NJHS vandalized

Sheriffs are looking for suspects who painted graffiti and broke a window at MJHS on Thanksgiving.

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

Wilson County sheriffs are looking for suspects after Mt. Juliet High School was vandalized Thanksgiving night.

Surveillance cameras caught multiple suspects entering Mt. Juliet High where they spray painted graffiti on the walls and broke a window. If you have any information that could lead officers to the suspects, please contact the WCSO at (615) 444-1412 or call Crime Stoppers at (615) 444-5245. Callers can remain anonymous.

Investigation into fire at MJ Health Care

Staff Reports

The Fire Department of Mt. Juliet quickly extinguished a fire at Mt. Juliet Health Care, located at 2650 N. Mt. Juliet Rd.

Around 9 p.m. Friday, units responded to a report of heavy smoke in the structure, which is an assisted living facility. Evacuation took place, and firefighters located a room and its contents on fire.

The fire was quickly extinguished, and all residents were accounted for. No injuries were reported.

The facility’s sprinkler system activated, which aided in containing the flames.

Resources and multiple ambulances from Wilson County Emergency Management Agency responded as a precaution, and they assisted with the incident.

As of Friday night, residents were not displaced, and arrangements were made for housing. An investigation will take place to determine exactly what led up to the incident.

Pursuit leads to stolen gun

Staff Reports

Four juveniles are in custody after they ran from officers in a stolen car, stolen out of Nashville.

On Monday night, an MJPD officer spotted a car commit a traffic violation near a gun store on Mt. Juliet Road. When the officer attempted to stop the car, confirmed stolen from Nashville, it fled.

Officers pursued the car into Nashville, which ended on Briley Parkway near Gallatin Pike. Metropolitan Nashville Police Department deployed spike strips, disabling the car.

After stopping, four occupants ran from officers, and officers continued to give chase. All occupants, juvenile males, were caught.

A firearm, found in the car, was reported stolen from a Rutherford County gun store burglary.

Detectives responded to the scene to process evidence and investigation is on-going.

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

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**Free Clothes Store**
The Free Clothing Store will be open this Friday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m. until noon. Clothes for men, women and children. Located at Life Church, 3688 Hwy 109 in Lebanon, across from the Dollar General Store. It is open to everyone. LifeChurchFamily.com

**DEC 2**

**WCRTA**
The December meeting for Wilson County Retired Teacher Association will be 10 a.m. Dec. 2 at First Church of the Nazarene in Lebanon. This month’s service project is the annual donation drive for the WCRTA scholarship fund. Reservations required. If you have questions, please call (615) 758-6522.

**DEC 10**

**Grief Share**
Grief Share will be held at The Grace Place every Sunday from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Located at 4316 Central Pike in Hermitage. Grief Share is a 13-week seminar/support group. You can join any time. www.griefshare.org

**DEC 11**

**BOC meeting**
The Board of Commissioners will hold its regular meeting in City Hall Commission Chambers. Public Hearing is at 6:15 p.m. and the meeting starts at 6:30.

**DEC 12**

**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. This is a great class for all ages and all fitness levels. For more information you can email info@LifeChurchFamily.com

**DEC 9**

**Christmas Parade**
The Mt. Juliet Christmas Parade will begin 11 a.m. Dec. 9, with Mt. Juliet Road closing at 10:45 a.m. The theme for 2017 is Christmas in a galaxy far, far away. Parade entry applications are available online at www.mtjuliet-tn.gov/426/Christmas-Parade. For more information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at (615) 758-6522.

**DEC 25-26**

**Closed Office**
City Offices will be closed during the Christmas Holiday.

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**Batman raises money for abuse victims**

**Staff Reports**

Keith Edmonds from Mt. Juliet suffered the unthinkable. He was only 14-months old when his abuser held his face down to an electric heater scarring him forever. This traumatic event would soon become a contributing factor to Edmonds’ world spinning out of control, but eventually through strength and determination, he would transform an unimaginable life of pain and scars into a life of purpose.

