Mt. Juliet’s Butch “Barry” Wilmore set to join flight to International Space Station

Staff Reports

Veteran NASA astronaut and Mt. Juliet native Barry “Butch” Wilmore will join astronauts Mike Fincke and Nicole Mann for NASA’s Boeing Crew Flight Test, the inaugural crewed flight of the CST-100 Starliner launching to the International Space Station in 2021.

Wilmore has been training side-by-side with the crew since being named the sole backup for all flight positions in July 2018. He now will shift his focus specifically to the spacecraft commander’s duties in preparation for the flight to the space station. The flight is designed to test the end-to-end capabilities of the new Starliner system.

Butch has been in space twice before: once in 2009, when he served as the pilot of space shuttle Atlantis on STS-129 and delivered 14 tons of spare parts to the International Space Station, and once in 2014, when he was ferried to the International Space Station on a Russian Soyuz spacecraft and remained there for 167 days. He completed four space walks on the latter mission.

“Butch will be able to step in seamlessly, and his previous experience on both space shuttle and space station missions make him a valuable addition to this flight,” said Kathy Lueders, associate administrator of NASA’s Human Exploration and Operations Mission Directorate.

By John Kirian
Managing Editor

The Board of Commissioners voted on Monday, Oct. 12, to enter a contract with an architectural firm for the construction of a number of improvements and expansions to the existing Mt. Juliet Police Department headquarters by Charlie Daniels Park.

Concerns over the current police facilities rose after the March tornado that devastated Mt. Juliet. “Our headquarters right now is

Gerard Bullock running for District 4 City Commission Seat

Staff Reports

Gerard Bullock is running for Mt. Juliet District 4 City Commissioner.

Many may recognize Gerard’s name and face as a candidate for succession of former District 4 Commissioner Brian Abston in 2019. However, in the face of an indecisive Board of Commissioners, Gerard voluntarily stepped down from consideration in order to avoid costing the taxpayers a $45,000 special election, instead vowing to run against whoever the Board chose in the regular 2020 election. “As much as I would love to serve this city, I do not want to do so at the expense of the taxpayers who work hard for their hard earned money,” said Bullock back in 2019. “This job is more than just voting on zoning twice a month. It’s much bigger than that. It means paying attention to and acting in the best interests of the citizens of Mt. Juliet.”

“For me, it’s the principles of ensuring we have a fair and efficient government, that our dollars are spent wisely, that our police and firefighters and other local public safety officials are given the tools they need to protect all of us in this city, that’s what I’m running for — and that’s what I’m running against,” he said.

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COMPLIMENTS OF:

Sellars Funeral Homes
Hawks Fly Past York Institute 34-14

By Rebeca Miu & Jake Hood
The Chronicle Contributors

GREEN HILL – The Hawks stay in the win column for the second straight week with a 34-14 defeat of the York Institute Dragons.

After a blowout victory over Stratford last week, the Hawks looked to string together multiple wins in their final two games of their five-week home stretch.

This looked promising early, as Clayton Nordstrom found Kaleb Carver from 56 yards out to put Green Hill up 7-0 early. Immediately after, the Hawks caught York off guard, with Carver recovering an onside kick. However, Nordstrom tossed an interception soon after to give the ball back to York. Unable to score, the Dragons gave the ball back to York. Unable to score, the Hawks looked to string together multiple wins in their final two games of their five-week home stretch.

To open the second half, star Hawk returner Marzeion Jones cut through the Dragon kickoff unit for a 75-yard kickoff return touchdown. This gave Green Hill a promising 24-0 lead with just over 20 minutes of football to play. The Hawks weren’t done, though. Cameron Sowell capped off a 49-yard drive with a four-yard touchdown carry to bring the Hawks up 31-0. Near the end of the third, York finally found an answer, as his grandfather is a former player and coach for the Dragons. He highlighted the night with a true win with a 34-14 slaying of the Dragons.

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In the fourth, both teams became complacent, as the score remained 31-7 for one quarter remaining.

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In our wonderful representative democracy, we the people have the freedom to organize into political parties in order to fulfill our civic duties related to self-governance. Currently, we have two major political parties known as Democrats and Republicans.

Recent national elections indicate that registered voters in the United States are evenly divided between these two parties. So with all the division it creates, does politics really bring any value at all?

The answer is, “Absolutely, yes.” Political parties give a public voice to our personal values and ideals. They help us unite with others who share our convictions. And political parties provide the power of influence to introduce and pass important legislation and public policies.

