Mt. Juliet Elementary prepares stockings for soldiers

Students at West Elementary School in Mt. Juliet spent Monday morning honoring Veterans.

Students were asked to invite their military families in order to show them the honor and respect they so greatly deserve. Over 800 students sang a song for the Veterans to show their gratitude. Veterans walked through the “Hall of Honor” as hundreds of students clapped for them.

Later in the afternoon, students lined the outside fence in front of the school to cheer and support the participants in The Fallen Soldiers March. These Veterans march from Legislative Plaza in Nashville to With deer season in full swing and the holidays quickly approaching, Tennessee Wildlife Federation’s Hunters for the Hungry program is accepting donations in Wilson County to help feed local families in need. Statewide, more than 75 processors are collecting donations to feed fellow Tennesseans.

In Wilson County, this includes Walker’s Butcher Block. Contact information and a full list of processors is available at tnwf.org/processors.

Thanks to the generosity of hunters, Hunters for the Hungry has provided more than 7 million meals of healthy, lean protein to hungry Tennesseans. This is important all hunting season long but takes on special meaning during this time of year.

“What’s in a name?” is hailed as one of Shakespeare’s famous lines from his collection of plays and poses a good question when considering one’s heritage; especially when considering the naming of counties.

Wilson County was named after Major David Wilson, the first Speaker of the Territorial Assembly who lived in Sumner County while it was still a part of North Carolina. When Sumner County split in 1799, Wilson County was named in the accomplished statesman’s honor. Recently, the General Jethro Sumner Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution held a ceremony to honor Major David Wilson and his contributions to both Sumner and Wilson Counties. The ceremony was held on Oct. 27, 2019, at The Grand Inheritance in Gallatin, Tennessee. Wilson County Mayor Randall Hutto along with Wilson County Commissioners Jerry McFarland and Diane Weathers attended the ceremony.

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Encore Theatre presents
‘A Christmas Carol’

Campbell Theater Playhouse’s “A Christmas Carol” opens Friday, Nov. 15, at Encore Theatre in Mt. Juliet. The show, directed by James Bealor, runs weekends through Sunday Nov. 24. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees are 2:30 p.m. The house will open 30 minutes before show time.

The script, transcribed from the 1938 radio show, tells the classic story of an old miser named Ebenezer Scrooge visited on Christmas Eve by the spirit of his former partner, Jacob Marley. The deceased partner was in his lifetime as mean and miserly as Scrooge is now and he warns him to change his ways or face the consequences in the afterlife.

Scrooge dismisses the apparition but the first of the three ghosts, the Ghost of Christmas Past, visits him as promised. Scrooge sees those events in his past life, both happy and sad, that forged his character. The second spirit, the Ghost of Christmas Present, shows him how many currently celebrate Christmas. The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come shows him how he will be remembered once he is gone.

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Mt. Juliet Elementary School Honor Lists

Principal’s List

2nd Grade
Colton Ambrose, Malachi Bartling, Chloe Baumgardner, Kenzie Berry, Khloe Berry, Lydia Blevins, Madonna Boktor, Addie Butler, Eli Cartwright, Lana Chapman, Corbin Clariday, Hadley Cordes, Briley Dawson, Liam Dwyer, Jackson Escoto, Oscar Gamradt, John Gregory, Alivia Grisby, Paxton Hamblen, Amelia Kell, Joshua Kim, Jeremiah Kloeppel, Norah Lee, Ace Lincoln, Olivia Mancell, Mariz Mansour, Maivin Matta, Grayson McClain, Skylar McGinnis, Karoline Mears, Jaina Mitchell, James Moore, TJ Muncie, Kaysley Murray, Jesse Nakhla, Isaiah Norman, Sophie Pugh, Amina Reda, Sadie Rhodes, Benton Riggins, McKenna Sanford, Blake Savage, Emma Smith, Kya Smith, Ava Stogner, Leila Strub, Mollie Tribe, Braiden Vaughn, Bryson Vierdag, Brenner Wakefield, Channing Wakefield, Nia Ware, Malcolm Warner, Emmett Wayne, Brooklyn Webber, Emily Wilson, Parker Wix, Sara Wu, Josefinia Yeager, Sarah York

