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of Mt. Juliet

Students to be tested for tuberculosis

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

Students and faculty at Wilson Central High School were possibly exposed to tuberculosis after an individual at the school tested positive for active TB. In a letter sent out to parents Jan. 22, Principal Travis Mayfield said the school district is working with experts to determine next steps.

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Wilson County Fair wins Premier Fair

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

The Wilson County Fair continued its winning ways at this year’s Tennessee Association of Fairs (TAF) Convention, bringing home the Premier Fair Award in the AAA Division for the 2018 Fair.

Wilson County also garnered six first place awards and the Golden Needle Award in the Showcase of Fairs Competitive Exhibits, as well as several second and third place awards.

Wilson County’s 2018 Fairest of the Fair Addison Grace Oakley competed with other young women representing fairs across the state of Tennessee, placing in the Top 10.

“We were very pleased this year,” Helen McPeak, Wilson County Fair executive director, said of the awards received. “Addison 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

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Serial bank robber captured

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

The suspect who robbed Mt. Juliet’s U.S. Bank on Jan. 8 was arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Colorado.

Jason Lee Robinson, 49, of Pikeville, Kentucky, was arrested by the FBI on federal bank robbery charges for his alleged involvement in the robbery of a Capital Bank branch in Aventura, Florida, on Dec. 28, 2018.

Robinson was arrested Jan. 24 without incident in Fruita, Colorado, by Special Agents of the FBI’s Denver Field Office. He is in federal custody, and details about his initial appearance in federal court are forthcoming.

Investigators say Robinson is the “Traveling Bandit” who is wanted for multiple bank robberies across the country.

Mt. Juliet Police, Ashville Police, Aventura Police, Mt. Vernon Police, Prattville Police, Price Police, the South Florida Violent Crime Task Force

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MJ Chamber holds annual banquet

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

The Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce held its annual banquet last week, awarding various business and community leaders for their achievements.

Mt. Juliet Police Chief James Hambrick was presented with the Paul Bauman Award of Excellence, Shiloh Music received the Lifetime Achievement Award, and Cathey Swee-ney of Wilson County CASA was named Wilsonian of the Year.

To see the other winners, go to page 15.

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Photo courtesy of Wilson County Schools

Police Chief James Hambrick, center, was awarded the Paul Bauman Award of Excellence at the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce’s annual award banquet. He is pictured with Lisa Tucker, immediate past board chair, and Kevin Sanders, board chair.
Stillwell seeks to retain GOP chairmanship

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Staff Reports

Wilson County Republican Party Chairman Alex Stillwell recently announced his candidacy for the 2019-2020 term.

“It is with a great amount of excitement that I announce my candidacy for the 2019 office of Chairman of the Wilson County Republican Party,” said Stillwell. “I have, for the last four months, actively filled the position of chairman following the resignation of Terri Nicholson, who was elected to the State Executive Committee.”

In addition to serving as party chairman, Stillwell brings a considerable amount of political experience, including being a founding board member of the Republican Minority Coalition, chairman for two years of the Donaldson/Hermitage Republican Conservative monthly meetings. He has also campaigned for Bob Reis, Steve Glover, Stacy Reis, Robert Swope, Donald Trump and Mae Beavers.

Stillwell said he will make the party more welcoming and friendlier. “Membership growth and meeting attendance will be measurable goals – we will know just how welcoming we are by how quickly we grow,” said Stillwell.

Stillwell also highlights his 45 years of managerial and financial business experience. He retired with 19 years of executive experience with Northtel Networks finishing as the VP and General Manager of the $225 million Terminals Division.

After retiring from Northtel, he actively consulted, holding position as president and CEO of Raleigh Technologies, VP Global Distribution with Access Lan, and CEO of Aquis Intl. He founded A & K Associates, LLC, performing as president and CEO of a successful financial advising and Insurance firm which he operates as principal today.

“My vision for the Wilson County Republican Party encompass creating an environment where we support our Republican office holders, and we also identify and cultivate strong candidates who reflect the values of the Republican Party and build a strong team to help them get elected to key offices,” said Stillwell.

He said that to accomplish this goal, he will draw upon his business experience and political experience with the Republican Minority Coalition and Past Chairman of the party to expand the “tent” of the county party.

“I want to welcome new members who desire to lead Wilson County into the future as Tennessee’s third largest county with strong government and a strong economy,” he said.
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**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 purpose of the meeting will be to discuss any matters legally brought before the Board.

