Barricades

MJ man barricades himself to avoid cops

**Staff Reports**

A wanted man was eventually arrested after he barricaded himself inside his apartment for around one hour on New Year’s Eve.

Around 4 p.m. officers arrived at 27-year-old Preston Perry’s Lifestyle Communities apartment at 1365 Westwood Blvd in an attempt to serve an arrest warrant on him for violating conditions of release on an assault charge.

When officers made contact with Perry through the barricades around 1 a.m. the next day, Perry had barricaded himself inside his apartment for around one hour on New Year’s Eve. Around 4 a.m. officers announced that they were going to enter the apartment for around one hour on New Year’s Eve.

Preston Perry

Kohanski wins The Voice

By Sarah Tate

Chloe Kohanski was recently named the winner of NBC’s “The Voice.” The 23-year-old singer from Mt. Juliet appeared on the 13th season of the show in which contestants competed against each other to win a recording contract.

During part one of the finale, which aired Monday, Dec.18, the four remaining contestants competed against each other one final time before the winner was announced the next day. The final four were all vying for a chance to winner a recording contract with Universal Music Group. In past seasons, the winner has also been awarded a prize of $100,000. The other contestants include Addison Agen (Team Adam), Brooke Simpson (Team Miley), and Red Marlow (Team Blake). The

2018 brings new businesses to Mt. Juliet

By Sarah Tate

IHOP and At Home will make their way to the city of Mt. Juliet in 2018. In a city newsletter, City Manager Kenny Martin announced the business will open locations in Mt. Juliet sometime this year.

IHOP, International House of Pancakes, is a multinational pancake house and diner-style table service restaurant chain that specializes in breakfast foods. As of 2015, there are 1,650 locations of the restaurant, the current closest locations being in Hermitage and Antioch.

At Home, the “Home Decor Superstore,” offers a variety of furniture and home decor in different styles to best fit each individual customer. According to the company’s website, At Home offers the largest assortment of home decor at the lowest prices in the industry, for both inside and outside the home. They offer different trends and design to help customers “feel right at home.”

IHOP and At Home join a growing list of businesses in Mt. Juliet. 2017 brought many new restaurants and shops, including Rockie Williams, Burger Republic, Star-

Local man exonerated

**Staff Reports**

A Wilson County man was recently exonerated for crimes he did not commit after spending decades behind bars.

Lawrence McKinney was wrongfully convicted of rape and burglary in 1978 and spent more than 30 years in prison before having his convictions overturned when DNA evidence revealed he did not commit the crimes.

Gubernatorial candidate and former State Senator Mae Beavers as well as State Senator Elect Mark Pody expressed extreme gratitude to Governor Bill Haslam, who formally exonerated McKinney on Dec. 20.

“The prayers of many people were answered today,” said Beavers. “But most importantly, the prayers of Lawrence McKinney, a man whose complete adult life was spent wrongfully behind bars, were answered by Governor Haslam. Mr. McKinney will never be able to get those years back, yet hopefully he will now be able to move forward with his life as a truly free man.”

Beavers and Pody, as well as his pastor John Hunn and many other advocates, have worked for years to shed light on McKinney’s situation. Beavers and Pody even sponsored a bill in the last legislative session that would allow the automatic exoneration of someone who has had their conviction overturned but who has spent more than 25 years in jail.

The exoneration would not be dependent on the approval of the Parole Board or the Governor.
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JAN 4

JECDB
The Joint Economic & Community Development Board Executive Committee will meet at 7:45 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, at the JECDB office located at 200 Aviation Way, Ste. 202 in Lebanon.

JAN 9

Election Commission
The Wilson County Election Commission will have its regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 7 a.m. at the Election Commission Office at 203 E. Main St. in Lebanon, to conduct election business which comes before the commission pursuant to its duties listed in, but not limited to, TCA § 2-12-116, and to conduct any other business that may come before the election commission at that time.

JAN 13

Career Opportunity
Mid-Cumberland Human Resource Agency’s Long-Term Care Ombudsman program advocates for the rights of thousands of residents in nursing homes, assisted-living facilities, and homes for the aged in Wilson County and 12 additional counties in Middle TN. The Long Term Care Ombudsman Program is a partner agency with the United Way of Wilson County. The Long Term Care Ombudsman Program is actively recruiting for volunteers in the Wilson County area. Volunteer applicants must pass a background check and attend a 16 hour in-house training. The next training session will be held Feb. 7 and 8 in Nashville. Those interested in assisting have until Monday, Jan. 15 to contact the program by sending an email to crudolph@mchra.com or by calling (615) 850-3918.

JAN 27

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

FEB 3

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

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buck, Krystal, Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce and many more. While it is still the first week of the new year, many more businesses seem to be choosing Mt. Juliet has a great place to begin, or continue growing their companies. Hobby Lobby will be opening in the building that used to house Gander Mountain, on Belinda Parkway, and Jason’s Deli will open a new location beside it. Nothing Bundt Cakes will open on North Mt. Juliet Road, where Ace Hardware used to be.

“In order to maintain this wonderful trend [of new businesses], we must do all we can to support all of our local businesses,” said Martin. “Not only does this show the current business that we care, but it also shows any potential new businesses that we indeed support our local businesses on every level.”

Martin also said there will be new city projects this year, including two new traffic signals at Highway 70 and Park Glen and Belinda Parkway and Providence Trail. He also would like to see that start, and completion, of the new city greenway along West Division Street and the widening of the bridge at Interstate 40 and Mt. Juliet Road.

