Safety a priority for MJPD

Staff Reports

Halloween is usually a busy night for everyone, young and old, but safety should be a top priority. Thousands of costumed children will take to Mt. Juliet streets looking for treats, and parents should make sure their little ones are safe by following simple safety precautions.

The night is usually busier for Mt. Juliet Police officers due to the increased activity in the community, and the department is making safety a top priority by increasing patrol staff levels for the evening. Officers on patrol will be equipped with glow bracelets and glow sticks for children to promote their visibility as pedestrians. Also, glow bracelets can be obtained for free at police headquarters.

Video leads local principal to TV

Wilson Central High School Assistant Principal Ranesa Shipman was recently featured on “The Ellen DeGeneres Show” when a video of her performing with the school’s dance team went viral.

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

An assistant principal at Wilson Central and the school’s dance team were featured on “The Ellen DeGeneres Show” last week after a video went viral online. Ranesa Shipman surprised her students last month when she joined the dance team during a performance of singer Ciara’s “Level Up” at a pep rally. What she didn’t expect was a video of the dance to go viral. As of Tuesday, the video has been viewed more than 38,000 times on Facebook and has been shared more than 400 times.

The video eventually garnered the attention of the Ellen DeGeneres talk show. A film crew came out to Wilson Central to interview Shipman and dance team members as well as gave them a chance to perform the dance on the show, which aired Oct. 17.

Ellen surprised the team with a $15,000 check from Shutterfly to assist in various team expenses. Shipman also personally received a $15,000 check and was invited to visit the show. As of right now, Shipman does not know when she will fly out to California, where the show is filmed.

Archive grants awarded in Wilson County

Staff Reports

Secretary of State Tre Hargett announced a 2018 archival grant awarded to the Wilson County Archives. Archival grants are distributed through the Tennessee State Library and Archives to support local archival development. The Wilson County Archives received a $1,250 archival development grant to purchase acid-free folders.

“Archival grants are a critical investment in preserving our local history by helping to protect irreplaceable documents that are invaluable to our Tennessee history,” said Hargett. “The Tennessee Library and Archives does a great job stretching limited state and federal dollars so they are used in the most cost-effective manner.”

“The work of local archivists will now be enhanced so they can properly preserve important documents while making them accessible to more Tennesseans. This is one way we are ensuring the history of Tennessee lives on for the benefit of future generations,” Hargett said.

“This is good news for our Wilson County Archives,” said State Senator Mark Pody, R-Lebanon. “Many Wilson County voters the opportunity to vote at their convenience at any of the five locations close to their work, where they shop or live. Being prepared to vote makes the voting experience a breeze. Sample ballots are available online at WilsonVotes.com and have been printed in the local newspapers, including The Chronicle of Mt. Juliet.”

The Federal and State General elections will be for Governor, U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress 6th District, Tennessee State Senate District 17 and the 46th and 57th State House of Representatives. Wil-

Voting record broken in 47 hours

Staff Reports

A record-breaking 14,191 votes have been cast by Wilson County voters in the first 47 hours of Early Voting. The last governor’s election in November 2014 saw 14,190 votes cast during the entire 14-day Early Voting period.

Early voting for the Nov. 6, 2018, Federal and State General, Wilson County Sales Tax Referendum and the Lebanon, Mt. Juliet and Watertown Municipal elections started Wednesday, Oct. 17 and ends Thursday, Nov. 1. Early voting in Wilson County gives Wilson County voters the opportunity to vote at their convenience at any of the five locations close to their work, where they shop or live. Being prepared to vote makes the voting experience a breeze. Sample ballots are available online at WilsonVotes.com and have been printed in the local newspapers, including The Chronicle of Mt. Juliet.”

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Granville kicks off Christmas season with new events

Staff Reports

The Historic Granville 2018 Christmas Season will open Nov. 9 with a 1950s Celebration of Rocking Around the Christmas Tree.

The grand opening on Nov. 9-10 will have a new feature of Jingle, Jingle, Come Mingle and a ladies luncheon with speakers, holiday sampler, holiday fashion show, workshops, shopping, Festival of Trees, and Historic Home Tours of Rocking Around the Christmas Tree.

Granville’s new events building will host the event beginning at 10 a.m. with a Holiday Taste-Sampling. At 11 a.m., there will be workshops featuring a Holiday Fashion Show with Denise Hackett and a “No Stress Holidays” with Nancy Spears.

