**Woman found shot at Providence apartment**

A man was arrested Monday after a woman was found shot in the parking lot of a Mt. Juliet apartment complex. Jerald Riggs, age 26 of Mt. Juliet, was apprehended and booked into the Wilson County Jail after shooting his 48-year-old mother multiple times Monday morning.

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**Southern Home & Garden Expo comes to Wilson County**

Wilson Bank & Trust’s annual home show will return to the Wilson County Expo Center next month with a variety of exhibitors ready to help with all types of home-related projects.

The Southern Home & Garden Expo takes place Friday and Saturday, Feb. 7-8, 2020. With free admission, the event provides access to dozens of Middle Tennessee businesses in the home improvement industry, featuring more than 115 exhibitors.

Prizes and giveaways with combined values exceeding $12,000 will be given away at this year’s Expo, including:
- A free umbrella for the first 500 visitors on Saturday, Feb. 8
- A $500 cash prize from Wilson Bank & Trust
- $2,500 in Benjamin Moore paint products from Fakes & Hooker
- A $2,500 cement floor

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**Natural gas outage leaves many in cold**

A natural gas outage left many Mt. Juliet residents without heat on Monday night, when temperatures remained below freezing.

The City of Mt. Juliet was made aware of a natural gas outage in the Kelsey Glen neighborhood Monday evening. Once aware, city officials began to communicate with Piedmont Natural Gas, the provider of natural gas for the area.

Piedmont confirmed they were working quickly to fix the problem, and they provided the updates online for Kelsey Glen residents.

Piedmont confirmed that Kelsey Glen experienced the natural gas outage.

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**Teachers of the Year**

This week’s feature for Teacher of the Year is Tamara Smartt. She teaches third grade reading and social studies at Gladeville Elementary School.

Smartt is currently in her sixth year teaching at Gladeville and her 12th year overall. She previously taught in Smith County and at Mt. Juliet Middle School.

Graduating from Cumberland University with an elementary education degree, Smartt also has an endorsement in special education from Tennessee Technological University.

Smartt knew from an early age that she wanted to become an educator. When she was younger she would play school at home, and when she got older she taught Bible study at her church.

She also had many teachers who taught her to be...
Cripps announces candidacy for Circuit Court Judge

Staff Reports

Assistant District Attorney General Javin Cripps has announced his candidacy for 15th Judicial District Circuit Court Judge. Cripps is a life-long Smith County resident with experience handling both civil and criminal cases during his 14-year career. He is proud to bring a strong work ethic and a commitment to fairness to his campaign.

Cripps grew up on a family cattle farm between Smith and Wilson Counties where he worked every day when he wasn’t in school. On summer breaks he joined his father, a general contractor, at work. Cripps worked 30 to 40 hours per week as a construction laborer while working on his undergraduate degree at Middle Tennessee State University. He earned his bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice in 2001 with a double minor in Psychology and Political Science. Before starting law school in 2002, Cripps earned his Contractor and Plumbing license.

Cripps is a graduate of the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law in Memphis, Tennessee. He interned for two years at the Shelby County Public Defender’s Office before joining the Holliman Law firm in Carthage, Tennessee. In private practice, Cripps accepted contract work for the Public Defender and handled a wide variety of civil cases such as child custody, divorce, workers’ compensation and Social Security.

In late 2006, Cripps was offered positions at both the Public Defender’s office and the District Attorney’s Office at the same time. After much deliberation, thought and prayer, he chose to become an Assistant District Attorney. Since that time he has worked in every county in the 15th judicial district, practicing in Macon County for the last five years.

“I am proud to be a part of this community, and that is why I chose to serve here,” said Cripps. He continued, “I have built relationships with the people and with the legal and law enforcement communities in every county in this district. Over the years, I have prosecuted every type of case from speeding to first degree murder.”

Cripps has been married for two years. His wife, Melanie, is a Chiropractor in Carthage. He shares custody of his two daughters, both honor students and athletes at Union Heights. Together they have the gift of a unique blended family.

“Theyir mother and I co-parent very efficiently and effectively,” Cripps explained. He added, “Part of the job of a circuit court judge is to help families navigate the process of becoming co-parents, and I have now experienced that process as an attorney and as a father. I can bring a level of understanding and insight that families who go through this difficult transition often need.”

Cripps wants voters to know that he is determined, dedicated, and ready to serve. He appreciates your support in the Republican primary, which will be held in March 2020.
She said.