Politics and political affiliation have always stirred up passions and created lively discussion in the public square. And that rigorous debate is good for our democracy, but politics does have limitations. A friend of mine makes the point, “Political parties make great servants but terrible masters.” Political parties do good work, but they are a bad place to find our identity. Parties make room for debate, but they are not infallible in every conclusion. Parties unite us around issues, but they do not have the power to make lasting peace.

Timothy Goeglein writes, “Looking for peace on earth through politics is a hollow quest, no matter which side of the political spectrum engages it.”

So the dissatisfaction we feel when politicians and political parties fail short of our expectations should not come as a surprise. Not every problem, especially the biggest ones, has a political solution. Instead, our genuine angst points to a greater hope fulfilled in Jesus alone.

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city needs a fresh set of eyes to take us to the next level.”

“We were just ranked the 22nd best city in the U.S.,” said Bullock. “We need to look at 21 cities and see where we can make improvements.” In a business, the most important thing are the people. In a city, it’s the citizens that are most important.

“I’ve seen a lot of missed opportunities on infrastructure improvements, on projects,” said Bullock. “We’re using the same policies now that the city has more than 35,000 people as we did when the city had 5,000.”

Bullock feels that, more than anything, Mt. Juliet needs to set itself up for a successful future.

Bullock believes that one way to do this is to ensure strong and effective succession planning in all city departments. “If a new assitant chief job comes open, who’s next to take that job? Who are we developing to fill those roles? We need to make sure we are investing in our employees and pre- pare them to be promot-
ed into these positions.” Bullock says he will work with city department heads cross-functionally to develop succession planning in all departments.

Bullock then wants to apply measurable goals to those departments, to hold them accountable for their results and to generate metrics by which improvement and effectiveness can be as-
certained. “We all feel safe in the city because the crime rate is low. That’s a measurable number. Fire depart-
ment response time is low. That’s a measurable number. But how do we measure public works, parks, plan-
ing? They need measurable goals to be held accountable for their results,” says Bullock.

“We often do things in the city off of what we feel and what we think, which at times could be a legal pitfall. But we need to apply mea-
surable data to the city deci-
sion-making process.”

Bullock also vows to en-
sure Mt. Juliet’s future by strengthening its small businesses. “Outdated or-
dimensions that are hinder-
ing Mt. Juliet’s small busi-
ness community need to be reviewed,” says Bullock. “We as a city need to help small businesses open and achieve success, rather than hurt them.”

Bullock, his wife, Sara, and their four children, Ger-
ard Jr., Giana, Gabi and Gage, have called Mt. Ju-
liet home since 2015. In 2016, his mother and his grand-
father, who is a World War II veteran, also relocat-
ed here. All of them reside in District 4. Bullock says that, due to the variety of individ-
uals in his close family, he’s aware and involved with the concerns of all demographic-
s. “I’m here to represent the 97-year-old veteran and the 10-year-old kid, and ev-
everybody in between.”

Bullock has a rich his-
tory of management and leadership for multi-billion dollar corporations that he believes will serve Mt. Ju-
liet well. After being a di-
rector for UPS for 14 years, he signed up with Under Armour, where he was charged with opening the Mt. Juliet facility, oversee-
ing their infrastructure and distribution network, and managing a $58,000,000 payroll. In 2018, he left this job to have more time to support his wife in opening Metime Down-In Child Care. He now works as a manag-
er and realtor at the local Weichert Realtors, The And-
rews Group, where he was recently recognized as the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Com-
merce’s Businessman of the Year award in 2019. Bul-
lock studied criminal jus-
tice and communication at the University of Maryland. He currently stands on the Board of Directors for the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Com-
merce and the Second Har-
vest Food Bank, and he has stood on the Board of Trust-
ees for Ensworth School in Nashville.

Bullock believes that his long history of manage-
ment and negotiations for multi-billion dollar corpora-
tions will serve as invaluable experience for the politics of a large and still-growing city like Mt. Juliet. “If I can con-
vince the company I work for to spend millions of dol-
ars on infrastructure im-
povements, I can convince city leaders and other Com-
misioners to spend mon-
ey on infrastructure, parks and sidewalks for our dis-
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By John Kirian  
Managing Editor

West Elementary is participating in the Food 2 Families canned food drive. Food 2 Families is an annual food drive founded by WKRN News 2 and run in collaboration with Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee that engages elementary, middle and high school students in Middle Tennessee. Schools compete against each other to see who can collect the most non-perishable food items. All food collected will stay in the schools’ county and is used to make food boxes and fill pantry shelves for families and individuals in need.