A holiday lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.

with a featured speaker at noon each day. Ms. Cheap will speak on Friday, Nov. 9, and Judy Duke will speak Saturday, Nov. 10. Starting at 1 p.m., visitors will be able to do some holiday shopping at Granville Antiques and Gifts. Granville Gifts, Sutton General Store, Quilters Attic, and Arts and Cultural Center.

It is also the Grand Opening of the Festival of Trees at Granville Museum with more than 20 trees of the 1950s on display, Grand Opening of the Sutton Homestead Historic Home with guided tours of Rocking Around the Christmas Tree, with a special traveling exhibit of “I Love Lucy.”

The Antique Car Museum will feature 1950s toys and automobiles. On See JINGLE, PAGE 5

Pictured from left to right are luncheon speakers Mary Hance, known as Ms. Cheap, and entertainer Judy Duke.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCT 24
Green Hill Church
Green Hill Church is having its Trunk or Treat Wednesday, Oct. 24 from 6-8 p.m. Located at 13251 Lebanon Rd.

OCT 27
Mays Chapel Baptist
Mays Chapel Baptist Church is hosting its 6th annual Cancer Awareness event on Saturday, Oct. 27. The event will begin at 9 a.m. with a Unity Walk at West Elementary School and will proceed to Mays Chapel’s main campus for the remainder of the program, located at 661 Mays Chapel Rd. This is a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

OCT 28
First Baptist Church
First Baptist Church of Mt. Juliet is having a Trunk or Treat Sunday, Oct. 28 from 3-5 p.m. Located at 735 N. Mt. Juliet Rd.

OCT 28
Joy Church
Joy Church will have its Fall Festival Sunday, Oct. 28 from 3-6 p.m. Located at 10085 Lebanon Rd.

OCT 28
Victory Baptist
Victory Baptist Church will have its Fall Festival Sunday, Oct. 28, starting at 4:30 p.m. Located at 1777 Tate Lane.

OCT 28
Hermitage Presbyterian
Hermitage Presbyterian Church is having its Trunk or Treat from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28. Located at 421 Highland View Dr., Hermitage.

NOV 1
JECDB
The Joint Economic and Community Development Board Executive Committee will meet at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1, 2018, at the JECDB office located at 200 Aviation Way, Suite 202, Lebanon.

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Bears shake off slow start to beat Station Camp 46-6

By Kenny Howell
The Chronicle Contributor

The Mt. Juliet Bears took a bit to get things going Thursday against Station Camp, but did what they needed to do to set up a district title clash with Hendersonville.

The Bears overcame some early errors and muddy field conditions to beat Station Camp 46-6 Thursday. The win keeps them undefeated on the year and in the district. Hendersonville comes in undefeated in the district as well.

Things started well on the first drive for the Bears as Marcello Walton’s 69-yard run on the second play put the Bears at the 10-yard line. Two plays later, Michael Ruttljen scored from five yards out to make it 6-0.

It would be until late in the first quarter that the Bears would get on the board again. The drive looked to be stalled, but the Bears were able to draw Station Camp offsides on consecutive fourth downs to keep it alive. Connor Ruzek would cap off the drive with a 10-yard score to make it 13-0.

Late in the first half, Reggie Grimes would start a Bears drive with a 39-yard run down to the 1-yard line. After a five-yard loss, Quarterback Alvin Mixon would take care of it himself, rushing in from six yards out to make it 20-0.

Station Camp would answer when Nylan Alexander would take it 90 yards on the kickoff return for the only Bison score.

The Bears would get one more score in the half, as Ruttljen would get his second score, this time from 13 yards out.

Mt. Juliet put it away in the second half as they got touchdowns on a 13-yard pass from Mixon to Colby Martin, a 10-yard run by Walton and a 23-yard run by Todd Harris.

The Bears have clinched their playoff spot, but the game against Hendersonville will decide not only the district title, but who their opponent will be in the first round of the playoffs. Kickoff is Friday at 7 p.m. in Mt. Juliet.

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area citizens utilize the archives to research their heritage and look at the historical identity of our communities. The next generations won’t know the history of the county unless we preserve it. These funds help in that effort. I congratulate our local officials for their work on helping secure these funds and was happy to support their application.”

In 2018, more than $45,000 in state funds is being awarded to develop and enhance 13 local archives.

“The preservation of our county’s proud history is an important cause, and I am pleased to have supported efforts to secure these grant dollars,” said State Representative Susan Lynn, R-Mt. Juliet. “I want to thank Secretary Hargett for investing in our community and our local archives.”

