New year, new look
Happy New Year from The Chronicle

By Phyllis Robinson

The Chronicle of Mt. Juliet is welcoming 2017 with a revived classic look. Our format is returning to our original size and format, which the newspaper began with and was for 33 years. The new 15-inch size feels more community friendly and is easier to handle when reading.

New business stories, school news and sports, and community announcements are easier to find and will have a similar location each week. The advertisements from our local businesses have a more dominant presence on each page.

Our goal is to continue to serve the Mt. Juliet Community by providing local news about our friends & neighbors.

Thank you for sharing your life & business events with The Chronicle and for reading our weekly edition, in hand & digitally.

Rocky Williams Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep, Ram
Sneak-peak into soon coming Mt. Juliet new facility

By Parker Minor

Rocky Williams Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep, Ram will officially open this month in Mt. Juliet. The dealership is coming up on its year anniversary since breaking ground a year ago in January 2016.

Construction Superintendent of Carden Company Inc., Clint Morgan, stated, “We’re glad to be building Rocky’s facility. It is one of the most unique dealerships in Tennessee. No other dealer will be able to compare to as far as amenities for customers and consumers.”

Carden Company Inc. Vice President, Roger Nixon, agreed with Morgan’s statement as architect designer, Wayne Oakley, of Studio Oakley Architects LLC elaborated on the modern features to be available to consumers and staff at the facility.

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Bomb threat call made to Gander Mountain
Detectives investigate, search for caller

Mt. Juliet, Tenn. – Detectives are actively investigating a bomb threat that was phoned into Gander Mountain, located at 66 Belinda Parkway. On New Year’s Day, around 10:58 a.m. Mt. Juliet’s Police & Fire Communications Center were notified by store management in reference to a bomb threat that was phoned in. Immediately, police and fire units responded to the scene to secure the area and ensure a safe evacuation.

Further investigation revealed that the caller phoned in a threat to harm the store by using explosives. After Gander Mountain was evacuated and the parking lot secured, explosive detection canines from Lebanon Police Department’s Emergency Services Unit responded to the scene to assist in the search.

Officers and canines searched the store property, and it was deemed safe around 12:25 p.m. Detectives continue to investigate the source and are hoping to identify the caller.

Best Of Mt. Juliet
Voting underway online now

Visit the Chronicle of Mt. Juliet’s website to vote for who you think is the “Best Of” in each category for Mt. Juliet.

Stay connected on social media and keep up with who wins each category after the polls close and results are processed.

“The promising details and amenities of the brand new facility are going to be like no other dealership in the country,” said Oakley. With almost 47,000 square-feet, the new vehicle facility will feature amenities such as a 3,000-gallon salt-water aquarium tank and a double-sided stone fireplace for guests to enjoy.

A play area for children and a customer lounge with refreshments is also part of the modern touch to the new 700 vehicle facility.

Future plans of a free shuttle service, from the dealership to Providence shopping & dining, has been discussed for those with more involved vehicle service and maintenance wait times.

The large structure consists of extra large bay areas for car service that will be fully staffed to insure comfortable wait times and expedite customer service. The new dealership will bring many jobs to the local area.

Williams plans to have 100 fully trained and staffed vehicle experts on-site to further help customers. The no-haggle price tag policy that Williams heavily promotes and backs.

“The no-haggle policy is a great way for employees to get to know customers and for customers not to feel pressured,” said Williams.

The Rocky Williams location in Lebanon, located on West Main Street, will stay and become the Premier Budget Cars & Trucks dealer lot.

Harvey may be one of the most intelligent dogs we have ever met. He loves to please with his fetching skills and returning the ball. He knows to sit when the ball is brought back as well. As for his exuberant energy, he has not figured out how to harness that quite yet. Come meet the amazing Harvey!! His adoption fee is $25.00. He will need to be neutered before he goes home. He will require a bully breed application as well. Call 615-773-5533 to make an appointment to meet Harvey.
Mt. Juliet Middle School principal retires

Mt. Juliet Middle School Principal, Tim Bell, has retired according to Wilson County Schools.

Bell took a leave of absence about three weeks before the Christmas break.

The school system sent out a message notification of Bell’s early retirement to school officials after Bell had met with human resource management to confirm eligibility.

Jennifer Johnson with Wilson County Schools commented, “A week before we left for the holidays, Bell scheduled a meeting with Dr. Wright and indicated his desire to seek early retirement. Bell met all of the criteria for retirement,” said Johnson. “He has been a tremendous asset to Mt. Juliet Middle school and Mt. Juliet High school before that.”

Bell’s position has been posted in order to find his replacement quickly.

Wilson County football players named TSWA all-state

Mt. Juliet Offensive Lineman
D.J. Delfendahl

Mt. Juliet Central Kicker
Adam Williams

Mt. Juliet offensive lineman, D.J. Delfendahl, and Wilson Central kicker, Adam Williams, have been named to the Class 6A All-State team by the Tennessee Sports Writers Association. Photo courtesy of TSWA.