“The number one thing about this, why I wanted to participate in this, is that all the food collected is kept in Wilson County,” said West Elementary principal Chris Plummer. “That was the only way I was going to move forward with this. We have a lot of immediate needs within our district, and so what we’re doing is making sure that food is distributed to families here within Wilson County.”

The food drive is also a competition between schools. The top schools that raise the most items per capita will receive a monetary prize. The top three high schools will each receive $1,000, while the top three middle schools and the top three elementary schools will each receive $500.

On the students’ end, each food item they bring in to West Elementary is rewarded with a “house token”, which contributes towards the competition between the six “houses” into which the West Elementary student body is split up.

“Kids bring in items every day,” said Plummer. “I had a kindergartner today who brought in a big five-pound can of green beans.”

The most needed items requested by the food drive are peanut butter, canned chicken, pasta, beans, cereal and rice.

The deadline for the food drive is Oct. 30, 2020. The winners of the interschool competition will be announced on Nov. 13.
# Wilson County Federal/State General & Municipal Elections
November 3, 2020

## President and Vice President of the United States

**Vote for One (1)**

- Electors for **Donald J. Trump** for President and **Michael R. Pence** for Vice President
- Electors for **Joseph R. Biden** for President and **Kamala D. Harris** for Vice President

## United States Senate

**Vote for One (1)**

- **Bill Hagerty** Republican Party Nominee
- **Marquita Bradshaw** Democratic Party Nominee
- **Yomi "Fapas" Faparusi Sr.** Independent Candidate
- **Jeffrey Alan Grunau** Independent Candidate
- **Ronnie Henley** Independent Candidate
- **G. Dean Hill** Independent Candidate
- **Steven J. Hooper** Independent Candidate

## City of Lebanon

**Mayor**

**Vote for One (1)**

- **Bernie Ash**
- **Rick Bell**
- **Rob Cesterino**
- **Ronald "John" Demoor**

**Write-in:**

- Residency determines your eligibility to vote in this contest

## City of Mt. Juliet

**Mayor**

**Vote for One (1)**

- **James Maness**
- **Dan Walker**

**Write-in:**

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## Commission

### District 1

**Vote for One (1)**

- **Ray Justice**
- **Vince King**

**Write-in:**

- Residency determines your eligibility to vote in this contest

## Alderman

### Ward 1

**Vote for One (1)**

- **John Wayne Carmack**

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- Residency determines your eligibility to vote in this contest

### Ward 2

**Vote for One (1)**

- **Fred A. Burton Sr**
- **Leon Love**
- **Lisa Noble**

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### Ward 3

**Vote for One (1)**

- **Robert Tick Bryan**

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### Ward 5

**Vote for One (1)**

- **Clark Boyd**

**Write-in:**

- Residency determines your eligibility to vote in this contest

## Tennessee House of Representatives

### District 46

**Vote for One (1)**

- **John Rose** Republican Party Nominee
- **Christopher Martin Finley** Independent Candidate
- **Christopher B. Monday** Independent Candidate

**Write-in:**

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### District 57

**Vote for One (1)**

- **Susan M Lynn** Republican Party Nominee
- **Tom Sottek** Independent Candidate

**Write-in:**

- Residency determines your eligibility to vote in this contest

## City of Watertown

**Mayor**

**Vote for One (1)**

- **Michael R. Jennings**

**Write-in:**

- Residency determines your eligibility to vote in this contest

**Alderman at Large**

**Vote for Three (3)**

- **Laura Lea Cromer**
- **Brandy Holcomb**
- **Jim Mahoney**
- **Howell Roberts**

**Write-in:**

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Mt. Juliet Golden Bears Say Goodbye to Their Winning Streak

By Mya Rippon
The Chronicle Contributor

On Oct. 2, 2020 the Mt. Juliet Golden Bears travelled to Clarksville and took on the Rossview Hawks. Even though the Golden Bears had a 7-0 lead in the half the game quickly turned around by the fourth quarter. The final score was 22-14 Rossview.

The Bears opening drive ended with a touchdown by RB/CB Jamari Sowell and the extra point was good by Connor Kawalski with eleven minutes left in the first quarter. Leaving the game 7-0 Bears.

Neither team scored during the second quarter still leaving the score 7-0 Bears.