“I appreciate Secretary Hargett and his staff for their investment in our community and our local archives,” said State Representative Clark Boyd, R-Lebanon. “This funding will help us better protect our important historical information and improve access to it so our citizens will always be able to learn about the important events that shaped the rich narrative of Wilson County.”
Carfi seeks State Senate seat

Staff Reports

Wilson County attorney, Mary Alice Carfi, announced her candidacy for District 17 in the upcoming election on Nov. 6.

“We need some common sense in the Senate,” Carfi said. “We need a state senator who will focus on improving the lives of working families. Every citizen should have access to affordable health care, better-paying jobs, and a great education for their children.”

An attorney in a solo-practice in Lebanon, Carfi can relate to the issues that affect the small business owners throughout District 17, which includes Cannon, Clay, DeKalb, Macon, Smith and Wilson counties. As a general practice attorney, Carfi often works with people who have differing opinions.

“It’s my job to bring people together, to compromise when and where it’s necessary, so that a positive result can be agreed upon by all parties,” said Carfi. “As District 17’s next senator, I will work across party lines to achieve successful, common-sense based outcomes for those in my district and throughout Tennessee."

“It doesn’t matter whether something is a democrat idea or a republican idea. If it makes sense and will help the people in our district and our state, then we need to work together and figure out how to get it done. I ask for your support and vote on Nov. 6.”

Carfi grew up in Smith County, the daughter of Don and Phyllis Eckel of Gordonsville. She is the granddaughter of the late Pete and Evelyn Watts, who co-owned Watts Angus Farm. Pete Watts was a well-known building contractor in Middle Tennessee and owner of Pete Watts Construction Company. She has one daughter, Alexia (10), and is a member of the Carthage United Methodist Church, where she sings in the choir. She and her husband, Jamie, are both members of the Bert Coble Singers in Lebanon.

Reservations are required for the luncheon event. Tickets are $20. Price include all events mentioned above.

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Fear

2 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Think for a moment about some of the greatest joys and successes in your life. If you had not conquered fear or at least overcome it, you would have never been on a date. You would have never learned to ride a bicycle or a skateboard. Most of us wouldn’t even be married if we had not just thrown ourselves out there. We could have never figured out where to go to college. If you had not come face to face with fear, you may have never moved to a new city or state or maybe had job-related issues.

The unknown is so paralyzing sometimes we can barely even move when we are gripped with fear. Some handle it better than others. But everyone faces it. Sometimes fear can be called risk management. Other times fear is best described as, “I am fearful because my emotions have taken over.”

God has not given us a spirit of fear … God gives us the power to overcome, love to hold fast to each other, and a sound mind for clarity and order.

Spend some time this week praying over issues, even writing down your thoughts. Keep facts and feelings separate. There are still consequences to actions - good and bad.

After some time praying, seize the moment and conquer the fear that drags you down. Satan wants to steal, kill and destroy. God wants...
Vandalism

Vandalism is defined as the willful destruction or defacing of both public and private property. Vandalism is not only a crime but can at times be very demoralizing and demeaning to the community and its citizens.

The culprits of vandalism may see committing vandalism as nothing more than a prank or child’s play, but to the many victims of these senseless and childish acts of vandalism, the hurt goes much deeper.

What the culprits of vandalism don’t see, or simply don’t care to see, is the many victims of vandalism and the mental and economical damage imposed by vandal’s actions. From obscene and violent language written or painted on a church roof, to the smashing of a mailbox, vandalism is much more than simple child’s play.

The price we pay for vandalism goes far beyond money. The price we pay gets passed on to the citizens and taxpayers who end up footing the bill for repairs to public and private property. If a business gets vandalized, the business owner is faced with passing on the additional costs to the customers. If government property is vandalized the costs gets passed onto the taxpayers who own the property anyway. Additional costs are caused and passed on, when paying salaries of officers investigating these senseless crimes, when their efforts could be far better served elsewhere.

To the victims of vandalism, these crimes not only cause monetary hardships, but they also cause sleepless nights wondering what will be vandalized or destroyed next.

To the vandal, I must ask a few questions: Why would you destroy property that doesn’t belong to you? Why would you want to vandalize property that belongs to someone else? And in case you didn’t realize, when you destroy or vandalize public property, you are actually destroying property that belongs to you, your family, your friends, your neighbors and your fellow Americans. Which in turn, we all have to pay for.

This means when you destroy or vandalize property, the costs simply get passed onto you and others. So in reality, you and everyone you know and don’t know, have to foot the bill for your criminal behavior.

In closing, we deserve better than that, and you the vandal, can do better. We need to support one another, not hurt one another.