“I wish to thank all of the many businesses and business owners that have invested in and supported our great community,” said Martin. “The services and products you provide are a big part of what makes our community so wonderful, and for that we are most thankful and blessed.”
McDearman named new Wilson Bank & Trust president

True to a succession plan its board of directors formulated several years ago, Wilson Bank & Trust has officially named John McDearman the successor to President Elmer Richerson as of Jan. 1, following Richerson’s retirement at the end of 2019.

“McDearman, a Lebanon native and an executive vice president with WB&T since 2010, has worked in banking for 23 years. ‘I’m humbled by the responsibility that comes with the role of president, but there’s great peace in knowing that I am not filling the shoes of a man like Elmer Richerson on my own,’ McDearman said. ‘With foresight and planning, Randall Clemons said. ‘A strong succession plan is one of the main reasons we believe our future can be even brighter than our outstanding first 30 years, and John has been a key part of that plan since Elmer and I first discussed potential retirement dates with our board,’ CEO Randall Clemons said. ‘John has a heritage in community banking right here in Middle Tennessee, and he’s a proven and effective leader. He was an easy choice as we looked for the right person to guide our organization for the foreseeable future.’

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Upon Clemons’ planned retirement at the end of 2019, McDearman, after two years in the president’s role, will carry the mantle as CEO of Wilson Bank & Trust.

McDearman began his banking career with Bank of America as a management associate, loan officer and office manager, working in Nashville, Clarksville and Chattanooga before returning home to Lebanon to join Wilson Bank & Trust in 1998. He is an alumnus of Lebanon High School, Tennessee Tech and the Graduate School of Banking at LSU.

McDearman has been active in the community throughout his career. He has served as president of the Lebanon Wilson County Chamber of Commerce and the Lebanon Noon Rotary Club; as a board member and chairman for United Way of Wilson County; as treasurer for Cumberland Region Tomorrow and Lebanon Youth Baseball; and as a member and former chairman of the Staff Parrish Relations Committee at Lebanon First United Methodist Church.

He has helped promote economic growth and planning through service with the Joint Economic & Community Development Board of Wilson County, the AIA 150 Visioning Workshop for Lebanon, the Power of One leadership committee and Cumberland Region Tomorrow’s annual Regional Summit committee.

A Leadership Wilson graduate, he has also contributed time and volunteer work to benefit organizations like Empower Me Day Camp, Kids Battle Diabeties, Relay for Life and Boy Scouts of America.

McDearman and his wife Kathy live in Lebanon and have four children: J.C., Eli, Mark and Mia.

Wilson Bank & Trust (www.wilsonbank.com), member FDIC and an Equal Housing Lender, is a community bank established in 1987 to provide personal and professional service in a hometown setting. One of the top banks in the South in stability, products, technology, growth and earnings, WB&T currently operates 27 full-service offices in eight Middle Tennessee counties, offering a full range of financial products that include secondary market mortgage loans and online banking services.
Wilmore to receive NCAA award

The Mt. Juliet alumnus will receive the NCAA Theodore Roosevelt Award Jan. 17 in Indianapolis.

Staff Reports

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – When Barry Wilmore came to Tennessee Technological University, he was just a walk-on for the Golden Eagle football team. Earning his way to a scholarship, he proved himself to be a capable linebacker before his career finished.

A bright student with lofty aspirations, it appeared the sky was the limit for Wilmore. Of course, in Wilmore’s case, that’s probably an understatement.

The former astronaut will now see another honor bestowed upon him in January as he was selected as the latest recipient of the National Collegiate Athletic Association’s Theodore Roosevelt Award, the group’s highest honor given to an individual.

The award is named for the former president who helped oversee the organization’s creation in 1906. It is given to a graduate from an NCAA member institution who earned a varsity letter in college for participation in intercollegiate athletics, and who ultimately became a distinguishing citizen of national reputation based on outstanding life accomplishment.

And if you look at the names previously awarded “The Teddy,” there’s no question it’s an elite list – four former U.S. presidents, former professional athletic league commissioners, actors, astronauts, elected officials and so on.

A native of Mt. Juliet, Wilmore joined the Golden Eagles in 1982 as a walk-on for head coach Don Wade, starting the final three games of the season at defensive end.

But 1983 saw a knee injury, sidelining him in Gary Darnell’s first season as Tech’s head coach. He came back as a backup strong safety in 1984.

In May 1985, Wilmore earned his bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering, becoming one of the first graduate student-athletes in Tech history, then, in the following season, switched to outside linebacker.

In his final season with the Golden Eagles, he prospered. He recorded 143 tackles, the third highest single-season total in program history. He made 21 tackles against Austin Peay, which stood as the second-most in a game at Tech.

In addition to that, Wilmore was selected to the College Sports Information Directors of America’s Academic All-District team as well as the Super Squad Defensive Team by the Leonard’s Losers football publication. He was also selected as the season’s Robert Hill Johnson Award recipient, the Tech football team’s highest honor. Wilmore also earned a Scholar-Athlete Award from the National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame.

Wilmore later received his master’s degree in both electrical engineering from Tech and aviation systems from Tennessee in 1994. Following his Tech career, Wilmore became a naval officer and pilot, logging 6,200 hours of flight time and 663 aircraft carrier landings as he completed four deployments from the USS Forrestal, USS John F. Kennedy, USS Enterprise and USS Dwight D. Eisenhower as he flew A-7Es and F/A-18s. He flew support missions during Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm and Southern Watch and also flew 21 combat missions during Operation Desert Storm.

