Bradshaw Farms passes first reading

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

The Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners passed the first reading of Bradshaw Farms, a development proposed behind the Jackson Hills neighborhood and located off Beckwith Road. The developer, Goodall Homes, proposes developing 561 residential units on 193 acres of land in Mt. Juliet. Of the 561 units, 263 will be age-restricted to 55 and older. The remaining 298 units

Three local students are getting ready to represent Middle Tennessee on the national stage.

Stella Collins, Chloe Meisner and Emma Hicks will march and cheer in the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. The three girls are freshmen at Wilson Central High School. They submitted an audition video back in February in order to get picked for the parade.

They left for NYC Saturday morning for a week full of practices and sightseeing prior to parade day. “We’re just so grateful and excited to have this opportunity to be able to travel to New York and perform in the iconic Macy’s Day Parade,” said the young ladies. “None of us have been to New York before and we’re all excited to be able to visit Times Square, the Statue of Liberty, as well as see a Broadway play and The Rockettes while we are there.”

The parade is on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, at 8 a.m. local time.

State aims to eliminate emissions testing

Staff Reports

In the early 1990s, five counties, including Wilson, were identified as non-attainment areas, meaning we did not meet the ground level ozone standards of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This meant that Wilson County would have to begin emissions testing on certain vehicles.

In April of 1993, Wilson County passed a resolution requesting the State Department of Environment and Conservation develop and implement a vehicle inspection and maintenance program to satisfy the federal requirements of the Clean Air Act. Tennessee complied and began contracting with a private company, Envirotex, to perform emissions testing.

Throughout the years, there have been several changes to legislation involving the way vehicles are tested and determining which vehicles require testing. In 2014, legislation was passed through the State allowing vehicles three years old or newer to be exempt from testing altogether. Following the State of Tennessee’s lead, the Wilson County

County recognized for Aging Services

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 in Aging Services with the Seminar Series: Aging Matters.

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 coun-

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ty Commission passed its own resolution to that same effect. This legislation/resolution was sent to the federal government, where it is currently under review.

With the advancement of technology, there is once again new legislation afoot that could eliminate testing for everyone. The State of Tennessee has passed a resolution/law that would eliminate emissions testing in all Tennessee counties. However, that’s a decision that must be made by the federal government as well.

Therefore, Tennessee has submitted its intent to the federal government, which has 18 months to respond. Wilson County does not have to pass a resolution to opt out of emissions testing since the state passed its own resolution. If the federal government responds favorably, then the state will be responsible for terminating the contracts held with the companies that administer the testing. The state holds these contracts, not the counties. Until that happens, Wilson and other counties currently testing will continue to do so until they hear back from the state and federal government.

However, Wilson County is well on its way to eliminating emissions testing altogether, and Wilson County Mayor Randall Hutto’s office is updating the public on where the process stands. Currently, the following steps in the process have been completed:

- Internal and Local Program Review/Submitting revisions to local programs and EPA
- Editing based on feedback from locals, IAC and EPA
- Public hearing notice and public comment

Public hearings for this legislation were held in Nashville on Nov. 19. The following will now take place:

- Technical Demonstration and rule change revisions based on EPA and public input
- Air Board Adoption vote to Eliminate I/M
- Submission to EPA

The EPA review process will then take up to 18 months to complete according to the statute. The EPA will then act on the submission if deemed complete and will publish the final action. Once the final action has been published in the Federal Register, the program will end 120 days after approval.

In the meantime, Wilson County must continue to perform emissions testing. Hutto’s office said Wilson County Government is working diligently to stay informed on this process and will continue to update both Commissioners and the public on the next steps in this process as they become available.

Fundraiser to benefit family pet

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

A local family is raising money to help get their pet the surgery it needs.

Beth Williams and her daughter Natalie picked up their new family dog, Sam, from a breeder during the summer and almost immediately noticed something was off. After taking Sam to the vet, they learned he had double hip dysplasia and suspect he also has double elbow dysplasia.

Though he still acts like the lovable 7 month old he is, Sam’s dysplasia limits his movement. Williams said he can barely sit up or walk, and he is constantly in pain. She’s hoping that the surgery will help give Sam what he needs to have a good quality of life.

Williams said the surgery is scheduled for early December, but at $1,300 per hip, the cost is not cheap.

