Mt. Juliet Police arrested Mohammad Aldabet of Lebanon after he ran from police investigating a theft on Oct. 3. | Photo courtesy of MJPD

Two arrested after suspect runs from officer

Staff Reports

A suspect was caught after he attempted to evade an officer who was investigating a theft.

On Thursday, Oct. 3, 2019, around 6:30 p.m., officers responded to Kroger, at 401 S. Mt. Juliet Road, to investigate a possible theft. Once the officer arrived on the scene, one person ran from the parking lot.

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Election Commission prioritizes election security, vote integrity

Staff Reports

Politicians, intelligence experts, media pundits and election administrators agree that criminals, political partisans and hostile nation-states are preparing attacks on our election systems for 2020. The goal of these bad actors is not to change your vote but to sow doubt and a cynical lack of confidence in our electoral system. Protecting the integrity of every vote cast in Wilson County is the priority of the Election Commission and the 300-plus Wilson County poll officials.

Pre-election testing, auditing and inspection, voter verifiable paper ballots, a strong chain of custody and post-election audits for every election related asset are the four things necessary to secure the voting system and protect the integrity of every vote cast.

A part of the election system probably least understood by the public is the process for replacing damaged or lost ballots. As a result of the August election, 60 damaged or lost ballots were replaced.

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Prank escalates to armed encounter

Staff Reports

A man was arrested last week after following and pointing a handgun at teens who were knocking on residents’ doors as a prank.

On Thursday, Oct. 3, 2019, around 9:35 p.m., multiple officers responded to the area of Sydney Terrace near Brisbane Drive to handle an armed person call. They arrived to find numerous individuals standing in the roadway.

Further investigation revealed that a group of teens were knocking loudly on many doors and running away. One of the residents, 43-year-old Jimmy Robinson, Jr., got into his vehicle and began to look for the vehicle the teens were traveling in.

Robinson located the teens, drew a handgun, and ordered two of the five teens out of the vehicle.

Robinson was arrested and booked into the Wilson County Jail, charged with two counts of Aggravated Assault. A juvenile involved was charged with trespassing onto Robinson’s property, and 20-year-old James Davison of Mt. Juliet was cited for Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor.

County commission seeks to fill vacancy

Staff Reports

District 17 Commissioner Gary Keith presented his resignation letter to the Wilson County Commission during the Sept. 16, 2019, County Commission meeting. Citing health reasons, the Commissioner’s resignation took effect immediately following the meeting.

State law requires the Wilson County Commission to fill the vacancy within 120 days provided there is no general election scheduled in the county and there is enough time for a vacancy to be placed on the ballot.

In accordance with the resignation letter, the first possible time to fill the vacancy will be during the Oct. 21, 2019, County Commission meeting. The appointment would be effective immediately and the appointee would serve until the next general election of Aug. 6, 2020.

Individuals interested in filling the vacancy must be residents of the 17th District. Contact the Wilson County Election Commission at 615-444-0216 for inquiries about residency.

Registered voters of District 17 may submit names for consideration either in person during the County Commission meeting or in writing to the County Mayor prior to the October meeting.

The process, as outlined by state law, for selecting a person to fill the vacancy is specified in Rule 32A and 32B of the County Commission Rules of Order. The first order of business under the Elections and Appointments portion of the agenda will be to determine if the County Commission wants to fill the vacancy in the month of October. If the
Further investigation revealed a second suspect, 32-year-old Julie Davenport of Nashville, was shoplifting inside Kroger. She was located in the Kroger parking lot and apprehended.

Both were arrested and booked into the Wilson County Jail. Aldabet was charged with Evading Arrest, and Davenport was charged with Shoplifting and booked on an existing warrant for Shoplifting.

Wildwood Resort and Marina breaks ground on expansion

Pictured is a rendering of Wildwood’s new lodge and event center. | Photo submitted

Staff Reports

Federal, State and local officials gathered with local citizens at Wildwood Resort and Marina in Granville, Tennessee Oct. 2 to break ground on a $3 million expansion designed to position Wildwood to host corporate leadership retreats, weddings, family reunions and other events.