Wilson Central claims win over Mt. Juliet in basketball finals

Wilson Central claimed the big win against Mt. Juliet in the John Overton Christmas Tournament final. The Lady Wildcats climbed to 16-0 with a 56-44 win against the Lady Golden Bears. Photo submitted.

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OBITUARIES

BRYANT, Jr., Ellis Felix

Bryant, Jr., Ellis Felix, age 58, of Lebanon, TN, died December 19, 2016.

Ellis was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a truck driver with Denny Trucking but had also been a driver with many other trucking companies. Ellis was the son of the late, Ellis F. Bryant, Sr. and Barbara Jean Parton Bryant.

He is survived by: Wife – Pat Bryant; Step-son – Ronnie Ross; Brother – Fred Bryant; Sister – Bonnie (Jefrey) Gentilello; Niece and Nephew – Lauren Bryant and Martin Bryant.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, 1818 Patterson Street, Nashville, TN 37203 or the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675.


COWLEY, Fred Clark Sr.

Fred Cowley, age 79, of Lebanon, passed away on December 26, 2016.

Mr. Cowley was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church and loved baseball, being outdoors, hunting, fishing, and being with people. He worked as the shipping foreman in the Woolen Mills in Lebanon. He is survived by wife of 50 years, Doris Cowley, children Beverly “Levette” Brannon and Clark and Lisa Cowley, grandchildren Jessica Scramont, Brittany Cowley, Jimmy Washer, Drew Robinson, Carrie Robinson, Azlile Cowley, great-grandchildren Harley Scramont, Ayden Scramont, and Ashton Bowen, and siblings Harry Cowley, Dorothy Houston, and Sue Hrusosky. He is preceded in death by parents Lee and Emma Forehand Cowley, brothers Dick Cowley and John Cowley, and sisters Elizabeth Walpole, Martha Lillbridge, and Nancy Mullins. Arrangements by Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN 615.444.9393.

COX, Jason Ryan

Jason Cox, age 32, of Lebanon, passed away on December 19, 2016.

Mr. Cox served in the United States Army in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Following his tour of duty, he worked as a carpenter. Mr. Cox is survived by his son Anthony Cole Cox, loved one Sheena Avery, father Brian Cox Sr., mother Donna George, brother Brian Cox Jr. (Hazel), grandfather Bobbie Cox, nieces and nephews Aubrey Marie Cox and Eliza Ann Cox, uncle Timothy Cox (Amanda), aunt Jennie Hubbard, and numerous cousins. He is preceded in death by grandmother Glenna Sue Cox. Arrangements by Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN 615.444.9393.

DAVIS, Mildred Sue

Davis, Mildred Sue, age 84 of Gladieville, TN, passed away December 24, 2016. Preceded in death by parents, James and Sadie Lane; sister, Cora May Lane; son, Roy Arthur Davis; and husband, H. K. Davis.

She is survived by children, Judy (Willard) Sullivan, Mike (Brenda) Davis and Frances (Bill) Laney; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and nephew, Jr. (Carolyn) Griffin.


DEWITT, Randy

Randy Randolph “Randy” DeWitt, beloved husband, father and friend went home to be with his Heavenly Father and Savior on December 30th, 2016. His wife of 51 years, Shirley Fulghum DeWitt, stood by his side holding his hand as he went home.

Randy was full of life. A charismatic, energetic, larger-than-life man who impacted all who had the pleasure to know him. Studying health and wellness at Wingate University and East Tennessee State University, Randy developed a lifelong dedication to fitness. He served this great nation as a US Marine from 1962-1966 and retired from the Tennessee Army National Guard in 2002 at the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Randy taught Sunday School at Fairview Church in Lebanon and also served on the Joy Team at Joy Church in Mt. Juliet.

He is survived by wife of 51 years, Shirley DeWitt, children Julie (Tom) Brewster and Jon (Becky) DeWitt, grandchildren Miles Brewster, Rachel Brewer, and Henry Brewer; Charlie DeWitt, Josie DeWitt, and Kanon DeWitt, siblings Susie (Pete) Hufstetler, Patsy Mora, Di-anne (Curtis) Crosby, Andy DeWitt, Doug (Suellen) DeWitt, and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his father and mother, Ezra and Jeannetta DeWitt, brother Julius (Sonny) DeWitt, and sisters Sonja “Noni” Arnold and Wanda Collins.