He later became a test pilot, participating in the development of the T-45 jet trainer and was a systems and fixed wing flight test instructor for the United States Naval Test Pilot School and was a flight test instructor at the U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base.

In July 2000, Wilmore was selected as a pilot by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Following two years of training and evaluation, Wilmore was assigned technical duties on all propulsion system issues including the space shuttle main engines, solid rocket motor and external tank, and served on the astronaut support team that traveled to Kennedy Space Center in support of launch and landing operations.

Wilmore made two space flights aboard space shuttle Atlantis twice for STS-129 – serving as the pilot -- and STS-135 – the final flight of the space shuttle program as the designated capsule communicator.

From September 2014 until March 2015, Wilmore returned to space as a member of the Soyuz TMA-14M crew to the International Space Station for Expedition 41/42 for a 167-day mission. During the mission, humans manufactured off-world for the first time as the ISS’ 3-D printer made a tool with a design file sent from the ground to the printer. The tool was a ratchet wrench needed by Wilmore, who otherwise would have had to wait until the next supply mission.

Wilmore has received numerous medals and honors, including the Navy Meritorious Service Medal, five Air Medals – including three with the Combat ‘V’ designation, six Navy Commendation medals – with the ‘V’ designation. He was awarded the Aviation Officer Candidate School’s Distinguished Graduate Award and was on the initial Naval Flight Training “Commodore’s List With Distinction.”

Theodore Roosevelt Award recipients include: Dwight D. Eisenhower (1967), Gerald Ford (1975), Sally Ride (2005), and John Glenn (2008).
TN College System selected to work on student success

Staff Reports

The College System of Tennessee, governed by the Tennessee Board of Regents, has been selected to participate in two high-level national projects to help improve college student success, both funded by the prestigious Lumina Foundation in partnerships with other national higher education organizations.

The system is one of four state higher education systems — and the only community and technical college system — selected by the National Association of System Heads (NASH) to identify and scale up High Impact Practices (HIPs) that improve student success.

TBR has implemented several cutting-edge HIPs in recent years to help students acclimate to college, progress toward graduation and earn degrees. They include more intensive student advising, study skills seminars, honors programs, learning communities, study abroad opportunities, technology enhanced learning, undergraduate research, service learning and work-based learning.

Last month, TBR was selected as the first statewide system to work on a national Comprehensive Student Records initiative, which expands student records from the traditional transcript of courses and grades to students’ other curricular and co-curricular experiences.

Internships, leadership experiences and many other co-curricular experiences provide students with competencies that do not appear on their transcript of courses and cords from the traditional system. The College System of Tennessee was selected as the first state-based learning.

With this in mind, the County Mayor’s Office surveyed the Wilson County Commission in regards to which date the Commission would select as the first ballot to meet and make the appointment. After tallying the votes, the special called meeting is set for Jan. 10, 2018 at 6 p.m. in the upstairs County Commission Room of the Wilson County Courthouse. The individual selected by the County Commission to represent the 46th District will take office immediately and serve until the general election on Nov. 5, 2018.

The State Representative for the 46th district includes Cannon County and portions of Wilson and DeKalb counties. Individuals nominated to fill the vacant position must be residents of the 46th district which consists of Cannon County and portions of Wilson and DeKalb Counties. Registered voters of these districts are allowed to submit names for consideration either during the meeting or in writing to the County Mayor prior to the meeting.

The procedure for the night of the special called meeting will be as follows: The public will be allowed to submit names to the Commissioners, that they would like to see as State Representative for the 46th District until the next general election on Nov. 5, 2018. After the public comments period has ended, the Commission will then return to regular session and review the nominations that were spoken during the public comments period. At this time, Commissioners will begin making their nominations for a 46th district representative.

Members of the County Commission will be the only individuals allowed to vote on the vacancy issue. The County Commissioners will use paper ballots to vote. It will take a majority vote, of at least 13 votes on the first ballot, or if there is a tie between two individuals, the nominees with the lowest number of votes will be eliminated and a second vote will be taken. This process will continue until one individual receives a majority, or 13 votes. Once the vacancy has been filled, the individual elected will serve until the next general election to be held Nov. 5, 2018.

The County Mayor’s Office has submitted a public notice outlining the meeting date, time and place to every newspaper in Wilson County as well as newspapers in Cannon and DeKalb counties. Copies of the public notice have also been sent to the county mayor in both Cannon and DeKalb counties. In addition, a copy of the public notice regarding this meeting is available to view online at www.wilsoncountytn.gov. If you have any other specific questions related to this process, please contact our office and we will do our best to assist you.
Who do you call during the storms of life?

It has been said: “A person is either coming out of a storm, in the middle of a storm or heading into one.” How fresh is the latest storm of life for you? It may be as you read this column that you are in the midst of life’s latest storm. Has the strain, drain and pain of life’s latest storm depleted your hope? Do you feel abandoned? The question is often asked where is God when...? Mark 4:35-41 records the event of Jesus crossing the Sea of Galilee with His disciples. While Jesus slept, His disciples experienced the terror of a fierce storm that led them to believe they would soon perish. Could it be that Jesus was not interested in their well-being or was He incapable of doing anything about the storm? At the peak of the storm, Jesus’ disciples discovered the truth we should all know about Him.