Wildwood Resort and Marina, formerly the Granville Marina and Resort, is a popular recreational facility with a full service restaurant and cabins overlooking the Cordell Hull Lake, located an hour's drive east of Nashville International Airport in Jackson County, Tennessee.

The Resort wrapped up its second season under new ownership on Oct. 6 in order to begin construction. The owners, John and Natasha Deane and Kevin and Donna Jones, lease the 16-acre property on Cordell Hull Lake from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers.

Wildwood compliments the town of Historic Granville which features an authentic 1880s country store, a weekly live radio show featuring bluegrass music and a country supper as well as an indoor/outdoor museum that tells the story of what life was like in yesteryear. Also nearby is Cummins Falls State Park and Burgess Falls State Park, several local wineries, beer and whiskey distilleries as well as fishing, kayaking, canoeing and horseback riding activities.

Wildwood and its predecessor, Granville Marina, have served almost exclusively as a summer recreation facility utilized primarily on holidays and weekends between Memorial Day and Labor Day.

"This expansion is a major step forward for both Wildwood and Jackson County," said John Deane, Wildwood co-owner. "Beginning with the 2020 season, we will be positioned to attract and serve groups throughout most of the year."

As the expansion positions the property for year-round use, here are some of its key elements:

• A new entrance and indoor lobby/lounge with an outdoor fire pit overlooking the water
• Two-story hotel style Lakeview Lodge as well as single bedroom cabins, lake view Salt Box tiny homes, and floating Harbor Cottage houseboats
• New, 820+ square foot multi-purpose event room serving as corporate leadership retreat meeting room space, a private dining area for weddings and family reunions, morning yoga classes and evening singer-songwriter performances
• Boardwalk and sunset pavilion along the marina jetty

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Wilson Bank & Trust offers fall family fun at Oktoberfest

Staff Reports

A fun-filled weekend awaits guests of all ages at Wilson Bank & Trust’s annual Oktoberfest, which will take place Oct. 19-20 at the bank’s Main Office in Lebanon.

With free admission and a fair-like atmosphere, Oktoberfest offers something for everyone. Attractions include shopping with more than 100 craft vendors; inflatables and games for children; live music; a variety of food trucks; quilt and photography contest displays; indoor Christmas activities; and, on Sunday, one of the area’s premier antique car shows.

Admission to Oktoberfest is free, though tickets or entry fees apply to some activities. The event takes place at the WB&T Main Office in Lebanon, located at 623 West Main Street. General event hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20.

Oktoberfest contest registration forms can be found at wilsonbank.com. Wilson Bank & Trust, a member of the FDIC and an Equal Housing Lender, is an independent, locally owned bank established in 1987 to provide personal and professional service in a hometown setting.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCT 10

Parkinson’s Support Group

Peterson Foundation for Parkinson’s will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, at Green Hill Church, 13251 Lebanon Road.

OCT 12

Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

Vietnam Veterans of America and Associates of VVA Chapter 1004 will host a pancake and sausage breakfast from 7 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Oct. 12, at Lebanon National Guard Armory, located at 1010 Leeville Pike, Lebanon. Tickets: Adults $5, Children under 12 $3, and ages 5 and younger get in free.

OCT 19

Princess Character Breakfast

The annual Future Business Leaders of America “Princess Character Breakfast” is Oct. 19 from 9-11 a.m. at Lebanon High School. Presale tickets are $5 per person until Oct. 10 and can be found online at the Lebanon High School website.

OCT 26

Wilson County Republican Party will not meet during their regular meeting on the second Saturday of the month, but they invite everyone to attend their Fall Chili and Hotdog Supper at 3 p.m. Oct. 26 in Lebanon. For more information or to RSVP, email Wilsoncountyan-gop@gmail.com.