“Off with a love for reading,” children so they can start exploring what they like.

Her students find their love for reading. Now she helps eventually find that love she wasn’t the typical kid involved and eager and they love to learn,” she added.

Her students also learn more about states and history through social studies. One way she helps them get excited is by having each student write a letter to a different college around the country. They share the ways they are preparing for college and ask for information about that school and state.

Smartt is also the team leader for her grade level, so she works with all of the third grade teachers. As such, she strives to be a mentor and resource to her colleagues, leading and directing where needed.

Smartt said she was honored and humbled at being chosen to represent Gladeville as Teacher of the Year. Part of what makes Gladeville special, she said, is how each teacher makes connections with their students as well as their colleagues.

“I have an awesome team of wonderful third grade teachers that I truly enjoy working with,” she said. “I am very blessed.”

“Growing up, Smartt said this age group is so involved and eager and they love to learn,” she said. “They’re trying to figure out who they are.”

Throughout her career, Smartt has taught students at different levels, but she really enjoys third grade. “This age group is so involved and eager and they love to learn,” she added.

“They’re trying to figure out who they are as an individual, and I love to help them discover who they are.”

Smartt said she wasn’t the typical kid who read; however, she eventually found that love for reading. Now she helps her students find their love for it as well by exploring different genres and discovering what they like.

“I try to instill that love that I grasped later in life in children so they can start off with a love for reading,” she said.

Rutland Elementary School recently celebrated the 100th day of school. Kindergarten students paraded down the halls as a 100-year-old person, wore a shirt decorated with 100 items, or brought in a 100-item display. | Photo submitted

“I love it when that light-bulb comes on and they have those moments where they’re so engaged in what they’re learning and they want to tell everyone about it,” she added.

The Wilson County Conservative Republicans

The Wilson County Conservative Republicans will meet Saturday, Jan. 25, at 9 a.m. at Logan’s at Providence in Mt. Juliet. The speaker will be Terri Nicholson, and candidates for local offices will be in attendance.

City Commission

The Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners will meet at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 27 at City Hall. A public hearing will be held before the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

JAN 25

Swap Meet

The Percy Priest Hybrid and Striper Club is sponsoring a swap meet to benefit the fish hatchery program of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. This sportman swap meet will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at Charlie Daniels Park in Mt. Juliet. A $5 donation will be requested at the door. For more information or to reserve a table, call 615-449-5431.

JAN 28

HiSET

The Wilson County Adult Education program will be giving the high school equivalency test (HiSET formerly GED) on Jan. 28, 2020, at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology in Lebanon. For more information on taking the test, call 615-443-8731.

JAN 28

Mt. Juliet Community Center

The Mt. Juliet Community Center will host a Lunch and Learn lesson, entitled “Seed Starting” on Thursday, Jan. 30, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The class is free to the public. For more information, call the Community Center at 615-758-6522.

JAN 30

Work Session

The Wilson County Board of Education will hold a work session on Jan. 30, 2020, at 5 p.m. at the Wilson County BOE Administrative and Training Complex, 415 Harding Drive, Lebanon. The work session is for informational purposes only. No actions are taken, or voted on, by the Board at the work session.
A Watertown resident was taken into custody Jan. 15, 2020, by the Wilson County Sheriff's Office Directed Patrol Unit (DPU) initially for an active assault warrant stemming from a previous incident within Wilson County. Dustin Coe Lane Cummings, 30, was also found to be in possession of a stolen firearm and drug paraphernalia at the time of arrest. Also at the residence were six other adults. A search warrant was obtained for the residence by narcotic detectives from the Wilson County Sheriff’s Office and the Lebanon Police Department.

During the execution of the search warrant, detectives located approximately three ounces of methamphetamine, two ounces of heroin, one pound of marijuana, buprenorphine, digital scales, meth pipes, five additional firearms and over $3,000 cash.

Cummings will be facing numerous charges pending a Grand Jury investigation including Possession of Schedule I (Heroin), Possession of Schedule II (Methamphetamine), Possession of Schedule VI (Marijuana) with Intent for Resale, Possession of a Firearm during the Commission of a Dangerous Felony x6, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Cummings’ residence was located within 1,000 feet of a school zone which adds an enhancement to the charges for Drug-Free School Zone.