A few weeks ago, Williams said she met the owner of Teach a Child in Hermitage, who felt drawn to help the family out and decided to partner with Williams to raise money for the surgery.

Williams is now selling Teach a Child coupons for $5 that will be worth $10 in the store, essentially getting buyers half off. The offer will be valid on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Along with the store offer, the event will also have
Restoration Dentistry opens in Providence Station

Staff Reports

Nick Norvell is quietly enthusiastic about introducing a new dental practice to Mt. Juliet. Located in Providence Station above Your Pie Pizza, the floor-to-ceiling windows throughout Restoration Dentistry overlook a beautiful, changing landscape.

Dr. Nick, a Wilson County native, completed both dental school and a three-year prosthodontic residency at The University of Tennessee. Prosthodontists are extensively trained in the treatment of missing or deficient teeth and the specialty represents a mere 2% of dentists nationwide.

Restoration is equipped to manage patients with complex dental needs. Verbal slogans play across many screens encouraging patients with messages reminding them, “It’s not too late” and “You’re never too far gone.” The philosophy of the practice centers on the belief that each person is worthy of Restoration in life — and in their dental health.

Restoration is truly for everyone. As an all-inclusive dental practice, the measure of success is in making sure that any and every person who walks through the doors is made to feel welcome and well cared for from start to finish.

Dr. Nick has conceived the vision for Restoration with much support from his wife, Kami, who designed the interior of the space and currently works in the front office. A five-year veteran of the Marine Corps, Kami carries into the healthcare setting a deep conviction that core values should guide each decision toward the best interest of the patient. From mission first to patient first, each detail of the business is expected to meet a rigorous standard and is subject to constant scrutiny and improvement.

The Norvells are deeply glad to live in and serve Wilson County. The decision to plant a practice in Mt. Juliet was driven by a desire to extend the access to care footprint for specialty services further east and north of the greater Nashville metro area.

“The most important thing will be making sure people know we are here and ready to help in any way we can,” said Nick. He is happy to offer treatment consultations to both patients and peers at no charge.

Restoration is open and here to stay. After the successful grand opening held on Oct. 25, the office is now open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and is accepting new patients.

Online appointments and referral forms are available at restoremjuliet.com.

Dr. Nick Norvell at Restoration Dentistry is pictured with his wife, Kami (right), and sister, Lexy (left), a registered dental assistant. | Photo by Annette McNamara

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Thanksgiving
Offices around Mt. Juliet will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28, 2019, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Wilson County Conservative Republicans
The Wilson County Conservative Republicans will meet Saturday, Nov. 30, at Logan’s Roadhouse in Providence at 9 a.m. The guest speakers is James Cates, president of the National Counter Intelligence Corps Association.

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 Administrative and Training Complex, 415 Harding Dr., Lebanon.

Free Dance Class
Free Dance Exercise Class called Refit every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the youth center of Life Church, located at 3688 Highway 109, Lebanon. This class is for all ages and all fitness levels. LifeChurchFamily.com.

Free Fitness Class
Free Fitness Class every Tuesday evening 6:30 p.m. at Life Church in the youth center. Life Church is located at 3688 Highway 109, Lebanon, Tn. Right across the street from The Dollar General Store.

The Goodwill Career Solutions Center at 198 Providence West Parkway, Mt. Juliet, hosts a job fair featuring area employers from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. More information is available at www.giveit2goodwill.org/job-fairs/.

The Wilson County Economic and Community Development Board Executive Committee will meet at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019, at the JECDB office located at 200 Aviation Way, Suite 202, Lebanon.

Board Meeting
The Wilson County Industrial Development Bond Board will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2019, at 4 p.m. at the Joint Economic and Development Board office located at 200 Aviation Way, Suite 202, Lebanon.

Parkinson’s Support Group
Green Hill Church will host a support group for Parkinson’s patients and their care-partners every second Thursday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A light lunch will be served. For questions, contact Diane Klaiber at dklabier1@tds.net or 508-776-1580.
Wilson County to serve as home for endangered species

Staff Reports

Creating habitat is what wildlife managers do, but when it comes to bats a little more creativity is required. In Wilson County, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency crews are erecting artificial trees to mimic the summer roosting habitat of the endangered Indiana Bat.