First, Jesus was not on the shore, calling out: “You guys can do this, hang in there and keep rowing.” No, Jesus was with them in their storm. “Why didn’t Jesus share their fear, misery and hopelessness?” The answer: Jesus was neither surprised nor overwhelmed by the circumstances surrounding their storm. Do the circumstances of your life control you or is Jesus in control of the circumstances of your life? Is it possible that, like the disciples, your fear of dying or losing control over life is greater than your confidence in the presence of Jesus?

Secondly, the disciples believed Jesus to be the Messiah, for they had observed His power over sickness and witnessed His authority over demons, but they needed to see His control over life. While the storm raged around them, a word...
REFLECTIONS FROM AN OLD FRIEND

Rich Folks

What makes you a rich person? Is it money? So many people have lived their entire lives looking for that pot of gold or searching for a way to become rich. What is it that you would then possess? Is it wealth? Is it money? So many people have lived their entire lives looking for wealth or money. Is it a state of mind? The person who awakes each and every day thanking God for his wife, children, family, friends, health and blessings will live rich lives. Being rich with money will only make you a poor person if you don’t have love, good health and happiness in your life. We’ve all lost someone we love or been heartbroken. Think about it, when you lose someone you love or have a sick family member or friend, chances are you aren’t thinking about money or possessions.

The next time you question your wealth in dollars and possessions, simply look at the people who love and care for you, and you will suddenly realize just how truly rich and wealthy you are. Simply put, I bet you are extremely rich even without the first dollar in your pocket. Just take a look around and you’ll suddenly see just how truly wealthy you are. Now you probably know a lot more rich folk, including yourself!

Granville honors volunteers

Staff Reports

Granville Museum Historic Granville recently had its 2017 Volunteer Christmas Party to honor the 185 volunteers who give their time to operate the Granville Museum, Sutton General Store, Sutton Ole Time Music Hour, 1880 Sutton Historic Home, Pioneer Village and Antique Car Museum.

The volunteer group began in 1999 with the Granville Museum, and Historic Granville has grown due to the dedication of the family of volunteers that operate Historic Granville.

Special awards were given to the following left to right: Minnie Clemons, Scarecrow Festival Above & Beyond Award; Patsy Yates, Outstanding Long Time Volunteer Award; Brenda Denney, 2017 Christmas Decorating Award; Bill Green, First Place Award Granville Christmas Parade; Dara & Louis Kell, 2017 Homestead New Volunteer Award; David Poarch, Scarecrow Festival Above & Beyond Award; Christy Trott, Scarecrow Festival Above & Beyond Award. Not pictured are Nanc Stigler, Scarecrow Festival Above & Beyond Award; Lisa Huff, Sutton Store New Volunteer Award; and Marie Neeley, Outstanding Volunteer Award.

Granville is currently doing a campaign for new volunteers for 2018. Each person volunteers once a month. Anyone interested may contact Brenda Curtis or Randall Clemsons at 931-653-4151.

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Sowell named Honorary Captain of Music City Bowl

Staff Reports

At the Franklin American Mortgage Company (FAMC) Coaches Luncheon presented by WKRN News 2, FAMC recognized Wish Kid Jalan Sowell, from Mt. Juliet, as Honorary Captain of the Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl. In this role, Sowell participated in all of the events surrounding the bowl—including accompanying FAMC President/CEO Dan Crockett for the pre-game coin toss.

As a Make-A-Wish Middle Tennessee supporter, FAMC has given more than $130,000 to help grant life-changing wishes in Middle Tennessee over the past six years and routinely names a Make-A-Wish ambassador as the honorary captain for the Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl.

Sowell was a star football player for Mt. Juliet High School before being diagnosed with chronic pulmonary embolism, a respiratory condition that ended his promising football career. Sowell’s coaches knew he had too much talent to quit the sport completely, so they offered him a position as a student coach. Through his new position, Sowell shares his strength and passion for football with his teammates.

“Some of my most memorable moments from the Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl have been getting to know extraordinary kids through Make-A-Wish,” said FAMC President/CEO Dan Crockett. “Jalan’s positive attitude in spite of his setback is an inspiration, and the fact that he used his wish to spread awareness about his condition shows just how great of a person he is.”

Sowell was one of the wish kids featured on ESPN in July as part of the “My Wish” series on “SportsCenter,” where he wished to produce and be the subject of an inspirational ESPN feature.

“Research shows wishes can give children the renewed physical and emotional strength they need to fight a critical illness,” said Beth Torres, President and CEO of Make-A-Wish Middle Tennessee. “Jalan used his wish to share hope and strength with other children and his teammates. By including Jalan in the Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl, FAMC is giving him another platform to share his inspirational message with others. We are grateful for their generosity and commitment to helping grant life-changing wishes for our wish kids.”

The former Mt. Juliet location of Sellars Funeral Home was torn down Thursday, Dec. 28. At time of publication, it is unknown if there are any plans for a new business being built.
MTEMC offers tips as freezing temperatures grip the mid-state

Energy usage both now when the cold weather is here as well as in the future. In order to keep the heat in and the cold out, here are a couple of energy-saving tips:

- If your home has southern-facing windows, open the curtains or blinds during the day to allow sunlight to naturally warm your home and close them in the evenings.
- Keep your doors and windows closed as much as possible, including overhead doors on attached garages.
- Use a heavy-duty, clear plastic sheet on a frame or tape the plastic to the inside of your window frames during the cold times. Make sure the plastic is sealed as tight as possible to help reduce the chance of cold seeping in.
- Drip your faucets overnight to help reduce the chance of freezing pipes.
- If you have a fireplace, ensure the damper is closed unless you have a fire burning.
- Lower your water heater temperature to 120 degrees Fahrenheit. These tips are just a few of the things members can do to get through this period of freezing weather while still managing their monthly energy consumption, said Clendenen.