The Funeral Service, with full military honors, will be conducted by Pastor David Goldner and Pastor Jon Akin at 1 p.m. Wednesday, January 4, 2017 in the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home. Interment in Cedar Grove Cemetery will follow the service. Pallbearers: Tom Hines, Terry Wotrubka, Tim Thiele, Bob Thompson, Dave Rule, Marc Jernigan, Ben Duck, and Mike Mohr. Honorary Pallbearers: Tony Ashley, Don Hobbs, Jerry Powell, Brian Keith, Wallace Alspaugh, Tony Bradshaw, Jim Mutz, O’Neal Galbraith, Dr. Perry Harmon, and Roy Tobler.

In lieu of flowers: Wingate College (220 N. Cameron Rd, Wingate NC 28174) and the Nashville Rescue Mission (639 Lafayette St, Nashville TN 37203). Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN 615.444.9393.

LEECH, Nancy

Leech, Nancy, age 74 of Hermitage, passed away December 23, 2016. Preceded in death by parents, El bert & Melvina Parrish; son, Jeffery Scott Leech; sister, Margarite Ann Harris; and brothers, Bobby Parrish and Roy Parrish. Survived by son, Anthony Jones (Cindy) Leech; daughter, Lisa (Joe) Yarrito; brothers, John Parrish and Porter Parrish; grandchildren, Ryan Scott Lewis and Joe Yarrito; and great-granddaughter, Sophia Lewis.


POIN, Pietro “Pete” Jr.

Pete Pino, age 82, of Lebanon, passed away on December 22, 2016. Mr. Pino was born in Mount Hope, West Virginia, and was a veteran of the United States Army. He was Choir Director for several churches and a High School Band director in Bristol TN. He is survived by his wife of 57 years Bonnie Pino, children John Pino (Ree) and Andrea Scobie (Tom), grandchildren Tyler Pino, Lauren Pino, and Sarah Grace Scobie, nephews Josephine Boyenski and John Pino (Mary), sisters-in-law June Pino and Patricia Pino, and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by parents Pietro and Santa Pino Sr. and brothers Frank and Pat. Arrangements by Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN 615.444.9393.

RIGGINS, Charles W. Jr.

Charles W. Riggins Jr., age 87, was called to his heavenly home December 18, 2016.

Preceded in death by wife Dorothy Wilkinson Riggins. He is survived by wife Wilma; Harrison Riggins; 2 Children, Chris Riggins and Dawn Riggins Evans; 2 Granddaughters, Ashley Riggins Jones and Lori Riggins Smith; Great-grandchildren and a host of fami-

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Isn’t life amazing? Think about all of the things that happen in our lives daily that we either don’t really pay much attention to, or don’t really think about.

For example, how often do we think or say to ourselves when we see a huge jet plane taking off with hundreds of passengers on board, isn’t it amazing that a plane that weighs thousands of pounds, that’s made out of metal and carrying hundreds of passengers and all their bags and suitcases can take flight and fly.

Most of us don’t, we sort of overlook these things because we see it happen everyday and sort of take it for granted.

Another example is the human brain. How often do we realize what an awesome instrument the human brain is? When was the last time you seriously thought about it? Think about it, in order to read this article you use your brain, in order to pick up the paper that has this article written on it you use your brain, in order to comprehend this article you use your brain, in order to remember or forget this article you use your brain. Even more amazing is the whole time you were reading this article you were also thinking of other things, blinking your eyes, moving various parts of your body and listening to sounds around you all while reading.

Isn’t the human brain amazing?

Let’s take a moment to think about saving lives and other medical marvels. How often do we think about the many lives that have been saved because of heart surgeries and transplants, the lives that have been saved because of cancer treatment? How often do we really take the time to realize how many lives have been saved for various cures, medical procedures and etc?

As we awake each and every day we are confronted with many fascinating and wonderful things. The seasons change every year, it gets light and dark each day and always has, the earth is turning and we don’t feel it, a baby is born, a child learns to walk and talk, the flowers bloom, the grass turns green, water, sleet and snow fall from the clouds, men and women fly into space, the clouds form, the clouds clear and so on.

The moral of this story is to stop each day and every moment of life in. Life is not something we take for granted. Life is something we get one chance at and we must enjoy it.

So as you start the upcoming New Year off, please take every chance you get to enjoy the things we often overlook or take for granted. Isn’t life amazing!
3 ways to stick to your new year’s resolution in 2017

By Jen Mulford

It’s that time of year again — New Year’s Resolutions. I know you’ve heard that most people abandon their New Year’s Resolutions within the first month of beginning them. Is it that we just don’t really want to change or that we are just not strong enough to make the change? I don’t think so. I think it’s because we take the wrong approach to our resolutions.

Here are a few tips that will help you avoid the common pitfalls and make the changes you’re desiring this year…once and for all.

Shorten your timeline:

This year instead of setting a resolution for the year how about committing to your resolution for a shorter period of time. Say you want to lose 30 pounds this year, don’t overwhelm yourself with all 30 pounds. Set a short-term goal, maybe 8 weeks to lose 8 pounds. 1-2 pounds per week is a great goal. Want to quit smoking this year? How about just starting with getting through January.