Indiana bat numbers have been greatly impacted by White Nose Syndrome in recent years. Winter bat counts indicate a loss of up to 80% of the population in areas of the state.

For the past several springs, researchers have tracked Indiana Bats, migrating from their winter hibernaculum on the Cumberland Plateau to different states and to farms located in Wilson County, Tennessee.

The preferred summer habitat for the Indiana bat consists of dead trees with large, loose sections of bark. Maternity colonies of up to 70 Indiana bats have been documented in the voids created by the loose bark of these old dead trees. Often these trees, important for pup rearing, fall during the winters leaving the already stressed Indiana bat to expend energy searching for a new summer home.

“Bats go into hibernation with a limited amount of fat store to sustain them through the winter, so when they emerge in the spring they need to feed and find a summer roost,” said TWRA Region II Biodiversity Coordinator Josh Campbell. “Dead snags that are the preferred habitat for the Indiana bat, those trees often fail during the winter months leaving the bats to have to search for a new home, expending energy that they can’t spare.”

Working with local landowners, the TWRA crews installed nine untreated telephone poles outfitted with a specially designed wrap that will mimic loose bark. These artificial trees will last longer on the landscape and provide the Indiana bat a more sustained, accessible habitat to establish maternity colonies.

“For whatever reason Wilson County appears to be a pretty significant roosting area for the Indiana bat,” said Campbell, “and the goal is to provide as much sustainable habitat as possible for female Indiana bats to have and raise their young.”

TWRA biologists will be monitoring the area this coming spring and expect the bats will return to the area and utilize the new artificial bat habitat.

MJMS swim club competes in Lebanon

Staff Reports

The Mt. Juliet Middle School swim club competed at a meet at Jimmy Floyd Family Center in Lebanon that was hosted by MTSC. MJMS placed first overall against nine other teams.

Many on the team have now met qualifying times for the Middle School Championship Meet, hosted by Nashville Aquatic Club, which will be held in January 2020.

Some of the swim club’s achievements include: The boys placed first and the girls placed first and fifth in the 200-yard medley. Maddox Hardin and Owen Latta placed first and second, respectively, and Sophia Allen placed second in the 200 freestyle. Allen also placed first in 100 breaststroke. Lilly Howell placed first in the 200 individual medley and first in the 100 butterfly. In the 200 free relay, the boys placed first and the girls places first and fifth.
Capitol Theatre presents
‘A Christmas Carol’

Staff Reports

“A Christmas Carol Musical” is back by popular demand, and Audience of One Productions is bringing the incredible story to life on the breathtaking Capitol Theatre Stage.

The public is encouraged to take in a show or two during its run from Dec. 5-14 and experience the heartwarming story with big production numbers and musical genius by Alan Menken and Lynn Ahrens. Audiences will be forever changed as the troupe breathes new life into the classic tale of ‘A Christmas Carol’ live on the stage.

“A Christmas Carol Broadway Musical” is an adaptation of Charles Dickens’ most well-known story. The music will send audiences soaring into the holiday spirit. “A Christmas Carol” is an ideal choice for any family or friend group hoping to create a holiday tradition.

Ebenzer Scrooge is a prosperous curmudgeon who believes that personal wealth is far more valuable than the happiness and comfort of others. With an infuriated “Bah! Humbug!” Scrooge summates his feelings of Christmas tidings and charitable giving, but he’s forced to face his selfish ways when three ghosts on Christmas Eve lead him through his Past, Present and Future. Thanks to their guidance, Scrooge recognizes his faults and greets Christmas morning with a cheerful “Happy Christmas” before spending the day reconnecting and sharing love with those who mean the most to him.

“A Christmas Carol Musical” is a beautiful story of redemption that focuses on choosing love over fear and hope over loss,” said Director Angie Dee. “Charles Dickens’ masterpiece is perfectly melded with the musical genius of Alan Menken and Lynn Ahrens. You will be forever changed as this troupe breathe this fantastic new life into the classic tale of ‘A Christmas Carol’ ... Live on the stage! It is a perfect way for us to begin the holiday season.”

“I went to see Dr. Jennifer because after performing professionally on stage for 30 years, I was concerned about my hearing. Now I own a recording studio and I’m a recording engineer. What used to take me four hours to do I can now do in a half hour. I could not thank her enough and I appreciate her.”
- Gary Branchaud

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The Bears clinch playoff spot with shutout

The Bears Hockey Club clinched the third spot in the Predators Cup post-season playoffs after blanking the club from John Paul II/Christ Presbyterian/Grace Christian 5-0.