Bears went for the fourth down and WR Osise Danian took it into the Bears end zone and the extra point was good with four minutes and 45 seconds left in the third quarter, leaving the score 14-0 Bears.

Hawk De/TE Corey Bolster had a fumble return touchdown and the extra point was good with three minutes and forty seconds left in the third quarter, leaving the score 14-7 Bears.

Bears leading by seven have at fourth and nine on Hawk's twenty yard line to start the fourth quarter.

Hawks had it at first and goal from the six yard line. The Hawks threw a touchdown pass and the kick was good, tying the game up with nine minutes left in the fourth. Leaving the score 14-14 tie.

Bears with a first down moved to the forty-five yard line with seven minutes and 53 seconds left in the fourth quarter.

Bears forced to punt. The Hawks had the ball on their own eighteen yard line with five minutes and forty seconds left in the fourth quarter.

Hawks have the ball on their own 37 yard line with a second and twenty-one with two minutes and 43 seconds left in the fourth quarter.

Hawks have possession of the ball on the thirty-five yard line. Hawks had a completed pass to ATH/C/WR Aaron Bolster for the touchdown. Hawks rushed the two point conversion and was a success by ATH/C/WR Aaron Bolster with 52 seconds left in the fourth quarter leaving the game 22-14 Hawks.

Hawks intercepted Bears ball leaving the game 22-14 Hawks.

The Mt. Juliet Golden Bears now 5-1 will travel Oct. 16 to play the Oak Ridge Wildcats 4-3.
Granville Hosts Magic of Mayberry Scarecrow Festival

Staff Reports

The Magic of Mayberry Scarecrow Festival in Granville will be held thru October 31st which also includes a Quilt and Old Time Craftsmen Festival. Granville will also be hosting their annual Ghost walk entitled “The Chills and Thrills of Clover Street” with seven great stops during your walk on Oct. 23 & 24. The event will feature a fall dinner at the Granville Event Center before or after your walk which is a separate charge. Advance tickets are being sold for $8.00 in advance or $10.00 the night of the event. Online reservations can be made on granvilletn.com or by calling 931-653-4151. The dinner is a separate charge.

The Scarecrow, Craftsmen & Quilt Festival is occurring Wednesday thru Saturday during October from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with it going to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. The Scarecrow Festival is Tennessee’s largest scarecrow event. You can purchase a town tour ticket for $5.00 and receive a guide book that tells you about each scarecrow on Clover Street. When you reach the historic home, you’ll receive the second Guide book that tells you about all the scarecrows at Sutton Homestead and Pioneer Village. The town has been converted to Mayberry with all the characters and buildings featured. The town is decorated in a great fall way with safety precautions in all areas. Mask are required in all buildings.

Sutton General Store serves lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day. Granvilletn.com.

In the face of this massive lack of space, the MJPD still needs to expand its staff and equipment in order to keep up with the growth of Mt. Juliet. The MJPD already has less officers per population than other, similar cities in Tennessee, and in order to maintain their current rate of officers per population as Mt. Juliet grows, Captain Chandler estimates that they will need to hire and train 25 - 30 more officers and more than a dozen more civilian staff, such as dispatchers and clerks, in the next decade.

The Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to fund an expansion to the existing police headquarters which would serve as a police and fire dispatch center, and emergency operations center, and administrative office. This facility would

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BELCHER, Jane Camilla Neil

Jane Belcher, age 81, of Lebanon, TN, died Oct. 11, 2020. She was the daughter of the late, John Travis and Opal Edna Smith Neil. Jane was also preceded in death by her son, Tyree Belcher and her brother, Ralph (Mary Ann) Neil.

She is survived by: husband of 64 years – Jerry Belcher; sister – Ann Ferrell; many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2020 at Bond Memorial Chapel with Kyle Tate officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Nephews and nieces will serve as pallbearers.

Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to the Masonic Widows’ and Orphans’ Home of Tennessee, 100 7th Avenue North, Suite 4, Nashville, TN 37203.

Visitation will be 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to service time Wednesday at Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. (615) 773-2663.

BUCANAN, Douglas Bruce


Dogg was the son of the late, Norman and Gertrude Rench Buchanan.