"Mr. Cummings has previous drug arrests in our county leading up to this incident which is becoming a common pattern for what we have been seeing on a weekly basis," said Wilson County Sheriff Robert Bryan. "There are people out there that are dealing and there are people out there that are struggling with addictions. What we are experiencing is that there is no discrimination when it comes to age or demographic. We will continue to prosecute those that are dealing and provide resources for those who are struggling with addiction."
Polls for Best of Mt. Juliet close next week

Readers of The Chronicle have until next week to 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.

Voting for the Best of Mt. Juliet began at midnight Jan. 1, 2020, and will run the entire month, ending at 11:59 p.m. Jan. 31, 2020. 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.

Animo Organics had its ribbon cutting with the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce on Jan. 9. They are located at 3578 N. Mt. Juliet Road. | Photo submitted

The Village MJ had its ribbon cutting with the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce on Jan. 10. They are located at 854 N. Mt. Juliet Road, Ste. 2. | Photo submitted

The PTO at W.A. Wright purchased 50 Bleeding Control Kits, one for every classroom in the school. On Jan. 8, PTO President Andy Wallingsford presented the kits to Principal Bryan Adams and SRO Chris Scurlock. Sgt. Steve Jones also attended the presentation. The teachers will be trained on how to use the Bleeding Control Kits. Pictured left to right: Sgt. Steve Jones, W.A. Wright Principal Bryan Adams, PTO President Andy Wallingsford, Assistant Principal Angela Kincad, Nurse Bridgett Murray, and SRO Chris Scurlock. | Photo submitted

I’ve been to a few Audiologists over the years but Dr. Jennifer is as good as it gets. The hearing aids have changed my life because I haven’t heard much out of my right ear in over 60 years but now I can! I would highly recommend Dr. Jennifer to my friends and relatives.

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FAITH & MESSAGE

What is your reasonable service?

In writing to the church at Rome, the apostle Paul recorded one of the most often quoted and preached passages in the Bible. He told them (and you and me) that they should present themselves as a living sacrifice (I like that living part) that is made holy and acceptable to the Lord God.

In some versions, what he wrote next is translated as “This is your spiritual worship.” In others, it is translated “Your reasonable service.” While commentators debate which one, I submit to you that both apply. As a matter of fact, The Amplified Bible does this with the end of that verse. “…which is your reasonable (rational, intelligent) service and spiritual worship.” What constitutes our reasonable service to God is also our spiritual worship.

Now, I know that we usually think of worship as the singing of a song on Sunday morning with others gathered around us singing the same song. And that certainly is worship, but it is only part of our worship. Paul was communicating that we should live a life of worship to Him.

We present our bodies to Him; that means all of our life and that which it contains. To present it to Him as a living sacrifice is to determine that He can manage and govern our lives better than we can.

The problem with a lot of us is that we present our bodies to Him as a sacrifice, but then we jump back off the altar. We take the entire...

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Have you ever truly thought of what makes Mt. Juliet such a great place to live and call home? For Mt. Juliet it’s the fine individuals who laid the groundwork long before many of us came to call Mt. Juliet home. These are the individuals who were born right here in Mt. Juliet or who have lived here for many years and long before incorporation, sewers and many other amenities came to Mt. Juliet. If not for their hard work and willingness to make personal sacrifices, the Mt. Juliet we know and love today may not have ever come to be and could have been far different. But because of dedicated individuals that came before us, we have a great place to call home, and that home for us is Mt. Juliet, Tennessee.

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So, to all previous mayors, elected officials, volunteers, citizens, churches, businesses and anyone who had a part in making Mt. Juliet what it is today, thank you for making Mt. Juliet the best city in the world. Let’s all continue to do our part in keeping Mt. Juliet the best place to live, work, play, raise a family and worship!

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**Reflections from an Old Friend**

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Wilson County Fair wins awards at Tennessee Association of Fairs

**Staff Reports**

The Wilson County Fair was awarded the Merit Award at this year’s Tennessee Association of Fairs (TAF) Convention by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture. As a 2019 Premier Fair Award winner in the AAA Division for the 2018 Fair, Wilson County Fair was not eligible for a top award in their division at the 2020 TAF Convention.

During the convention, Wilson County Fair competed in the Showcase of Fairs Competitive Exhibits and received seven 1st place awards and the Golden Needle Award as well as eight 2nd and three 3rd place awards.