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Honor Roll

2nd Grade

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From COUNTY, PAGE 1 which included a tribute to David Wilson, laying of wreaths and firing salute. The reverent and in-
spiring ceremony took place just one day after Wilson County celebrated its 220th birthday. Origin-
ally established by an act of the Third Gener-
al Assembly of the State of Tennessee on Oct. 26, 1799, Wilson County has since grown to be the fast-
est growing county in the state. With deep agricultural ties and a close proximity to Nashville, the county, in short, is booming. Wilson County boasts a com-
petitive education system, safe communities and a vibrant quality of life. It would be easy to assume that the county’s success is “overnight” or simply as a result of good luck, but Mayor Hutto argues that simply isn’t the case. “We are incredibly proud of our 220-year her-
itage here in Wilson Coun-
ty,” he said. “Not every part of our history is good, as there have been chal-
 lenges over the course of those 220 years in our na-
tion and our county, but good has come from our dedication to overcoming obstacles as a community — as a family — and our constant reverence for our history. Wilson County as a whole has stayed rooted despite the ebbs and flows of success that has come our way and I think that’s why we have continued to excel and grow.” Wilson County has cele-
brated its 220-year histo-
ry in a variety of ways this past year including being an inspiration in part for the 2019 Wilson County Fair theme “A Grand Cele-
boration” and adopting an official county flag. Mayor Hutto is excited about the future of Wil-
son County and is taking steps to ensure the next generation takes pride in their community. “Our office is diligent-
ly working on a campaign to establish and promote Wilson County’s identity,” he said. “We have so much to offer as a community and have so many incredi-
bly citizens that make our county what it is today. We are working to iden-
tify and narrow down a mission statement, vision, just adopted the county flag and have several oth-
er projects in the works. I think if David Wilson knew what our county has blossomed into today he would be very proud.”

The Wilson County
Adult Education program will be giving the high school equivalency test (HiSET formerly GED) on Nov. 26, 2019, at the Ten-
sessee College of Applied Technology in Lebanon. For more information on taking the test, call (615) 443-8731.

The Mt. Juliet city commission will meet Monday, Nov. 25, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. A public hearing will be held be-
fore the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

The Mt. Juliet city commis-
sion will meet Thursday, Nov. 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the park-
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**Work Session**
The Wilson County
Board of Education will meet in a work session on Monday, Dec. 2, 2019, at 5 p.m. followed by a regular scheduled board meeting at 6 p.m. at the Wilson County BOE Ad-
ministrative and Training Complex, 415 Harding Dr., Lebanon.
Mt. Juliet won their Friday night game against Riverdale High School in the first round of the playoffs. The final score was 20-14, and Mt. Juliet will advanced to the next round.

Christian Donatelli, linebacker for the Golden Bears, stated that he felt that the Bears did a great job going out and beating Riverdale. “I felt that since we practiced all week and we were very confident that we could beat this team and we’ve been working on it for quite some time,” he said.

The first quarter was successful for both teams. Mt. Juliet received a penalty in the beginning of the game for a false start. Mt. Juliet then made a touchdown, but Tyler Johnson did not make the PAT. Riverdale also received a penalty for a false start, then made a touchdown with a good PAT. This gave Riverdale a lead of 7-6.

Riverdale didn’t score during the second quarter, but Mt. Juliet added 7

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Wilson Central falls in first round of playoffs

By Jake Hood
The Chronicle Contributor

The stage was set: The Wildcats were headed to the playoffs for their first appearance since 2016. They were to travel to Blackman to battle with a Blaze team that seemed very inconsistent throughout the 2019 season. The Wildcats had rolled over Station Camp a week prior, and they were confident on the trip to Murfreesboro.

The Blaze burned through the first quarter. After the opening kickoff, Antonio Malone, who had missed most of the season to injury, darted upfield for a 45-yard carry. The play to follow was a 14-yard touchdown run by Keonte Newson. The Wildcats were only able to march about 20 yards on their first drive, punting the ball back to Blackman. After a 28-yard pitch and catch from Blaze quarterback Drew Beam to Malachi Burns, Malone sprinted into the end zone from 37-yards out. This put the score at 14-0 before the first quarter ended. The Wildcats carried their final drive of the first into the second quarter.

After a failed 4th-and-1 by the Wildcats, the Blaze went back to work. Penalties plagued their drive, and the Wildcats received the ball after a Blackman punt. The next two drives from each team resulted in a punt, and the Wildcats got one play off in their final drive of the half. The Wildcats extinguished the Blaze offense, but they could not find an offensive spark of their own. Star halfback Xavier Ali was sidelined due to an ankle injury, so CJ Morrow was handed the start. Morrow struck together several solid rushes, but he could not lead the Wildcats into the end zone.