When we set our goals for the year we tend to either feel completely overwhelmed by the enormity of our goals that we abandon them just a few weeks in or we feel the finish line is so far off it gives us an out when the going gets tough. When you’re in week 3 of a year-long goal it’s easy to put it off and tell yourself you’ll get back to it later. But when your “finish line” is only another 3 or 4 weeks away you can dig deeper and hang in there.

When you reach your short-term goal celebrate your accomplishment and set a new short-term goal.

Map out action steps for each week.

A goal without a plan is just a wish. A plan without action is useless.

Now that you know what your short-term resolution is you can plan out each week.

Back to our weight-loss example — If you wish to lose 8 pounds in 8 weeks you’ll need to make sure you have a plan for the first 8 weeks so you’ll stay on track to your goal.

Write out 3 action steps you’ll take each week that will help you achieve your goal. If an action step is to exercise then plan what day, time and type of exercise you’ll do. When will you plan your meals and do your shopping?

The more you plan ahead of time the more you remove emotional last-minute decisions and drive-thru’s.

Have an accountability partner.

Truthfully, you are the only person that can hold you accountable to follow through. However, having a friend, partner or coach will help you get past those moments when you feel weak.

Follow these simple steps and you’ll be on your way to a successful resolution. If you’ve been re-resolving every year to change the same thing, maybe it’s time to try a new approach. You may surprise yourself to find that something that seems so simple can be the tweak you needed. Happy New Year.

Message from Mt. Juliet City Manager

Kenny Martin

I wanted to take a moment to thank our wonderful Mayor, Vice Mayor, Commissioners, Staff and Residents for yet another wonderful year in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee.

I am most thankful to everyone that works so hard and cares so very much to make Mt. Juliet and Wilson County such a wonderful place to live, shop, work, play and worship.

I/We are blessed beyond measure and I wanted to simply say thanks for yet another wonderful year. I’m hopeful that 2017 will be an even better year and with our combined efforts, spirit of cooperation, work ethic and sincere concern and care for one another, I have zero doubt it can and will be.

It is also apparent that our quality of life is only getting better and together we can make it even better. As caring human beings it is our natural and sincere desire to want what’s best for our families, friends and neighbors. So let’s keep doing what we are doing and set the bar even higher.

Did You Know…?

Amazing resources available

While going through the Mt. Juliet website, I chose to visit the police department web pages linked to the site. What I found there was absolutely amazing and I will relate just a few of the perks of our local men (and women) in blue.

The Mt. Juliet Police Department makes many services available to residents. There is a Citizen Police Academy which strives to give an understanding to residents about how exactly the police department works. Lectures are given by both officers and civilian personnel to give an understanding of the police department’s mission, practices, and operations. The Academy is not held to train citizens as police officers or to give citizens police authority of any kind.

Another great service is the Police Explorer program, which is under the sponsorship of the Mt. Juliet Police Department with the cooperation of the Exploring Division of the Boy Scouts of America.

The Explorer program is available for young men and women between 14-20 years old.

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the ages of 14 and up to 19 years of age. It was established in 2000 in order to acquaint the Explorers with a working knowledge of the operations and procedures of the Mt. Juliet Police Department and other law enforcement agencies. This program will provide background and assistance to students who are interested in a law enforcement career.

Members of the Explorer post receive training in various aspects of law enforcement and have the opportunity to work with officers in various assignments. Explorers can receive additional training in officer safety, arrest, search, traffic control, accident investigation, firearm use and safety, fingerprinting, first aid and CPR, report writing, and crime prevention. Explorers are allowed to ride with Police Officers.

The Mt. Juliet police will also assist with certified child safety seat installations; there is a program called “Cops in the Classroom” where officers visit students at each school in the area to answer the questions of the children in a non-threatening atmosphere. An 8-hour handgun safety course is also held by the police to provide the required training for Tennessee citizens to obtain their handgun carry permit.

National Night Out is a community event which encourages police-community partnerships and is held the first Tuesday in August. Neighborhood crime prevention meetings can be held by making appointments with the department to assist in keeping each neighborhood safe. Tours of the department are also available for local community groups. A Rodeo for Bike Safety is a course which teaches children bike rules, accident avoidance and proper bicycle maintenance.

Not sure how safe your home is? Ask the department for a security survey which will address your vulnerabilities and outline corrective measures. This service is provided free of charge.

Did You Know...?

The two best safety programs

Many residents, at one time or another, have participated in a Neighborhood Watch program. This enables neighbors to get to know each other, identify issues that the police may help with and to keep our children safe. What could be more important to us?

What you may not know is that, in this electronic age, Neighborhood Watch is online now to facilitate the speed of information or suspicious activity within the neighborhood. How is this achieved? Currently, Mt. Juliet’s neighborhood watch is done almost exclusively online via Nextdoor, the first private social network for neighborhoods.