He is survived by: wife – Sherry Buchanan; children – Laura Denise Spencer, Jennifer Suzanne Buchanan, Robert Sean Buchanan and Joshua Ryan Buchanan; step-children – Phillip Dale Erickson and Peggy Sue Can-ner; brother - Norman (Jac- queline) Buchanan; grandchildren – Nathan Spencer, Matthew Spencer, Connor Spencer, Keelin Buchanan, Colin Buchanan, Cole Buchanan, Soren Buchanan, Telisha Morgan, Elektra Smith, Lane Erickson and Victoria Erickson.

A Celebration of Life service was conducted Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020 at Hermitage Church of the Nazarene, 4151 Saundersville Road, Hermitage, TN with Pastor Howard Plummer officiating.

Flowers accepted or memorials may be to Hermitage Church of the Nazarene, P.O. Box 111, Hermitage, TN 37076 or Alive Hospice, 1718 Patterson Street, Nashville, TN 37203.

Arrangements by Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Ju-liet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. (615) 773-2663. www.bondmemorial.com

BYRNE, Timothy G.

Timothy G. Byrne, age 70 of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee, passed away peacefully on Monday, Oct. 12, 2020. The Funeral Mass, conducted by Father Davis, will be held at St. Stephen Catholic Community (14544 Lebanon Rd, Old Hickory, TN 37138) on Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow the service in Hermitage Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, Oct. 14 from 9:00 a.m. until mass at 10:00 a.m. at the church.

He is survived by: wife of 46 years, Karen Byrne; children, Kathleen (Thomas) Davis and Timothy (Olena) Byrne, Jr.; grandchildren, Caitlin, Sarah, and Colin; siblings, Patricia, Diane, John, Joseph, Christopher, Maria, Patrick, Thomas, Mary, Julia, Peter, Rosemary, and Miriam.

He was preceded in death by parents, Charles and Jose- phine Patricia Smith Byrne; siblings, Charlie, Maura, and James.


CAVUCCI, Anthony John

Anthony (Tony) John Cavucci, age 61, passed away peacefully at Carle BroMenn Medical Center in Bloomington, IL on Thursday, Oct. 8, 2020. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, John (Bertha) Jarmolik and Anthony (Dorothy) Cavucci and his father, Mark Antho- ny Cavucci of Youngstown, Ohio. He leaves behind: his mother, Barbara (George) Brown; sister, Andrea (Ted) Branner of Mount Juliet, TN; an estranged brother, Mark Anthony Cavucci of Califor- nia; two nephews, Dylan (An- drea) Kenselaar of Mount Ju-liet, TN and Christopher (Jill) Branner of Memphis, TN; along with two great nieces and one great nephew. Tony had a kind spirit, was a loving son and brother, a loyal friend and loved animals. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and everyone who knew him.

FAYE, Lindell Ray

Funeral service for Mr. Lindell Ray Flynn, age 72, of Old Hickory, TN will be con- ducted at 11:00 a.m. Tues- day at Higgins Funeral Home in Fayetteville, TN with Bro. Terrell Bain officiating. Buri- al will follow in the Lin- coln Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Monday at Higgins Funeral Home.

Ray was born on December 28, 1947 in Frankfurt, Germany to the late Henry Clay and Annie Lou Bates Flynn. He passed away on Oct. 9, 2020 at TriStar Sum-mit Medical Center in Her- mitage, TN.

Survivors include: his wife Peggy Sue Bain Flynn; daughter, Tracy (Rick) Gill-ingham of Ashland City, TN; son, Kevin (Amanda) Flynn of Gordonsville, TN; grandchild- ren, Trey Gillingham, Joy Gillingham, Caleb Gilling- ham, Zoe Gillingham, Thom- as Flynn, Katie Flynn, and Luci Flynn.

Higgins Funeral Home is honored to be serving the family of Mr. Lindell Ray Fly- nn.

HARMON, Faye A.

Faye A. Harmon, age 80 of Nashville, Tennessee, passed away peacefully on Monday, Oct. 5, 2020. The Funeral Service was held on Satur- day, Oct. 10, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Faye was born on July 3, 1940 in Toledo, Ohio to the late Adam and Ada Hartman Wunsheil. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Carly Faye Delong and her 7 brothers and sisters. She is survived by: husband of 31 years, Thomas Harmon; daughters, Ginger Jessee, Lisa Delong, Christie (Tina) Trost, and Michele Trost; grandchildren, Melissa Dod- son, Michael Dodson, Jer- emiah (Johnathan) Engel, Lauren Delong, Robby De- long, Eliza Delong, Eli Har- mon, Anna Harmon, April Holliday, Maci Holliday, and Reed Holliday; great-grand- children; Malia, CJ, Ren- ley, Mckenzie, Makayla, Mi- kaylee; brother-in-law, Gary Harmon; beloved dog, Lexi.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully request memo- rial contributions be made to the Carly Fay Foundation (https://carlyfayefounda- tion.org) or Alive Hospice (1718 Patterson Street, Nash- ville, TN 37203).