Fairest of the Fair 2019 Amber Logan Agee competed with other young ladies representing fairs across the state of Tennessee. “We were very pleased this year,” Helen McPeak, Wilson County Fair executive director, said of the awards received. “Amber did a wonderful job and represented Wilson County with grace and was a true ambassador for Wilson County.”

“The Fair is all about agriculture, fun and putting smiles on people’s faces,” McPeak added. “We have over 1,600 volunteers who make the Wilson County Fair exciting and new each year, and it truly is a showcase of our community. It’s the one time that everybody in our county comes together.”

Wilson County Fair ranks No. 31 on the Top 50 Fairs in the Nation listing compiled by carnivalwarehouse.com, and Reithoffer Shows, which provides the midway rides, ranks No. 6 in the nation by the same organization.

First place awards in the Showcase included the non-professionally decorated pageant stage, website, Fair video, Fair brochure, non-premium tabloid, AAA/Regional Division premium book (Fair Catalog) and pieced quilt – machine pieced/machine decorated pageant stage. McPeak added, “An award.

VUMC tops list for number of heart transplants in 2019

**Staff Reports**

Vanderbilt University Medical Center tied for first place as the busiest heart transplant program by volume in the United States in 2019.

VUMC performed a record 118 heart transplants last year — 96 adult and 22 pediatric patients — topping the previous year’s record of 109. It tied with Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles for the busiest heart transplant center in the country. The Medical Center was ranked as the No. 2 heart transplant center by volume for the previous three consecutive years.

“For Vanderbilt this has been a remarkable year,” said Ashish Shah, MD, professor of Cardiac Surgery and surgical director of the adult heart transplant program at VUMC. “We performed 118 transplants, which included patients who ranged in age from 2 to 72 and some with formidable surgical challenges. Moreover, the Vanderbilt heart transplant team fully embraced innovative strategies to utilize hearts that just a few years ago were thought to be unusable, and now restore hope.”

The Vanderbilt Transplant Center is part of an elite group of heart transplant programs that have performed more than 1,000 transplants. The center’s adult heart transplant program began in 1985, followed by the opening of the pediatric program in 1987.

“This accomplishment reflects the dedication and hard work of an amazing team — physicians, nurses, pharmacists, social workers and case managers across a spectrum of disciplines, as well as the support of the hospital and the transplant center,” said Kelly Schledorf, MD, MHS, assistant professor of Medicine and medical director of VUMC’s adult heart transplant program.

The Vanderbilt Transplant Center is the South’s premier transplant center, providing more opportunity for patients to participate in clinical trials that help advance the science of organ transplantation, as well as access to other specialists. Its transplant teams have performed more than 9,500 solid organ transplants since 1962, including all major organs — heart, kidney, lung, liver and pancreas.

“I believe Vanderbilt has the finest, most impactful heart transplant program in the country,” said Seth Karp, MD, H. William Scott Jr. Professor, chair of the Section of Surgical Sciences and director of the Vanderbilt Transplant Center. “Its success is a direct result of a remarkably talented team.”
Vol State Business Programs renew accreditation

Staff Reports

The Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) Associate Degree Board of Commissioners has reaffirmed accreditation of the business programs at Volunteer State Community College. Vol State has associate of applied science degrees, designed for direct entry into the workforce. The college also offers business degrees designed for university transfer.

ACBSP offers specialized business accreditation for all degree levels, from associate to baccalaureate to doctoral degree programs. ACBSP accreditation certifies that the teaching and learning processes for the programs offered through the Business and Technology Division at Vol State meet the rigorous educational standards established by ACBSP. The business programs at Vol State were first accredited by ACBSP in 1998, making Vol State among the first to achieve ACBSP accreditation. The College is required to go through the reaffirmation process every 10 years to maintain ACBSP accreditation.

“Volunteer State Community College has shown its commitment to teaching excellence and to the process of quality improvement by participating in the accreditation process,” said ACBSP Chief Accreditation Officer Steve Parscale, who will present the Certificate of Reaffirmation of Accreditation at ACBSP Conference 2020 in Chicago on June 28. “Reaffirmation is an important stamp of excellence for Vol State business programs and the faculty and staff that serve our students and community,” said Andrew White, dean of Business and Technology at Vol State. “It validates that our programs offer excellent pathways for students to gain the knowledge and business skills sought by today’s employers. The accreditation and reaffirmation process is rigorous. It not only evaluates quality but also stimulates significant improvements. Our students will be benefiting from this effort for many years to come.”