The city of Mt. Juliet has been mapped into 34 different neighborhoods. Each neighborhood makes its own website, using a password that only the residents of that neighborhood know. The neighborhood page can only be accessed by those inside the neighborhood and cannot be found on Google or other search engines. Each page is established and self-managed by the neighborhood on the Nextdoor site where posts are organized and archived for future reference. Whether you have a computer or a smart phone, Nextdoor can be accessed either way when you see something suspicious.

What I find disappointing is that, while 34 neighborhoods have been mapped within Mt. Juliet, only 4,695 residents are currently on Nextdoor, representing only 28% of the households. In times past we knew our neighbors well. Perhaps to keep us all a little safer, it would be wise to be proactive and become part of this virtual neighborhood watch and stop crime in its tracks. But many other things can be shared on the web page as well, such as recommendations for a great restaurant, upcoming garage sales or lost pets. Contact Corp. James Christensen for more information at 615-754-3907.

In knowing what it feels like when a parent or child is lost, another service available to the community is called Return Me Safe, one which I recommended to families. It is not of the best quality.

This program is strictly voluntary and is designed to assist the Mt. Juliet Police Department in the swift and safe recovery of your loved one. In the unlikely event that a loved one wanders away, the police department will already have all the necessary information needed to conduct a thorough and extensive search and begin the search.
SHIELDS, Rev. Paul Rees

Shields, Rev. Paul Rees, age 85, of Nashville, TN, went to be with the Lord on December 28, 2016 surrounded by his family, after a short battle with cancer. He was born in Erlanger, KY on April 20, 1931, to the late, Rev. C.F. and Alma Shiel...
Two Rivers Ford of Mt. Juliet surprised a local Mt. Juliet woman by gifting her a brand new car during the Christmas holiday after she was nominated by a friend for the Dear Santa program.

Two Rivers Ford also gifted her van and her brand new Ford vehicle, as well as a brand new car for the Dear Santa program. The Two Rivers team continued, “On behalf of Two Rivers Ford, you have been nominated and chosen for our Dear Santa program to win a brand new car from Two Rivers Ford! Congratulations!”

“Are you serious?,” exclaimed the winner in shock. “I can’t believe this!” she said with excitement. “It smells like a new car!,” she said as she laughed hysterically in awe.

“The smile on her face was priceless and a gift in itself,” said Jolley. “It is truly a great feeling to give back to the community. Giving is the true spirit of the season.”

On top of giving Breanna a brand new Ford vehicle, Two Rivers Ford also gifted her with a free remodeling and fixing of her prior vehicle she had been driving. Breanna will now have two reliable operating vehicles, her van and her brand new Ford car.


Sutton Ole Time Music Hour Bluegrass Winterfest

Sutton Ole Time Music Hour Bluegrass Winterfest opens on January 7th with John Tomlin & Company. Submitted.

Sutton General Store, Granville Sutton Ole Time Music Hour will be having Bluegrass Winterfest during the months of January and February each Saturday night. The bluegrass dinner show will be having special bands perform during this special time leading up to the 9th Anniversary of the show on April 8, 2017. Bluegrass Winterfest is a special time during the winter months.

When Sutton Ole Time Music Hour brings the best bluegrass music in Middle Tennessee to the Corner Stage at the 1880 Sutton General Store. The unique country store has just been recognized by Country Living Magazine as one of the 13th Most Charming General Stores in America.

The bluegrass dinner show which began April 1, 2008 has now recorded some 450 live performances and is now heard around the world each week. The bands to perform for Bluegrass Winterfest are as follows. January 7th John Tomlin & Company, January 14th- Michael Feagan & Fiddleglass Band, January 21st Muddy Water Bluegrass Band, January 28th Valley Grass Express, February 4 Davenport Brothers, February 11 Bluegrass Solutions, February 18 Andy Todd & Friends and February 25 Travis Alltop & Friends. The dinner show serves a great southern family style dinner and reservations are required by calling 931-653-4151. The weekly bluegrass show is sponsored by Anderson Upper Cumberland Funeral Home, Gainesboro, Rockie Williams Premier Dodge, Chrysler, Jeep, South Carthage Sav-Way, Advanced Propane, Inc., Wilson Bank & Trust, D. T. McCall & Sons, Cumberland Auto Center, Cookeville, Tennessee Arts Commission, Tennessee Department of Tourim, and UCEMCares.

Sutton Ole Time Music Hour Winterfest

Sutton store teams with Timberloft Restaurant

The Sutton store teams with Timberloft Restaurant for Catering for Sutton Ole Time Music Hour and Dinner Theatre. Pictured left to right are Brenda Curtis, Manager Sutton General Store, Donna and Kevin Jones of Timberloft Restaurant.