HEFLIN, Mary Ellen Car- penter

Mary Heflin passed away on Oct. 6, 2020 at age 83. The Funeral Service was
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conducted Friday, Oct. 9, 2020 in the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home followed by interment in Barton’s Creek Cemetery.

Mrs. Hefflin is survived by: children Sherry (Carl) Rich, Carl (Tammy) Hefflin Jr., Gary Hefflin, Terry (Rose) Hefflin, Nancy Boles, Christopher (Lora) Hefflin, and Lisa Hefflin; 26 grandchildren; 45 great-grandchildren; brothers David Carpenter and Edwin Carpenter; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by husband, father, and grandfather, Carl Heflin Sr., parents Phillip and Esther Carpenter, and brother Eugene Carpenter. Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.

NORRIS, Harold C.

Harold C. Norris, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020 at the age of 88.  Born in Nashville, Tennessee on Monday, May 26th, 1941. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brother, Bobby R. Norris. He is survived by: his loving wife of 55 years, Linda Gail Norris; children, Tonya Renee Norris (Ha) Adcock and Harold Dean (Joy) Norris; grandchildren, John Adcock, Rachel Adcock, Addison Norris, and Emory Norris; sisters-in-law, Jewel Norris and Anita Key Schofill.


RUDGE, Diane

Diane Rudge passed away Oct. 8, 2020 at age 78. She is survived by: her husband Allan Rudge; children Jeff (Emma Bartlett) Rudge, Natalie (Aaron) Garrett and Dawn Rudge; 7 grandchildren; and 1 great grandson. She is preceded in death by her parents Eugene Turner and Kathleen Optiz. Sellars Funeral Home Lebanon, TN 615.444.9393.

STEELEY, Melody Dawn

Melody Dawn Steeley, age 37, died on April 11, 2020 in Mexico. Her remains were discovered in September. Melody is preceded in death by: son Malachi Allen Green; grandmother Mabel B. Steeley; and grandfather, Homer Pedigo. She is survived by: parents James and Emma Steeley; daughters Ashley and Nevaeh Green; brother Jonathan Steeley; grandmother Emma Lee Pedigo; and grandfather James E. Steeley. A memorial service will be held at Fellowship Baptist Church on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2020, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

SWANN, Mary Beatrice

Mary Swann passed away on Oct. 7, 2020 at age 85. The Funeral Service, conducted by Brother Billy Jones, was Monday, Oct. 12, in the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, followed by interment in Lielyville Cemetery.

Mrs. Swann is survived by: sons Stephen (Sandy) Swann and Bruce Swann; grandchildren Tam-mie (Jesse) Paradies, Mary Renee Swann, and Rebecca Ann Swann; great-grandchildren Summer and Caden Paradis, Allanna and Greyson Barnes; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by husband William Emett Swann, daughter-in-law Deanne Kay Swann, parents Willie and Kate Binion, sisters Delores Davis and Eudene Hamblen, and brothers Thomas Binion, Linder Binion, James Binion, and John Binion. Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.

TURMAN, Bobby Leroy

Bobby Leroy Turman, age 77, of Mt. Juliet, TN, died Oct. 8, 2020. Bobby was the son of the late, John Matthew and Maggie Kathleen Pitts Turman. He was also preceded in death by 3 brothers and 2 sisters. He is survived by: wife of 56 years – Brenda Turman; son – Bobby Leroy Turman, Jr.; daughter – Angela Lynn Turman; sister – Beverly Jean Bulman; grandchildren – Jonathan Logan Turman, Gabriel Fox Turman and Tabitha Swade Rader; great-grandson – Maxwell Alexander Turman; several nieces and nephews; faithful companion - Jake.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to New Leash on Life, 507 Jim Draper Drive, Lebanon, TN 37087 or Mt. Juliet Animal Control Center, 115 Industrial Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122.

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Gov. Lee Announces $50 Million in New Business Relief Funding

Staff Reports

NASHVILLE – Tennessee Governor Bill Lee and the Financial Stimulus Accountability Group announced an initial $50 million in federal Coronavirus Relief Funds for the new Supplemental Employer Recovery Grant program to provide additional relief to small businesses suffering during the COVID-19 pandemic. This new wave of funding includes specific support for minority-owned, women-owned and veteran-owned businesses, as well as businesses owned by disabled persons.