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son County has a Sales Tax Referendum and Councilmen for Lebanon City Wards 3, 4, and 6 will be on the ballot as well as the Cartnell Scholarship. The Mt. Juliet municipal ballot will include two City Commissioners for Districts 2 and 4. Watertown’s ballot has three City Commissioners At-Large and the Wine in Grocery Stores referendum.

The ballot a voter receives at Early Voting or on Election Day is determined by their residence. Everyone in Wilson County will be eligible to vote on the Governor, U.S. Senate, U.S. Congress 6th District, Tennessee Senate District 17 and either the 46th or 57th State House District. The Wilson County Sales Tax Referendum will be on all voter’s ballots, also.

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anon. She serves on the Bert Coble Singers Leadership Team.

Carfi is a member of the Tennessee Bar Association and the 15th Judicial District Bar Association. She is a graduate of Smith County High School and earned her Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice administration from Middle Tennessee State University. She received her Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Nashville School of Law. She was named the Best Attorney in Mt. Juliet in 2016 and 2018 by the readers of The Chronicle of Mt. Juliet newspaper.

PET OF THE WEEK

Skydance is a very curious and smart girl. She loves to run, play, and learn new things. Skydance does not know a stranger. She does well with other animals and loves to go out and explore. She is sweet as can be and very cute too! She would love to have a family that is adventurous like her and would spoil her rotten.

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OBITUARIES

DODSON, Kade
Kade Dodson passed away on Oct. 12, 2018, at age 33. A funeral service was held Oct. 18 at Sellars Funeral Home in Lebanon. Kade is survived by father Gregory H. Dodson, mother Mary Lynn DeWitt, siblings Brady Alexander and Conner Ryan Dodson, grandmothers Barbara Ann Dodson and Mary Ruth DeWitt, several aunts, uncles, and cousins, and best friend Max. He is preceded in death by brother Josh Dodson, and grandfathers Hugh Dodson and Glenn DeWitt. Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.

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MARTIN, Wilene Wiggins
Wilene Wiggins, age 83 of Mt. Juliet, died Oct. 21, 2018. Mrs. Martin was a member of Gladewater Church of Christ. Mrs. Martin was the daughter of the late Clarence and Maple Freeman Wiggins. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Doyle Martin; twin brother, Wilburn Wiggins; brother, Harold Wiggins, and half-brother, James Wiggins.

Her special children: Anita Wilson and Larry “Woodchuck” Leverett; and her church family at Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. (615)773-2663. Obit Line (Mary Jo) Shrum, Gene Maddux McGill, and Ana Grace Smith; sisters Margaret (Arnold) Scantland and Louise (Bill) Scantland; brothers Walter (Mary Jo) Shrum, Gene Allen Shrum, and Rhea Garret Shrum; several nieces and nephews; loved ones she considered her special children: Anita Wilson and Larry “Woodchuck” Leverett; and her church family at Hillcrest Baptist Church.


NEWSOM, Virginia
Virginia Newsom passed away Oct. 15, 2018, at age 93. A funeral service was held Oct. 18 at Sellars Funeral Home in Lebanon and interment followed at Wilson County Memorial.

Mrs. Newsom is survived by her children: Gail Zimmer-Johnson and James H. (Sherrie) Newsom Jr.; grandchildren: Tony (Chrissey) Johnson, Steven (Kim Knight) Newsom, Emily (Veronica Sanchez); great-grandchildren: Daniel Johnson (Toni Roberts) and Jessica Johnson (Kevin) Garvin; great-great-grandchildren Ella Grace Garvin, Maddux McGill, and Ana Grace Smith; sisters Margaret (Arnold) Scantland and Louise (Bill) Scantland; brothers Walter (Mary Jo) Shrum, Gene Allen Shrum, and Rhea Garret Shrum; several nieces and nephews; loved ones she considered her special children: Anita Wilson and Larry “Woodchuck” Leverett; and her church family at Hillcrest Baptist Church.


State unemployment rates hold steady

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam and Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Burns Phillips last week released new labor statistics that showed unemployment across Tennessee continued at near-historic low levels in September.

The state’s seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate of 3.6 percent in September mirrored the August 2018 rate and is just 0.3 of a percentage point higher than Tennessee’s all-time low unemployment rate of 3.3 percent.

“For well over a year now, Tennessee’s unemployment rate has reflected the state’s strong economy and our skilled workforce,” said Haslam. “In Tennessee, we make things, and our skilled workforce, the state’s strong economy and our skilled workforce, is attracting more and more new employers to our state, creating new job opportunities for our citizens.”

Tennessee employers added 8,600 nonfarm jobs between August and September, including 2,300 new positions in the manufacturing industry. Over the past 12 months, nonfarm employment has increased by 63,900 jobs.