Finn Shirley got the Bears on the scoreboard first and Nick Redisi added two more. Rylan Hagar and Evan Curry added a tally each. Netminder Michael Dillard got the shutout, stopping all nine shots he faced.

The Bears improve to 7-1-2 and clinch the third spot behind MBA and Brentwood in the Preds Cup postseason campaign.

After having the week of Thanksgiving off, the Bears will be back in action Monday, Dec. 2 at 6:45 p.m. at Centennial against Blackmon/Stewart’s Creek, and again Wednesday, Dec. 4 in a marquee matchup, the Battle of the Bears, as they play the 2nd place Bruins of Brentwood High. Puck drop is 8:30 p.m. at The Ford Ice Center in Antioch.
Lessons in Giving Thanks

Who would think to declare a day of thanks giving during the bloodiest war in American history? Her name was Sarah Josepha Hale, and she wrote to President Lincoln on Sept. 28, 1863, encouraging him to establish a fixed holiday of thanks giving to be observed by all the states. He promptly responded. In a declaration written by Secretary of State William H. Seward on Oct. 3, 1863, President Lincoln set apart the last Thursday of November as a “day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.” The nation was in turmoil. We were two years in to the Civil War, and as providence would have it, we were almost two years away from General Lee’s surrender. Yet in his declaration, President Lincoln shows us how to give thanks when trouble is all around.

Our trouble does not tell the whole story. President Lincoln acknowledged “the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies.” He understood that despite war raging in the land, God was in the heavens ruling over His creation and providing for the needs of the nation. While the north and south were at odds, the President gave thanks for the rule of law that stood firm and for the peace the United States enjoyed with the nations of the world. Many things were wrong, but not...
With the holiday season upon us, we should take advantage of and use any and all extra crime prevention, safety and security measures available to prevent becoming the victim of a crime. One such measure is to be on the lookout for drunk drivers. The number of drunk or drinking drivers increases around the holiday season.

If one intends on drinking, they should plan and get a ride to and from an event; if for some reason you end up drinking and didn’t plan on doing so, simply stay where you are and call either a friend, family member or a taxi cab to carry you home. Taking these measures will save you money, accidents, injuries, jail time and even your life.

Another measure to take is to use common sense. During the holiday season, thieves and burglars scope out local subdivisions and parking lots looking for Christmas gifts stored in automobiles or left on front porches. When shopping or storing gifts in your vehicle, always either cover the gifts or store them out of sight or in the trunk of your vehicle. Never leave gifts in your vehicle overnight, unless locked away and out of sight. Preferably never leave valuable or weapons in your vehicle when locked, and never when the vehicle is unlocked. Preferably never leave anything of value and especially weapons when the vehicle is unattended.

Another thing to consider is the day after Christmas. Drive through any subdivision or community the day after Christmas and you’ll notice lots of empty boxes at the curb of people’s yards and driveways. These boxes usually have things like 70-inch HD television, hi-fi stereo and sound system or any other expensive brand name you can think of on the box. This is a bad practice that should be avoided if possible. This practice

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Newly released data from the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD) shows 38 counties experienced a drop in unemployment during October, while rates remained the same in 24 counties, and increased in 33 counties.

Williamson County’s statistic of 2.3% mirrored its previous month’s rate. Davidson and Cheatham counties also had a rate of 2.3% in October, both down by 0.1 of a percentage point from September’s number. Wilson County ranked seventh in unemployment, coming in at 2.5%.

During most of October, employees at the General Motors manufacturing facility in Spring Hill, along with workers at several dozen automotive suppliers in surrounding counties, were not working.

In Maury County, unemployment more than doubled, causing the county to have the second-highest rate in the state. It spiked 3.4 percentage points, going from 2.6% in September to 6% in October.

Other counties in Southern Middle Tennessee also experienced a jump in unemployment. Perry County had the state’s highest unemployment rate in October at 8%. That represents a 4.5 percentage point increase from the prior month’s rate of 3.5%.

Decatur, Lewis and Marshall counties experienced similar spikes in unemployment during October.