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Piedmont said service had been restored to more than 50% of customers in Kelsey Glen. Piedmont remained onsite for any customer questions about the situation. As of Tuesday morning, there were still customers without service, but Piedmont expected all service to be restored by the end of the day.

By Tuesday morning, the natural gas outage was affecting a group of customers located in Kelsey Glen. Piedmont said the outage was the result of an equipment failure at the subdivision.

From GRANVILLE, PAGE 4

The 2020 Ole Time Music Hour will be leading the event. There are 40 qualifying rounds across the state with more information available at www.tnvacations.com/songwriters-week. Winners from each location will compete further with the final performance held at the Bluebird Cafe.

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The Hermitage commemorates the Battle Of New Orleans

Staff Reports

On Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2020, Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage commemorated the 205th anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans, the last major battle of the War of 1812 and the stunning victory of the American forces, led by Major General Andrew Jackson. Admission was free to all ages and included many activities throughout the day including re-enactments and educational seminars.

A wreath laying ceremony took place at 11 a.m. and featured keynote speaker Jason Wiese, Chief Curator of the Historic New Orleans Collection, and Josephine Hill, Tennessee President of the United States Daughters of 1812.

CedarStone Bank President and CEO Bob McDonald, who serves as Regent of Andrew Jackson Foundation and was Master of Ceremonies for the event, commented how General Jackson met with many city leaders of New Orleans during the battle preparations, assuring them that their city would be protected and saved.

“The Battle of New Orleans was one of the greatest days in our nation’s history,” McDonald said. “Our country was very young and still very much considered to be an experiment in democracy. General Jackson and his troops fended off the British and the world’s premier military with a resounding defeat.”

The ceremonial wreath was laid on Andrew Jackson’s grave by (left to right) Bob McDonald, Regent of the Andrew Jackson Foundation, Josephine Hill, Tennessee President of the United States Daughters of 1812, Wilma Stone, President of the Rachel Jackson Chapter, Alabama State Society of the United States Daughters of 1812, and Susan McDonald. | Photo submitted

Makayla Marshall of Wilson Central High School recently signed her Letter of Intent to play softball at Lane College. | Photo submitted

The Mt. Juliet Noon Rotary Club recently awarded bicycles to Mt. Juliet students as part of its Wheels in Motion program. Each recipient is pictured above with members from the Rotary Club and each student’s school. Top photo: Aiden Cave, third grader at Springfield Elementary. Middle photo: Klarrissa Stanback (left) and Valentina Bahena (right), both first graders at Stoner Creek Elementary. Bottom photo: Samir Hashmi, fourth grader at West Elementary. | Photos submitted
BEARD, Walter McArthur

Walter McArthur “Mack” Beard, age 77 of Mt. Juliet, passed away Jan. 20, 2020. The funeral service will be held Friday, Jan. 24 at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet. Interment will follow in Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends on Thursday, Jan. 23 from 4-8 p.m. and on Friday, Jan. 24 from 10 a.m. until service time.