**FEB 2**

*Polar Plunge*

Wilson County Special Olympics annual fundraiser Polar Plunge will take place at 8 a.m. Feb. 2 at Jimmy Floyd Family Center in Lebanon. Top donor receives one-year membership to JFFC. Register at polarplungetn.com, Wilson Bank, or the JFFC.

**FEB 4**

*Board Meeting*

The Wilson County Board of Education will meet in a regularly 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**

*Free Dance Class*

Free Dance Exercise Class called Refit every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the youth center of Life Church, located at 3658 Highway 109, Lebanon. This class is for all ages and fitness levels. LifeChurchFamily.com.

**FEB 7**

*JECDB*

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

**FEB 9**

*Rock the Community*

Keller Williams Realty will host a rock painting event to benefit local Girl Scouts. Paint rocks for the troop to hide later in the community. From 1-3 p.m. Feb. 9, 2033 N. Mt. Juliet Road.

**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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and to ensure students and staff are properly tested for TB and treated with antibiotics if necessary. “It’s important to note that, while TB can be contagious, it is primarily spread to individuals who have close personal contact with an infected patient on a regular basis,” Mayfield wrote in the letter.

The person diagnosed with active TB was not identified in the letter sent out to parents.

The letter also states that a group of approximately 450 students and staff at the school will need to be tested by the state health department this week. Separate letters were sent out to those who were identified in the group about the need for testing. Students who did not receive the additional notification were told they did not need to be tested.

A community meeting was held Jan. 23 at Wilson Central with state health department officials and the school district sharing additional information and responding to concerns.

Mayfield also said that air filters in all affected classrooms were changed and all school buses that service Wilson Central were sanitized.

According to Wilson County Schools spokesperson Jennifer Johnson, the school began the sterilization process Jan. 21, with areas being thoroughly cleaned with bleach in areas the individual had been. She said it’s important to note that TB does not live on surfaces, but the sterilization was done in an abundance of caution.

Johnson said the district acted as quickly as possible to accommodate health experts as soon as they learned of the situation.

She also said that though TB used to claim thousands of lives in centuries past, both active and latent TB now can be easily treated with antibiotics.

Imelda Villarosa, communicable disease medical director with Mid-Cumberland Regional Office of the Tennessee Department of Health, sent a notice to affected students about what the testing will involve.

In the letter, Villarosa said affected students and faculty will receive a blood test and get the results in approximately one week. If the blood test is positive, they will be called. If their test comes back positive, they may require treatment to prevent active TB disease. If the test is negative, they will receive a letter. Those with negative results will need to be tested again in 8-10 weeks from the last exposure date, according to the letter.

Villarosa also said that there will be no out-of-pocket cost for screening, testing, and treatment at the health department.

**Friendship announces class speakers**

**Staff Reports**

Friendship Christian School recently announced its Class of 2019 valedictorian and salutatorian.

Lexi Brown, of Lebanon, was named Class of 2019 valedictorian. She has attended FCS since Pre-K 3.

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Summit expansion moves to next phase

Staff Reports

Last Friday, TriStar Summit Medical Center held a “Topping Off” ceremony, officially moving the 8th floor expansion into its next phase. This ceremony consisted of blessing and raising the final steel beam into place.

The 8th floor expansion will provide an additional 25 patient medical/telemetry patient rooms, a classroom/conference room, two charting stations on each hallway and additional storage.

Staff were able to sign their name to the beam for a couple weeks prior to ceremony.

Completion of the project is targeted Fall 2019.

MJ Hockey wins 4-3

The Mt. Juliet Hockey Club won 4-3 Monday night against Independence/Summit.

Michael Settle, 22, had a big game, scoring three goals. Sean Caffrey, 13, also scored a goal against their opponent. Tristan Akron, 61, and Corey Settle, 21, had four assists and two assists, respectively.

The team will play Pope John Paul II High School tonight at Centennial Sportsplex at 8:40 p.m.
Lakeview participates in Kindness Challenge

Lakeview Elementary had a kickoff assembly for its 3rd Annual Great Kindness Challenge Monday morning.

Pictured above is Mrs. Oglesby’s 5th grade class, which performed an opening skit.

In addition to students, faculty, and staff members, also in attendance at the event was Mt. Juliet Police Chief James Hambrick.

Lakeview interventionist Brittany Koehn said they are grateful for the community leaders who were on hand to support Lakeview faculty and staff as they empower students to create a culture of kindness at school, at home, and in the community.

Due to Wilson County Schools being closed this week, Kindness Week at Lakeview will continue Feb. 4-8.
I don’t remember ever sitting at the cool kids’ table in the middle school cafeteria. It’s not that the cool kids didn’t like me. Maybe they didn’t notice me. Maybe they didn’t need any more friends. Or maybe they just didn’t have the energy to go out of their way to include me. Their elitism was not intentional. It was just easier.

