Tax increase approved

Commission passes resolution to increase city’s property tax in 3-2 vote

A resolution to budget an increase in city property tax was narrowly approved at the Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners meeting Monday night. The resolution was previously scheduled to be voted on at the January meeting but was deferred until the Feb. 11 meeting. The tax would increase from 16 cents to 59 cents.

Truck stolen from dealership

The Wilson County Sheriff’s Office Criminal Investigations Division (CID) is seeking the public’s assistance in identifying a suspect responsible for theft of a truck and a trailer from local businesses.

On Feb. 4, 2019, around 6:15 a.m., a 1979 Red Chevrolet C30 was stolen from Burgett Auto Sales in Lebanon. The vehicle has a black flatbed and is a single cab in “like new restored condition.” The doors on the truck say "STOLEN," PAGE 7.

Community Calendar

Mt. Juliet bridge closed for repairs

The City of Mt. Juliet issued an alert Tuesday morning about a bridge repair scheduled for Wednesday morning that will close part of a road.

Starting at 8 a.m., Old Lebanon Dirt Road from Chandler Road to Page Drive will be closed in order to repair a bridge. Flooding from last week’s rain temporarily closed the area for a couple days.

The flooding also shut down many roads around the county, and Wilson County Schools ended up closing Thursday.

As of press time, the City has not announced how long the area will be closed or when it will reopen.

Teachers of the Year

Over the next few months, The Chronicle of Mt. Juliet will be running profiles on each teacher in Mt. Juliet nominated for Wilson County’s Teacher of the Year. This week’s feature is Laurie Guethlein.

Laurie Guethlein is a second grade teacher at Gladeville Elementary School. She is currently in her eighth year at the school, having held an interim position her first year then teaching first grade for a year before staying with second grade.

Guethlein grew up in Old Hickory before moving to Mt. Juliet where she graduated from Mt. Juliet High School.

Guethlein has not always taught in the education system, but she has years of experience.
Granville to host spring fashion show

Staff Reports

Historic Granville will bring the spring season in with Stepping Out in Style Spring Fashion Show and Lunch on Saturday, March 9. The event will begin at 11 a.m. at the new Granville Event Center.

The event will begin with lunch served by volunteers of Granville and will include quiche lorraine and quiche florentine, veggie pasta salad, strawberry orange pretzel salad, cranberry muffin with a choice of flavored butter, fruit or plain tea and choice of dessert assortment.

A spring fashion show will be conducted by Granville Gift Shop with models wearing the latest in Spring Fashion. The event will conclude with a performance of the Golden Girls. Following the play, ladies will be able to shop in Historic Granville Shops and Stores until 5 p.m. Included in ticket price

Wilson Co. Teacher of the Year celebrates 21st anniversary

Staff Reports

Wilson County Motors and CedarStone Bank recently announced the 21st Annual Wilson County Teacher of the Year program. Since 1998, these two companies have partnered to celebrate teachers and teaching.

The program began its development in 1996 when W.P. Bone and Bob McDonald came up with the idea as a way to recognize one of the community’s most important and treasured assets — its teachers.

Bone and McDonald organized a focus group of business, government, civic and education, to assist in the process and criteria. After two years of planning and preparation, the program commenced and has been running for 21 consecutive years.

Each year, a teacher in each school in the county, public and private, is selected from his/her peers as its teacher of the year. Those teachers complete a packet that details their experience, teaching philosophy and community involvement. Those packets are then delivered to Cumberland University where a panel of education faculty chooses one of the teachers as the Wilson County Teacher of the Year. A banquet is then held where each teacher of the year and his/her guest, business and community leaders come together to pay tribute to the teachers.

The winner is announced at the completion of the keynote address by university president Dr. Paul Stumb. Each teacher is presented a plaque recognizing their accomplishment. And the overall winner is presented with a personal check in the amount of $500. This year’s banquet is scheduled for Friday, April 5, 2019.

Mt. Juliet Family and Cosmetic Dentistry would also like to introduce Kristen Craig to our team. Kristen has been a Registered Dental Assistant for over 23 years. She is a graduate of the Volunteer State Community College.