“Many different factors impact a county’s employment situation,” said TDLWD Commissioner Jeff McCord. “The vast majority of Tennessee’s counties had continued low unemployment in October. The ebb and flow of the statistics in several areas will likely return to more typical numbers in the coming months.”

Statewide, unemployment held steady in October. Tennessee’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 3.4% matches the previous month’s rate.

Nationally, unemployment experienced a slight uptick. October’s rate of 3.6% is 0.1 of a percentage point higher than September’s rate of 3.5%.

Tennesseans looking for new employment opportunities can find more than 205,000 current job openings from across the state on Tennessee’s workforce development website, www.Jobs4TN.gov. They can also access job search assistance, resume writing tips and job interview advice at more than 80 American Jobs Centers across the state.
TDOT receives $16 million federal transit grant

Staff Reports

The Tennessee Department of Transportation has been awarded a $16.2 million grant for buses and bus facilities by the U.S. Department of Transportation. TDOT applied for the grant on behalf of 10 transit agencies in coordination with the Tennessee Public Transportation Association. The grant will assist these agencies with the replacement of vehicles that have exceeded their useful life.

“These transit agencies provide services in 91 of Tennessee’s 95 counties, and they play a vital role in providing transportation to jobs, schools, and medical appointments,” TDOT Commissioner Clay Bright. “I’m proud TDOT could partner with these entities to successfully compete for these funds.”

The grant funds will pay for 25 buses and 279 demand response vehicles. TDOT will provide 25 percent of the total project cost through revenues generated by the IMPROVE Act. The participating transit agencies will provide 10 percent of the cost, with federal dollars funding 65 percent. Tennessee received one of the top eight highest-funded awards out of 94 recipients.

Across all transit agencies in Tennessee, 54 percent of vehicles are currently past their useful life. This grant will reduce the number to 31 percent. Having new vehicles will allow these organizations to focus more on preventative maintenance activities rather than short term repairs on aging buses. The new vehicles will be subject to asset management plans that outline recommended maintenance and procedures for operation and inspection.

In 2018, Tennessee’s public transit agencies provided over 30 million trips and traveled nearly 54 million miles. More than 82,000 people use transit services daily. For more information on transit services provided across Tennessee, please visit www.tn.gov/.
Melody Jennings

If you ever walked the halls of Mt. Juliet High School, whether as a student, teacher, parent or visitor, you will no doubt remember the name Elzie D. Patton. Mr. Patton was at the school between the years of the early '50s, until 1983, when he was forced to leave due to illness. Elzie Patton served in several capacities, among them, as a teacher, assistant football coach, girls basketball coach and principal.

Many students will remember Mr. Patton as a strict disciplinarian. One graduate, Mike Nash, Class of 1967, shared a personal story with me concerning Mr. Patton. For some reason or another, Mike was told that he needed to write 500 sentences for Mr. Patton. Mike told him that he would rather “take the paddle” instead. Mr. Patton told him if he wanted to act like a child, he would treat him like one. Mr. Patton then told Mike that he must turn in 2,500 sentences to him, or he would not be allowed to play in the football game on Friday night. The next day, Mike’s friends were all writing sentences for him. The sentences were all written in red, blue and black ink, and in pencil, and of course none of the handwriting matched. Mike turned it in to Mr. Patton, who just laughed. Another story about Mr. Patton from Mike was when Mr. Patton kicked him out of school for three days for fighting. Mike returned to school the next 30 months as a member of the 276th Army Engineers Combat Bn. Several months of this time was spent as overseas tour of duty in England, France, Belgium and Germany. Our Bn. was involved in the Battle of the Bulge and my company was on the Remagen bridge when it fell, where I lost several good friends.

I met my wife (Mary McMillen) when I was a junior at Watertown High School. We dated four years and were married in September 1945, while I was still in service. We are on our 47th year of married bliss.

After my discharge from service, I attended Cumberland University for about three years and transferred to MTSU, where I received my B.S. degree in education in 1950.

I taught in Warren County schools my first year, teaching Commercial subjects and coaching boys basketball.

I came to Mt. Juliet in September 1951, teaching typig, bookkeeping, 8th grade math and PE, and I was assistant football coach, all my first year.

I enrolled in Peabody College in the summer of '51 and received my M.A. degree in school administration in 1953.

