Relentless detectives and great partnerships with Metro-Nashville Police led to the quick apprehension of four suspects who were responsible for robbing a cell phone store last week.

Around 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2019, three masked suspects entered Sprint, at 600 S. Mt. Juliet Road, to rob and steal cell phones and cash. One of the suspects was armed, and all demanded new cell phones and cash from the safe.

Once the robbery was apparent, the department aggressively began to investigate it to find those responsible. Detectives worked with Metro-Nashville Police Department’s Juvenile Crime Task Force, and through collaborative efforts, the suspects were identified. Within four hours of the robbery, detectives had all four suspects in custody.

Further investigation revealed the suspects used a Kia Forte, stolen out of Mayor Ed Hagerty delivered his State of the City address last week, updating Mt. Juliet residents about the City in a presentation called “Remembering our Past, Excited for the Future.”

“We’re living in a really exciting place in an exciting time,” said Hagerty. Hagerty praised the City’s public works department for the staff’s work in various projects such as the bridge widening over Interstate 40 on Mt. Juliet Road.

He said the plans for the $5 million project include walking and bike paths as well as allowing more traffic to move through the area. According to Hagerty, Tennessee Department of Transportation will provide $1.5 million for the project, while the City will contribute $2.7 million.

He also spoke about the City’s priorities as voted by the Board of Commissioners. Besides the I-40 bridge widening, South Mt. Juliet Road will be widened near Providence and there is a plan to create an exit at I-40 and Central Pike.

The Town Center Trail greenway is expected to start in March and should be completed by summer.

Director of Schools to leave in 2020

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

Director of Wilson County Schools Donna Wright recently told the school board she does not want to extend her current contract past 2020 when it expires.

Wright has been the director of schools since 2014 and is currently on her second three-year contract with the county. She was previously the assistant director of schools for Williamson County and had the same position in Knox County Schools as well.

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West Wilson Middle School Honor Lists

Principal’s List
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JAN 24
Republican Women of Action
The Republican Women of Action will meet at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 24 at Courtney’s Restaurant in Mt. Juliet. Al Ashworth will be speaking on his book “No Snow Days: Commitment, Honor, Purpose.”

JAN 26
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 MJSAC. Everyone is welcome.

JAN 26
Wilson County Conservative Republicans
The Wilson County Conservative Republicans will meet Saturday, Jan. 26, at 9 a.m. at Logan’s at Providence in Mt. Juliet. This month’s speaker is Dr. Manny Sethi with Healthy Tennessee and a possible candidate for U.S. Senate.

JAN 30
Good Morning Wilson County
Good Morning Wilson County Coffee chat with Wilson County Mayor Randall Hutto or other County Representative will be Jan. 30 from 8:30-10 a.m. at 2055 N. Mt. Juliet Road, Suite 200. Reserve a seat today at 615-758-3478.

JAN 31
Work Session
The Wilson County Board of Education will hold a work session on Jan. 31, 2019, at 5 p.m. at the Wilson County BOE Administrative and Training Complex, 415 Harding Dr., Lebanon, Tennessee, 37087. The work session is for informational purposes only. No actions are taken, or voted on, by the Board at the work session.

FEB 4
Board Meeting
The Wilson County Board of Education will meet in a regular scheduled board meeting on Feb. 4, 2019, at 6 p.m. at the Wilson County BOE Administrative and Training Complex, 415 Harding Dr., Lebanon, Tennessee, 37087. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss any matters legally brought before the Board.

FEB 5
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.

FEB 11
Board of Commissioners
The Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners will meet Feb. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. A Public Hearing will be held before the start of the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

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Historic Granville Bluegrass Winterfest
Granville Sutton Ole Time Music Hour will be having Bluegrass Winterfest during the months of January and February each Saturday night. The bluegrass dinner show will be having special bands perform. Bluegrass Winterfest is a special time during the winter months when Sutton Ole Time Music Hour brings the best bluegrass music in Middle Tennessee to the Corner Stage at the 1880 Sutton General Store. 931-653-4151 | www.GranvilleTN.com

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be your next governor, no governor will solve the problems — in fact, no government will solve the greatest problems that we face," Lee said. "Government is not the answer to our challenges."