Thankfully, excluding me devastated no one. I survived. No therapy was required. No one got hurt. But it doesn’t always work out so well.

Wilson County, Tennessee, is located in a four-seasons, financially prosperous, suburban community just minutes away from the job-rich, culturally eclectic Music City, USA. We are living at the cool kids’ table. We look around and new homes are being built, businesses are locating here, and schools are rising to the top. We are the popular kids with the Air Jordans and Members Only jackets.

Like in middle school, however, the cool kids aren’t always as cool as we think. In Wilson County, for example, teen violence is on the rise. Alcohol and opioid addiction devastates a growing percentage of families. Twenty-five percent of students in our county schools struggle to have enough food on the weekends and during the long breaks. And earning a high school diploma doesn’t necessarily mean kids are ready to take their next step in life.

So what if we made a few changes?

Just easier.

I was not intentional. It was just minutes away from the job-rich, culturally eclectic, suburban community, just minutes away from the job-rich, culturally eclectic, suburban community.
REFLECTIONS FROM AN OLD FRIEND

The Power of Three Simple Words

Throughout our lives, we will be faced with many decisions, some important and some not so important. Because of the stresses we as human beings face daily, we don’t always make the right decisions or use the best choice of words when faced with a decision or decisions.

As a result, we sometimes tend to treat the ones we love the most, the worst. Why that happens, I don’t know or understand. It seems that by the time we all leave work and finally get home from our fast-paced day to enjoy our family, we are just simply zapped of any and all energy, leaving us tired and irritable at times.

As a result, we might at times find ourselves impatient, irritable, tired and short fused. This can tend to drive a wedge between ourselves and the people we love the most. Fortunately, there are things we can do and say that can make things better. We can change our actions and remember to honor our spouses and loved ones even when we are zapped of all energy and find ourselves a little temperamental. But Jesus still redeems anyone and everyone who turns to Him by faith. And when Jesus changes our heart and invites us to His table, He gives us a heart for and opens our hands to everyone around us.

In closing, if we all used I Love You more often, we’d find ourselves using I Am Sorry less often. There is true power in three simple words.
WCSO reminds residents to bring pets inside during winter

Staff Reports

The Wilson County Sheriff’s Office wants to remind residents to bring pets inside during inclement weather. The act of leaving a pet outside without food or adequate shelter often receives less attention than a violent attack against an animal, but neglect is a crime.

Cases of animals left outside in dangerous weather are investigated more by law enforcement and animal control agencies than any other form of abuse.

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the current volume at a clinic. The software uses an algorithm to measure time and predict how busy a clinic is. Each clinic is also outfitted with a screen detailing wait-time estimates for each patient.

Vanderbilt’s Children’s After-Hours Clinics open at 6:30 p.m. The tool begins to estimate arrivals at 7 p.m., which allows the system 30 minutes to process patient flow.

"This is not an appointment time," Westbrook said. "It is an estimate and allows families more flexibility. Many of our patients are reporting, back, how useful this has been.

"No one wants to wait in the car with a sick child when it is cold outside or sit in a waiting room full of other sick children, especially when they can be in the comfort of their own home. Our overarching goal is to better serve our patients."

Dogs and cats, for example, feel the effects of winter weather as much as humans do, only they are often cast outside to weather the cold or a storm due to the misconception that the fur on their backs will insulate them from suffering.

Without proper shelter, food and water, these domesticated animals’ chances of survival in frigid temperatures are greatly decreased.

During this winter, remember to always protect pets from the frigid temperatures.

"The Vanderbilt Transplant app is a significant addition for our referring providers to access the transplant center," said Edward Zavala, MBA, Transplant Center Administrator. "Additionally, the patient education component of the app provides patients ready access to transplant-specific education."

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

"We are so excited to provide this resource for both our patients and referring providers," said Michele Hesselrode, MMHC, principal business and strategy analyst, Section of Surgical Sciences. "I appreciate VUMC leadership’s support in our efforts to improve access and communication."

### Vanderbilt Transplant Center debuts new mobile app

Patients and providers now have instant access to Tennessee’s only full-service transplant center on their smartphones and mobile devices.

The Vanderbilt Transplant Center has debuted a new free app available for iOS and Android devices, available by searching “VUMC transplant” in the respective app store.

The app is designed to be a resource for transplant information at Vanderbilt University Medical Center for both patients and providers. It helps patients find information about transplant programs as well as educational links about transplantation.