Today, Edmonds is the founder of the Keith Edmonds Foundation which is dedicated to empowering child abuse victims and helping them find the confidence to become survivors.

On Tuesday, November 28 Edmonds, dressed as Batman, was on the roof of Active Life Chiropractic in Mt. Juliet beginning at 5 a.m. to kick-off the Keith Edmonds Foundation’s Love Equals Time Giving Tuesday campaign.

“How big or go home, right?” said Edmonds. “If you know me, you know I hate the cold, so let’s make it a short stay and help us reach our goal of $3,000 for the children we serve through our foundation.”

On Tuesday, the Foundation had already raised more than $2,000 within the first four hours.

Last week in a People.com story, Edmonds talked about launching his non-profit foundation in 2016 and how he’s been empowering young abuse victims for the past five years. He believes in the power of mentorship and staying constant in the lives of young people who have experienced their own versions of abuse.

Please consider giving this year for GivingTuesday to the Keith Edmonds Foundation’s #LoveEqualsTime — this will be their campaign hashtag along with #givingtuesday.

“We are dedicated to empowering child abuse victims to transition from victim to survivor to Thriver, and with your help together we can make a difference,” said Edmonds.

If you could not come out on Tuesday, the Foundation always accepts donations online. Donations go toward providing snacks, backpacks and school supplies for children as well as sponsoring a monthly Confident Community gathering or outing.
Local author inspired by Sherry’s Run

Staff Reports

December is the time for gift giving, sharing meals with family, and celebrating life. For Al Ashworth of Lebanon, December of 2016 brought a diagnosis that would change his life forever. Now, one year later he has much to celebrate, but it has been a challenging twelve months.

Ashworth had been experiencing persistent, but routine symptoms like coughing and fatigue for some time. For a while he passed them off as the effects of aging or stress, so when he received the diagnosis of Chronic Lymphoblastic Leukemia or CLL, he was shocked and began thinking about his family and business. “When you hear something like that, you immediately start asking, ‘What are my chances?’” said Ashworth.

The prognosis was not good and the best his doctor would say is, “Let’s just try to hold this thing off.” Chemotherapy treatments were ordered once a month, but Ashworth was surprised at how good he felt. “I was never really down from the treatment. I felt so blessed. I was never really sick and almost a little guilty. ‘Should I be more sick than this?’ I thought.”

Though Al felt well enough to work throughout most of his illness, the medical bills began piling up and as a small business owner, the cost of health insurance was overwhelming. This is where Sherry’s Run, a local grassroots non-profit, was able to assist cancer patients 52 weeks a year with gas, groceries, utility bills, housing payments, prescription assistance, health insurance premiums, medical bills and colonoscopy assistance.

For Al, his story is a beautiful picture of the way Sherry’s Run blesses this community. Over and over again, we get to see our patients and their families get behind this ministry and find ways to bless others. What an awesome thing to be a part of,” said Alisa Eakes, patient assistance coordinator for Sherry’s Run.

As you make plans for the end of the year giving, the organization urges you to consider partnering with Sherry’s Run to provide hope to neighbors, like Al, who are battling cancer. To make an end of the year gift, visit www.sherryrun.org or mail your check to P.O. Box 8, Lebanon, TN 37088.

“Al’s story is a beautiful picture of what Sherry’s Run can do,” said Ashworth. And he is certainly doing it. In September, Al volunteered as a photographer for the 14th Annual Sherry’s Run 5K. In December, he will again volunteer his services at a special Breakfast with Santa event hosted by Sherry’s Run for patient families with young children.

Al’s gifts do not stop there. He is also in the process of publishing his seventh book, “No Snow Days,” from which he will donate a portion of proceeds to Sherry’s Run. “My objective is to use the talents God has given me and pay it forward. I don’t know where I would be without Sherry’s Run. I am so grateful to Sherry’s Run for helping me and my family.”