Lee replaces term-limited GOP Gov. Bill Haslam, who choked up briefly while giving his final remarks as governor.

"So in about two hours, Crissy and I are going to be getting in a car and heading east on I-40. Two things to know about that. Number one, I haven't driven in eight years... The second thing to know is this, and I will try not to choke up when I say this, there won't be two more grateful people anywhere than the two in that car," Haslam said, blinking back tears.

Both men received standing ovations from the crowded auditorium filled with former Tennessee governors, congressional delegation and Lee's newly appointed cabinet.

Haslam is mulling a run for an open U.S. Senate seat next year. He has also been named a fellow at the Sine Institute of Policy & Politics at American University, where he'll lead discussions and study sessions with students and participate in events.

"Mark my words, Bill Lee will be a great governor," Haslam said.

Lee's religious faith became a defining characteristic along the campaign trail. Before the swearing-in ceremony, Lee attended a packed worship service at the Grand Ole Opry, where multiple high-profile Christian musicians performed and prominent Tennessee politicians were in attendance.

Former Nashville Predators hockey player Mike Fisher and former NASCAR driver Darrell Waltrip were among the attendees of the worship services.

"There were some guys you didn't trust," Waltrip said in an analogy to his racing days. "You try to stay away from them, but the guys you can trust, you didn't mind them putting their fender up next to your door, because you knew that they weren't gonna wreck you. So, Bill is someone you can trust."

At the ceremony, Lee's pastor and campaign advisor, Steve Berger, gave a brief invocation. Berger raised eyebrows in the final months of the campaign for saying the Bible requires victims of sexual misconduct and other offenses to have at least two or three witnesses.

This forced Lee to respond soon after that such a requirement would not become the state standard under his administration.

"I believe that one way that we do unite is by following the commandment to love your neighbor as yourself," Lee said as part of his inaugural speech. "In fact, I believe it is the key to American greatness. Our greatness has never come from government compulsion or power. It's always come from our love for each other and our commitment to our fellow citizens and to our neighbors."

Tennessee poet laureate Margaret Britton Vaughn provided an inaugural poem "Tennessee Is A Song."

"His key unlocks freedom. His tempo a movement of love. We're waiting Bill Lee; your turn to take the baton," Vaughn wrote.

Lee was forced to move the inauguration indoors after forecasts warned of severe rain and thunderstorms. It was the first time the ceremony hadn't taken place outdoors in front of the Capitol in more than 40 years.

At that time, it was for the inauguration of Democratic Gov. Ray Blanton — known for being ousted from office three days early in a "cash-for-clemency" scandal that's still regarded as one of the biggest in Tennessee history.

Tennessee's oath of office has remained largely unchanged over the years, a tradition that Lee kept on Saturday.

One exception was Gov. James C. "Lean Jimmy" Jones, who in 1841 also swore an oath to prohibit dueling. Not all new governors have made an inaugural address. In 1890, Willie Blount sent a written message to the Legislature instead of making a speech, saying he was "unaccustomed to addressing public assemblies."

Among those who have made speeches, the shortest on record was by Isham Harris, who in 1857 said only: "I am ready to take the oath of office."

At the inauguration of Frank Goad Clement in 1963, a 19-gun salute set fire to the Capitol lawn.

Lee, a Franklin-based businessman, defeated former Democratic Nashville Mayor Karl Dean in November. It was the first time Lee had ever run for political office.

Lee, in a tux, and his wife, Maria, in a floor-length blue velvet dress, attended two inaugural balls in downtown Nashville later that night at Music City Center. Their first inaugural dance was to a live performance of "Here's to the Farmer" by Luke Bryan.

Bryan played several songs during Lee's first inaugural ball.

Reporters were only allowed to attend the first dance between the couple, a rule the governor's staffers said was keeping with tradition.

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Wilson Co. Schools unveils mobile app

Keeping up with what’s going on in Wilson County Schools just got a lot easier. Last week, Wilson County Schools unveiled a new mobile app, called WilsonK12TN, that will give parents, students and staff access to more information than ever before, right on their phone.