I continued serving as asst. football coach until 1964, coached girls basketball from 1955-64, served as asst. Principal from 1954-63. I enrolled again in MTSU in 1964 to take some additional work in administration and supervision and was elected Principal in 1964. I served in this position until my retirement in 1983. The last year of my duty I served on leave after becoming ill in the spring of 1982.

Our marriage produced one daughter, Linda, in 1960. She graduated from Mt. Juliet High School in 1978. She received her B.S. degree from MTSU in Marketing in June 1982, after which she worked for AT&T for several years. After she graduated from college in June 1982, she married Gary Pomeroy who she had met while in school at MTSU. They gave us two lovely grandchildren, Rachel and Wesley. They reside in Mt. Juliet and own their own business.

There were many pleasures and accomplishments achieved while I was Principal at MJHS, to mention a few. We had many wonderful years of good girls basketball teams, including state champions. We advanced through at class A, AA, and AAA classifications in athletics, earning championships in every category. We put on the field our first Marching Band, which has been and still is an award-winning band.

Mt. Juliet High school was accepted in the Southern Association Secondary Schools and Colleges after many months of study and work on behalf of the community, student body, faculty and staff. We achieved other entry winners in state competition with the girls track and girls softball teams.

The Vocational Department had many state level entries. For many years, we were ranked state wide on football and girls basketball.

One of the things that made my job more pleasurable and the accomplishments possible was the many good teachers I had the pleasure of working with.

Mary Patton, Gary and Linda Pomeroy and Rachel and Wesley Pomeroy.

Mr. Patton was always an avid supporter of all sports. He was instrumental in creating the school’s first marching band and the construction of the football stadium, later named after him in the fall of 1996.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the faculty and staff of Mt. Juliet High School and the wonderful people of the community for the outpouring of your love and support that you gave to him during the 31 years he spent at Mt. Juliet High School. Our lives have been touched by the compassion you have shown us since his death, January 9, 1998.

This story and more available in the book Homecoming: The Stories of Mount Juliet, Tennessee. Stories compiled by Rufus Page
TDOT halts lane closures on state highways during Thanksgiving holiday

**Staff Reports**

Thanksgiving travelers will not be delayed by construction on Tennessee roads during this busy travel holiday. TDOT will halt all lane closure activity on interstates and state highways in anticipation of higher traffic volumes across the state. All construction-related lane closures will be stopped beginning at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2019, through 6 a.m. Monday, Dec. 2, 2019.

“1.2 million motorists are expected to drive to their holiday destinations this year in Tennessee,” said TDOT Commissioner Clay Bright. “This is the most traveled holiday of the year. Halting road work during this busy time will provide maximum capacity on our highways and help alleviate congestion, especially during the predicted peak travel days of Wednesday and Sunday. TDOT’s regional HELP Trucks will also be working throughout the holiday weekend to assist with incidents that may occur along the interstates.”

While all lane closure activity will be stopped, workers may be on site in some construction zones. Long-term lane closures will also remain in place on some construction projects for motorists’ safety. Motorists are reminded to drive safely and obey the posted speeds, especially in work zones. Drivers convicted of speeding in work zones where workers are present face a fine of up to $500, plus court fees and possible increased insurance premiums.

The Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security and TDOT are partnering with law enforcement across the state for the I-40 Challenge, with the goal of having zero fatalities on the 455 miles of I-40 in Tennessee. Wednesday, Nov. 27 through Sunday, Dec. 1, the Tennessee Highway Patrol will have troopers stationed every 20 miles on I-40, along with increased law enforcement on all highways.

AAA predicts more than 55 million Americans will travel 50 miles or more during the Thanksgiving holiday. Tennesseans make up 1.3 million of those travelers, with an estimated 1.2 million expected to travel by automobile.

From your desktop or mobile device, get the latest construction activity and live streaming SmartWay traffic cameras at www.TNSmartWay.com/traffic. Travelers can also dial 511 from any landline or cellular phone for travel information.

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**BINKLEY, Syble Jewel**

Syble Binkley passed away Nov. 23, 2019, at age 80. A Memorial Service was held Nov. 26 at First Baptist Church in Lebanon.