“We have an unemployment rate that’s holding steady as many employers across the state continue to hire new employees,” said Phillips. “These are positive signs as we move into the last quarter of what has been a very good year for Tennessee’s economy.”

The seasonally-adjusted United States unemployment rate dipped down to 3.7 percent, a 0.2 of a percentage point decrease from the August rate. In September 2017, the national rate was 4.2 percent.

The statewide unemployment rate is seasonally adjusted to eliminate the influences of weather, holidays, the opening and closing of schools, and other recurring seasonal events from an economic time series. Tennesseans looking to improve their employment situation can access the latest job openings, update their resumes, and sharpen their job interview skills by visiting the state’s workforce development website.

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Mt. Juliet Family and Cosmetic Dentistry is excited to announce Dr. Carol Montee to the practice. Dr. Carol brings years of experience to our growing practice. 

"Dr. Carol Montee is originally from Detroit, Michigan. She completed her undergraduate degree at Villanova University, located just outside of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine in 2004 and moved to middle Tennesee that same year. She enjoys all aspects of dentistry and is passionate about patient care. She has been an Invisalign provider since 2005 and she has a special interest in oral appliances for Obstructive Sleep Apnea. She is a Fellow in the Academy of General Dentistry, an award that requires over 500 hours of continuing education and an extensive written exam. She enjoys spending her spare time with her three children, exercising, golfing and watching Villanova College Basketball (Go Wildcats!!)."

Mt. Juliet Family and Cosmetic Dentistry would also like to introduce Kristen Craig to our team. Kristen has been a Registered Dental Assistant for over 23 years. She is a graduate of the Volunteer State Community College. She currently resides in Lebanon with her husband and two boys. Outside the office, Kristen enjoys baking, gardening, and spending time with her family and friends. Please help us welcome her to the practice.

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Betty Anderson (R) welcomed Beth Petty (L) to the October meeting of the Wilson County Retired Teachers’ Association. Petty is the director of the Lebanon Special School District’s Family Resource Center. She discussed some of the various programs the Family Resource Center oversees, such as the BackPack Program, the two food buses used in the summer which feed children and provide educational activities, and a program helping new mothers learn how to prepare children for school. WCRTA donates requested items to the center once a year as a community service project. This year donated pipe cleaners, masking tape and cash were going to be used to help restock the Neon Remix Mobile STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Lab.

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“You have invasive breast cancer.” Those are words that an estimated 266,120 women in the United States will hear this year. They definitely aren’t the words Steve Semsrott from Lebanon ever expected he would hear from his doctor.

When Steve noticed a ping pong ball size lump on his chest in May of this year, he asked his doctor about it. While the doctor didn’t think it was anything to be alarmed by, Steve was sent for a sonogram in early June. The sonogram was suspicious looking and he was quickly sent for a mammogram. The only issue was not many men get mammograms, so Steve had to wait for the women to be cleared out of the mammogram area. On June 10, 2018, Steve received the results that he had breast cancer.

The mammogram results that showed he had breast cancer quickly lead to a needle biopsy and a PET scan. The diagnosis was that he had stage 1 HER2 positive, hormone receptor positive breast cancer. What followed were appointments with doctors and oncologists to make sure they had the right approach to effectively treat his breast cancer.

On July 16, 2018, Steve received his first chemotherapy treatment. He has received chemo every three weeks since then to reduce the size of his cancer. Next month, he is scheduled for a double (bilateral) mastectomy. After surgery, he is scheduled for six more rounds of hormone suppressors. Then he hopes to be declared cancer free.

While breast cancer in men isn’t as common as breast cancer in women, still about 2,500 men in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year. As Steve says, “Cancer doesn’t discriminate. And it doesn’t wait on you.”

According to the National Breast Cancer Foundation, men have a higher mortality rate than women primarily because awareness among men is less and they are less likely to assume a lump is breast cancer, which can cause a delay in seeking treatment.

Steve found out about this through Susan G. Komen. "I was watching the news and they had Dr. Susan on and she talked about breast cancer in men," he said. Semsrott was able to see a specialist from a long distance by connecting with the Komen people.

Semsrott has been a fighter since birth. He was born with limb differences, which he has lived with for 56 years. Semsrott said he has learned that fighting for a cause is just as important as dealing with the disease itself.

See STEVE, PAGE 12

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Pictured are Alisa Eakes (L), director of patient assistance for Sherry’s Run, and Steve Semsrott (R).
From STEVE, PAGE 11

to the bucket was some information about Sherry’s Run organization. I picked up the information and took it home to read. I filled out the information and attended the support group.