Specifically, all of the announcements, headlines, district calendars and other information that is frequently accessed on the school district’s website has been categorized into a series of easy-to-use icons that can be easily accessed.

Users will have the option to choose which school or schools they wish to follow, share items with others with just one click, automatically add items to their personal calendar, and receive automated push notifications during emergencies and school closings.

Director of Schools Donna Wright said not only will the app benefit students, parents and staff, but it will be great for members of the community who simply want to stay informed about what is happening in local schools.

“Gone are the days when people sat down at a desktop to get online,” said Wright. “Today, more than half the people who access our website actually do so from a handheld device. That’s why it became so important that we find a more practical way to share information and communicate.”

The free Wilson County Schools TN mobile app can be downloaded on iTunes or Google Play.

Wilson County Schools

Photo courtesy of WC Schools

Mt. Juliet Mayor Ed Hagerty delivered his State of the City address to a full house at Rutland Place on Jan. 16.

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of 2020. The greenway will provide more connectivity throughout the city and will be accessible for bicyclists and pedestrians.

The parking lot at the Mt. Juliet Train Station will also be expanded and a clock tower will be added near the station.

Home values in the area have continued to climb over the years. Hagerty said Wilson County has the second highest home values in Tennessee behind only Williamson County.

Hagerty also said Mt. Juliet has the third lowest crime rate in the midstate. Even though the rate has been decreasing, many people seem to think the opposite. He said this is likely because the Mt. Juliet Police Department is transparent in their communication and alerts about crime in the area.

Mt. Juliet has changed much during Hagerty’s time as mayor, and he expects the changes to continue.

“What will Mt. Juliet look like in 10, 20, or even 30 years? There’s no doubt it will be much different than today,” said Hagerty. “My prayer for [Mt. Juliet] this year is simply this: Cherish the past, be excited for our future, be ready for change. Be eager as Mt. Juliet continues to become a true edge city where we can live, work, shop, play and worship right here while enjoying the benefits of living near a major metropolitan area.”

Hagerty concluded his address with a simple statement.

“I wish you well, thank you, God bless, and have a great 2019.”

Lakeview Elementary Student of the Month for December — Front Row Seated: Liam Ledbetter, Shelby Cole, Emily Benevelli, Tucker Collier, Ryleigh Deane, Griffin Uhlir, Beckham Lundeen, Shavon Cyrill; Middle Row: David Hanna, Lincoln Witt, Tripp Franklin, Gianna (Gigi) Santora, Elle West, Norah Simpson, Sierra Ryan, Tatum Whitehouse; Back Row: Andrew Cone, Hunter Tarkington, LaMesha Winters, Sooah Choe, Gabe Marquez, Mason Bates, Leyton Plummer, Gabe Uhlir, Sam Simpson, James McCrystal, Jaycek Allen.

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Everyone has a story

On a daily basis, we hear the stories of people who share this planet with us. Some of these stories are interesting stories, telling how a person has overcome a difficult situation or circumstance. Others are sad stories, bad stories, tragic stories, hard to believe stories or simply silly stories.

The truth is, everyone has a story and your story may be the one God uses to change the life of a friend, co-worker or neighbor. This story is not the one you are writing, but rather the one God is in the process of writing as you surrender your life to Him through faith in Jesus Christ, His Son.

Jesus declared: “You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt should lose its taste, how can it be made salty? It’s no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. 14 “You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lamp stand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:13-16 CSB)

The story you are writing will pass away with time, but the one God is in the process of writing will live on for eternity. God’s story is being written as you allow Him to use you as an extension of His.

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Granville dedicates new book

Staff Reports

Historic Granville’s Granville Museum recently had a dedication of their new history book entitled “The Legacy of Granville, Tennessee — A Rural Riverboat Town.” The 376-page book tells the history of Granville from the settlement in 1799 to the present. The committee has worked for two years to research and write this book. The book is for sale for $22 at Granville Museum or can be ordered and mailed for $30. Orders to be mailed can be sent to Granville Museum, P. O. Box 26, Granville, TN, 38457. The Granville Genealogy Festival will be on April 13 at the new Granville Event Center and there will be a talk on new history found during research of the book.