Sutton Ole Time Music Hour Winterfest on January 7th with John Tomlin & Company. Submitted.

Southern meals each Saturday night with seatings at 5:00 and 6:30 p.m. Manager, Brenda Curtis, said, “Sutton General Store is honored to have Timberloft Restaurant to be the new cater for Sutton General Store and the new menus they will bring to Saturday night dining as well as The Dinner Theatre in February and December. We extend a special welcome to everyone to be a part of Bluegrass Winterfest as we have great bluegrass each Saturday night.”
Mt. Juliet Chamber moves into new office location

By Parker Minor
Managing Editor

Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce President, Mark Hinesley, stated at the December Chamber Luncheon that the Chamber had been given the green light, start moving in to their new office location on East Division Street.

After spending 12 years in their original office location on West Caldwell Street, Chamber representatives officially started working in their new 3,400-square-foot office location on Tuesday, December 27.

Chamber President, Mark Hinesley, stated, “The new business location for the Chamber represents the success of the business that has been made in Mt. Juliet and future business to come.”

Hinesley also stated the reasoning behind the new location for the Chamber of Commerce. “The new location is centrally located in the heart of Mt. Juliet convenient for all Mt. Juliet Chamber guests. The location is constructed exactly in the middle of town between Interstate-40 and Lebanon Road (Highway-70) nearby for all visitors.”

The new Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce business building is a total of 24,000-square-foot and plans to lease the remaining 20,600-square-feet of the office complex to local Mt. Juliet businesses.

Local volunteer firefighter charged with solicitation of minor in Wilson County

Staff Reports

A Wilson County volunteer firefighter in Gladeville was recently charged and arrested for solicitation of a minor. Matthew Allen Patterson, age 31, was booked into the Wilson County jail in December.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security was who tipped off local authorities regarding the firefighters actions.

Wilson County Sheriff, Robert Bryan, commented in a recent press release regarding the issue, “This is yet another reminder of the danger that our children face in today’s digital age. It is your duty and responsibility as a parent to maintain and closely monitor any type of electronic device that your child uses. Parents are reminded that there are predators constantly looking for an opportunity to take advantage of an innocence child.”

Details regarding the case are still being investigated and reviewed.

Kraemer-House Wedding

Leah Leslie Kraemer and Shane Michael House, both of Mount Juliet, were married at Shipwreck Beach in Kauai on November 25, 2016. Leah is the daughter of Robert and Priscilla Kraemer of Mount Juliet and is a 2010 graduate of Mt. Juliet High School. She received her Bachelor’s Degree in Geographic Techniques from MTSU in 2014 and is an Application Developer with AMEC Foster Wheeler in Nashville. Shane is the son of Mike and Kathy House of Mount Juliet and is a 2009 graduate of Wilson Central High School. He received his Bachelor’s Degree in Computer Engineering Technology from MTSU in 2013 and is a Controls Engineer with Automation Nth in La Vergne.

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Police make first DUI arrest of 2017 after driver hits gas pump

Mt. Juliet Police Department took to social media on New Year’s Day to announce the city’s first DUI arrest of 2017 to raise awareness.

The S. Mt. Juliet Rd. Mapco convenient store fuel center was the scene Sunday afternoon where an impaired driver crashed, striking one of the gas station’s fuel pumps.

Luckily no serious injuries or explosions occurred. An arrest of the driver followed after investigation of the scene and sobriety tests were performed.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January 5

JECDB Meeting
The Joint Economic & Community Development Board Executive Committee will meet at 7:45 AM on Thursday at the JECDB office location in Lebanon located at 115 N. Castle Heights Ave., Suite 102.

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Ribbon Cutting at Blankenship CPA Group
Everyone is invited and welcome to attend. (11:30am - Noon) Located at 2672 N. Mt. Juliet Road.

January 6

Free Clothing Store
Free Clothes this Friday from 9am until Noon at Life Church located at 3688 Highway 109 in Lebanon, right across the street from the Dollar General store. The event is open to everyone. Bring your photo ID and clothes and accessories for Men, Women, & Children. Donations accepted at all times. More information: www.lifechurchfamily.com

January 7

Courtney’s Breakfast With Vietnam Veterans of Wilson County
The Vietnam Veterans of Wilson County are meeting for breakfast at time of restaurant opening and ALL Veterans of Wilson County are invited to attend. The Vietnam Veterans of Wilson County meet at Courtney’s for breakfast on the first Saturday of every month.

January 9

Ribbon Cutting at Culvers
Everyone is invited and welcome to attend. (10am - 10:30am) Located at 35 Old Pleasant Grove Road.

January 13

Ribbon Cutting at Three Dog Bakery
Everyone is invited and welcome to attend. (11:30am - Noon) Located at 1982 Providence Pkwy - Suite 102.