Resident living in and around the Mt. Juliet area can learn about their risk for cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic, serious conditions with affordable screenings by Life Line Screening.

Pre-registration is required.

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Baldwin, Thomas

Thomas Baldwin, age 66, passed away on Dec. 17, 2017. A memorial service was held Sunday, Dec. 31, at Sellars Funeral Home in Lebanon. Sellars funeral home, Lebanon, TN 615.444.9393.

Bowen, George W. Sr.

Bowen, Sr., George W., age 87 of Lebanon, passed away Jan. 1, 2018. Mr. Bowen was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce Bowen; and parents, George and Lot-tie Bowen. He is survived by daughter, Kristy (David) Calhoun; granddaughter, Brittany Calhoun; and sisters, Peggy Semanek and Sue Putnam.

A funeral was held Jan. 2 at Sellars Funeral Home in Mt. Juliet. Mr. Bowen will be interred Jan. 3 at 2 p.m. at Pettus Cemetery in Lexington, AL.


Bowling, Paulette Elliott


Mrs. Bowling was preceded in death by her father and her mother, Alice Davis Elliott. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Windford L. “Pee-Wee” Bowling, Sr. and her sister, Patricia Tillery.


Cavallaro, Wayne Vincent

Cavallaro, Wayne Vincent, age 69, of Mt. Juliet, TN, died Dec. 19, 2017. Mr. Cavallaro was a member of the Catholic faith. Over his career, he was a project manager for several construction projects. He loved animals and music and enjoyed sports car racing. Mr. Cavallaro was the son of the late, Vincent and Mildred Becker Cavallaro.

He is survived by: Wife of 49 years – Betty Cavallaro; Son – Vincent (Leslie) Cavallaro; Daughter – Stacy Nicholson; Sister – Lois (Bill) Grigsby; Grandchildren – Brandee, Chelsea and Caleb; Great-grandchildren – Wyatt, Jasper and Toby; Several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memo- rials may be made to Alive Hospice, 1718 Patterson Street, Nashville, TN 37203 or the Late, Vincent Senior Dog Sanctuary, 12110 Lebanon Road, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122.


Garvin, James Albert Sr.

James Garvin, Sr., of Lebanon, passed away Dec. 23, 2017 at age 71. The family will be receiving friends at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, on Thursday from 4-8 p.m. Following a Funeral Mass, Mr. D’Andria was interred with military honors in Wilson County Memorial.

Mr. D’Andria was preceded in death by his parents and by his loving wife of 41 years, Evelyn Mary D’Andria. He is survived by his four children Tina Marie (John) Hamilton, Mary Ann (Rodney) Smith, John Roc-co (Allison) D’Andria, and Alfred John (Whitney) D’Andria Jr.; grandchildren, who adored their grand-father, Louis Jefferson (Viorica) Wills, Julia Marie (Chris) Thomas; Bond D’Andria, Rodney O’Ryan Smith II, Devin D’Andria Smith, Evie Clare D’Andria, Avery Marie D’Andria, Jake Rocco D’Andria, Hudson Crew D’Andria, and Asher Cannon D’Andria; brothers and sisters; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mr. D’Andria was born on Dec. 23, 1946 to the late John Rocco D’Andria and Alma Annetta D’Andria in Whitestone Queens, New York. After graduating from Wellington C. Mepham High School in North Bellmore, NY, he joined the U.S. Navy where he served six years during the Vietnam War. He earned a First Degree Black Belt while stationed in Japan. He began to work for American Airlines and retired after 30-plus years of service.

Alfred was an avid outdoorsman, since he was a young boy, who loved hunt- ing and fishing all over the United States and Canada. He owned and operated North Lebanon Deer Pro- cessing for 15 years and generously donated hun- dreds of pounds of meat to Hunters for the Hungry. He was treasured by his fam- ily and friends and will be greatly missed.

The family extends their deepest gratitude to the staff of Vanderbilt Ingram Cancer Center, especially to Dr. Leora Horn, and Alive Hospice.

Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.

Mr. Garvin is survived by spouse Joyce Christian Garvin, two sons, James (TaJuana) Garvin Jr. and Jimmy Garvin, grand- daughter, Anna Garvin, grandson Tyler Garvin, and sister Janie (Dorris) Walker. He is preceded in death by parents Price and Lillie Boner Garvin.

Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.

Gorman, John Joseph

Gorman, John Joseph, age 79 of Mt. Juliet, passed away Dec. 24, 2017. Mr. Gorman was a CASA volunteer for seven years and enjoyed dancing with his wife, Sally. He was preceded in death by parents, John and Anne Gorman.

He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Sally Gorman; brother, Dennis (Joyce) Gorman; sisters-in-law, Phyllis (Carl) Walker and Wendy (Robert) Beeck- en; brother-in-law, Roger (Sandie) Ahrens; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Following a service, Mr. Gorman was interred at Calvary Cemetery in Nash- ville.