In addition to his parents, Walter S. and Bessie Anglin Beard, he was preceded in death by wife, Barbara Beard; daughter, Shari Beard Montoney; and Barbara Beard; daughter, preceding in death by wife, Hazel Kate Farmer, and Hazel Kate Farmer, and Henry David Farmer. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon. The family has planned a private funeral service and burial. The family extends their special thanks to Scott Baker MD, Renee Diefendorf; daughter, Hazel Kate Farmer, and Henry David Farmer. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon. The family has planned a private funeral service and burial. The family extends their special thanks to Scott Baker MD, Renee Diefendorf; daughter, Hazel Kate Farmer, and Henry David Farmer. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon. The family has planned a private funeral service and burial. The family extends their special thanks to Scott Baker MD, Renee Diefendorf; daughter, Hazel Kate Farmer, and Henry David Farmer. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon. The family has planned a private funeral service and burial. The family extends their special thanks to Scott Baker MD, Renee Diefendorf; daughter, Hazel Kate Farmer, and Henry David Farmer. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon. The family has planned a private funeral service and burial. The family extends their special thanks to Scott Baker MD, Renee Diefendorf; daughter, Hazel Kate Farmer, and Henry David Farmer. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon. The family has planned a private funeral service and burial. The family extends their special thanks to Scott Baker MD, Renee Diefendorf; daughter, Hazel Kate Farmer, and Henry David Farmer. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon. The family has planned a private funeral service and burial. The family extends their special thanks to Scott Baker MD, Renee Diefendorf; daughter, Hazel Kate Farmer, and Henry David Farmer. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon. The family has planned a private funeral service and burial. The family extends their special thanks to Scott Baker MD, Renee Diefendorf; daughter, Hazel Kate Farmer, and Henry David Farmer. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon. The family has planned a private funeral service and burial. The family extends their special thanks to Scott Baker MD, Renee Diefendorf; daughter, Hazel Kate Farmer, and Henry David Farmer. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon. The family has planned a private funeral service and burial. The family extends their special thanks to Scott Baker MD, Renee Diefendorf; daughter, Hazel Kate Farmer, and Henry David Farmer. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon. The family has planned a private funeral service and burial. The family extends their special thanks to Scott Baker MD, Renee Diefendorf; daughter, Hazel Kate Farmer, and Henry David Farmer. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon. The family has planned a private funeral service and burial. The family extends their special thanks to Scott Baker MD, Renee Diefendorf; daughter, Hazel Kate Farmer, and Henry David Farmer. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon. The family has planned a private funeral service and burial. The family extends their special thanks to Scott Baker MD, Renee Diefendorf; daughter, Hazel Kate Farmer, and Henry David Farmer. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon. The family has planned a private funeral service and burial. The family extends their special thanks to Scott Baker MD, Renee Diefendorf; daughter, Hazel Kate Farmer, and Henry David Farmer. Visitation is 4-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 22 at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon. The family has planned a private funeral service and burial. The family extends their special thanks to Scott Baker MD, Renee Diefendorf; daughter, Hazel Kate Farmer, and Henry David Farmer.
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Summer science camp announced for Mt. Juliet

Staff Reports

Mr. Bond’s Science Guys announce their 2020 roster of science camps across Middle Tennessee including West Nashville (M.B.A. and F.R.A.), Mt. Juliet (Mt. Juliet Community Center), East Nashville (Riverwood Church of Christ), Hendersonville (Hoppy Hop Inflatables), Franklin (Williamson County Parks and Recreation), Belle Meade (Harding Academy), Green Hills (Lipscomb Elementary) Spring Hill and Nolensville (WCPR) and Belle Meade (Harding Academy), Green Hills (Lipscomb Elementary) Spring Hill and Nolensville (WCPR) and Belmont/Hillsboro (Christ The King).

Morning and/or afternoon camps are three hours each, five days a week. Some locations offer a full-day option. Registration and information can be found at www.mrbondscienceguy.com/science-camps or from the host location websites.

New for 2020, the Science Guys are offering an early bird registration discount for their Mt. Juliet, East Nashville, and Hendersonville locations. Anyone who uses the code EARLYBIRD20 before March 1, 2020, will receive a $20 discount. Along with the early bird discount, the Science Guys offer a sibling/friend discount.

A parent from 2019 said, “My 5-year-old and his best friend had a great time at Crazy Chemistry camp. They especially enjoyed continuing to play with the things they made in science camp once they got home.”

During the school year the “Science Guys” travel to elementary and middle school classrooms with their mobile science lab. Summer vacation allows participants a more comprehensive study of a diverse spectrum of science themes. Below are some of the highlights for 2020’s themes.

Summer Camp Themes for 2020:

• CSI: Perform DNA analysis and lift fingerprints.
• Space: Launch rockets, build an eggstranaut re-entry craft and make their own flying orbiter.
• Crazy Chemistry: Use a gigantic periodic table to learn about the elements and perform hands-on experiments to create and observe different chemical reactions.
• S.T.E.A.M. Learn how Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math work together to drive innovations.
• Superhero: Experience the science behind magnetic powers, web throwing, laser eyes, and ice powers.
• Engineering: Design bridges, learn about and explore with robots, and test out circuitry with DIY circuits.
• Cirque Du Science: Juggling, plate spinning, balancing feats help kids discover that magic is just science without an explanation!
• BioScience: Get involved to learn about the biomes and animals on earth.
• All About Air!: Explore pressure, flight, wind force, and much more!

Mr. Bond’s Science Guys were founded by British-born Keith Trehy, who attended the American University in Washington, D.C. on a soccer scholarship. Trehy earned a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, traveled the globe teaching English and Science, then immigrated to Nashville where he operated a “Mad Science” franchise until 2007.