January 18

Chamber Luncheon
Chamber Connection Luncheon located at LIFE ASSEMBLY Church this month due to high volume of attendees. (11:15am - 12:30pm) Located at 555 Pleasant Grove Road. Mayor Hagerty expected to speak.

February 4

Polar Plunge 2017
2017 Polar Plunge for Wilson County Special Olympics will be held at the Jimmy Floyd Center on Saturday, Feb 4th. To register, download a registration form, or get more info at polarplungetn.com
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Telling Tales

By Angel Kane - Wilson Living Magazine

Right about this time every year I usually resolve that “this year I’m going to get healthy”!

Out go the cakes, Oreos and Doritos and in comes the quinoa, coconut milk and almond butter.

I download books on the poisons of sugar, dairy and gluten and listen to podcasts on healthy eating. “We have to do this or we will all get sick and die” is my ongoing battle cry.

I used to get pushback from my family, but now no one gives me any trouble. And when January 2nd rolls around and I get super hungry, I will undoubtedly reach for something sinful because quinoa tastes like sawdust, whereas Oreos taste like clouds of chocolate Heaven.

In reality I don’t think I’ve ever stuck to a resolution for more than 48 hours. And honestly that’s because we make resolutions too big and too bold.

Take, for instance, a resolution I saw posted on a friend’s FB page this past Sunday – “I will be stronger, braver, kinder and unstoppable.” This year I will be fierce!!

Really? You plan to do all those things? When?

Because on Tuesday your kids go back to school and so Monday you have to find and wash all their school clothes that you haven’t bothered washing in two weeks. Then you have to pack their lunches the night before because their cafeteria account is overdrawn and you have to be at work by 7:30 because you left in such a hurry before vacation that you didn’t finish all your work.

Most importantly though, you better find your black, scratchy pants because, once again, you went crazy in all the showers in this year’s new school clothes that you haven’t finished mending buttons and finally mending those jackets and shirts!

I resolve to clean out the junk drawer at least to the point where I don’t have to push so hard to close it.

I resolve to throw away all those empty bottles of shampoo and conditioner in all the showers in this house.

I resolve to take out the garbage when it reaches the top of the can instead of piling things on top and pulling the bag around the garbage.

I resolve to not buy house plants because I will never water them and they will just die anyway.

I resolve to be fierce while in the Starbucks drive thru, waiting in all those empty bottles of junk drawer at least to the point where I don’t have to

I resolve to throw away all those empty bottles of shampoo and conditioner in all the showers in this house.

I resolve to clean out my purse, or at least get the perishable food items out of it that have been in there since the beginning of 2016.

And, of course, I resolve to eat better and be fierce!

To read more of Angel and Becky’s columns go to www.wilsonlivingmagazine.com.
Alexander-Brown Engagement

Cheryl Lynn Alexander and Matthew Brown, both of Mt. Juliet, are announcing their engagement. Cheryl is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Mark Alexander of Mt. Juliet, TN. She is a 2009 graduate of University School of Jackson. She earned her Bachelor of Nursing degree from Cumberland University. She is employed as a labor and delivery nurse at Tennova Healthcare in Lebanon, TN. Matthew is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Brown, Sr. of Medon, TN. He is a 2008 graduate of Southside High School, Jackson, TN. He is a building superintendent with Dixie Steel Erectors. The wedding is planned for February 4, 2017 in Lebanon, TN followed by their honeymoon.

Local filmmaker premieres new movie in Wilson County

Jim O’Rear, a resident of Mount Juliet, TN, has worked in the Hollywood entertainment industry for over thirty years as an actor, stuntman, screenwriter, director, make-up artist, and producer. He now brings his latest offering, a 1980s-style police thriller titled Nightblade, home for its U.S. theatrical premiere in January.

Nightblade, produced and directed by O’Rear with his business partner Scott Trupperman (of Ghost Hunters International fame) under their Los Bastardz Productions label, features Hollywood faces acting alongside homegrown talent in a movie that captures the feel, style, and fun of the 1980s police dramas and television shows, such as Miami Vice and Magnum P.I. Completely filmed in the Mt. Juliet, Lebanon, and Nashville areas, Nightblade features several local actors on screen as well as Todd Bridges (‘Walter’ from Different Strokes), Robert LaSardo (CSI: Miami, Nip/Tuck, Death Race), and Betsy Rue (How I Met Your Mother, My Bloody Valentine, True Blood).

Normally known for his work in horror and science fiction films, O’Rear has decided to branch out and offer his fans a different experience with Nightblade. "We’re still giving the fans a horror element with Nightblade," states O’Rear, "because at its core the story focuses on tracking a serial killer, but we’re hoping to expand beyond blood and guts and let the story elements and performances drive this one."