Heard, Caroline Rose

Heard, Caroline Rose, age 4 months, passed away Dec. 27, 2017. Caroline was preceded in death by her grandfather, Scott Mill- er; and uncle, Isaiiah Heard. She is survived by her lov- ing parents, Xavier Heard and Jennifer Miller; and by uncle, Isaiah Heard.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Lillie Heard, Caroline Rose, and runners D’Andria, Alfred John Sr.

D’Andria, Alfred John Sr.

Alfred D’Andria passed away Dec. 19, 2017 at age 84. Following a service conducted by Dr. Michael Christian, Mr. Garvin was laid to rest Dec. 23 in Hill- view Cemetery in Alexan- dria, TN.

Mr. Garvin was born July 30, 1933 in Nashville. He retired from Nashville Electric Service, where he worked as a lineman and shop foreman for 33 years.

He loved duck hunt- ing, living on the lake, and enjoying family and friends. He leaves them with many wonderful memories.

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Introduction:

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Preceded in death by his parents, Curtis Hairl Hensley and Dortha Wright Hensley, sister Oneta Peters and wife Paula Jones Hensley. Survived by sisters Letha Merritt and Dodie (Paul) Greene; children Lisa (Scott) Metzel, Hairl Scott (Karen) Hensley, and Bronice (Jay) Victory; stepchildren Susan (Steve) Cowden and Robert (Betsy) Kennedy; adopted child by choice Gina Earheart, numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The family also includes his special friend and dedicated caregiver Crissy (Bill) Fredenberger who walked with him in life and stayed with him until he left this earthly home and went to heaven.

A memorial service will be held at Spring Hill Funeral Home at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, 2018. Visitation from noon until 2 p.m. prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Grand Ole Opry Trust Fund or the Nashville Rescue Mission.

Arrangements entrusted to Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5110 Gallatin Road, Nashville, TN 37216, 615-865-1101.

HOYE, Barbara Ann Boyer


Mrs. Hoye was an avid reader. She was a native of Selina, KS and was the daughter of the late Jasper and Ollie Jordan Boyer. Mrs. Hoye was also preceded in death by her son, Richard Hoye, II.

She is survived by: Daughters – Tammy (Jim) Pritchard and Kimberly (John) Boatman; Grandchildren – James (Katie) Pritchard, Danielle (Dino) Query and Rachel (Travis) House; Great-grandchildren – Quinlin, Aveline and Dalton.

No services are planned. Memorials may be made to the Lebanon – Wilson County Library, 108 S. Hattton Avenue, Lebanon, TN 37087.


KEETON, Gennis Gray

Keeton, Gennis Gray, age 88 of Mt. Juliet, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2017. Mr. Keeton was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Ruby Keeton; parents, Mr. & Mrs. Greenwood Keeton; brother, Glendall Ray Keeton; and sister, Honna Lou Gividen.

He is survived by: son, Kenneth Gray (Linda) Keeton; grandson, Brandon Gray (Natalie) Keeton; great-grandson, Aceson Gray Keeton; great-granddaughter, Cambrie Soliel Keeton; sister, Barbara (Bob) Kiminexc; and several loving brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

A native of Hazard, KY, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Afterwards, he began his career with the Kroger Co. in Nashville where he served in store management and retired after 36 years. He enjoyed traveling, camping and fishing in his retirement. He was a member of First Baptist Church Mt. Juliet.

Following a funeral service, Mr. Keeton was interred at Hermitage Memorial Gardens.

The family wishes to extend a special thank you to Hospice nurse, Karlee Key, and aide, Kim Cauthorne, of Willow Brook Hospice for their exceptional loving and professional care.


SEEBODE, Viola Mae

Seebode, Viola Mae, age 93, of Hermitage, died Dec. 22, 2017. Mrs. Seebode was a member of Hermitage United Methodist Church. She was the daughter of the late Marion Guy and Fern Mae Wonacott Hoskins. Mrs. Seebode was also preceded in death by her husband William A. Seebode and her siblings, Marion Hoskins, Everett Hoskins, Frank Hoskins, Fernettta Bell and Donna Osborne.

She is survived by: Sons – Bruce W. Jones of Knoxville, TN, and Alan D. Jones of Athens, AL; Daughter – Cheryl D. Rednicke of Hermitage, TN; Step-daughter – Gail L. Hardy of Smyrna, TN; Sister – Joan C. Hardesty of Danville, IL; Grandchildren – Amy Cottrill, of Diablo, CA, Carrie Cheek of Maryville, TN and Michael Hardy of Murfreesboro, TN; Great-grandchildren – Emma Cottrill, Eleanor Cottrill, Mary Kate Cottrill, Luke Cottrill, Elizabeth Gray, Cayden Gray and Isabelle Sears; Step-grandchildren – Ariana Hardy, Danielle Hardy and Derrick Hardy; Many nieces and nephews.

Flowers accepted or memorial gifts may be made to Proverbs 12:10 Animal Rescue, PO Box 210830, Nashville, TN 37221, (www.proverbs1210rescue.org) or Alive Hospice, 1718 Patterson Street, Nashville, TN 37203.


TANNER, Sue Ferguson

Tanner, Sue Ferguson, age 79, of Nashville, died Dec. 27, 2017.