“My biggest concern when I was diagnosed was being a burden,” said Steve. “I was concerned about being a burden physically, mentally and financially.” Because of the support and assistance provided by the Sherry’s Run organization, Steve’s concern about being a financial burden was eased.

“The Sherry’s Run organization is able to help Steve and others because of the support we receive from our community,” said Alisa Eakes, director of patient assistance for Sherry’s Run. “Sherry’s Run has helped to relieve some of the financial burden often placed on a family when someone receives a cancer diagnosis. Also, through the support groups, we have given patients and their families a place to come and share with others experiencing similar situations.”

For Steve, Sherry’s Run has been a tremendous help. And it’s because of this that Steve said, “I support Sherry’s Run because Sherry’s Run supports me.”

Steve is confident he is beating this cancer diagnosis; in fact, he already has plans to volunteer at the Sherry’s Run event next September. While he can ride in the survivor’s trolley, Steve has bigger plans to roll up his sleeves and volunteer to help at the event.

“God isn’t going to put a mountain in front of me that I can’t climb,” said Steve. The Sherry’s Run organization works to make that mountain a little easier to climb for Steve and others in the community facing a cancer diagnosis.

Sherry’s Run, Wilson County’s largest grassroots cancer fundraising effort, is a non-profit Christian organization that has helped hundreds of individuals and their families during some of the hardest times of their lives. With community support and involvement, the Sherry’s Run organization helps members of our community year round through assistance with utilities, housing payments, prescriptions, medical bills, gas and groceries; colonoscopy assistance and support groups.

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Neuhaus Foot and Ankle had its ribbon cutting Oct. 12. They are located at 2628 N. Mt. Juliet Rd.

Generations Dental Arts is proud to announce our newest staff member to our office, Mack. Mack is a golden retriever that has been trained to be a service dog as well as a therapy dog. He will be working chairside with Dr. Glasmeier and staff to provide comfort and support to those with anxiety and/or special needs. Come visit our new cutting edge practice and meet our experienced staff and Mack!
Gwin announces retirement
County Commission to vote on replacement

Staff Reports

Wilson County Mayor Randall Hutto received notice of Judge John Gwin’s intent to retire effective Dec. 31, 2018. The letter of intent to retire was received on Sept. 17, 2018. The County Commission is required by state law to fill the position within 120 days of the vacancy.

“Judge Gwin has been an icon in Wilson County; using his compassion, common sense and humor to deal with tough situations and making the right decision for all Wilson Countians,” said Mayor Hutto. “We appreciate his service and wish him well in his retirement years.”

Since the county has knowledge of this vacancy prior to its occurrence, they have asked the County Attorney, Mike Jennings, his opinion if they could proceed with the process to fill the vacancy. Jennings saw no reason they could not move forward, so the court docket in January could be handled on time and the new judge selected would have proper time to transition.

The position will be filled during the Nov. 19, 2018, Wilson County Commission meeting. The process, as outlined in state law, on selecting an individual to fill the vacancy is specified in Rules 32A and 32B of the County Commission Rules of Order. Once the judge is appointed by the commission, said Judge Gwin will have until Dec. 31, 2018, to get everything in order and will take the office on Jan. 1, 2019. They will be in that office until the next general election to be held Aug. 6, 2020. The judge who wins the Aug. 6, 2020 election will finish the term that Judge Gwin began, which ends in 2022.

Prior to the Nov. 19, 2018, County Commission meeting, registered voters of Wilson County are allowed to submit names for consideration, either during the commission meeting or to the County Mayor prior to the meeting. During the Nov. 19, 2018, meeting, the public will be allowed to submit names to the commission that they would like to see as General Sessions Judge. This will happen during the public comment period.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE 15th JUDICIAL DISTRICT FOR THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WILSON FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION. Kassandra Lynn Ladd & Staci Leigh Morgan vs Cary Allen Ladd DOCKET No. 2018-CV-436 NOTICE OF APPEARANCE, NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE MT. JULIET CHRONICLE, Notice to defendant Cary Allen Ladd is hereby given that a hearing will be scheduled and had on said petition before the Honorable Judge Clara Byrd in the District Court of Wilson County, 134 South College Street, Lebanon, Tn. 37087. Thereafter as will be convenient for the Court and that unless sufficient cause is shown to the contrary, the minor child’s name will be changed from Kassandra Lynn Ladd to Kassandra Lynn Morgan, Defendant Cary Allen Ladd is to contact Wilson County Court Office about this petition within (30) days after October 21, 2018.