OCT 29

Wilson County HiSET

The Wilson County Adult Education program will be giving the high school equivalency test (HiSET formerly GED) on Oct. 29, 2019, at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology in Lebanon. For more information on taking the test, call 615-443-8731.

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Joey Simonek attempts to make a shot during Mt. Juliet’s hockey game against Ravenwood. | Photo submitted

Staff Reports

The Bears Hockey Club improved to 2-1 after a 6-5 win against a tough Ravens hockey team late Friday night at Antioch’s Ford Ice Center. The club includes members from Mt. Juliet, Wilson Central and Lebanon High Schools.

Lebanon led the entire game after notching two goals in the first period. Afterwards, the teams exchanged four goals each and the Bears were able to hang on for the win. Linden Palmer led the team with two goals and Jake Panter had a goal and an assist. Logan Baskin, Blake Bristow, and Anthony Paponetti each chipped in a goal to aid in the win.

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It was a big region game, so it was all about keeping their quarterback from North West,” said Delfendahl. “We had to keep him from getting the ball down field, and I feel like we did a good job of that.

In the first quarter, both teams each received two penalties. Matthew Delfendahl made a touchdown; however, they received a penalty. Then the Bears had an interception made by Kenneth “Grady” Mang, the strong safety and the full safety for the team. They also made a field goal and ended the quarter with a score of 3-0.

The second quarter, the Bears and the Hawks each received a penalty. The Golden Bears made another two touchdowns along with two PATs, both made Tyler Johnson. The Hawks made one touchdown with a good PAT. This ended the quarter with a score of 17-7.

In the third quarter, the Bears received an interception made by Zachary Pertuset. The Hawks received three penalties. The Bears made another two touchdowns, one made by Jamari Sowell, with two good PATs. The Hawks did not make any touchdowns or field goals. The quarter ended with a score of 31-7.

The fourth quarter for the Hawks was more eventful than for the Bears. The Bears received one penalty, while the Hawks made two penalties. The Bears made one touchdown, but Tyler Johnson did not make his kick for the extra point. The Hawks made a touchdown along with the PAT. This ended the game with the final score of 37-14.

Jamari Sowell, the team’s running back and cornerback, stated that he and the boys will be “watching film and keep practicing” for their next game against the Spring Hill Raiders. On Oct. 10, the Bears will be traveling to Spring Hill High School to play the Raiders at 7 p.m.
Wilson Central Wildcats fall to Hendersonville Commandos

By Jake Hood
The Chronicle Contributor

Wilson Central fell for the third time this season, dropping their game with Hendersonville 30-9 on Oct. 4.

The game started out rather slow for the Wildcats as they deferred their coin toss to the second half. Hendersonville began the game by fumbling the ball on their opening drive, but the Wildcats did not capitalize on this turnover.

Wilson Central punted the ball away, and the Commandos marched downfield to get within range for a 41-yard Andrew Martin field goal. However, this was not Hendersonville’s only score of the quarter. Second-year quarterback Drew Hohenbrink found Keion Stafford on a 25-yard touchdown pass before the conclusion of the first quarter. This gave the Commandos a 10-0 lead after one quarter of their homecoming.

The second quarter was Wilson Central’s attempt at a comeback. Tristan Lewis kicked off the quarter by connecting with Justin Smith for a 32-yard touchdown pass. Alex Atwell missed his PAT wide left, and the Wildcats now trailed 10-6. The Commandos launched a 4-play drive on their next possession, but they ended up punting the ball away.

Wilson Central took their next drive until just over a minute until halftime, ending on a failed 4th and 8 attempt. Hendersonville managed a 71-second drive that gave Martin a chance at a 48-yard field goal, but he was just short.