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CAST is an educational youth art program, and for those wishing to receive a character role, the experience begins with the audition. Sign-ups are now live at www.castenn.com with roles available for ages 4 to 18 years old. Attendees are also invited to attend the Audition Prep Workshop the week before.

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For those wishing to work as the tech crew, registration is also open for Oz Behind the Scenes for students third grade and up.

Don’t miss this chance to travel down the yellow brick road and create a memorable and educational theatrical experience in “The Wizard of Oz.”

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Springdale receives TSBA award

Staff Reports

During its annual convention, the Tennessee School Board Association (TSBA) recognized architectural firms for their excellence in design by presenting the TSBA School of the Year Awards. Awards were granted in four categories including new school construction of elementary and high school, and the People’s Choice award, which was selected by TSBA membership. Nominees who wished to be considered for the award were asked to submit details on the following criteria: cost efficiency, aesthetics, energy and environmentally conscious design, flexibility-expandability and size and development of site.

This year’s winners of the School of the Year Awards were:
- New Construction of Middle School: Lakeland Board of Education in recognition of Lakeland Middle Preparatory School, by Renaissance Group & A2H.
- New Construction of High School and People’s Choice Award: Loudon County Board of Education in recognition of Loudon County High School, by Cope Architecture.

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Rally for Allie offers help, hope

Staff Reports

Rally for Allie, “A Celebration of Life and Opportunity,” will be held Thursday evening in Lebanon. The event, named after a local student who recently passed away of suicide, is meant to help others who may be fighting depression or are having difficulties in life.

Come join in celebrating the life of Allie Johnson and learn about opportunities for those who may be struggling.

Rally for Allie will be held 6:30 p.m. Nov. 30 at the Wilson County Expo Center. The event includes a T-shirt fundraiser, guest speakers, therapy animals and activities. Everyone is welcome to attend the free event.

Every child and young adult needs to know there is a solution to every problem — sometimes we just need help seeing it.

The event will have people from all walks of life who can help show the way and provide information.

Parents can come learn ways to help their children be more engaged, informed and in tune with living a happy life.

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Leaving behind a legacy

Richerson passes torch with fond memories, confidence in successors

When Wilson Bank & Trust President Elmer Richerson bids farewell to his day-to-day duties with the bank in late December, he’ll go with a thankful heart, even if it’s a little heavier.

The post itself and all its responsibilities will be easy to leave, he says. Exiting a career in banking that spanned 47 years and amassed countless accomplishments won’t be a problem. Concerns about the future of a bank he helped build from the ground up, and into which he poured his heart and soul? He has none, thanks to several career changes he’s had a big hand in developing. Nor does he worry about what he’ll do with himself in retirement, with travel plans galore and faith that a new ministry is on the horizon.

But the many people he’s seen every day for years, who’ve become his second family? That’s what he’ll miss, and they’re the reason he knows he’ll shed some tears before leaving the Main Office on Dec. 29.

"Back in January, I started counting down the days I had left at the bank, just as a fun thing to bring up and joke about with our employees," said Richerson. "Now that the day is a lot closer, I’ve stopped checking that number every day. It takes on a whole new meaning when I think about how blessed I’ve been to spend time with so many great people, and I’m really going to miss being around them."

Certainly counted among those friends is CEO Randall Clemons, the person who recruited Richerson to WB&T back in 1989. At the time, Richerson worked for another Lebanon bank, and the two had become acquainted through church. It was at the Wilson County Fair that Clemons really took notice of a special work ethic; Richerson was there every night at the rival bank’s booth, and Clemons impressed enough by the idea to invite Richerson to move to WB&T. So began a career at Wilson Bank & Trust that has lasted nearly 29 years, and has been marked by many other strong relationships.

Richerson was hired as a lender at the assistant vice president level when the bank was still in its infancy. He was promoted to head of the mortgage department that same year, then continued to move through the ranks, growing along with the bank. In 1996, he became the bank’s first executive VP. A year later, Clemons took on the title of chairman and Richerson moved into the president’s role. As one of the two key figures atop the bank’s leadership structure in the years since, Richerson’s roles have long included oversight of all the bank’s day-to-day operations and human resources, among other things.