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Gov. Bill Haslam has appointed Shelley Thompson Gardner of Lebanon as public defender for the 15th Judicial District, which serves Jackson, Macon, Smith, Trousdale and Wilson counties.

She replaces Comer Donnell, whose retirement is effective Nov. 1. Gardner, a lifelong resident of Wilson County, has served as assistant public defender in the 15th Judicial District since 2002.

“We are fortunate to have someone with Shelley Gardner’s experience to serve in this position,” Haslam said. “This appointment will ensure a smooth transition for the office and will serve the citizens of the 15th Judicial District well.”

Gardner has practiced before criminal, general sessions and juvenile courts in all five of the counties in the district. She has been supervisor over all Wilson County courts for the office for the last 14 years and has been part of the 15th Judicial District Drug Court program for the last 16 years.

“I want to thank Governor Haslam for having the confidence in my abilities for the appointment as the next public defender of the 15th Judicial District,” Gardner said. “I’ve worked with some amazing people, and I know I will have big shoes to fill. Comer Donnell has been public defender for the 15th Judicial District since 1989 and has taught me well.”

Gardner received her law degree from the Nashville School of Law in 2001. She received a bachelor’s degree from Cumberland University in 1997.

Gardner has been on the board of directors for the Lebanon Breakfast Rotary, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate), the Wilson County Fair, Cumberland University Alumni and the Lebanon First United Methodist Church. She was president for two years of Wilson ONE, a nonprofit organization in Wilson County Fair, Cumberland University Alumni and the Lebanon First United Methodist Church. She was president for two years of Wilson ONE, a nonprofit organization in Wilson County. She and her husband, Joe, have two sons, Jace and Jonah.

Shelley Thompson Gardner

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Shipman said she had previously dressed up as Ric Flair, a professional wrestler, at a pep rally and the students “went bananas.”

“If this is going to bring them joy, if this is going to bring them some laughter and just lighten the mood, I’ll do it,” she said.

After that pep rally, Dance Team Coach Katie Stricklin approached Shipman about dancing with the team. Shipman attended two team rehearsals, practiced at home with her daughter, and shocked the school with her skills during the next pep rally.

Though Shipman didn’t think the dance would get as much attention as it did, Stricklin said she wanted the video to go viral and for Ellen to see it. Stricklin said the video and the attention that followed was about bringing positivity to the school because that is what Shipman is about.

Shipman said that the students give everything they have when they come into her school, so it is equally as important that she gives everything she has “plus 25 percent.”

“Making my kids happy, to feel loved and to feel wanted and to feel important, that’s the reason why it is important for me to go above and beyond for my kids,” said Shipman.

Shipman said she was overwhelmed and elated that Ellen mentioned Wilson County Schools and brought national attention to the community.

“To be able to represent my community has meant more to me than anything,” said Shipman.

The segment can be viewed online at www.ellenTube.com, and the original video from the Pep Rally can be seen on Facebook.

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Everett joins Ducklo EyeCare

Staff Reports

Gregory Everett, O.D., recently joined the staff of Ducklo EyeCare, P.C. announced Dr. Tommy Ducklo, optometrist and owner of the optometry practice.

“Greg is a talented young optometrist,” said Dr. Ducklo. “He previously ‘externed’ with us prior to going into full practice and even at that time we were extremely impressed with his capabilities. We are very pleased to welcome him to Ducklo EyeCare.”

Dr. Everett is a full-scope Optometric Physician, providing comprehensive eye examinations including: glasses and contact lens prescriptions; ocular disease evaluation, treatment, and management; cataract and laser corrective surgery evaluations and referrals; both pre-operative and post-operative care. He completed externships with Ducklo EyeCare and

the commission will go back into executive session and review the nominations that were spoken during the public comment period. At this time, commissioners will begin making their nominations for Judge John Gwin’s replacement.

Though public comments will be accepted and considered, all official nominations must be made by county commissioners. A county commissioner can nominate an individual recommended by the public, providing the individual nominated agrees, in writing or by being present at said meeting, to serve if elected. A county commissioner can, however, choose to nominate an individual that was not discussed during the time for public comment, if the person agrees in writing or is present during the meeting.

Should a commissioner nominate an individual not present at the meeting, the commissioner making the nomination must present a signed statement by the nominee that he/she is willing to serve should they be elected. There is no second required to the nomination.

After nominations cease on the floor, the nominating commissioner(s) will be given an opportunity to address the commission. Nominee(s) will be asked to make a brief statement about themselves and why they are seeking the position. Please note that only the nominee(s) nominated by a county commissioner will be allowed to address the full commission at this time. There will be no public comment period after nominations have been submitted.