Nightblade’s theatrical premiere is open to the public and will be held at the Full Moon Cineplex (3445 Lebanon Pike, Hermitage, TN) on January 28 at 7:00pm, allowing the audience to watch the film for the first time with members of the cast and crew who will be in attendance. A Q&A with the cast and crew will be held after the screening for anyone interested in behind the scenes stories or wanting filmmaking advice.

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Mt. Juliet cougar sighting investigated by TWRA

Local Tennessee Wildlife Manager, Dr. Russ Skoglund of Lebanon, was the expert who answered the call regarding the possible cougar sighting in Mt. Juliet recently.

Skoglund investigated the Mt. Juliet sighting and reviewed the photo that Mt. Juliet resident Wendy House had taken from her cell phone in her back yard. Although the picture was of slightly poor quality, the TWRA manager highly doubts it was a cougar due to markings.

“Cougars are native to Tennessee, they’ve just been extirpated for quite some time,” said TWRA wildlife manager Skoglund. “Nothing is impossible or out of the question though.”

Wendy House was inside cooking Christmas cookies with her children when she called onto her husband to come view the shocking sight. House is still convinced it was a cougar that she saw.

Some claim that they do not doubt that it was definitely a larger cat. It has not been ruled out as a possible bobcat sighting since they are common in the area and have been seen in Mt. Juliet over the years. Some of the community’s landmark schools’ mascots were picked after the known bobcat, such as Stoner Creek Elementary school with their bobcat mascot. Although the case has not been confirmed, there are dozens of documented cases of cougar sightings in the Middle Tennessee region since 2015 which leaves the sighting a slight possibility.

Sightings from cameras in Obion County, a hair sample in Carroll County, and sightings in Humphreys County are recorded reports on the TN.gov website.

Runaway missing Mt. Juliet teen located in Sumner County

Detectives successfully located missing runaway teen, Luke Vogel, last Thursday afternoon in Sumner County after many concerned Mt. Juliet citizens took to social media and assisted in the successful search.

On Monday, December 26, Mt. Juliet teen, Luke Vogel, ran away from his mother while shopping in Providence that morning around 11am. The mother frantically looked for her son for almost an hour until giving in to calling the Mt. Juliet Police Department for their assistance in helping her find her son.

Local authorities searched and investigated but Luke was not located until Thursday, December 29, after a tip from a citizen and their good investigative work led to the discovery of the runaway teen.

According to Mt. Juliet Police Department, the investigation revealed Luke ran from his mother in Providence Marketplace to a nearby hotel, where he was able to get a taxi to a Walmart in Sumner County. Detectives reviewed surveillance video at multiple locations and eventually located Luke at an acquaintance of his.

Mt. Juliet High School Choir performs at the Biltmore
Good start to the new year for Mt. Juliet business; New businesses ready January openings

Starbucks and Moe’s Southwest Grill, located in the retail strip off of S. Mt. Juliet Rd., are scheduled to open this month within the next weeks ahead.

Constructors working on-site at the South Mt. Juliet location stated that Starbucks will soon be finished and ready to open by the end of January, if not sooner.

Moe’s Southwest Grill awaits their January 12th opening date in Mt. Juliet next Thursday, according to Moe’s Area Manager, Kris Gernentz, of Cannon Restaurant Management in Nashville.

The restaurant is currently hiring employees for its new location in the Providence shopping area. Applications are available outside the location and contact information is included for serious inquiries. SuperCuts has yet to give an estimated, precise opening date for their new location next to Edible Arrangements but expects to open very soon and are currently hiring employees for the new location in Mt. Juliet.

The retail strip location previously underwent a couple of stop-work-orders from the City of Mt. Juliet due to developers not cooperating with prior construction plans to the structure and property.

An access bridge in the rear of the strip center will be constructed in order to alleviate any future traffic congestion possibilities.

Mt. Juliet District 4 City Commissioner, Brian Abston, has worked hard with developers and construction planners to ensure that the community will be able to enjoy a safe, convenient retail and dining experience in the center.

Teens charged after injured teen of accidental shooting released from hospital

The Wilson County Sheriff’s Office charged three juvenile teens in a shooting incident that was reported last Tuesday, December 27.

The three teen boys involved were charged with filing a false report. The teen who had the gun was charged with possession of a handgun under the age of 18-years-old, tampering with evidence due to trying to hide weapon in wooded area, and reckless endangerment for carelessness.

The Mt. Juliet teen, who was the victim of an accidental shooting incident early last week, was released from the hospital with non-serious injuries on Thursday, December 29.

He is very lucky to be alive,” said Wilson County Sheriff, Robert Bryan.

Wilson County Sheriff Deputies responded to the injury regarding a teen and a gun on Tuesday afternoon, December 27, in Mt. Juliet.

The 16-year-old teen boy was injured at 515 Davis Corners Road in Mt. Juliet, admitting to authorities that he was playing with a gun when the firearm fired off a round.

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