Patients can customize what organ they are interested in learning more about, meet the transplant team and find provider locations. Living donor information is also available as well as a living donor referral form.

"Development of this app will allow patients unprecedented ability to connect with our system, schedule appointments and interact with our providers," said Seth Karp, MD, H. William Scott Jr. Professor and chair of the Department of Surgery and director of the Vanderbilt Transplant Center. “We have every expectation this service will increase our ability to reach patients and provide outstanding care.”

For providers, the app offers improved access in the referring process for both adult and pediatric referrals through mobile-friendly REDcap referral forms. The app gives referring physicians a secure and vetted process to contact the on-call VUMC transplant physicians to enable better communication. The app also has a direct link to call the VUMC Transfer Center for urgent transfers of patients to VUMC facilities. Providers also have access to outcome data.

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Most counties see unemployment drop

Tennessee ends 2018 with continued low unemployment across much of the state

Staff Reports

More than three-quarters of Tennessee’s 95 counties experienced a drop in unemployment during December 2018 according to data released Jan. 24 by Gov. Bill Lee and Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Jeff McCord.

Seventy-six counties saw a decrease in unemployment in December; the rate remained unchanged in three counties, and 16 counties experienced an uptick in their jobless numbers.

Williamson County continued to have the state’s lowest unemployment during the final month of 2018 with a rate of 2.1 percent. Compared to the previous month, William-son’s rate dropped by 0.4 of a percentage point in December. The county’s unemployment rate has been at or below 2.1 percent in 61 prior months dating back to 1990.

Davidson and Ruther-ford counties had the next lowest unemployment rates at 2.3 percent each. Both counties saw a decrease of 0.3 of a percentage point from their November rates. Wilson County ranked sixth in the state with 2.4 percent.

“To finish 2018 with low unemployment in so many counties shows just how strong Tennessee’s economy is as we start the new year,” said Lee. “Much of our state continues to benefit from a business climate that encourages growth, which in turn leads to new jobs.”

While the majority of Tennessee’s counties did see a drop in unemployment in December, many rural counties continue to work to attract new employment opportunities and training resources for their residents.

Hancock County had the state’s highest unemployment rate at 5.7 percent, which increased by 1.1 percent from November’s figure.

Laurel County had the second highest unemployment rate, but at 5.6 percent, it did drop 0.2 of a percentage point when compared to the previous month.

“We continue to work in Tennessee’s rural counties to help our neighbors find a pathway to in-demand careers,” said McCord. “In Hancock County, we’ve partnered with the Department of Economic and Community Development, the area’s TCAT and the local school district to bring technical training classes to the community, so residents don’t have to travel to Morristown to learn a new trade.”

Statewide, Tennessee’s December unemployment rate remained at 3.6 percent for the second consecutive month. Nationally, the United States’ unemployment rate saw an uptick to 3.9 percent, which was 0.2 of a percentage point higher than in November.

Tennesseans searching for a new job can access the state’s workforce development website where they will find a wide range of helpful information and services, including a virtual job recruiter.

The state of Tennessee will release the statewide unemployment rate for January 2019 in March.

TN Promise FAFSA filing deadline Friday

Staff Reports

The TN Promise Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) filing deadline is quickly approaching. Friday, Feb. 1, 2019, is the final day for both TN Promise high school and college students to complete the FAFSA to retain scholarship eligibility. The FAFSA, a federal application, is the primary financial aid application that any student enrolling in post-secondary must complete in order to determine state and federal scholarship and grant qualifications.

TN Achieves Senior Director of Communications Amanda Bolden encourages students and families to complete the 2019-2020 FAFSA as soon as possible.

“The FAFSA application process should not be delayed,” said Bolden. “Completing a FAFSA provides many students the opportunity to access financial aid. At TN Achieves, we believe every student should complete a FAFSA to ensure the student understands all college options. Ultimately, we want all students to attend and graduate college — technical, community and/or 4-year institutions.”

For assistance in completing FAFSA, students and families may contact tnachieves@tnachieves.org.

For more information, please visit www.tnachieves.org.

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HOLMGREN, Glen Walter

Glen Walter Holmgren, age 51 of Old Hickory, died Jan. 21, 2019. A Celebration of Life service will be conducted at a later date. He is survived by: Mother – Arlene Holmgren; Father – Peter (Jane) Holmgren; Brothers – Fredrik Holmgren, Cuylar (Deborah) Easton and Kristofer (Loretta) Holmgren; Sisters – Joyce (Douglas) Hatsat and Lisa (Louis) Colucci; Several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Tulip Grove Baptist Church Children's Ministry, 563 Shute Lane, Hermitage, TN 37076.