He’s also been the embodiment of commitment. Before the bank had established much stability or longevity, Richerson was presented with an opportunity to return to his roots in Waynesboro, with a job that offered a significant salary increase and a higher level of authority at a community bank there. But “back home,” in his mind, wasn’t necessarily where he belonged. He believed the relationships he’d established at WB&T made his friends and co-workers in Lebanon more like an extended family than he would find anywhere else.

“I could see the potential here, but the thought that we’d succeed as a bank wasn’t a certainty at that point. In the end, I just valued all the relationships, our team and this environment too much to leave what we had going,” he said. Prayer and pondering led him to stay.

The non-move was a big decision, as he had cut his teeth in banking in Waynesboro fresh out of high school, and had made many memories there. The local community bank in Waynesboro had a tradition of giving a job to the senior class president each year after graduation, and in 1970, that individual happened to be Elmer Richerson. He took the temporary job, and effectively ended the tradition – not because things didn’t work out, but because he found he liked the field enough to stay.

His main responsibilities at first were filing checks (which required learning individual customers’ signatures – checks weren’t numbered in those days) and cleaning the restrooms. He grew into other roles during his seven years there, including bookkeeping, ledger posting, service as a teller and eventually lending. Richerson later worked as in investigator for the FDIC before moving to Lebanon in 1988.

Of course, banking has seen a lot of change over the course of Richerson’s career, and he believes most of the technological and regulatory advances that are prevalent these days are for the better. But in terms of a legacy, it’s not the industry or even the bank’s success he hopes he’s impacted the most.

“I look at my time at the bank as a ministry, and if there’s any type of legacy I’m leaving, I hope it’s a
Finding your Always

sion recently, I spoke to a
man washing dishes who had
most likely come in from
the streets, entered
into their program, and
was now learning to make
his life one of usefulness
and productivity. When
I asked him how he was
doing, I received a large,
bright smile followed by
this statement, “I am just
over here by myself work-
ing and rejoicing in the
Lord.” I thought to my-
self that considering his
probable circumstances
and the fact that he had a
less than glamorous duty
this was a remarkable at-
titude. I told him that he
had found his “always”
and he looked a little puzz-
led until I told him, “The
Scripture says ‘Rejoice in
the Lord always’ and you
have found your ‘always.’”
The big smile then re-
turned and we both went
back to our respective
places of service.

The word “rejoice” is a
word that means “to be
full of cheer.” It is to joy
in life, even when life isn’t
all that kind to us. We are
charged to develop “a life-
style of joy that emanates
from an active choice
of our will regardless of
whether confronted with
joyful or adverse circum-
stances and/or people.”

From the preceptaustin.
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world defines, envi-
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evoked by well-being, suc-
cess, or good fortune or by
the prospect of possess-
ing what one desires. This
definition hardly describes
Christian joy which is not
a feeling but it is the deep-
down confidence that God
is in control of everything
for the believer’s good and
His own glory, and thus
all is well no matter the
circumstances.”

The command to rejoice
isn’t the challenging part
of this verse. The word
See F & M, PAGE 8
REFLECTIONS FROM AN OLD FRIEND

New Year’s Resolutions

Now that the New Year is nearly upon us, I thought now would be the best time to tell you to keep up the great work and stay the course with your 2018 resolutions.

Every New Year seems to bring many new resolutions and challenges. Keeping resolutions can be tough if not impossible. As we all know, most only last about eight weeks or so. Some resolutions include quitting the smoking of cigarettes and the consumption of alcohol or starting an exercise program and so on. When reviewing current resolutions and considering future resolutions, I thought I might offer a little suggestion that might help you increase your chances of succeeding with your resolutions.

Senior citizens can give you many good ideas for resolutions. As the old saying goes, our senior citizens have been there and done that and probably know better than anyone which resolutions work and which ones simply don’t work.