Randall Clemons, president of the museum, stated that the history book committee consisted of 43 members who gave their time to research and write the book.

He said that special recognition is given to Diane Draper Burgess and Charlene McClain for the many hours of research and writing that they put into this documentation.

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Wilson Bank & Trust is celebrating a quarter century of home shows with the return of the Southern Home & Garden Expo, which takes place Feb. 8-9 at the Wilson County Expo Center in Lebanon.

With free admission, the expo offers access to more than 100 exhibitors and experts in all areas of home improvement. This year’s show will also feature Saturday morning workshops, a special building project for children Saturday morning, concessions, and giveaways and door prizes valued at more than $16,000.

While growing in size, space, and scope over 25 years, the event still retains its original focus, according to Wilson Bank & Trust CEO Randall Clemens.

“Starting a home improvement project or building a new home can be overwhelming for reasons beyond financing, and that hasn’t changed since we had our first Expo in the mid-1990s,” Clemens said. “This event started as a way to provide resources and ideas for our neighbors, customers and surrounding communities, and it’s benefited area homeowners enough to keep growing, with new elements being added every year.”

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• Lawn care, with Matt Bryson of Absolute Kubota
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Limited exhibit space is still available. Home-related businesses interested in reserving a booth can contact Becky Jennings at 615-443-6635.

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Local author debuts first book

Staff Reports

Mt. Juliet resident Tom Farmer recently had his first book, “Sales Tales — Laughs At Your Expense,” published by Dorrance Publishing. The book, available on Amazon, has a target audience of anyone who has worked in the sales profession or anyone who likes to read funny and bizarre books.

The short tales shared by Farmer comprise part of his 30-year history working by Farmer. Some of the reviews indicate that these “true” tales seem a little farfetched to be real, but Farmer promises that every tale is as close to an accurate recollection as possible.

Some of the tales in Farmer’s book have storylines about customers being punched by the salesman, decapitation, how the Cold War really ended and much more.

Farmer’s perspective is there are too many books published in the sales industry that try to teach and train people how to sell better, but that is not the purpose of his book.

“Such is a fun, or maybe unbelievable, compilation of stories that give great insight into the unusual and unusual side of the in-home sales profession,” said Farmer.

Farmer also believes the old adage, “If you find a career that you love to do, you never work a day in your life.” He says he hasn’t worked in years.

Due to some interest, Farmer said he has also written a draft pilot script for television based on the stories and characters from his book. He is hoping to have it become content material for a TV series or movie.

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RTA extends Vets Ride for Free

Staff Reports

The Regional Transportation Authority of Middle Tennessee (RTA) Board of Directors has given approval for an extension of last year’s Vets for the Holidays program so that military veterans can ride RTA commuter bus services and the Music City Star commuter train for free.

The program, which ran from Nov. 1 to Dec. 31, 2018, was a first for the RTA. It aimed to make public transportation services more accessible to military veterans, both as a gesture of appreciation and in recognition of the fact that access to transportation services is a critical resource for returning and disabled veterans as they connect to medical, employment and support services while reintegrating to civilian life.

The popularity and appreciation for the program quickly became apparent to members of the RTA Board of Directors, which is largely comprised of City and County Mayors and other local elected officials from the 10 counties surrounding Nashville and participate in the RTA to provide commuter transportation services to their residents.

The decision to extend the program into 2019 was given at a recent RTA Executive Committee meeting.

“We believe our veterans deserve the very best for what they have done for our country. I am proud to be a part of a great organization such as RTA who recognizes these great men and women. I appreciate the fact that this service is being extended,” said RTA Vice Chair and Wilson County Mayor Randall Hutto.

To qualify, participants need only show a valid form of military veteran identification to the RTA bus operator or Music City Star train conductor. Forms of identification that will be accepted are:

• DD Form 2 (Retired United States Uniformed Services Identification Card)

• Tennessee Driver’s License or Identification Card with “Veteran” designation on front

• VA Health Benefits Identification Card

• DD214 form in lieu of a Veteran’s identification card

For more information on the Vets for the Holidays program, contact RTA Customer Care at 615-862-5950 from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Sundays, or visit www.rtarelaxandride.org.