SHORES, Linda Jean

Linda Shores passed away peacefully at home on Jan. 21, 2019, at age 79. No services are scheduled. Mrs. Shores is survived by her sons Richard Shores and Chris (Karen) Shores; three granddaughters Brittany, Ashley, and Abigail Shores; sister Gayle (Terry) Ashley, and Abigail Shores; granddaughters Brittany, Chris (Karen) Shores; three sons Richard Shores and Mrs. Shores is survived by away peacefully at home on Jan. 26, and entombment followed at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens.

Mary Ann was preceded in death by brother, John Paul Swink; sister, Esther Ruth Swink, and brother, James David Swink. She is survived by her husband, Henry; sons, Timo-

thy Henry Staggs (Molly) and Wesley Carlle Staggs (Angie); niece, Vaneda Loren

Stokes (Carl); nephew, James David Swink, Jr.; niece, Melissa Lynn Mann (Kevin); younger sister, Rebekah Sue Slocum (Bill); nephews, Douglass Lynn Ward, Dusty Av

ey Ward (Joy), and David Landon Ward (Kris

ti); grandchildren, Aaron Staggs (Lauren), Hannah Ka

tzelin (John), Holly Staggs, Weston Staggs, and Wyatt Staggs; grand-
nephews, Patrick Quick, Tyler Quick (Jessica), Paul Mann, Aaron Mann, Greg-

dory Mann, Princeton Ward, Braden Ward, Shawnd Ward (Hanna); grandnieces, Sav

anah Stokes, Harlie Ward, and Peyton Ward; great-grandson Elijah Kartzelin; several cous

ing, great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews.

For those desiring to make memorials in lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made directly to Restoration Community Outreach (restorationcommunityoureach.com) or to Grace Church of the Nazaren (gracenez.com).

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Road, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122,


TRAMEL, Jerry Michael

Jerry Tramel passed away Jan. 21, 2019, at age 62. A funeral service was held Jan. 24 at Sellars Fun-

eral Home, Lebanon, and interment followed at Cur-

tis Cemetery.

Mr. Tramel is survived by children: Wendy (Todd) Lackey, Travis (Tracy) Tramel, Whitney Tramel, Charles Gilley, and Crystal Mclemore; mother: Ruth Tramel; grandchildren: Jeffory Belcher, Christie Lackey, Gabe Lackey, and Price Tramel; sisters: Joann (Ronnie) Britton and Faye (Andy) Pinkley; brother: Terry Tramel; and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by father Charles Tramel and brother Charles Tramel Jr.

The family extends their gratitude to the staff at St. Thomas West, Diane Opholzer, and Bridget Mono-

han.

WALPOLE, Glenda Frye

Glenda Frye Walpole, age 64 of Old Hickory, went home to be with the Lord on Jan. 22, 2019. A funeral service was held Jan. 26 at Sellars Funeral Home in Mt. Juliet, and interment followed at Heritage Memorial Gardens.

She is survived by loving husband of 46 years, Jack Walpole; children, Jonathan (Rachel) Walpol-

le, Jason (Rukmin) Walpo-

le, and Lauren (Mark) Senne; grandchildren, Jackson Walpole, Mi-

chael Nelson, Michaela Nelson, Zeb Senne, Knox Senne, and Adayn Walpo-

le; great-grandson, Maver-

ick Nelson; siblings, Chum Frye, Mike Frye, and John Frye. She was preceded in death by daughter, Eliza-

beth K. Walpole; parents, Sam and Earline Walker Frye; siblings, Bud Frye, Judy Thompson, and Alicia Williams.

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OBITUARIES


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Seniors raise score on ACT Retake

Staff Reports

Interim Education Commissioner Dr. Lyle Ailshie announced earlier this month that 76.1 percent of the state’s public high school class of 2019 — 53,478 students — participated in the department’s third ACT Senior Retake opportunity in October 2018, the state’s highest participation rate on record.

Of those seniors who took the ACT in 2018, more than 50 percent increased their composite score from their junior year score, a 10.2 percent point increase from 2017. Also, the average ACT composite score increased by 0.5 points for students who took the ACT during their junior year and the 2018 ACT Senior Retake in 2018.

Additionally, 3,925 seniors raised their composite score to a 21 or higher, allowing them to access more than $61 million in HOPE Scholarship funds that provide each student up to $16,000 to help pay for college in Tennessee. This number is up from 2,333 students in 2017.