After halftime, the Wildcats drew their trail to a single point with an Atwell field goal that was good from 40 yards. This was familiar territory to the Commandos, as many of their games had come down to a score or less. They pulled away five minutes later on a play that was a roller coaster of emotions for both teams. Hohenbrink tossed a pass that was picked off by Thomas Anderson of Wilson Central, but Stafford stripped the ball away, and the Commandos managed 342 yards of offense in seven fewer plays.

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The Commandos added 13 points in the fourth quarter. The first score came on a 32-yard pass from Hohenbrink to halfback Issiah Chandler. Martin shanked the extra point, but Hendersonville now owned a 23-9 lead. The Wildcats were held silent, and the Commandos crossed the goal line once more on a 28-yard touchdown dance by Chandler. The Commandos boosted a 30-9 lead, and this stayed until time expired.

Lewis managed 120 yards through the air on the night on 9-20 passing. Xavier Ali managed 73 yards after missing the Gallatin game with an ankle injury. As a unit, the Wildcats managed 283 yards of offense on 59 snaps. The Commandos managed 342 yards of offense in seven fewer plays. Hohenbrink tossed for 145 yards on seven fewer plays.

The Commandos dropped to 4-3 (1-2), and they will host the Wolverines of LaVergne on Friday, Oct. 11. Kickoff is scheduled for 7 p.m., and the game will be broadcast on the NFHS Network, as well as MyTV30.
Embracing the mystery of God

When I sign one of my books, I always include the reference to Deuteronomy 29:29: “The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.” Yes, God has secrets. The natural tendency of the human race when presented with this fact is to attempt to find out what these secrets are. The verse states that the secret things “belong to the Lord our God,” so let’s not steal from God. We can’t stand a mystery. We just have to know. But there are things about God that are a mystery and will remain such. What we must decide is can we allow the mystery of God to remain just that, a mystery? Is it possible to allow for the fact that there are facets of God and His glory that not only can we not fathom, but if it were possible to touch them, it would be like when you plug a device wired for 110 volts into a 220 outlet — it will run really fast … for a few seconds. Then it will burn up. We are not wired to see all of God in all of His glory. It is a mystery. The fact is that if we served a God who could be understood completely, we wouldn’t have much of a God. Maybe this is why the people of the Old Testament would take a piece of wood and form it into a god and then offer to that block of wood their dentity of the human race secrets. The natural ten-

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Oh, to be 15 again. I can remember being 15 and looking forward to getting my driver’s license like it was yesterday. At that point in my life, getting my driver’s license was the number one thing on my list. I can also remember the nerves of steel it took to tolerate my mom and dad teaching me how to drive. I can remember being so very nervous to begin with, not to mention having my mom or dad in the passenger seat. Going down the road in a ’65 Chevy Impala without power steering and drum brakes was tough enough, but having my mom or dad right there made it even tougher.

All I can remember about my first drive is the long grocery list of rules my mom and dad laid down just before the drive. Things like: Don’t forget to use your turn signals, leave the radio alone, don’t touch this, don’t touch that, turn here, turn there and slow down. Grabbing that great big steering wheel with my flimsy little arms trying to muscle the steering wheel was very tough and challenging. As I recall, it seemed like I had to start turning the steering wheel at least 100 yards in order to make turns. I can also remember thinking I can’t wait to drive on my own without my mom or dad in the passenger seat yelling out instructions.

Every time I see a parent teaching their teenager how to drive, it brings back such fond memories of my first drive. That first drive is now one of my most cherished memories. At the time, all I could think of was myself, and how annoyed I was having my mom or dad right there in the passenger seat. But now, when I think about it, I realize that my mom and dad were taking a big chance for little ole me, their second born son. My mom and dad risked their lives in order to teach me how to drive. I now understand how truly nerve-racking my first drive must have been for them. Knowing what I know about driving now, I know firsthand what it takes and feels like to sit in the passenger seat of someone’s first drive.