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BROWN, Robert William

Robert William "Bob" Brown passed away Jan. 20, 2019, at age 84. A Memorial Service will be scheduled at a later date. He is survived by children Randy (Diane) Brown and Patti (Jeff) Callis; grandchildren Christina (Drew) Jackson, Henry Hunter Brown, Corey Calis, and Bethany (Jordan) Vanatta; and great-grandchildren Emily, Brody, Taylor, Aiden, Colton, and Analyn. He is preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Melinda Sue Brown, and parents Alexander and Ernestine Brown.

Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon, TN, 615.444.9393.

CHAPMAN, Jesse Lee

Jesse Lee Chapman, age 73 of Mt. Juliet, died Jan. 18, 2019. He was preceded in death by his father, Mizell Lee Chapman; mother, Ophelia Chapman Stubblefield; and step-father, Hackett Stubblefield. He is survived by: Wife – Carolyn Phares; Sons – Thomas (Bobbye) Hager, Jerry (Helen) Hager and Randy Hager; Six Grandchildren; and 12 Great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Jan. 21 at Bond Memorial Chapel, and interment followed at Heritage Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Masonic Widows and Orphans Fund of Tennessee, 100 7th Avenue N, Suite 1, Nashville, TN 37203.


COLEMAN, Fannie Mai Hager

Fannie Mai Hager "Lula" Coleman, age 93 of Hermitage, died Jan. 16, 2019. Mrs. Coleman is the daughter of the late James Bryant and Fenton Tennessee Bland Bryant. She was also preceded in death by her husbands, Earl Hager and Joe Coleman, and seven siblings.

She is survived by: Sons – Thomas (Bobbye) Hager, Jerry (Helen) Hager and Randy Hager; Six Grandchildren; One Great-great-grandchild; Many nieces and nephews. A gathering of friends was held Jan. 22 at Bond Memorial Chapel, followed by a Masonic Service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Masonic Widows and Orphans Fund of Tennessee, 100 7th Avenue N, Suite 1, Nashville, TN 37203.


FORGEY, Lindsey Nicole

Lindsey Nicole Forgey, age 28 of Hermitage, devoted daughter, sister and friend, won her battle on Jan. 17, 2019, and is finally at peace. A Celebration of Life Service was held Jan. 22 at Sellars Funeral Home in Mt. Juliet.

She is survived by children, Amaih Hill, Landen Austin, and Layla Austin; significant other, Ricky Austin; mother, Kiliee Pack; father, Roger Forgey; sister, Megan (Rob) Hill; niece and nephew, Sami and Bax; maternal grandmother, Judy Richardson; maternal grandfather, Ray Pack; aunt, Keri Richardson; cousins, Kobe Glenn, Kaleb Richardson, and Nicole Yoder; many friends, and loved ones also survive. She was preceded in death by paternal grandmother, Connie Forgey; paternal grandfather, William Forgey; maternal great-grandmother, Pauline McDaniel; maternal great-grandfather, KB McDaniel; paternal great-grandmother, Willie Brumlow.

In lieu of flowers, family requests donations be made to http://gofundme.com/lindeystrong or you can make donations via Venmo @magenrae.


FRANKLIN, Pamela Renee

Pam Franklin passed away Jan. 17, 2019, at age 56. A funeral service was held Jan. 21 at Sellars Funeral Home in Lebanon, and interment followed at Wilson County Memorial.

She is survived by husband Ron Franklin; sons Keith (Michelle) Boykin and Kenneth (Jennifer) Boykin; grandsons Brendan and Brayden Boykin; and siblings Verbie "Jo" Davis, Ron Franklin; sons Keith (Michelle) Boykin and Kenneth (Jennifer) Boykin; grandsons Brendan and Brayden Boykin; and siblings Verbie "Jo" Davis, Bobby (Joyce) Allen, and Janice Cox; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by parents James and Verbie Kennedy Allen.

The family extends a special thank you to Gail and Wanda and the staff of Carrick Glen for the love and care that was provided to Mrs. Coleman during the nine years that she was a resident there.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Masonic Widows and Orphans Fund of Tennessee, 100 7th Avenue N, Suite 1, Nashville, TN 37203.