Halftime rolled around, and the Wildcats needed to score first in the third quarter. However, they were not able to cross midfield in their opening drive of the second half. Tristan Lewis managed a strong game through the air, but the end zone continued to be foreign land for Wilson Central. The Blaze marched from their own 34 into range for Tripp Holloway’s fourth field goal of the season, this time from 42 yards out. The trend continued for the Wildcats, as they were yet again unable to cross midfield. The quarter ended, and the score was locked at 17-0. The Wildcats finally found their way into Blackman territory. Lewis put Alex Atwell in range for a 36-yard field goal, but the attempt was no good. The Blaze took over where Wilson Central left off, but their drive proved uneventful, resulting in a punt. The Wildcats punted the ball back to the Blaze, and the Blaze scored once more on a Keonte Newson 3-yard touchdown carry. The Wildcats were given one more drive to keep from being shut out. Atwell tried from 41-yards out, but the field goal fell short. Blackman reigned victorious 24-0.

The Wildcats look ahead to next year with high hopes. A majority of their talent will be retained, but Donatelli stated that boys will be practicing hard for this game and hopefully will come back with a win.

“We’re going to be working really hard at practice because this is a really good football team,” he said, “but we’ll be ready for them.”

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Shipley said MJE has done Stockings for Soldiers every year since it started 16 years ago by former teacher Linda Gay. Before she retired, Gay started the program as a way to help send supplies and care packages to service members overseas.
The Circle of Love

In 1954, Sammy Cahn and Julie Styne wrote “The Christmas Waltz” for Frank Sinatra because he wanted a Christmas song to record. Some of the words from the waltz are:

“It’s that time of year/ When the world falls in love/ Every song you hear seems to say Merry Christmas.”

As we approach this season that makes us festive and happy, it is fitting that we consider the source of the season. We understand from the Scriptures that love is the birthplace of the Christmas story. So, what is God’s love? How is it different from our love that we offer each other?

Regarding our love, the old axiom is true, “When it is all said and done, more is said than done.” By definition, God’s love is active, not abstract or passive. God’s love does not simply “feel patient.” It is patient! His love does not simply have kind feelings. It does kind things. God has a love for us that is born out of Himself. In other words, God loves us because of Himself. The English theologian, O.C. Quick, offers these thoughts: “If we could imagine the love of one who loves men purely for their own sake, and not because of any need or desire of his own, purely desires their good, and yet loves them wholly, not for what at this moment they are, but for what he knows he can make of them because he made them, then we should have in our

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Isn’t Life Amazing?

Kenny Martin  
City Manager  
Mt. Juliet, TN

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

For example, how often do we think or say to ourselves when we see a huge jet plane taking off with hundreds of passengers on board, isn’t it amazing that a plane that weighs thousands of pounds, that’s made from metal and carrying hundreds of passengers and all their bags and suitcases, can take flight and fly. Most of us, don’t we sort of overlook these things because we see it happen one day and sort of take it for granted.

Another example is the human brain. How often do we realize what an awesome instrument the human brain is? When was the last time you seriously thought about it? Think about it, in order to read this article you use your brain, in order to comprehend this article you use your brain, in order to remember or forget this article you use your brain. Even more amazing is the whole time you were reading this article, were you also thinking of other things, blinking your eyes, moving various parts of your body and listening to sounds around you all while reading. Isn’t the human brain amazing?

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

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

The moral of this story is to soak in every moment of life. Life is not something we take for granted. Life is something we get one chance at and we must enjoy it. Isn’t life amazing?

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minds some true image of the love of the Father and Creator of mankind.

The Christmas story is summed up when the Bible says, “For God so loved, He gave...” Or, as the International Standard Version renders John 3:16, “For this is how God loved the world: He gave His unique Son so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but have eternal life.”

We know from the Scriptures that at just the right time, God sent His Son. He was not too soon, nor was He too late; He was born at just the right time. And when the Father sent the Son, He had a goal in mind. That goal was that none should perish, but through belief in Jesus Christ the Son, receive everlasting life.

This was all motivated by God’s love for His created human beings.