So, to dads and moms everywhere, thanks for risking your lives for your kids. Each time I see a parent teaching their child how to drive, I now understand and appreciate what they’re going through. So, to my mom and dad, I apologize for not appreciating what you did for me at the time, but keep in mind, I was just a skinny kid who thought he knew everything. I now know that I don’t and didn’t have a clue at the time. So, to all moms and dads, thanks so much. We love you!
TDOT’s Adopt-A-Highway program celebrates 30 years

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worship. Maybe God was so big to them, they needed to provide something that was a little closer to themselves. But that is exactly what is so awesome about the mystery of our God. He is bigger than our world or even our universe. He is larger than our finite minds and thought processes. He is greater than our circumstances, whether they be financial, relational, vocational, or physical issues. If I could figure Him out, He wouldn’t be large enough to guide me through my world.

Which leads to the greatest reason to embrace the mystery of God. If I can’t totally understand or comprehend Him, I am left with no choice but to trust Him. When we attempt to crack the code to the mystery of this great God, we are making Him smaller than He actually is. Rather than trying to put God in the microwave and reduce Him down to our level, we need to be a people who accept the fact there will always be mystery surrounding Him. And not only just accept that fact, but revel in it. The more mystery I see in God, the bigger He becomes, and the bigger He becomes, the more I worship and trust Him because of who He is, instead of what He can do.

Of course, we can know God relationally. As a matter of fact, that is the basis of our salvation — a relationship with the Father through Jesus. So, let’s give ourselves to those things which He has revealed to us, so we can continue to follow Him as Lord. There is plenty we CAN know and comprehend. As for God, “Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; And to know Him is more precious than silver.” Psalm 143:3

To quote A.W. Tozer, “Teach us to know that we cannot know, for the things of God knoweth no man... Let faith support us where reason fails, and we shall think because we believe, not in order that we may believe.”
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BAINES, Rickey Neal

Rickey Neal Baines passed away Sept. 15, 2019, at age 64. A Celebration of Life was held Oct. 5 at the Full Gospel Tabernacle Fellowship Church in Lebanon.

Mr. Baines is survived by sons Rickey N. (Samantha) Baines Jr. and David Edward Baines, grandson Zackary Baines, father Roy Baines, and sisters Melinda (Calvin) Sanford and Lisa Baines, and numerous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by older brother, Jordan Bell; great-grandparents, Leon “Pawpaw” and Ruth “Nancy” Eaves and Pauline “Grammie” Hughes.


DAVIS, Rosie Virginia Meadows

Rosie V. Davis passed away Sept. 30, 2019, at age 89. The family will be receiving friends from 11 a.m. until noon at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon, on Oct. 12, and inurnment will follow at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Davis is survived by children Mary (Gilbert) Springer, Lee Hutchings, Kenneth (Debbie) Hutchings, Allen Hutchings, Victor T. Hutchings, Michael Hutchings, and Rose Balle; 23 grandchildren; and numerous great and great-great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by husband Waymond Hutchings and M.E. Davis, and sons Gary Hutchings and Ronnie Hutchings.

Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.

FRYE, Sam


Mr. Frye was preceded in death by his parents, Sam Hunter and Earline Walk-er Frye; wife, Lynda Frye; siblings, Bud Frye, Alicia Williams, Judy Thompson, and Glenda Walpole; Mother Walker; and uncle, Charlie Walker. He is survived by children, Jennifer (Chris) Anglin, Rickie Bingham, and Mickie Bingham; eight grandchildren, Holly Meyer, Heather Hille, Hope Robertson, Hannah Bingham, Seth Bingham, Molly Bingham, Mason Bunch, and Morgan Anglin; six great-grandchildren, Bryson, Waylon, Wyatt, Evelyn, Huck, and Knox; several nieces and nephews also survive.

A funeral service was held Oct. 3 at Sellars Funeral Home in Mt. Juliet, and interment followed at Hermitage Memorial Gardens. The family would like to express their gratitude to Avalon Hospice for the love and care shown to Mr. Frye and his family.