“Small businesses are the backbone of our economy and supporting them through these difficult times has been one of the core missions of the Financial Stimulus Accountability Group,” said Gov. Lee. “The SERG program will provide further relief to small businesses, especially those who may not have been able to access previous federal and state relief funds.”

“We have stood with our businesses by initiating the Small Business Relief Program, and stabilizing the Unemployment Trust Fund, and today’s announcement is yet another targeted solution to strengthen the Tennessee business community’s ongoing recovery efforts,” said House Speaker Cameron Sexton (R-Crossville). “All of these programs support our minority, women, disabled and service-disabled veteran business owners who are suffering during these extraordinary times. We need them to remain open and to thrive, and I applaud our Stimulus Accountability Group for helping all Tennessee businesses get back up on their feet so they remain successful.”

Small business owners and non-profit organizations can apply to receive reimbursement for eligible direct expenses or costs incurred as a result of business interruption due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The program’s application window will open October 7, 2020 and remain open until December 29, 2020, or until all funds are depleted. To apply and learn more about what is eligible for reimbursement, please visit https://tncaresact.tn.gov/ SERS. For application assistance, please call 1-833-740-1438 or email support@TN-CARESACT.com.

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**Wildcats’ Offensive Onslaught Beats LaVergne 55-42**

By Jake Hood

The Chronicle Contributor

LAVERGNE – Wilson Central handed LaVergne its third loss of the year in a 97-point thrashing.

After an upset loss to the Wolverines on their MyTV30 night in 2019, the Wildcats were prepared to head south to Wolverine country for the first time in three years. Prior to Friday night, the Wildcats took a tough 28-10 loss to Hendersonville, who appears to be the favorite to win Region 4. LaVergne came off of a victory over John Overton, who had just begun its season.

The game as a whole was an offensive battle. But, in the first quarter, each team only scored once, because the game crawled for both sides early. On its opening drive, Wilson Central bolted out to a 7-0 lead on a 27-yard CJ Hatchett touchdown sprint. About four minutes later, Tennessee’s three minutes to play. This remained the case, as Webb found Bush for a six-yard score. Undoubtedly, the Wildcats matched with a six-yard run from Zavier Ali. This proved to be the deciding factor in the game for Wilson Central. If LaVergne scored, the Wildcats typically answered on the following possession. This case, Webb found Bush again for a five-yard TD, and Ali powered in a 15-yard run on the next drive. However, another bad snap, due to the tremendous amount of rain throughout the night, resulted in a failed PAT, but the Wildcats commanded a 55-35 lead with less than three minutes to play.

Banner barreled across the goal line once more before the final whistle, bringing the score to 55-42. The Wildcats averaged a 19-point uptrend while scoring their most points in recent history, and LaVergne ran their score just above their average for 2020. This became another night of milestones for the Wildcats, as Lewis easily crossed 1,000 passing yards on a 8-11 night for 179 yards. Unfortunately, Ali fell just short of 1,000 rushing yards, as he had 145 on the night and needed 164. The Wildcats are 4-2 when Ali manages at least 100 rushing yards, though.

The Wildcats had two rushers with over 100 yards on the night, as Hatchett had 14 carries for 120 yards. Hatchett and Ali both had 3 touchdowns, pleading their cases for Wilson County Player of the Week, as both Mount Juliet and Lebanon were on a bye this week. Ate Gizaw led receiving for the Wildcats with 2 catches for 78 yards. Behind him, Ali managed 2 for 65 and Widslock had 3 for 38.

For LaVergne, Webb had 199 yards on a 17-25 night, and Banner rushed for nearly 200 yards with 191, which he has done all season.

Greg Bush played on every side of the ball for LaVergne, catching 12 passes for 152 yards, punting for 67 yards, returning kickoffs for 132 yards, and making several plays on defense. However, this was not enough to stop the surging offense of Wilson Central.

The Wildcats move to 4-4, and they will take their open week next week. After this, they will travel to Lebanon on Oct. 23 to battle the Blue Devils for a spot in the post-season.
Angel Kane
Wilson Living Magazine

I’m one of those people who dresses for the season...not the actual weather. So starting about three weeks ago, I began wearing longer sleeves, pull over jackets and yes, even a scarf. The scarf was mostly for effect but my good ness, was it sweltering!