I once had the opportunity to sit down and chat with one of our wise local senior citizens. During that conversation I discovered some very vital and informative information concerning New Year’s resolutions that I will never forget.

As someone who had lived many years, this fine lady went on to tell me about the many resolutions she had either succeeded at or failed at over the many years of her life. She discussed the many failed attempts at exercise with a chuckle, stating she just didn’t understand all the fuss over working for nothing by exercising. She stated that she had worked way too hard in her lifetime to spend countless hours exercising. She then asked, “Do I look like a lady who needs exercise?” After a short pause, I replied, “Of course not!” She then laughed and stated, “When you’re as gorgeous as me, who needs exercise?” I then stated, “That’s right.”

This fine lady then stated that out of all the resolutions she had attempted in her life, the best resolutions to follow were to always put God first, family second and work third in your life. She further stated that this was a resolution many people make every year but for whatever reason end up putting work first and don’t leave much, if any, time for God and family.

After this very informative and enjoyable conversation, I found myself reflecting upon the experience and how it could possibly help not only me but others as well. Listening to this wise senior citizen made me realize that there are many good and bad New Year’s Resolutions, some obtainable and some not. I also found that succeeding and failing at a New Year’s resolution wasn’t always good or bad, but that resolutions were pretty much something most people discussed around the New Year.

I also discovered that resolutions can be implemented at anytime, not just New Years. So if you fail during the first couple of months of the New Year with your resolution(s) or simply can’t think of any in December, don’t worry, you have the whole year to come up with one. And if you can’t come up with one this year, there’s always next year. Happy New Year!

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Lecture to explore Bank War, Jackson legacy

University of Tennessee professor, author to give lecture for 250th birthday commemoration

Staff Reports

University of Tennessee–Knoxville history professor and author Daniel Feller will give a lecture on Andrew Jackson’s influence on the origins, events and enduring legacy of Jackson’s Bank War and its impact on the White House.

The lecture, titled “Andrew Jackson’s Bank War: A White House Crossroads,” will take place 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, at the John Seigenthaler Center in the first floor lecture hall of the John Seigenthaler Center in Knoxville.

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Historic Preservation Fund to accept grant applications

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The selection process will emphasize projects such as architectural and archaeological surveys, design guidelines for historic districts, and restoration of historic buildings that are listed in the National Register and have a public use.

Priorities for grants will be based on the preservation plan “A Future for the Past: A Comprehensive Plan for Historic Preservation in Tennessee.” It includes areas experiencing rapid growth and development, other threats to cultural resources, areas where there are gaps in knowledge regarding cultural resources, and communities that participate in the Certified Local Government program.

For proposed survey projects, the projects should identify and record historic districts, sites, buildings, structures and objects significant to Tennessee’s history and built more than 50 years ago. Surveys may be for a specific geographic area or for sites associated with themes or events significant in the state’s history, such as the development of railroads in the 19th century or post World War II residential development.

Preservation plans for towns, neighborhoods and historic districts and the preparation of nominations to the National Register of Historic Places are other areas for possible grant funding. In addition to the restoration of buildings, predevelopment work necessary to undertake rehabilitation is an acceptable grant. Restoration of historic buildings must follow the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. The grants are matching grants and will reimburse up to 60 percent of the costs of approved project work. The remaining 40 percent must be provided by the grantee as matching funds.

Applications are available at the new TDEC online grants system at https://www.tennessee.gov/environment/topic/grants-online-grants-system. The web has a user guide and tutorial. All applicants for Historic Preservation Fund grants must be completed by Jan. 31, 2018.
OBITUARIES

ALBRECHT, Doris E.

ALBRECHT, Doris E., age 90 of Mt. Juliet passed away November 23, 2017. Preceded in death by parents, Harry & Frances Albrecth. Survived by sister, Marion Prien; nieces and nephews, Vivian Villegas, Robert Mundorf, Dennis Mundorf and Cheryl Bauer; and numerous great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews.