HAYES, Peggy Jean

Peggy Hayes, of Lebanon, passed away Oct. 7, 2019, at age 60. The Graveside Service is 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9 at Conatser Cemetery.

Ms. Hayes is survived by daughter Jennifer (Jerry) Saterfield, sister Suzie (Gary) Johnson, and grandchildren J.T. Saterfield and Rose Michelle Saterfield. She is preceded in death by parents Robert and Ruth Phillips, sisters Patricia Ann Davis and Debbie Rose Phillips, brother Jerry Lee Phillips, and half-sister Betty Sue Wynne.

Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.

IVANOFF, Nicolas

Nicolas Ivanoff, age 92, born in San Francisco, California, passed away Oct. 3, 2019, in Lebanon. A graveside service was held Oct. 8 at Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery in Pegram, Tennessee.

TSGT Nicolas Ivanoff is survived by granddaughter Donna Sabelia; great-grandchildren Layne Layne (Brittany) Frazier, Nathaniel Vought, and Jerome Vought; and great-great-grandchildren Elsie and Leo Frazier. He is preceded in death by wife Eugenia Ivanoff, step-son John Sabelia, and parents.

Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.
Winkler, Hilda Marie

Hilda Marie Winkler, age 97 of Mt. Juliet, formerly of Dayton, went to be with her Lord Oct. 2, 2019, at her home in Mt. Juliet. Hilda was preceded in death by her parents, John Wesley and Mittie Ann (Ingle) Holt, and two sisters, Anna Mae Butler and Edith Jenkins.

She is survived by her husband of 70 years, Rev. Alan Winkler; and her two daughters, Connie (Tim) Slocum and Annette (Owen) Egeberg.

Funeral services for Hilda will be held Sunday, Oct. 13, at 2 p.m. in Ogden Road Baptist Church. She will be laid to rest in Ogden Road Baptist Church Cemetery on Dayton Mountain. The family is being cared for by the Vanderwall Funeral Home where they will receive friends Saturday after 6 p.m.

The family asks those who knew her to share memories of Hilda on her online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

Witbeck, Tyler

Tyler Witbeck, 40, passed away Oct. 1, 2019, surrounded by his family. He was born June 12, 1979 in Medina, Ohio.

Tyler is survived by his two children, James Vaughn and Mia Witbeck; his parents Sara Batton, Roger and Sandy Witbeck; siblings Tiffany Douglas, Zak Batton, Mandy Alsup and Will Sliger; six aunt/uncles; eight cousins; five nieces/nephews. He is preceded in death by his sister Amber Batton; grandparents Marge and Bob Peck, Ray Witbeck, Mickey Witbeck and uncle Bob Peck.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations be made in Tyler’s name to your local drug addiction and suicide prevention program.

Wilson County receives Excellence in Local Government award

Staff Reports

On Sept. 25, mayors and county executives from across Middle Tennessee came together to honor local governments in the mid-state for excellence in public service at the annual awards ceremony of the Greater Nashville Regional Council (GNRC or Regional Council). Wilson County was recognized for excellence for its land use planning initiative with the opening of the Hamilton Springs Train Station.

The Regional Council, which is composed of 65 mayors and executives, two members of the Tennessee General Assembly, and 26 mayoral appointments, provides a forum for collaboration among communities in the greater Nashville metropolitan area.

Each year, GNRC honors its membership and partners with two types of awards. Grand awards, named after influential leaders throughout GNRC’s history, are presented to individuals or organizations for demonstrated leadership on a regional scale. The Excellence in Local Government awards recognize county governments and municipalities for projects or initiatives that serve as a model for peers across the region. This year, GNRC presented 19 local government awards.

This award celebrates the opening in September 2018 of the Hamilton Springs Station. The stop on the Music City Star is the heart of the first transit-oriented development (TOD) in Tennessee. Consisting of 3.2 acres, the station includes a park-and-ride with 160 lighted parking spaces and is the sixth stop on the Music City Star commuter route.