Members of the county commission will be the only individuals allowed to vote on the vacancy issue. The county commissioners will use paper ballots to vote. It will take a majority vote, of at least 13 votes on the first ballot, or if there is a tie between two individuals, the nominee with the lowest number of votes will be eliminated and a second vote will be taken. This process will continue until one individual receives a majority of 13 votes from the commission floor.

For MJPD, PAGE 1

Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., until Halloween.

Trick-or-treating will be observed in Mt. Juliet on Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018. The Mt. Juliet Police Department recommends trick-or-treating to start at 5 p.m. and to stop by 9 p.m.

Through the afternoon and night, patrol staff levels and presence in neighborhoods will be increased. However, police need the help of residents so Mt. Juliet’s streets can be as safe as possible. Any unsafe mischief or driving behavior should be reported to the police department immediately so it can be stopped.

Police also will be monitoring parking on city streets. Visitors and residents should be mindful of where they park, so the roadway is not blocked.

Children are twice more likely to be in a fatal pedestrian accident on Halloween than any other day of the year, according to Safe Kids Worldwide. Parents should make sure their child’s costume is visible at night to motorists. There are several reasons why children are more likely to be hurt in pedestrian accidents, which include:

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A night at the hospital

By Becky Andrews
Wilson Living Magazine

I’m sitting in the doctor’s office with dad. He’s got a wound that will not heal. We are talking to the doctor who is just about the nicest guy I’ve met. And not in that, “Hippocratic Oath I have to be professional” nice. Real nice.

The doctor is explaining that since the wound isn’t healing, Dad will be admitted to the hospital. He goes on to describe the difference between the cocciuses: streptococcus, staphylococcus, Michael and Olympia Dukakis. Except for the latter, the cocciuses can wreak havoc on the body. Although, Olympia did give a killer performance in Steel Magnolias.

Two hours later, the nurse has started the IV and Dad is making us laugh. Another nurse asks Dad about his bowel movements. “I don’t like to brag, but I’m the best at those. Make sure you write that in there.” Ralph J. Horan is full of blankety-blank.” “Blankety-blank” is a Ralph created term. It’s his way PG-ing bad language in front of people he doesn’t know.

By the time everything is hooked up, we are both hungry. Dad tells me he deserves ice cream, “a gallon of baseball nut!” We compromise and settle on pancakes from Cracker Barrel.

I begin making the necessary calls and texts. I’ve been on the phone most of the day with my sisters. They remind me to ask for cultures and help me translate what I’m hearing from the nurses and doctors. I tell them that I won’t let words like “stethoscope” and “rectal temperature” throw me off. My effort at shooting humor into our hospital stay didn’t impress them. They didn’t even think my Michael and Olympia Dukakis thing was funny.

I text a few friends from work, call my husband and youngest to let them know I won’t be home, then hunker down. Immediately I get some of the most heartwarming responses. “Do you need anything? Pajamas? Snacks (Lynda knows me)? Company? Anything at all?” My youngest and husband packed a bag with pajamas, cell phone charger, facewash, People magazine, socks, bottled water and snacks.

Dad gets settled in, so I pull out my computer to get some work done. As usual, I’m late working on deadlines. I hate this about myself. If I had...
Can I just brag for a bit on our nurse? She’s adorable. I’m always in awe of nurses. Not just because my sisters are the perfect representation of their profession. But because they listen to the same complaints day after day and see a lot of people at their absolute worst and yet, they still show up and save lives.

Can I brag on this hospital too? People say bad things about hospitals. And usually, it’s a rumor started by someone who said their friend Brenda told them that a friend of a friend had an uncle who went to the emergency room to get a splinter taken out and left short one testicle. When the truth is her friend probably didn’t even have an uncle, Brenda! So, mind your business.

The vancomycin drip ends at 4 a.m. and Dad finally falls asleep. I’m feeling exhausted, thankful and a metal bar in my back. Exhausted for obvious reasons. The metal bar is from the reclining chair that’s my bed for the night. And thank for family, friends, Dad’s humor, understanding work colleagues, a wonderful hospital, snacks, free Wi-Fi, doctors, nurses, siblings that share the load, and a sister who will be here tomorrow to take over, so I can sleep.

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Cathy Smith, of Wilson County, won Best of Show at Granville’s Quilt Show. Her holiday quilt was entered in the category, “Wall Hangings: Machine Quilted.” The Certified Quilt Show Judges remarked the quilts were of exceptional workmanship and some of the best work they’d ever seen.

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