HEARN, Anthony Dale "Tony"

Tony Hearn, age 63 of Lebanon, passed away Jan. 16, 2019. A funeral service was held Jan. 20 at Sellars Funeral Home in Lebanon.

Tony is survived by children Joshua Earl Hearn and Jamie (Travis) McKnight; dedicated and loving girlfriend Emily Payne; grandchildren, Hunter McKnight, Cutter McKnight, and Lila Jewel Hearn; and brother Ronnie (Renee) Hearn. He is preceded in death by mother Jewell C. Tomlinson, father Steven Earl Hearn, and brother Bobby Hearn.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105) and/or the American Cancer Society (2000 Charlotte Ave, Nashville TN 37203). Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.

LANGFORD, Chad

Chad Langford passed away Dec. 15, 2018, at age 36. A Celebration of Life was held Jan. 20 at Sellars Funeral Home in Lebanon.

NOPENES, Jacob

Jacob R. Nopenes, age 38 of Lebanon, passed away Jan. 12, 2019. A funeral service was held Jan. 21 at Mt. Juliet Church of Christ, and interment followed at Cedar Grove Cemetery.

He is survived by wife, Danika Nopenes; children, Marlinea Kohler, Jacob Ross Nopenes II, and Shealynn Gonzalez; mother, Reva Nopenes; father, Michael Nopenes; brother, Jeffrey Dec; mother-in-law, Lauren Tatro; brother-in-law, Troy Tatro.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made towards the funeral expense. You can make these by either calling or coming by the funeral home. Arrangements by Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet, 2229 N. Mt. Juliet Road, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122, 615-755-8818.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Mt. Juliet will have a Public Hearing on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 6:15 p.m. to hear comments on the following item to be considered: Annex and rezone property known as Henriquez Property from R-1 County to AR-40 City, located at 640 John Wright Road, and being located within the City’s Urban Growth Boundary. The public is invited to attend and comment.

Kenny Martin, City Manager
City of Mt. Juliet

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Mt. Juliet will have a Public Hearing on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 6:15 PM on the following item to be considered. Amend Mt. Juliet City Code Chapter 28, Article IX – Truck Routes and repealing Ordinance 13-82, Construction Project Haul/Street Sureties. The public is invited to attend/comment.

Kenny Martin, City Manager
City of Mt. Juliet

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Mt. Juliet will not have a quorum on January 28, 2019, therefore, there will not be a meeting. The next scheduled meeting will be on February 11, 2019.

Kenny Martin, City Manager
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New Year, New Opportunities at Mt. Juliet Health Care Center! We are looking for the very best to join our team! Now Hiring: RN’s & LPN’s – 8 hour & 12 hour shifts available with a $2,000 sign-on bonus! CNA’s – 8 hour shifts available with a $1,500 sign-on bonus! Find us on Indeed, stop by, or call us today! Mount Juliet Health Care Center, 2650 N. Mt. Juliet Rd. Mt. Juliet, TN 37122. 615-758-4100
We are now accepting resumes for the CONCESSIONS MANAGER position at the Mt. Juliet League Ball Park.

The Concessions Manager will be under the general supervision of the Park Administrator and report to the Park President, and shall be responsible for the routine manual work, paperwork, accounting of monies, training and supervision of concession workers to maintain, clean, and operate the concession facilities.

For instructions on how to apply, please visit www.mjleague.org

The Hermitage commemorates the Battle of New Orleans

On Jan. 8, 2019, Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage commemorated the 204th 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 to the event 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 Lt. Gen. John Castellaw USMC (Ret.), General Castellaw served as chief of staff of the U.S. Central Command and Deputy Commandant of Programs and Resources at the Pentagon.

General Castellaw focused his remarks on the strategies and tactics developed by Andrew Jackson to overcome the British army.

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.