Funeral service were held Tuesday, November 28 at 2:30 p.m. at Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet with Pastor Randy Stoeckler officiating. Visitation was Monday, November 27 from 3-7 p.m. and Tuesday, November 28 from 1:30 p.m. until time of service.


KEICHER, James Stephen Sr.

James Stephen Keicher Sr., 53, a beloved husband, father, son, brother, grandfather, teammate of the DaVita Village, and friend, passed peacefully November 26, 2017 at his home in Mt. Juliet, TN, with his wife, children and other family members at his side.

Jim Keicher was born August 31, 1964 in Catskill, NY, and graduated from Catskill High School in 1982. He pursued his high school sweet-heart, Beth (Titus) on July 28, 1984.

He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1983, as a medical administrative specialist before cross-training to become a medical systems programmer analyst. He was honorably discharged in 1991.

Shortly after leaving the Air Force, Jim began his career with DaVita, where he enjoyed a successful 25-year career.

His mission in life was always guided by his personal strength, leadership, morality, happiness, kind smile, compassion and unwavering dedication to helping countless people in both his personal and professional lives. He will be greatly missed, but his memory will live forever for his family and the teammates of the DaVita Village through these core values that he held dear every day of his life.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Beth; his daughter and son-in-law, Krystle and Cas Megibben; his son and daughter-in-law, James Jr. (JJ) and Alex Keicher; granddaughters Casandra and Ryleigh Megibben; mother, Elizabeth Keicher; brothers and sisters-in-law Michael and Peggy Keicher, and Kevin and Michelle Keicher; and sisters and brothers-in-law Kathy and Jack Moller, and Karen and Dave Montgomery; his father and mother-in-law Dave and Diana Titus, brothers-in-law Paul and Donna Capulli and Glenn and Janice Zautner, as well as many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edward Keicher, and his grandparents, Henry and Martha Keicher and James and Anna Ophalis.

Funeral services and Military Honors will be held on Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 4 p.m. from the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home in Mt. Juliet with Pastor David Goldner officiating. Visitation with the family will be on Tuesday, November 28 from 5-9 p.m. and on Wednesday, November 29th from 1 p.m. until service time.

In lieu of flowers, anyone interested in making a contribution in his memory is asked to consider the Bridge of Life, an organization for which Jim had great passion because of its efforts advocating for kidney disease awareness and treatment. Information can be found at: https://app.etapetry.com/onlineforms/BridgeofLife/JimKeicherMemorialFund.html


PARHAM, Frank R.

Parham, Frank R., age 79, of Mt. Juliet, TN, died November 25, 2017 surrounded by his family. Frank was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. His passion for all things mechanical made him a true car guy’s car guy. His generosity will be sorely missed as he was a great mentor and friend. Frank was the son of the late Russell L. and Frances Engelt Parham. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Russell L. Parham, Jr., and sister, Sr. Elizabeth Parham, DC.

He is survived by: Wife of 58 years – Margie Parham; Daughters – Vikki (Charlie) Adkins and DeDe (Kevin) Long; Sister – Ann Parham (Edward) Birbright; Grandchildren – Tanner Long, Keri Anne Long, Frank Adkins and Margaret Adkins.

Memorial services will be conducted 3 p.m. Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at Bond Memorial Chapel with Bro. Andy Connelly officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Daughter of Charity at Seton Residence, 9200 New Harmony Road, Evansville, IN 47220 or the charity of your choice.

Visitation will be one hour prior to service time Wednesday at Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. (615)773-2663. Obit Line (615)641-2663. www.bondmemorial.com.
MTSU honors graduating veterans

Staff Reports

Darrell Wright II served his country from 1992-2001, started a family, entered college as a freshman at MTSU in 2012 and helped fellow student veterans in the Daniels Veterans and Military Family Center.

En route to graduating Saturday, Dec. 16, with a bachelor’s degree in business (3.4 GPA and double major in finance and economics), Wright and nearly 20 fellow student veterans took a break between classes, work and their families to receive a special red stole they will wear at commencement.