If God loves the world, so should we. And we find the ability to do that in His love for us. Again, the apostle John in his first letter tells us that we are able to love because He first loved us. Before we received the vehicle of God’s love, His Son, we had no ability to love like God loves. God loves without conditions. Again, He loves us because of who He is, not because of who we are. Now, in the regeneration by the Spirit of God, God’s love has been poured into our hearts, so we have something to offer others.

So, we find opportunities to be able to extend the love of the Christmas story to others around us. I might add, this isn’t relegated to one month of the year. This is a 12-month assignment. It certainly is reinforced at this time of year. We can love because He first loved us and Christmas gives us the greatest reminder of the content and value of God’s love toward us.

The circle of love can only be completed when we extend this love we have received from the Father to others. Spread the Christmas cheer!
County hunters can play a big part."

When hunters harvest a deer, they can donate it — in part or whole — to the program at a participating processor. The deer is processed, and the venison is delivered to local hunger relief organizations. One deer provides as many as 168 meals.

In an abundance of caution, Hunters for the Hungry is partnering with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) to test every deer donated within Unit CWD for the disease. Hunters for the Hungry will also test many of the donations made outside Unit CWD in Region 1.

There is no evidence CWD is transmitted to humans, but the CDC still recommends against eating CWD-positive meat. So, all donations that test positive for CWD will be discarded.

Only whole deer donations will be accepted in Region 1, which includes Unit CWD. Pound or Pack donations, which allow hunters to give a portion of their harvest, will continue to be accepted in the rest of the state.

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For more information about Hunters for the Hungry or to purchase a Deer Coin, visit tnwf.org/HuntersForTheHungry.

The Wilson County Retired Teachers’ Association recently welcomed Tennessee Retired Teachers’ Association president Ron Pendergrass as its guest speaker. Pendergrass presented the history of TRTA from its beginning to the continued importance it now holds for retired educators in the state. | Photo submitted

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New Location
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State invites public to share feedback on math standards

Staff Reports

The Tennessee State Board of Education is inviting the public to provide feedback and comments on the state’s K-12 mathematics academic standards through noon on Dec. 6, 2019.

To facilitate suggestions on proposed revisions to the academic standards, the State Board launched a public review survey to allow Tennesseans to share their opinions on the current math academic standards. Public comments from the review website will be taken into consideration when the math academic standards are reviewed and updated in 2020. The State Board of Education is charged in law with reviewing all academic standards, and this public survey is the first step in that process.

“Academic standards set a key baseline for what all Tennessee students should know and be able to do at the end of a course or school year,” said Dr. Sara Morrison, executive director for the State Board of Education. “These standards drive curricular decisions in districts and set the expectations for what our state assessments evaluate. Input from educators, parents, community members in Tennessee help make the standards strong and aligned with our students’ needs for success later in life.”

Upon completion of the public comment window, three advisory teams comprised of Tennessee K-12 and university educators will draft recommended math academic standards for each grade band: K-5, 6-8, and 9-12. Members of this committee are selected by the governor, speaker of the House of Representatives, and the speaker of the Senate. The State Board of Education is undertaking the revision of math academic standards at this time in order to align the math standards review process with the next math textbook adoption cycle.

After the State Board approves math standards on final reading in late 2020, the state Textbook and Instructional Materials Commission will recommend a list of aligned educational resources from which school districts will adopt materials. The revised math standards will go into effect for the 2022-23 school year with aligned instructional materials to support instruction.

The State Board last received public comment on Tennessee’s math standards in 2015 and, following revision, approved the current standards in April 2016. During that review process, there were 131,424 reviews and 20,344 comments, each of which was considered by the educator advisory team as they updated the standards line-by-line.

An overview of the academic standards review process is available on the State Board of Education website.
Players announced for annual East-West All-Star Classic

Staff Reports

Eighty-eight of Tennessee's top senior football players have been selected to play in this year's Tennessee East-West All-Star Classic, scheduled to be played at Austin Peay State University on Dec. 13.

Four players from Wilson County were among those selected for the game. Mt. Juliet High School's Malik Bowen (WR) and Zach Delfendahl (OT) as well as Lebanon High School's Greyson Gregory (DT) were chosen for the East Team. Daniel Davila (OLB) from Lebanon High School was chosen for the West Team.

“We’re very excited for the players and coaches who have accepted an invitation to be a part of Tennessee’s premier all-star event,” said Tennessee Athletic Coaches Association Executive Director Bill Marbet.

“This year, more players than ever have already committed to continue their education by playing football at numerous Power 5 Conference schools,” he added. “Our list of player commitments is very impressive.”