Regarding the day-long events, McDonald said, “It was the largest crowd I have seen at The Hermitage involving only Andrew Jackson activities and we are excited about the overwhelming interest in this important figure in our state and nation’s history.”
If one were to ask me to list three interesting facts about myself, they’d be as follows:

1. I’ve only thrown up twice in my entire life.
2. I’ve never had a cavity.
3. I’ve got perfect vision.

Not earth-shattering like being able to run a mile in under four minutes or surviving a shark attack, but, nonetheless, I’ve been pretty darn proud of these fun facts the majority of my life.

So, as you can only imagine, it’s been a pretty big blow to my ego that I turned 48 last month and can no longer see a stinking thing!

How does one go from having super human X-ray vision to not being able to read the back of a NyQuil bottle?!

First it was medicine bottles, then I couldn’t read the clothing tags on my children’s pants, and now I can’t read menus in a restaurant. The 48-plus group are the ones holding their phones over the menu in order to read it. It was as if a strobe light was emanating from our table! (Literally, this was the day I realized I was old and one of the saddest days of my life!)

And now I own three of them, one for the house, one for my office and a small one for my purse. I own them plus six pairs of $3 readers. Two in my purse, three on my desk and one pair in my car.

And if you are 48-plus and don’t know, stop what you are doing and run, don’t walk, to Office Max! Magnifying sheets are plastic covers that you lay on top of your pages to magnify the words. And now I own them plus six pairs of $3 readers. Two in my purse, three on my desk and one pair in my car.

Do you know how to tell the age of someone in front of you in the Kroger aisle? If you are behind them in line and can read every word of what they are texting, then chances are they’ve maximized their font size to 18 point and are now old! (Literally, the day one of my kids showed me how to do this was one of the best days of my life!)

So as it stands now, if I’m ever stopped on the street, and someone asks me to name three interesting facts about myself, I’m going to only have two. Unless of course, you count the fact that my cousin won the National Spelling Bee in 1979 and got to meet President Jimmy Carter.

(Oh Geez! - I really am old!)

PET OF THE WEEK

Red

Red is a 5-year-old Redbone Coonhound who came to the shelter along with her furbrother as an owner surrender. Red has a lot to say and loves to talk. She walks good on a leash and loves being outside. Red is treat motivated & loves her basic commands. She is a huge sweetheart with a lot of love to give. Red is spayed, up to date on all age appropriate vaccines, de-wormed, and on flea/tick prevention.

Please call the shelter at 615-773-5533 to schedule an appointment to meet Red, or come during OPEN HOURS: Tues-Thurs from 11:30-5:30
Mt. Juliet Animal Care & Control
115 Industrial Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

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**PAK, Sherri Michelle**

Sherri Pak passed away Jan. 17, 2019, at age 36. A Celebration of Life was held Jan. 22 at Sellars Funeral Home in Lebanon.

She is survived by her husband Dr. Richard Pak, mother Judy Presley, brother Kevin and Hale Shelby Shelton, step-father Rick Presley, and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. She is preceded in death by grandparents Jeannita and John Howard Jr.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Shangri-La Therapeutic Academy of Riding (www.rideatstar.org, 11800 Hwy 11 E, Lenoir City TN 37772, 865.988.4711). Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.

**PLEMING, Aubrey Edsel**


He is preceded in death by his parents, Elias Edward and Mae Verble Pleming; sisters, Mildred Paunee Pleming Thompson and Wilma Pleming; and cousins, Marie Pleming Reiter and Jean Pleming Pressy.

Mr. Pleming is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, JoAnne Pleming; daughter, Maria Pleming Ballard; son, Ed (Alice) Pleming; granddaughters, Aubrey Anne Ballard; grandson, Wyatt Pleming; niece, Sharon (Joel) Crowell; nephew, Randall Thompson and his son, Rand Vogelfanger; cousin, Fred (Linda) Wood and their daughters, Kimberly and Kelly; and cousins, Larry Pressy and Patsy Brinson Weaver.

A funeral service will be held at Hermitage United Methodist Church on Thursday, Jan. 24, at noon. Visitations with the family will be from 11 a.m. until the time of service. He will be buried at 3 p.m. with full Military Honors at the family cemetery in Algood, Tennessee.
TriStar adds livestreaming cameras to NICU

TriStar Health, which includes TriStar Summit Medical Center, has added NICVIEW web streaming cameras to the Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICU's) at five of its Nashville-area hospitals. The TriStar hospitals with this new technology include TriStar Centennial, TriStar StoneCrest, TriStar Summit, TriStar Hendersonville and TriStar Horizon medical centers.