The 2018 ACT retake also resulted in more students hitting the ACT college-readiness benchmarks across-the-board in each of the four tested subject areas: math, English, science, and reading. Meeting college-readiness benchmarks allows students to enroll directly into credit-bearing post-secondary coursework, avoiding remedial classes that take additional time and money and may make them less likely to gradu-
New report shows increase in suicide among children 10-17

Three Tennesseans die by suicide every day

Staff Reports

Each day we lose three Tennesseans to suicide, now the ninth leading cause of death in Tennessee. In 2017, there were 142 youth deaths by suicide, representing the 24 (10-24) age group, with 51 of these representing children between the ages of 10 to 17. Suicide by children increased by 24.4 percent from 2016 to 2017; and more alarmingly, suicide by children increased by 54.5 percent from 2015 to 2017. “One death by suicide is one death too many,” said Scott Ridgway, executive director of the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network (TSPN). “Given the stark increase in death by suicide among children, we are working with [Governor] Bill Lee’s transition team to impress the importance of saving all lives in Tennessee and improving our prevention efforts.”

The Tennessee Department of Health’s Office of Health Statistics reports there were 1,163 recorded suicide deaths in Tennessee in 2017, up from 1,110 the previous year. The suicide rate increased from 16.7 to 17.3 per 100,000. Suicide was the tenth leading cause of death in Tennessee during 2014-2016. Annually, TSPN staff compiles and analyzes the latest statistics available from the Tennessee Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The “2019 Status of Suicide in Tennessee” report provides state legislators, mental health professionals, and the general public with information on the problem of suicide in our state and what is being done to prevent it. Each year’s edition includes a detailed report on suicide trends within Tennessee, both overall and by age, race, gender, and geography.

As TSPN staff, its many volunteers, and the immeasurable suicide prevention advocates across the state know, Tennessee is a national model with its efforts for suicide prevention. For every number and rate that is provided in the “2019 Status of Suicide in Tennessee” report, a family member, a co-worker, and friend suffers an unimaginable loss.

To learn how to get involved with TSPN or to request a suicide prevention training visit our website, http://tspn.org/.

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scholarships that will set them on a path to success. I am grateful for the educators who have supported and taught our students along the way, enabling them to achieve success on college-readiness exams such as the ACT."

Additionally, 88.2 percent of districts with a high school saw an increase in the percent of students earning a score of 21 or higher for students who took the ACT during their junior year and on the Senior Retake Day. Alvin C. York Institute, Perry County, Oneida Special School District, Lake County, and Moore County had the highest percentage point increase in the number of students who earned a score of 21 or higher on the Senior Retake Day. Thirty-two districts had participation rates of 85 percent or higher with four districts in the state achieving an average participation rate of at least 95 percent of seniors who participated in both the junior state testing and the senior retake. Those four districts are Pickett County, McKenzie Special School District, Huntingdon Special School District, and West Carroll Special School District.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Mt. Juliet will have a Public Hearing on Monday, February 25, 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 Regional Planning Commission of the City of Mt. Juliet will have a work session on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the proposed Comprehensive Transportation Plan. This meeting will be held at City Hall, 2425 N. Mt. Juliet Rd., Mt. Juliet, TN. 37122.

Kenny Martin, City Manager
City of Mt. Juliet

Sealed bids for “Drone Aviation Fuse Tether Kit for DJI 201 Series Quadcopter” will be received at the office of the City of Mt Juliet Finance Department at 2425 N. Mt. Juliet Rd., Mt. Juliet, TN. 37122.


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Maplehurst to expand
Wilson County operations
North American bakery to create 90 jobs

Staff Reports

Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bob Rolfe and Weston Foods officials recently announced the company will expand its Maplehurst Bakeries, LLC operations in Wilson County. The bakery company will create 90 new jobs and invest $53 million in Lebanon.

“I want to thank Maplehurst for choosing to expand its operations in Lebanon,” Rolfe said. “Since 2011, TNECD has supported the creation more than 4,000 new jobs in Wilson County and I appreciate Weston Foods for bringing 90 new jobs to Lebanon and for continuing to invest in our state. I look forward to seeing this company continue to succeed in Tennessee and in Wilson County.”

Weston Foods, Maplehurst Bakeries’ parent company, is a leader in the North American baking industry, producing breads, rolls, donuts, cakes, pies, bagels, tortillas, cookies, crackers and more. Employing 6,000 employees who operate nearly 50 bakeries across the U.S. and Canada, Weston Foods products are sold in North American retailers, supermarkets chains and foodservice outlets.

The company is also a supplier of ice cream cones and sandwich wafers to the dairy industry and a supplier of Girl Scout cookies in the United States. The company’s Wilson County operation makes donuts.