Trehy now has his own team of “edutainers” — teachers and entertainers — whose mission it is to show kids that science is fun, cool and exciting.

The Science Guys of Nashville are Mr. Bond (Trehy), Professor Greybeard (John Wicks), Dr. E! (Kari Donovan), Hydro-Jenna (Jenna Hulsey) and Coco Bond (Fenn Trehy), and Professor Spark (Jordan Krantz). Cosmic Carol (Carol Buttenham) is the Managing and Marketing Director.
I’ve always enjoyed meeting new people.

So when I met Samantha this past weekend, it was a real treat to find out she was an attorney, just like me. She was a brunette, like me. She liked to laugh, like me. We were on our way to becoming fast friends ... that is, until she called me “ma’am.”

And odd endearment for your new bestie, don’t you think?

Turns out my new gal pal is 27 years old, which seemed perfectly OK at the time because, in my mind, I am forever 29.

As the evening progressed she called me “ma’am” two more times, and with each “ma’am” I aged an entire decade. Turns out that if I had had a baby at 22, then Samantha could be my child.

And just like that, this old girl was ready to go home.

Geez! When did I get old enough to be a 27 year old’s mother?

When did shopping for cute reading glasses become my new thing?

When did listening to podcasts on Blue Zones become my obsession?

When did my remembering a phone number become a test for early onset dementia?

And when, WHEN, did those furrows between my brows become permanent??!

I used to drive by retirement communities and not think twice. These days I watch their commercials and the idea of dinner clubs, indoor walking facilities and one floor living sounds rather appealing.

At 49, everything is possible!

At 29, you’re looking across the table at your long lost daughter named Samantha hoping you get home before the rain moves in!

The next morning, I texted Samantha to get her email address as we’re going to be working on a project together. She quickly responded with the boundless energy of someone who isn’t going to want to hang with me at the retirement clubhouse anytime soon.

I sent her back the “thumbs up” emoji. She was already making me tired.

Determined to not go gently into the night, I called Beckly.

“Hey, we need to find someone to give us Botox and then we need to find a Soul Cycling class or something fun like that to keep us young.”

“Soul Cycling? That’s in Nashville. I’m not driving there. The traffic is crazy and by the time the class is over it would be dark and ....”

“It’s fine.” I said. “I made a new friend, Samantha, and she can drive us!”

By Angel Kane
Wilson Living Magazine

PET OF THE WEEK

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

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Premier Fair was presented in three categories: Division A for counties with a population under 21,000 won by Smith County; AA Division for counties with a population of 21,000 to 47,000 was won by Macon County, and AAA Division for counties with a population of over 47,000 was won by Putnam County. Sevier County Fair received the Champion of Champions award for their 2019 Fair.

Wilson County will continue to be represented on the TAF Board of Directors by Helen McPeak serving as a Middle Tennessee director.

**LOCAL RESTAURANT & DINING GUIDE - SMOOTHIE KING**

Smoothie King franchisees and their team members inspire guests to live a healthy and active lifestyle through the brand’s products. By adding cleaner, more nutritious ingredients to their menu, franchisees have the opportunity to meet the evolving demand for better-for-you foods with fewer additives. In the past year, Smoothie King has been developing this goal into the Cleaner Blending initiative. “It’s a living breathing initiative,” said Katherine LeBlanc, director of initiative, “said Katherine LeBlanc, director of initiative, “It’s a living breathing initiative.”

Premier Fair was made the bold statement for you options to guests. Smoothie King has also made the bold statement of removing added sugar and artificial flavors, colors and preservatives, added hormones and GMO fruits and vegetables in their initiative to deliver better-for-you options to guests. Smoothie King has also made the bold statement of removing added sugar from all of their Purpose Blend – today, that’s over 50 smoothies.

**WHAT’S NEW AND WHAT’S GONE?**

To date, Smoothie King has eliminated the following ingredients from our smoothies: high fructose corn syrup, trans fats, hydrogenated oil, gluten, and any ingredients prohibited by any regulatory lists monitored by NSF International. Meanwhile, we’ve added more whole fruits and vegetables to blend cleaner, delicious smoothies. But we’re not stopping there. Throughout this year, the brand will target artificial flavors, colors and preservatives, added hormones and GMO fruits and vegetables in their initiative to deliver better-for-you options to guests. Smoothie King has also made the bold statement of removing added sugar from all of their Purpose Blend – today, that’s over 50 smoothies.

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