Each NICVIEW camera is mounted on the wall near the infant’s bed and will allow families to view their babies 24/7 through a password-protected livestream.

“We are incredibly excited to deploy this new technology, allowing families to still love on their newborn even when they are not able to be with them in person” said Brian P. Marger, CEO of TriStar Summit Medical Center. “The installation of these cameras furthers TriStar Summit’s personalized approach to medicine, promoting the best possible experience for our patients and their families.”

TriStar’s NICUs treat newborns who need additional care in their first days, weeks or months of life due to pre-mature birth or complications that arise after delivery. TriStar Health also offers neonatal transport services, allowing critically-ill newborns throughout Middle Tennessee convenient access to the highly-specialized care offered at TriStar hospitals.

Many NICU families travel long distances from their homes which may limit the amount of time they can spend with their newborns. The new NICVIEW cameras are especially important for those families, allowing them to stay connected and close to their child.

Lion Bowser was born prematurely and stayed in the NICU for a while before going home with his parents Kaylee and Sean Bowser of Lebanon. The Bowsers were able to share TriStar’s newest technology with their family more than 600 miles away.

“This was so clutch,” said Kaylee. “Family from out of state would call and say they saw Lion sucking his finger. Really wonderful way to have them involved with Lion from the very beginning.”

Completion of the installation of all 75 NICVIEW cameras at area TriStar hospitals is expected by the end of January 2019. For more information about TriStar’s NICU facilities, as well as information about TriStarHealth.com.

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Burgerim’s Menu offers 11 different types of patties such as Beef, Dry Aged Beef, Wagyu, Lamb, Turkey, Salmon, Merguez, Spanish Beef, Chicken Breast, Veggie, and Falafel. The menu also includes excellent Chicken Wings, Sweet Potato Fries and Onion Rings. All food is prepared fresh daily and cooked to order.

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Sherry’s Run to host Mardi Gras at the Capitol

Staff Reports

The 4th annual Mardi Gras at the Capitol to benefit the Sherry’s Run organization will be held Friday, Feb. 1, 2019. Doors at the historic Capitol Theatre on the square in Lebanon will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Tables and tickets are available for purchase at Body Kneads, Mo’Cara Southern Dining and the Sherry’s Run office or by calling 615-449-7880.

Mardi Gras at the Capitol event chair Julie Miller-Wilson and the Mardi Gras planning committee have a fun-filled evening planned. “This year’s Mardi Gras event will feature some new activities along with the return of last year’s highly enjoyed band, Four on the Floor,” said Miller-Wilson. “I am excited about the Mardi Gras at the Capitol event and how much it will benefit the Sherry’s Run organization. One hundred percent of the funds raised go directly to assist cancer patients in Wilson County and surrounding communities. It is a fun night with a great opportunity to give back to others in our community.”

Mardi Gras at the Capitol features a dinner prepared by Chef Ed Riley, known for his food at Mo’Cara Southern Dining and Two Fat Men Catering, a live auction, a silent auction, live music, dancing and a variety of other events.

Sherry’s Run, Wilson County’s largest grassroots cancer fundraising effort, is a non-profit, Christian organization that has helped hundreds of individuals and their families during some of the hardest times of their lives.

With community support and involvement, Sherry’s Run helps members of our community year round through support groups; assistance with utilities, housing, prescriptions, medical bills, gas and groceries; and colonoscopy assistance.

To learn more about the Sherry’s Run organization, please call 615-925-9932 or visit www.sherrysrun.org. To refer someone for assistance, please call 615-925-9932 or visit www.sherrysrun.org. To make a donation to Sherry’s Run, visit www.sherrysrun.org or mail donations to Sherry’s Run, P.O. Box 8, Lebanon, TN 37088-0008.

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The Mardi Gras-themed photo booth, sponsored by Scott and Kirsten Harris and Parks Realty, Lebanon, will once again be a great opportunity to capture memories of this fun evening.

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