Four practice sessions, a half-day at Ft. Campbell, home of the famed 101st Airborne Division, and walk-through sessions the day of the game help make up the agenda for those involved in the game.

“Not only does this game showcase much of Tennessee’s high school football talent, it also gives a number of other players an opportunity to show college coaches from smaller division schools that they are worthy of consideration for scholarship offers,” said Marbet.

“Previously, we’ve had college coaches from more than two dozen colleges attend our practice sessions. As a result, additional players in the game who did not already have college scholarship offers before the event walked away from All-Star Week with a firm offer to continue playing football at the next level,” he added.

Marbet was also very complimentary for those in Clarksville who make All-Star Week such a memorable event.

“All of us involved in staging this event are most appreciative of the support that people at Austin Peay, Visit Clarksville and Ft. Campbell have shown us,” he said. “The memories our players and coaches take away from this game will last a lifetime.”

Kickoff for the game is set for 7 p.m. at Fortera Stadium. Area high school football players who are wearing their high school jersey and are accompanied by one of their coaches will be admitted free to the game.
ARNOLD, William Howard

William Howard (Bill) Arnold passed away peacefully at home on Nov. 5, 2019, at the age of 79. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Agnes Mann Arnold; his loving wife of 58 years, Jann; and their daughter, Jeanne. He is survived by his daughters, Mandy (Greg) King, Matra (Robert) Shrum; grandchildren, Chason, Jarrod, and Landon Clark, Matthew (Jessica) King and Tanner King; great-grandson, Brayden Clark Fox; his sister, Edna (Keith) Green; nieces and nephews, Suzanne White McEwen and Amy White Furedy; Mike Greene; and Bill Greene.

The family wishes to express gratitude to: Dr. Brian Hughey, Dr. Robert Woods, Dr. Billy Kim, and Wilson County Emergency Management Staff - Gladeville.

Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16, with a Celebration of Life service immediately following in the Partlow Funeral Chapel at 3 p.m. PARTLOW FUNERAL CHAPEL is in care of arrangements. 615-444-7007 OBIT LINE 615-444-7700 www.partlowchapel.com.

LEWIS, James Jay

James Jay Lewis, age 72 of Hermitage, passed away Nov. 6, 2019. A funeral service was held Nov. 9 at Sellars Funeral Home in Mt. Juliet, and burial was held Nov. 12 at Buffalo Memorial Park in Buffalo, West Virginia. Mr. Lewis was born to the late Holly Estel and Emma Lee McGill Lewis. He leaves behind a loving wife of 33 years, Sylvia Lewis; children, James Alvaleecody (Rachel) Lewis, Rebecca Emma Lewis (Philip) Smith, Stephen Josef Lewis, Bianca Al- ison Lewis (Johnathan) Justice, and Shane Reese Lewis; grandchildren, Cody Lewis, Eva Lewis, Noah Lewis, Allie Lewis, Elliot Smith, Asher Smith, Tessa Smith, and Warren Justice; siblings, Carol Lee (Danny) Jividen, Ella Faye Butcher, and H.E. (Virginia) Lewis, Jr.; numerous nieces, nephews, family, and friends also survive. Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet, 2229 N. Mt. Juliet Road, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122, 615-758-5459, obituary line 615-758-8818, www.sellarsfuneralservices.com.
The Board of Commissioners of the City of Mt. Juliet will have a Public Hearing on Monday, November 25, 2019 at 6:15 p.m. to hear comments on the following items to be considered: Annex and rezone property known as Landmark Homes, from Wilson County Limited Office Commercial (LOC) to Commercial Mixed Use (CMU), being found at 6064 Central Pike, Map 97, Parcel 011.09and being located within the City’s Urban Growth Boundary. The public is invited to attend and comment.

Kenny Martin, City Manager
City of Mt. Juliet

The Mt. Juliet City Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, November 25, 2019 to hear comments concerning the following: Amend the Final Master Development Plan-Sign Variance, to increase the number and maximum size of the wall and monument sign, property known as Music City Honda, being Map 996, Parcel 001.36. The public is invited to attend and comment.

Kenny Martin
City Manager

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- Annex and rezone into the corporate boundaries, property known as Landmark Homes, located at 6064 Central Pike
- Authorize a variance to increase the number and maximum size of wall and monument signs for Music City Honda
- Amend fiscal year 2019/2020 budget to appropriate

The public is invited to attend/comment.