In a Nov. 28 Graduating Veterans Stole Ceremony in the Miller Education Center’s atrium, the university recognized student veterans for not only their service, but also for finishing their dream of college graduation.

A native of Anderson, Indiana, Wright, 48, said he now “plans to get a job and go to graduate school in the fall.” His plan includes moving from Murfreesboro to Bloomington, Indiana, to attend the Kelly School of Business at Indiana University.

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Encore to hold open auditions for first show of 2018 season

Staff Reports

Encore Theatre will hold open auditions for the first show of the 2018 season — comedy “Jeeves in Bloom,” adapted by Margaret Rutherford — directed by Barbara Hartman. Auditions will be held on Dec. 3 and 4, 2017 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Performance dates Jan 19-21, 26-28, 2018.

Auditions, held at the theater located at 6978 Lebanon Rd. Mt Juliet (just west of Hwy 109), will consist of cold readings from the script. Resume and headshots are helpful and not required.

Roles available for two females and five males. The playing ages for these characters are flexible. The show takes place in Worcestershire, England. Therefore, English accents are necessary except for the role of Anatole, who is French, so a passable French accent is required.

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Tell Tales

By Angel Kane
Wilson Living Magazine

I live in a home populated with teenagers who strongly believe in fairness and justice for all. This means that nothing, absolutely nothing, gets done in our house that doesn’t involve discussion, negotiation, re-discussion, reward or retribution. Take for instance: dinner.

“Neill, pass me the fork,” says our middle child.

“Ok but first you have to hand me the ketchup.”

“No, I’m not handing you anything because yesterday Mama told us to put up the groceries, I put them all up and you did nothing. Now pass me the fork or I’m going to hurt you.”

“Try it and Mama will take your phone away.”

“No she won’t,” she says, as she begins eating her peas with a knife, while clutching the ketchup in a death grip.

The negotiations can continue for what seems like an eternity until at some point I pass the fork and Brody passes the ketchup. I’m sure that’s not the right parental response but some days we just want to eat our pork chops in peace.

And so it goes...be it putting up the laundry, feeding the dogs, cleaning the garage, nothing gets done until negotiations are complete. And while I appreciate hearty debate and even a bit of obvious posturing, at some point the fact that there are no clean towels in my closet is just more than I can take!

In an effort to partake in this social justice experiment I decided it was only fair to switch out the chore list. Laundry, the most dreaded of chores, has been the middle child’s to-do since her sister left for college two years ago. Nothing makes my little perfectionist crazier than things that are not meticulously folded and in their place. Yet, with five back in the household this summer, it is a never ending job!

So when our oldest got home a few weeks ago, I decided it was only fair to give this chore to her.

Our oldest is our laid back child. Life, to her, isn’t about perfectionism but instead about enjoying the moment.

Which basically boils down to the fact that for almost 2 weeks now nothing is done in our house that doesn’t involve discussion, negotiation, re-discussion, reward or retribution.

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Social Justice

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- Mt. Juliet Community Center
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  95 McCready Road, Lebanon, TN 37087
- Watertown Community Center
  8630 Spatha Pike, Watertown, TN 37184
- Mt. Juliet Community Center
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Registered voters who will be unable to go to their polling place on Election Day may vote by one of the following methods:

1. VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE
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Greenman honored as Concierge of the Year

Staff Reports

Jo-Lynn Greenman of Nashville has been named Concierge of the Year by Salons by JC during the company’s first national franchise conference held Oct. 23-24 in San Antonio, Texas.

Greenman, who is the market manager for Salons by JC locations in Mt. Juliet, Murfreesboro and Cool Springs, Tenn., oversees operations of all three franchises and is the concierge at the Mt. Juliet salon.

“Jo-Lynn was selected from among more than 80 concierges across the U.S. and Canada,” said Drew Johnston, vice president of operations for the San Antonio-based company. “Passion, job knowledge, and an unwavering commitment to service is the best way to describe what she brings to Salons by JC.”