Mrs. Binkley is survived by her loving husband of 48 years Richard Binkley; children Jimmie Haynes, Dimple (Bobby) Crook, Katherine Mosley, Roger (Debbie) Haynes, Carol (Kay) Worthington, Garry Haynes; brother Aaron (Debbie) Rittenberry; and sister Rosie Durham; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by parents Alice Jewel Whitehead and William Joe Rittenberry, sisters Ruth Dickens and Joann Franke, brother Gerald Rittenberry, and granddaughter Tiffany Markham.

Sellers Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.

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**CLARK, Elizabeth Ann Travis**

Elizabeth Ann Travis “Betty” Clark, age 76 of Gladville, died Nov. 21, 2019. Mrs. Clark was preceded in death by her father George Hamilton Travis; mother Rita Talbert; step-father Edward Talbert; son James Douglas Clark; son-in-law Perry Langford; and sisters Carol, Kathy and Barbara.

She is survived by: Husband of 56 years – Douglas Clark; Children – Teresa Clark, Michelle Langford, and David (Jennifer) Clark; Grandchildren – David “PJ” Clark, Cody Clark, Hunter Clark, Tanner Langford, Alexandria (Shawn) Perrigo; Great-grandchildren – Jackson Perrigo, Karter Perrigo and Cash Perrigo; Brother – John (Joyce) Holland; and caregiver – Lisa Clark.

Funeral services were held Nov. 25 at Devonney–Bennett Funeral Home in Geneva, New York, and interment followed at Nettle Valley Cemetery in Potter, New York. Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the Alzheimer’s Association.

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

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**HECKMANN, Lora Lynn Bishop**

Lora Lynn Bishop Heckmann, age 51 of Mt. Juliet, died Nov. 16, 2019. She is survived by: Husband of 24 years – Albert A. “Trey” Heckmann, III; Daughters – Grace Anne and Sarah Elizabeth Heckmann; Parents – Fred and Anne (Brockmeyer) Bishop; Sister – Karin (Jorge) Gonzalez; Niece – Lucy Gonzalez.

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**OBITUARIES**

A Celebration of Life was held Nov. 23 at Providence United Methodist Church. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Susan G. Komen, 5005 LBJ Freeway, Suite 526, Dallas, TX 75244 or online at www.komen.org.

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**TWEET, Michael Eugene**

Michael Tweet passed away Nov. 13, 2019, at age 76. A Memorial Service was held Nov. 23 at Cedar Creek Baptist Church in Lebanon.

Mr. Tweet is survived by his wife of 54 years, Sue Ann Tweet, daughters Tammy McKinney and Michelle Tweet (Richard) Klein, six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and sisters Leslyn (Russel) Skilling and Christine (Allen) Hunt. He is preceded in death by daughter Sandra Tweet, son-in-law Dave McKinney Jr., parents Lester and Gertrude Ames Tweet, sister Leota Boucie, and brothers Richard Tweet, Allan Tweet, and Roger Tweet.

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are proposed single-family. Approximately 75.5 acres will also be reserved for open space, including preservation of wildflower wetlands.

Goodall Homes also proposes primary access to the development will be through two new connections, one at Vanner Road in Jackson Hills and the other at Beckwith Road.

The project also came before the planning commission in a meeting Thursday night, drawing a large number of residents from the Jackson Hills and Woodland Place neighborhoods as well as those who live along Beckwith Road.

The major worry for most in attendance was safety and concerns about increased traffic. Residents of Woodland Place said they have already seen an increase of traffic since the new Mt. Juliet High School was built, as well as all the new neighborhoods surrounding it. Woodland Place doesn’t currently have sidewalks throughout, so they said it is impossible to safely walk their own neighborhood.

Many attendees at the city commission meeting echoed the sentiments from the previous meeting, reinforcing their need for a sidewalk in Woodland Place.

Residents of Jackson Hills were also concerned about the increased traffic due to Bradshaw Farms’ connection to Vanner Road. Beckwith Road residents said they anticipate traffic accidents stemming from the project due to the dangerous, narrow road. Some residents also expressed the need for a traffic study and signal warrants for a possible traffic light at the Beckwith and Lebanon Road intersection.

Three amendments to the plan were passed. The first was to capture city staff comments about the project that were addressed during the planning commission meeting. The second was to have the $0.50 per square foot for each unit in the development be used for a turn lane onto Golden Bear Gateway from Lebanon Road.