“Our donut business is growing across North America. It’s crucial we add capacity to our existing bakeries where it makes sense,” said Luc Mongeau, president of Weston Foods. “We’re very proud to be adding two high-speed production lines to our already bustling donut bakery in Lebanon. Tennessee’s business climate is ideal for growth and the community has been nothing but supportive.”

With this expansion, Weston Foods plans on adding two new production lines to its current facility in Lebanon.

“As Mayor of Lebanon it is always pleasing to see one of our signature employers continue its growth,” Lebanon Mayor or Bernie Ash said. “This announcement and investment is another commitment of our community to maintain a business-friendly environment. It’s also a commitment to the citizens who have chosen to work with Weston Foods. We look forward to a long partnership and thank Weston Foods, the State of Tennessee and the Wilson County Commission for making this happen.”

“Congratulations to Maplehurst Bakeries on its decision to expand operations in Wilson County,” said TVA Senior Vice President of Economic Development John Bradley. “TVA and Middle Tennessee Electric Membership Corporation are proud to partner with the Joint Economic and Community Development Board of Wilson County, Wilson County, City of Lebanon, and Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development to help facilitate new job creation by Maplehurst Bakeries and support existing business and industry growth.”

The Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development’s mission is to develop strategies that help make Tennessee the No. 1 location in the Southeast for high quality jobs. To grow and strengthen Tennessee, the department seeks to attract new corporate investment to the state and works with Tennessee companies to facilitate expansion and economic growth.

Nashville Sounds offers scholarships

For the fourth consecutive year, the Nashville Sounds Foundation will award four scholarships worth $2,500 each to graduating high school seniors who plan to attend college in fall of 2019.

The program, which began in 2016, has awarded $30,000 in scholarships and is designed to help deserving Nashville and Middle Tennessee students help pay for college tuition during their freshman year.

“The Nashville Sounds Foundation Scholarship Program is one of the most impactful initiatives we do in the community,” said Sounds General Manager Adam Nuse. “Throughout the 2018 season, fans supported our fundraising efforts to help make this possible. To be able to help students pursue their dream of a college education is incredibly rewarding for the Sounds.”

Interested seniors must complete the application process at www.nashvillesounds.com/community. The process includes submitting a two-to-three-page essay answering the following prompt: “Sport has three common themes that hold true across the board: teamwork, perseverance and dedication. How have those three themes been used/applied in your own life? Please provide specific examples of a time teamwork, perseverance or dedication helped you overcome an obstacle or achieve a goal. Examples are not limited to sport.”

In addition to the essay, each submission must include at least two letters of recommendation from a teacher and/or coach, and an official high school transcript. The scholarship will be awarded based on the culmination of the student’s school work, extracurricular activities and involvement in the community.

Each winner will receive tickets to a select 2019 Nashville Sounds game of their choice and a special surprise from the Nashville Sounds Foundation. The deadline to be considered for the 2019 scholarships is Friday, Feb. 15, 2019. Scholarship winners will be notified no later than March 31, 2019.

Winners from 2018 include Gabriel Hutchinson (Fisk University), Ian Kane (Samford University), Yarelis Martin (University of Tennessee) and Mariah Washington (Georgia Institute of Technology).

The mission of the Nashville Sounds Foundation, a 501(c)3 organization, is to utilize baseball to positively impact the communities throughout Middle Tennessee by emphasizing the importance of social responsibility, education and the power of sport to transform lives.

The Nashville Sounds Foundation is funded through monetary donations, private entities, memorabilia auctions and in-game custom public address announcements.
TELLING TALES

Quick wit and keen eye…

By Becky Andrews
Wilson Living Magazine

Have you ever been involved in a verbal confrontation and, after it was settled, thought about the perfect comeback? Of course, we don’t ever act upon it, because that would be stupid. If we counter with the best comeback one day or even one hour after said confrontation, that person would now think you were even more inept than before. Not to mention “crazy.”

I’m the worst at comebacks. But afterwards, I AM. AWESOME. I keep these little snappy retorts on file just in case the need to use them in the future ever arises.

Let me get to the point. My 15-year-old has a gift. His gift is a quick mind and the ability to gently put anyone in their place during an argument, even adults. He’s been this way since he was 8 weeks old. Because we have a brilliant Occularist (prosthetic eye maker), most can’t even tell his right eye is in fact prosthetic.

We have endured curious inquiries from young and old. This does not bother anyone in my family. Sometimes when he’s fitted with a new eye it can at first appear larger than his left eye. While my husband and I were the ones to field inquiries about his eye in the beginning, at 18 months old, he insisted on answering questions. It was his narrative and dammit no one could tell it better.