Greenman said she was honored to be selected as Concierge of the Year, especially because it is the first time the award has been given.

“It was great to meet all of the franchise owners,” she said. “They asked me a lot of questions about the success I have had with leasing suites to tenants. As a concierge, we give tours to potential tenants. For many of them, they are first-time salon owners, so I am there to answer any questions or concerns, as well as get them excited about owning their salon.”

During the conference, some 60 franchisees learned about brand strategy and marketing for 2018, while the company also presented awards to the Franchisee of the Year and Concierge of the Year.

Salons by JC has 86 locations in 25 states and Canada. Jack Griffey and Cecil Miller founded Salons by JC in 1998 in Dallas, welcoming hair and beauty professionals who were ready to break free from the traditional salon model. The company has since moved its headquarters to San Antonio, where it continues to grow through franchising.

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Drying has been washed, folded or put away! Living life in the moment in no way, shape or form includes doing laundry. A fact I certainly do appreciate and the reason...I make my kids do the laundry.

But after almost two weeks of drying off with hand towels and listening to the never ending arguments concerning the state of the laundry, I informed our household that we were reverting back to the pre-summer chore list.

“Zoe, you are back on laundry duty.”

“That’s not fair!” she screamed out.

“Madi did a horrible job and now I have to do it for her!”

And while I admit my actions are completely unjust, it’s a fact, I’ve come to live with each and every morning as I reach into that linen closet and find a clean, folded towel. Fairness and justice for all...but more so in theory and definitely not this summer!

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

Every year, The Chronicle publishes a Christmas section, wishing our readers a happy holiday season and allowing our advertisers to reach out to the community.

If you would like to participate in this tradition, please contact Phyllis at 615-754-6111 or email at phyllis@tcomj.com
Granville Country Christmas to feature 1940s theme

The 19th Granville Country Christmas on Dec. 9, entitled “I’ll Be Home For Christmas,” will be a grand Christmas Celebration of yesteryear. The annual festival will feature something for all ages beginning at 10 a.m.

It will be a great day for children as the town features children’s inflatable rides and Christmas Train, Santa’s Loft which children can shop for their parents for a very small cost, visit with Santa from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., ABC Christmas Story read to children by Mrs. Santa, Christmas Parade at 2 p.m., and Grind with the Wind organ grinder.

Country Christmas will feature a full day of Christmas Musicals at the Granville United Methodist Church starting at 10 a.m. with "Happy Strings Christmas Musical," 11 a.m. "A 1940s Christmas to Remember Musical" by Granville United Methodist Church Choir and Carolyn Cathey, 12:00 Jackson County Advanced Choir Christmas Concert and 1 p.m. Christmas Bluegrass Concert performed by the Bilbrey's.

The Sutton Homestead 1880 Homes will be doing their tours of “I’ll Be Home for Christmas” with each room of the house decorated in a 1940s Christmas Theme and telling a story of the 1940s you don’t want to miss.

The Pioneer Village will feature a 1940s Antique Toy Show & Automobiles, Operating Loom and Basket Weaver selling their handmade items, Blacksmith Shop operating and selling handmade items, Christmas at the 1820s Cabin with primitive cooking over the open fireplace with free samples of holiday food and tours of the village.

The Granville Museum will feature the Festival of Trees with around 20 beautiful trees displayed as well as Memories of the 1940s. There will be a book signing and talk by Bob Clement, former U.S. Congressman, on his new book “Presidents, Kings & Convicts” at 10 a.m.

Granville will feature great Christmas shopping at Sutton General Store, Quilter’s Attic, Granville Arts & Culture Center, Granville Gifts, Granville Antique & Gifts Shop with great Christmas lunch served at Sutton General Store.

Don’t miss Granville Country Christmas. Granville is open Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with the Festival of Trees, Sutton Homestead and Pioneer Village featuring Festival of Trees, “I’ll Be Home for Christmas” and Antique Show each day as well as shopping and Christmas lunch.

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