The final amendment stated that the $2,500 per lot voluntary contribution from the developer would be assessed and used for construction of a sidewalk in Woodland Place. It also stated that the use for any remaining funds after the sidewalks are completed would be determined at later date.

The commission unanimously voted to pass the first reading of the project as amended during the meeting. The second reading of the Bradshaw Farms development will be on Jan. 13, 2020.

simply advertises to any thief or burglar that you just received more valuables for him or her to steal. If you have boxes the day after Christmas, simply break down the boxes and place them in trash bags. This may seem like quite a bit of work, but it is well worth the effort.

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By Becky Andrews
Wilson Living Magazine

I just dropped you off at school. The ride was mostly silent. We’re doing that thing again. That familiar mother-son dance. You know the dance. The one where we don’t understand each other. The one where I try to solve the mystery that is the mood of my almost 16-year-old little boy. The one where sighs and rolling eyes are the currency given in exchange for each question or comment from mom or dad. (“Note to self: Stop referring to Jackson as ‘little boy’.”)

This silence is rare. You in a bad mood is rare. The more I prod and try to start a conversation, the shorter and curter the responses. When the silence gets to be too much, my mind starts racing and, on the inside, I’m screaming, “Shut up, Becky. He’s not listening. He’s fine. Don’t ask him about the girl he mentioned a few weeks ago or say anything about that unruly cowlick that sticks up when he showers at night. That only makes things…” I don’t listen. I ask the question that should not be asked.

I get an exasperated answer and again the car fills with a very loud silence. You don’t even care that we are listening to NPR. You’re making your point clear, dear child.

I’m close to you AND Jacob (Some might say obsessed. It’s the healthy kind though.) But you give me more to work with. In fairness, you get the much more user-friendly version of me. Mom 2.0, if you will.

Jacob is more like me, so we tended to butt heads. We shared rides to school like this one. Not EXACTLy like this one. Just similar. Similar in the context that there were times we argued the entire way to school because I said “no” to something he wanted to do. He would get out and before slamming the door, would say “Bye. Psycho!”

Even when you and I share those tense rides to school, you still open the door, lean in for a kiss and say “I love you” before shutting the door. It takes everything in me not to put on my emergency flashers, jump out of the car and beg you to tell me why you’re ignoring me?! It’s not like I’m asking if you need to nurse.

Your brother gave your dad and I a reference point for some things. We now know from experience that just because something worked with Jacob, it won’t necessarily work with you. Like sleep training. It took three good weeks to sleep train Jacob. He was the model for how well BabyWise works. You, however, were not buying into any of that crap and let us know by screaming. The kind of scream that made the trees wish they had arms with which to cover their ears. To you, the only wise response that just because something worked with Jacob, it won’t necessarily work with you.

That’s the way it’s supposed to be. I won’t always like it, but that’s life. In the meantime, I’ll make the same deal with you as I did with your big brother. I promise to always listen and do my best to understand what you’re going through, if you try to do the same for me.

 Comments? Email becky@wilsonlivingmagazine.com

**PET OF THE WEEK**

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everything was wrong.

It is natural for our suffering to blind us to everything else in our lives, but we can give thanks because our pain is only part of the story. Almighty God shows amazing grace that we may see Him and trust Him.

No trouble walks into our lives without first walking through the righteous court of God, and no blessings fall to us that do not come from the gracious hand of God. While trouble may wound us, God’s purpose is not to destroy us, but to deliver us.

Our trouble does not need to destroy us.

As brothers were fighting each other, citizens continued to plow fields, expand territory, ship merchandise abroad, and increase economic strength. About this “strength and vigor,” President Lincoln said, “No human counsel or counsel can be used as a reason for humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience … and fervently implore the intervention of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.”

Our current trouble does not determine our future.

Instead our response to the One who holds our future determines our future. President Lincoln trusted the “Almighty Hand” to heal wounds and to restore peace for those who returned to God.

The apostle Paul wrote, “Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort.” 2 Corinthians 1:3

St. Paul went on to describe hardships that he experienced that were just too much for him to bear because sometimes making peace with our trouble is not within our power. But giving thanks always is. So we stop to give thanks on the last Thursday of November and we join President Lincoln in remembering God’s grace and returning to God as we trust Him for His mercy.

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