Kenny Martin, City Manager
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At this time every year, instead of tick tock, the second hand on my clock whispers thanks-giving, thanks-giving, thanks-giving. I know my subconscious is trying to gently nudge me to begin REALISTICALLY planning. The month leading up to turkey day, I cram. Most nights, I sit with pen and paper in hand, staring at the TV, taking detailed notes. The Food Network becomes my CNN news feed. Tyler Florence and Ina Garten bring me updates on all things Thanksgiving like Robin Roberts and Hoda Kotb keep viewers abreast of all the latest news.

Speaking of breasts, did you know that more than 200 million pounds of turkey breasts are consumed during Thanksgiving? That’s just a sample of what I’ve learned during my cram sessions.

They make it look so easy, but it’s never easy. Like I totally know that even though Ina says “It’s fine” if I don’t use imported Madagascar vanilla, she’s lying. She’s disappointed in me. Not only for my off-brand vanilla. She’s also disgusted that I don’t have matching ramekins. I decide to chuck all recipes that require vanilla. I can’t handle the shame. I love you Ina, but I will never be good enough for you. We should just be friends.

The week before Thanksgiving, I start my grocery list. Everything needed for cornbread sausage stuffing according to Tyler Florence including 12 spices I’ll never use again. I’m convinced Ina Garten’s recipe for Pear Clafouti will be a crowd pleaser even though my mother-in-law says, “People won’t eat what they can’t pronounce.” And if my guests don’t particularly care for those, I throw in a Paula Deen recipe. If you add enough butter to anything, it will taste good.

There’s usually between 12 and 40 people at my house for Thanksgiving. I’m one of six children so when you add siblings, their spouses, their children, their children’s children, maybe a boyfriend or girlfriend, dad, and mother-in-law, on Thanksgiving Day, my house looks like someone didn’t follow the rules of the Mogwai (we were exposed to light, water and fed after midnight.) To feed so many people, we cook two birds. I take that back. I intend on cooking two birds. One is always fried (because you know, flavor). And the other is a surprise (because we forget about that one). Since there’s no time to defrost a 14-pound bird in three hours, Jay usually runs to the grocery and picks up an overpriced ham or anything else he can find that doesn’t require effort.

When the grocery shopping is finished, I have a few minutes to rest before the rush of activity begins on Wednesday night. For fun, I always try out one of my new Tyler or Ina recipes on my kids. I summon them to the kitchen where each child can taste a sample of what is sure to be an Andrews family tradition… cranberry pudding. Halfway down the stairs both say, “What smells?” Maybe not.

No matter what, I’ll continue to cram for the holiday cooking season. And I’ll always remember that Thanksgiving is not about the food you cook but about the people gathered around your table refusing to eat it.

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Boots came to our shelter after we rescued him from a hoarding situation. He has been cleared by the vet and he is now ready to find his forever home. Boots is 5 years old. He is a little shy at first, but he is very sweet and cuddly. Boots is already neutered so his adoption fee is $75.00.
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LOCAL RESTAURANT & DINING GUIDE - SWEET BISCUIT

Sweet Biscuit Co. brings a unique experience to Mt. Juliet. Shannon Gray and her exceptional team are celebrating their third birthday this week. What began as a hobby for Gray, soon became reality of serving breakfast and brunch.

The gourmet biscuit shop offers flavors for every taste bud daily with a choice of a summer biscuit or biscuit pie. Summer flavors include, but are not limited to blueberry crisp, banana split, red velvet, lemon poppyseed and raspberry cheesecake. You can also choose a “biscuit pie” of cheesy ham, spinach quiche or 3 cheese bacon spinach.

The southern style eatery also offers homemade buttermilk biscuits with gravy. The hash-brown casserole is unforgettable as well. Coffee, hot tea and iced teas of varied flavors are available.

If you want lunch, light sides are available: chicken salad, soup, pimiento and cheese, spinach dip and homemade croutons.

Catering is available with a variety of savory options with a 48-hour notice.

Enjoy Frittatas, biscuit and gravy, hash browns, dips, chicken salad, fruit trays as well as mini biscuit desserts and bread pudding. Sweet Biscuit Co. is located at 2654 N. Mt. Juliet Road. Their hours are Monday-Friday (6 a.m. - 1 p.m.) and Saturday (7 a.m. - 1 p.m.). Happy Birthday Sweet Biscuit Co.
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