The Hamilton Springs Station TOD plan was recognized by GNRC with a Local Government award in 2012.

“The work being done by the local communities and professionals working for citizens across Middle Tennessee is inspiring,” said Michael Skipper, executive director for GNRC. “It is an honor to highlight their hard work and share these best practices with the rest of the region.”
The City of Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners will have a Public Hearing on Monday, October 14, 2019 at 6:15 PM on the following items to be considered on 2nd and Final Reading:

- Approve Procedures concerning email transparency

The public is invited to attend/comment.

Kenny Martin, City Manager
City of Mt. Juliet

Sealed bids for “Paraclete Speed Plates for Ballistic Protection” will be received at the office of the City of Mt Juliet Finance Department at 2425 N Mt Juliet Rd., Mt Juliet, TN on or before 2:00 PM October 23, 2019. Details are available at http://www.mtjuliet-tn.gov/bids.aspx.

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stood is the pre-election preparation. Before every election a team of machine technicians representing both the Republican and Democratic parties, begin the process of reading the ballot marking devices and ballot tabulators for Early Voting and Election Day. The process they go through begins a routine maintenance check on each device. Every ballot style available is verified and each ballot marker and vote tabulator are tested for accuracy and security.

Throughout the pre-preparation process, detailed written records are created. The pre-election preparations culminate in a public meeting where every piece of voting system is inspected by the Election Commissioner and public to ensure the integrity of the equipment before the first vote is cast.

The second necessary factor for securing the voting system is a voter verified paper ballot. In the past, voters have made their choices on a touch screen, reviewed the choices and with the touch of the screen cast their ballots. Wilson County voters now make their choices on the touch screen and review those choices on the screen as they have for years. Once the review is complete, they print a paper ballot with their candidate choices printed on it.

Using the ballot marking device, voters cannot make a mistake that will cause their vote to be questioned or not be counted. The ballot marker will not allow voters to choose more than the allowed number of candidates in any contest and by printing the voter's choices there is no doubt who the voter intended to vote for. Marking a paper ballot with a pen has often resulted in questions being raised about who the voter intended to vote for or the voter marked too many candidates in a single contest and the vote could not be counted.

It’s not enough just to have paper ballots. It’s vital that they be checked by the voter before they are cast. Voters who make a mistake while marking or miss voting in a contest will see the mistake when they review the printed paper ballot. The ballot can be voided and another one marked ensuring that the voter casts a ballot that accurately reflects their intentions. Seeing the names of the candidate choices clearly printed on your ballot before casting it provides a level of confidence not available before.

The third factor necessary to secure your vote is a strong and well documented chain of custody. A documented chain of custody goes hand in hand with strong physical security. Every action taken with every voting system component is documented from the first day of preparation through Election day and throughout the period between elections. The Election Commission maintains a secure facility for the storage and maintenance of all election equipment as well as a robust cybersecurity presence on all election commission systems. Maintaining documented monitoring and protection of commission assets has been a priority to the Wilson County Election Commission for many years.

Finally, after Election Day, rigorous audits of the results and election documents begin. These audits begin the day after Election Day and continue for weeks ending with the official certification of the election results. Certification by the Election Commission is the official documents that every vote cast has been counted and that the will of Wilson County voters is accurately reported. Certificates of election for the winners in each contest are not issued until the auditing process is completed and official results are certified.

Pre-election preparation, voter verified paper ballots, a well-documented chain of custody and security and rigorous post-election audits come together in Wilson County to ensure voters that the choices they make when voting will be accurately reflected in the results reported.

The Wilson County Election Commission’s mission is, in part, to “… protect the integrity of every vote cast … and to provide the most efficient, accurate and secure election process possible.”* Combining the latest technological tools available to election administration with current procedures and good old fashioned paper ballots, Wilson County voters are able to take advantage of a secure, accurate and enjoyable voting experience. With five Early Voting locations and 18 Election Day Vote Center locations to choose from, convenience will be an added bonus for voters in 2020.