My mother-in-law however worried that one day he might get made fun of. I usually brush this off and simply say, “Every kid gets made fun of at one time or another. It’s part of life.” I took this position mainly because the thought of anyone teasing either of my children made me want to keep them at home in a bubble. And perhaps tie their parents to a chair and force them to watch all 11 episodes of Cop Rock on continuous loop ($1 for anyone who remembers this show). But that wouldn’t be good for any of us.

When Jackson was in the 5th grade, he had to go to school without his prosthesis. Because of this he had to wear a patch. At one point during the day he had to take the patch off. That afternoon, I picked him up from school. He jumped in the car, slammed the door and said, “Some kid on the playground saw me without my patch and shouted, ‘Ew, what’s wrong with your eye. It looks weird.’ I want to go home.” He didn’t want to cry but I could tell he was upset.

For the most part I’m a calm, “go with the flow” type gal but when someone (even a child) makes one of my children cry, I become a bit irrational. Before I could call the school and demand to know the name of the little juvenile delinquent who made fun of my kid, I calmed down and instead offered solid words of wisdom. “You know what? He probably didn’t know what he was saying. If he does it again, I’ll call the school.”

As we were driving home Jackson started getting more frustrated. He said, “I don’t want to wait until tomorrow for you to call.” Instead of telling him the names I’d like to call that kid, I simply replied, “No we’re going to wait. I’m sure he didn’t know what he was saying and if he did, he probably won’t make anything out of his life.”

Upon hearing this Jackson looked up and responded, “That’s right! When he gets married his wife is gonna say, ‘Hey, why don’t you get a job?’ Then he’s gonna say, ‘Well I would but I made fun of a kid with a little eye and nobody will give me a job.’”

So what if it was a rhetorical comeback? It was pretty good and now I know my little boy, his prosthesis and eye patch will be just fine.

To reach Becky, email becky@wilsonlivingmagazine.com

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CedarStone Bank’s Bruce Plummer, center, was named Volunteer of the Year.

Taylor Johnson of Birthright Title, center, was named Ambassador of the Year.

Jen Mulford with Zone Conditioning, center, was named Business Woman of the Year.

Lee Campbell with Pinnacle Financial Partners, center, was named Business Man of the Year.

The Hedges family and Shiloh Music received the Lifetime Achievement Award. Pictured left to right: Lisia Tucker, George Hedges, Karen Hedges, James Hedges, Paul Hedges, and Kevin Sanders.

Wilson County CASA’s Cathey Sweeney, center, was named Wilsonian of the Year.
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Beautiful Smiles With A Personal Touch That Last A Lifetime!

My name is Jan Watts. I grew up in Mt. Juliet and am a proud graduate of Mt. Juliet High School. I spent my time growing up at the skating rink and ballpark. I then attended TSU and received a degree as a Registered Dental Hygienist. I have been practicing in Mt. Juliet for over 30 years. I have been married for 30 years and have two children, Tyler and Hunter. I enjoy boating, decorating, shopping and watching UT and Titans games! I attend Joy Church and love the community I live and work in. As a hygienist, I take pride in helping and educating patients to keep their teeth for the rest of their lives. I am excited to get back to work and treating previous and new patients. I am honored to join Mt. Juliet Family and Cosmetic Dentistry. The dental care that Dr. Jackson and Dr. Montee provide is excellent. I feel fortunate to have joined the practice and will give every patient the best care possible.

Hi, my name is Reagan Taylor and I am a Dental Assistant graduate from DSSTN! I graduated in September of 2018 and am excited to start my career in the dental field. I grew up in DeKalb County and currently live in Alexandria. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with friends and family. I love my dog Nala and my farm animals. If I am not at the office, you can find me at the lake, or you can find me on a cruise. My favorite part of the dental field is seeing the finished treatment of cosmetic dentistry in my patients. Dr. Jackson and Dr. Montee truly care about their staff and patients.

My name is Destiny Heberle. I have lived in Nashville for the last seven years, but I am originally from Midland, MI. When my husband took a job as an English teacher at Mt. Juliet High School, it was important to us to find other avenues that would positively impact our new community. Other than being with my boys, Dental Hygiene is my greatest passion. As a Dental Hygienist, I am certified in Local Anesthesia, Nitrous, and Lasers. I also specialize in periodontal therapy. My goal is to give knowledge of oral health to all my patients and hope that they are inspired to better themselves. My family and I love Mt. Juliet and are thankful for being part of the team at Mt. Juliet Family and Cosmetic Dentistry. This is truly a great place.

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