Every Friday night as we head to our son’s football game, my husband questions me. “It’s 85 degrees, why are you wearing a jacket?”

This from a guy who thinks tennis shoes are a legitimate fashion accessory.

I pay him no mind and once we get to the game, ask him to get me a hot chocolate.

“How hot chocolate, are you sure?”

Am I sure? It’s Friday night, I’m at a high school football game, and it’s Fall - yes - a hot chocolate!

But if I had to tell the truth, the fact that I have sweat dripping down my back while bundled in my layers, is becoming a real problem.

What happened to Fall? I can’t put out my pumpkins, corn stalks and mums when it feels like summer!

And my Pumpkin Spice Latte isn’t quite as satisfying if I’m in shorts and flip flops.

No sir! I’m ready for real Fall. Tartan blankets, bonfires and walking into HomeGoods to find Christmas has already exploded all over the store.

Now don’t get me wrong, I do love Spring, and Summer isn’t too far behind, but there is nothing quite like Fall in Tennessee. Sitting on the porch, drinking something warm, pumpkin bread in the oven, football in the background...I literally think this might be heaven.

Not to mention, we all need some relaxing Fall time, in order to get ready for our dreaded Tennessee Winter.

You know the drill.

A dusting of snow, a bit of ice, the salt trucks come out, Kroger runs out of milk, schools let out early, and chaos ensues until everyone can finally get home to put a pot of chill on the stove and turn on their Hallmark Christmas movies.

So until then, excuse me if I burn some pumpkin spice candles and wear my new fuzzy socks, it’s October and I’m ready no matter what temperature it is!

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

LOCAL RESTAURANT & DINING GUIDE - HOUSTON’S

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be built rated for disasters, such as future tornadoes, and powered independently by its own generator.

However, Captain Chandler says that the MJPD still needs more expansion; the Board’s funding does not yet cover an expansion to their evidence storage area, their equipment storage area, and improved exterior for the existing building, a new garage, a new communications tower, or renovations of the interior of the existing facility all of which he says are high priority for the police department. While elaborating on that final point, Captain Chandler specified that they would like to expand both the supervisors’ offices and the briefing rooms, provide a dedicated locker room for their female officers who do not currently have one, and establish a space for viewing body camera footage. While the Board agreed to approximately $3,000,000 in expansions in Monday night’s meeting, the remaining improvements desired by the department would cost an additional $2,945,000.

He also believes that the current expansion is not future-proof, and the MJPD may be in front of the board again in 15 years asking for more funding for more expansion.

Overall, the police department is not the only public service in Mt. Juliet suffering from a lack of space to expand into. "Public works is out of space," said District 1 Commissioner Ray Justice.

“I think we should keep doing this for other facilities that we have as well.”

Although no timeline was presented, Captain Chandler expressed his desire to begin construction on the expansion as soon as possible.
MJ4Hope is proud to support Ricky Dixon, a 1990 graduate of Mt. Juliet High School. He previously had melanoma in his arm that was removed in 2009 and the cancer returned in his tongue in September of 2012. At that time they removed a portion of his tongue and he underwent 36 straight days of radiation treatments. That led to remission and his being able to return to work at the auto auction but his cancer returned in his tongue in July of 2019. In March of this year the doctors removed his tongue and used a portion of the muscle in his arm to reconstruct a tongue so he could eat and drink. In July of this year, a tumor appeared in his jaw. Currently he is unable to open his jaw as the tumor affects his motion. Ricky and his sister, Lajuana, travel back and forth to Houston for treatments. In addition to constant pain, the treatments result in Ricky being severely sick.

What does the future hold?

While they are both employed at the auto auction, he is on disability. Lajuana is able to get time off work to travel with Ricky to Houston. However, the travel creates added expense for both Ricky and Lajuana. Ricky has signed up for trial treatments and will continue to have expenses related to travel.

This year’s Halloween 5K for Hope and Parkinsons Fun Walk will donate proceeds from registrations and sponsorships to Ricky’s expenses, the Peterson Foundation for Parkinsons and Mt. Juliet Tornado Relief. Costume contests are a part of the day’s event as well, so wear your finest Halloween gear to the event!

The 1 mile fun walk begins at 9:15 a.m., and the professionally timed 5K begins at 9:00 a.m. on Oct. 31. To register, sponsor or donate to either cause you may do so at MJ4HOPE.ORG.

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