be on site for a great variety of dining options.

As Tennessee’s largest and most popular annual gardening event, the show welcomes more than 15,000 visitors to delight in an early breath of spring. The fully handicapped-accessible Nashville Lawn and Garden Show is hosted at The Fairgrounds Nashville, 500 Wedgewood Avenue, Nashville.

Additional information will be announced in the coming months, including details about special events scheduled throughout the four-day Show. Tickets will be available online in late 2018. Deadline for vendor booth reservations is Feb. 1, 2019; interested participants can submit information on the show website.

The Nashville Lawn and Garden Show is produced by the Nashville Lawn and Garden Foundation, a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization benefiting community horticultural programs in middle Tennessee.