The elections being prepared for now by the Wilson County Election Commission are the Republican and Democratic Primary and Wilson County Republican Party Primary on March 3, the Federal and State Republican and Democratic Primary and Wilson County General Election on Aug. 6, and the Federal and State General Election and Lebanon, Mt. Juliet and Watertown Municipal Elections on Nov. 3.

To learn more about elections, voting and how you can be involved with Wilson County elections contact the Wilson County Election Commission at 615-444-0216 or online at www.WilsonElections.com.
I have a confession to make. I’m both embarrassed and nervous about putting it on paper for anyone to see. Since it has been said that, “the truth shall set you free,” here goes. I have not read nor plan to read, any of the “Twilight” novels. I know, I know. I can hear the collective gasps from “Twilight” enthusiasts, a lot of which are my family members and close friends. Now that my secret is out I fear I will be defriended from more than half of my Facebook friends, party invites will cease, and I will be forced to hang my head in shame.

I have nothing against the teen vampire series. In fact, I’ve had many friends who are self-labeled “literary snobs,” tell me how fantastically written they are. Now I guess it’s time for my second confession (oh yeah, it gets worse). I hate, and will avoid at all costs, any scary movies. At the movies, if one of the coming attractions is scary, I’ll close my eyes and put my hands over my ears. In the event my husband and I are with other couples, I forego that exterior self-soother in favor of singing, “You’re My First, My Last, My Everything” by Barry White, in my head.

Before anyone tries to interject and tell me how “Twilight” isn’t scary or “It’s about good vampires” or “It’s a love story,” don’t bother. Any vampire is scary to me. No matter if they feast on human or animal blood. They all totally freak me out!

It’s like when I was in college and a close friend told me she had been studying an alternative religion where she is one with nature. She went on to tell me how she will now be considered a goddess of nature or witch. She must have noticed the shock on my face when she said, “It’s a good witch, not a bad witch.”

My aversion to all things cinematically frightening began at a very young age when my big brother thought “The Wolfman” was an appropriate movie for a 5 year old to watch. I don’t think I slept for close to a year. Not long after I could sleep all night again, I walked into the den while my parents were watching “Psycho.” After that, I couldn’t sleep or take showers. Don’t even ask me what watching “Jaws” I, II and III did to me. That’s where it all started, and I’m embarrassed to say, it’s stuck. While I say it’s the price you pay for having an active imagination, my husband calls it “another piece of the puzzle.”

For now, I’ll continue to deal with the frenzy of “New Moon” mania and accept that some of my family and friends will remain Vampire Devotees. Perhaps I’ll just have to break down and read what everyone is raving about.

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Smoothie King franchises and their team members inspire guests to live a healthy and active lifestyle through the brand’s products. By adding cleaner, more nutritious ingredients to their menu, franchises have the opportunity to meet the evolving demand for better-for-you foods with fewer additives. In the past year, Smoothie King has been developing this goal into the Cleaner Blending initiative. “It’s a living breathing initiative,” said Katherine LeBlanc, director of marketing. “We’ve always been looking for the best ingredients for our smoothies. We’ve just finally put a name on it.” Cleaner Blending is all about making smarter, more transparent choices about every ingredient added or eliminated at Smoothie King.

WHAT’S NEW AND WHAT’S GONE? To date, Smoothie King has eliminated the following ingredients from our smoothies: high fructose corn syrup, trans fats, hydrogenated oil, gluten, and any ingredients prohibited by any regulatory lists monitored by NSF International. Meanwhile, we’ve added more whole fruits and vegetables to blend cleaner, delicious smoothies. But we’re not stopping there. Throughout this year, the brand will target artificial flavors, colors and preservatives, added hormones and GMO fruits and veggies in their initiative to deliver better-for-you options to guests. Smoothie King has also made the bold statement of removing added sugar from all of their Purpose Blend – today, that’s over 50 smoothies.
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