Mrs. Tanner was the daughter of the late Jas-
The Wilson County Commission will meet on Wednesday, January 10th, 2018 at 6:00 PM in the County Commission Room of the Wilson County Courthouse located at 228 East Main Street, Lebanon, TN. The Wilson County Commission will appoint a representative for the 46th District. The appointed individual will take office immediately and serve until the General Election to be held on November 5, 2018. Individuals nominated must be residents of the 46th district which consists of Cannon County and portions of Wilson and DeKalb Counties. Registered voters of these districts are allowed to submit names for consideration either during the special called meeting on January 10th, or in writing to County Mayor Randall Hutto prior to the meeting. Though nominations will be accepted from the public, only members of the Wilson County Commission will be allowed to vote to fill the vacant seat.
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Too many bells and whistles

By Angel Kane
Wilson Living Magazine

Like all things, I think there is a fine line between good and evil. And I’m here to say that, sadly, society may have just crossed it.

We recently had a steam shower installed. When it came time to pick the bells and whistles, the only one I wanted was a physical on and off switch.

I don’t want a remote. I don’t want special lights. I don’t want an app for my phone that controls the shower from my driveway. What I want, more than anything is to just turn it on ... without having a complete meltdown.

Same goes for my television, my alarm, my bedside lamp and the list goes on and on. For the love of all things old and easy, I just want to be able to turn things on!

During a recent conversation with our girls, their father made them promise that at least one of them would marry someone technologically savvy. We don’t care for professors, doctors or CEOs — all we want is for one of them to marry someone who can fix our Wi-Fi when it’s down.

They said technology would make life simpler. They, being the 22 year old now controlling every aspect of my low-tech 47-year-old life!

Last year my kids bought me an Alexa for my birthday. I used her all Christmas to play Christmas carols. Basically, Alexa is a high-priced radio, with a snarky, know-it-all attitude.

They keep telling me, “You know Mom, Alexa, can do more than play music?”

So I hear, but the problem is, I’d have to download the app, connect her to my Wi-Fi, and then spend hours reading Amazon blogs just so I can figure out how to have her tell me the weather forecast for either Tennessee or China. It took me almost an hour to get her to recognize the words “Alexa On,” so the fact that she can play “Jingle Bells” on command is all I need her to do.

That and lose her judgmental tone.

And it’s not just the Alexa of the world.

My car now has a keyless start button. Problem is when I get home it takes me a half hour to get into the house because I have to search for my keys between my purse, my jacket or somewhere laying on the floorboard of my car. When my car needed a key to start, then the keys were all over the floorboards.

Instead I vow to go old-school. You know — microwaves, cable television and reading good old-fashioned books using my phone’s flashlight and my magnifying app.

To read more of Becky and Angel’s blogs go to www.wilsonlivingmagazine.com.

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not appear on a tradition-
al transcript but their in-
clusion would help them articulate their value to potential employers and graduate and professional schools.

“Helping our students succeed is why we’re here, and to have our initiatives recognized by these organizations is testament to the hard work every day on our campuses and in our system office,” said TBR Chancellor Flora W. Tydings.

Bryant promoted to senior VP and retail banking executive at First TN Bank

Staff Reports

First Tennessee Bank is pleased to announce the promotion of Shannon Bryant to senior vice president and retail banking executive for Middle Tennessee. Bryant assumed the role vacated by retired retail banking executive Randy Houston.

Bryant has more than 25 years of Tennessee regional banking experience. Prior roles at First Tennessee included retail banking executive for the bank’s community market and regional sales manager. She also has additional experience in training, marketing and human resources.

In her new role, she is responsible for growth and development of all financial centers within the Middle Tennessee retail footprint.

“Shannon is a proven leader with a deep understanding of the needs of her employees and customers, and a long record of outstanding results,” said Carol Yochem, president of the Middle Tennessee region at First Tennessee. “As the highest growth market in the state, we are excited to have Shannon’s expertise overseeing our Middle Tennessee team.”

Bryant is a graduate of First Tennessee’s Emerging Leaders Program, The ABA School of Bank Marketing & Management at University of Colorado Boulder and The TBS Southeastern School of Banking at Vanderbilt University.
daughter of the late R.T. and Wanda Rudd Ferguson. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Perry Ferguson.

She is survived by: Husband of 51 years – Roy Tanner; Children – Deanna (David) Fullerton and Perry (Stacy) Tanner; Grandchildren – Daniel Fullerton and Lewis Tanner; Brother – John (Kathy) Ferguson; Niece – Kelly (Michael) Fertitta.

Graveside services will be conducted 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5, 2018 at Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery.

Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to the National Alliance on Mental Health – NAMI, 1101 Kemet Drive, #605, Nashville, TN 37217.

Obit Line (615)773-2663, www.sellarsfuneralservices.com

TORRES, Guadalupe

Torres, Guadalupe, age 91 of Murfreesboro, passed away Dec. 28, 2017. Mrs. Torres began work in the missionary field at the age of 16. She was a pastor at churches in Gary, Ind. and Fajarrie, was a pastor at churches and enjoyed collecting baseball cards. George was raised in Bridgman, Mich., and always considered it “home.”

He was preceded in death by his father, Harold Richard Totzke, Sr.

He is survived by: Mother – Charlene Totzke; Sister – Kim Totzke; Brother-in-law – Lars Olesen; Nephew – Vincent Farr.

Memorial services will be conducted 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018 at Faith Lutheran Church, 1655 West Main Street, Lebanon, TN with Matt Steinhauer officiating.

Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to Faith Lutheran Church, 1655 West Main Street, Lebanon, TN 37087.

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


TOTZKE, Jr., Harold Richard “George”

Totzke, Jr., Harold Richard “George”, age 54, of Lebanon, died Jan. 2, 2018. George was a member of Faith Lutheran Church. He loved his family and friends, was a Nashville Predators fan and enjoyed collecting baseball cards. George was raised in Bridgman, Mich., and always considered it “home.”

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WARREN, Billy Hugh

Warren, Billy Hugh, age 85, of Mt. Juliet, died Dec. 20, 2017. Mr. Warren was a member of Tulip Grove Baptist Church. Over the years, he served as a deacon in three different churches. Mr. Warren was retired from Bell South with more than 40 years of service. He was the son of the late Hugh Edward and Minnie Katherine Bounds Warren. Mr. Warren was also preceded in death by his brother, J.L. Warren, and his twin sister, Mary Sue Warren.

He is survived by: Wife of 64 years – Janice Hollon Warren; Children – Carolyn Tereese Warren (Mark) Cloyd, Woodard Hugh (Davida) Warren; Sister – Jolene Wright; Grandson – Jeremy (Laura) Warren; 3 Great-grandchildren; Several nieces and nephews.

Following a service Dec. 23, Mr. Warren was interred at Heritage Memorial Gardens.


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Civics Essay contest winners announced

Staff Reports

The Tennessee Secretary of State’s office is pleased to announce the winners of its 2017 civics essay contest, an annual initiative created to encourage students to be actively engaged citizens.

Students were asked to write about citizenship with length requirements varying by grade level. Winners will receive a TNStars 529 College Savings Program scholarship and a trip to the State Capitol this spring. First place winners receive a $500 scholarship, with second and third place winners receiving $250 and $100, respectively.

“I’m thrilled more than 1,000 students from across the state wrote an essay for the contest. The students demonstrated a passion for actively participating in their communities at a young age,” said Secretary of State Tre Hargett. “Our long-term goal is to increase civic engagement across the state.”

2017 Civics Essay Contest Winners:

**Ninth – 12th Grade:**

- **First:** Simon Jolly, Hardin Valley Academy (Knox County)
- **Second:** Karla Hines, Whitehaven High School (Shelby County)
- **Third:** Kennedy Cole, Mt. Juliet High School (Wilson County)
- **Honorable Mention:** Gaige Guyer, Powell High School (Knox County)

**Sixth – Eighth Grade:**

- **First:** Grace Darke, Christ the King School (Davidson County)
- **Second:** Isabelle Sorensen, East Hamilton Middle High School (Hamilton County)
- **Third:** Lauren Mansfield, Centertown Elementary School (Warren County)
- **Honorable Mention:** Lauren Perry, Westwood Middle School (Coffee County)

**Third – Fifth Grade:**

- **First:** Annabelle Kelly, Our Lady of Perpetual Help School (Hamilton County)
- **Second:** Asa Cullity, South Cumberland Elementary School (Cumberland County)
- **Third:** Sam Daugherty, Homeschool, Classical Conversations (Montgomery County)
- **Honorable Mention:** Elsa Smith, Covenant Academy (Warren County); Maddie Boyd, Oak Elementary School (Shelby County)

**Kindergarten – Second Grade:**

- **First:** Maci Aylor, Blue Grass Elementary School (Knox County)
- **Second:** Kirsten Williams, Ezell-Harding Christian School (Davidson County)
- **Third:** Brady Watts, Sylvan Park Paideia Design Center (Davidson County)
- **Honorable Mention:** Ayla Aldridge, Allons Elementary School (Overton County)

The contest, along with last year’s successful Student Mock Election, is part of the office’s civic engagement program. The civic engagement program also offers lesson plans based on the Tennessee Blue Book created by Tennessee teachers. The goal is to offer an easy way for teachers to incorporate civic engagement into their curriculum.

County leaders explore transit, mobility options

Staff Reports

While Nashville debates a referendum for transit funding, Wilson County leaders explore options by holding discussions with interested citizens. Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) staffers are sharing the key recommendations included in the nMotion plan, a comprehensive document that outlines key strategies for the ten Middle Tennessee counties over the next 25 years. Discussion includes the possibilities identified for Wilson County.

Wilson County residents participated in a June 2017 transportation summit, and civic clubs are now having conversations (Montgomery County); Madison Springs, the state’s first Transit Oriented Development.

“Many citizens focus on future public transit options, but are often surprised to learn about what’s currently available that could help to ease their regional mobility frustrations,” says RTA spokesperson Amanda Cleland. “The Music City Star commuter train is a hidden jewel for Wilson County. Not only are you bypassing traffic on I-40 each weekday, but it is also a great way to cut down on costs like fuel or wear and tear on your personal vehicle.”

“With more employers and industries creating jobs across the region, the option to improve transportation to and from those economic centers is critical. The entire region must work together to help address the achievable goal of lucrative employment, affordable workplace housing, and reasonable commute times,” said Cumberland Region Tomorrow CEO Carol Hudler.

Citizen groups or service clubs interested in learning more about the transit and mobility options recommended for their area can contact either the Transit Alliance of Middle Tennessee CEO Jo Ann Graves, who, along with Cumberland Region Tomorrow, works with local leaders and organizations to arrange for regional discussions. “The IMPROVE Act puts the decision of what and how to invest in the hands of the citizens.”

Wilson County is unique in that it is the only county with commuter train service to Nashville via the Music City Star. Lebanon is already benefiting from new public/private investment in the development of Hamilton Springs, the state’s first Transit Oriented Development.

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