She currently resides in Lebanon with her husband and two boys. Outside the office, Kristen enjoys baking, gardening, and spending time with her family and friends. Please help us welcome her to the practice.
MJ shuts out Outlaws in playoff game

Pictured are Rylan Hager (7) and Kevin Guay (5) in Monday night's playoff win against the Outlaws at Bridgestone Arena.

Photo submitted

The Mt. Juliet Hockey Team shut out the Outlaws in a playoff game at Bridgestone Arena Monday night, winning 7-0.

Seven different players each scored a goal: Tristen Akron (61), Lawson Smith (18), Shaun Caffrey (13), Corey Settle (21), Michael Settle (22), Rylan Hager (7), and Nash Buckner (26).

Caffrey also had three assists, Corey Settle had two assists, and Michael Settle, Hager, Buckner, Evan Curry (12), and Logan Baskin (6) each had one assist on the night.

The team’s next playoff game is against Hendersonville at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 13 at Ford Ice Center.

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their commitment,” said Bone.

“Teaching has always been a challenging profession, and it is more today than ever,” said McDonald. “It is a real delight to see these teachers enjoy being applauded and honored on the night of the banquet.”

Those teachers who will be honored at the banquet on April 5 are:

• Connie Canham - Byars-Dowdy Elementary School
• Stephanie Porter - Carroll-Oakland Elementary School
• Page Henley - Castle Heights Elementary School
• Elsia Stover - Coles Ferry Elementary School
• Angela Lewis - Elzie D. Patton Elementary School
• Lisa Espenshade - Friendship Christian School
• Laurie Guethlein - Gladeville Elementary School
• Kari Ferrell - Lakeview Elementary School
• Derek Southworth - Lebanon High School
• Maranda Nave - MAP Academy
• Bethany J. Davis - Mt. Juliet Christian Academy
• Alexis Swiere - Mt. Juliet Elementary School
• Emna Y. Vela - Mt. Juliet High School
• Lauren Conatser - Watertown Elementary School
• Shanna Leasure - Watertown High School
• Shannon Queen - Watertown Middle School
• Chelsea Sharpe - West Elementary School
• Sherry Tiner - West Wilson Middle School
• Richard R. Lewis - Wilson Central High School
• April Kring - Winfree Bryant Middle School
• J. Baird Middle School
• Lauren Conatser - Watertown Elementary School
• Shanna Leasure - Watertown High School
• Shannon Queen - Watertown Middle School
• Chelsea Sharpe - West Elementary School
• Sherry Tiner - West Wilson Middle School
• Richard R. Lewis - Wilson Central High School
• April Kring - Winfree Bryant Middle School

The Joint Economic and Community Development Board Executive Committee will reconvene its Feb. 7, 2019, meeting at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 14, 2019, at the JECD office located at 200 Aviation Way, Suite 202, Lebanon.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEB 14

JECD

The Joint Economic and Community Development Board Executive Committee will reconvene its Feb. 7, 2019, meeting at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 14, 2019, at the JECD office located at 200 Aviation Way, Suite 202, Lebanon.

FEB 16

Precinct Meeting

Republican Delegated Precinct Convention to be held Feb. 16 at 9 a.m. at East/West Building Ag Center in Lebanon. Doors open at 8 a.m. and a photo ID is required.

FEB 19

Lions Club

Mt. Juliet/West Wilson Lions Club Meeting at Courtney’s Restaurant at 4066 N. Mt. Juliet Rd., every first and third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. For more information, contact President Ken Thomas 615-470-5252.

FEB 21

High School Equivalency Test

The Wilson County Adult Education program will be giving the high school equivalency test (HiSET formerly GED) on Feb. 21, 2019, at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology in Lebanon. For information on taking the test, call (615) 443-8731.

FEB 28

Work Session

The Wilson County Board of Education will hold a Work Session on Feb. 28 at 8 p.m. at the Wilson County BOE Administrative & Training Complex, 415 Harding Drive, Lebanon. The Work Session is for informational purposes only. No actions are taken or voted on by the Board at the Work Session.

MARCH 4

Ethics Committee

The Wilson County Board of Education Ethics Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. on March 4.

MARCH 4

Board of Education

The Wilson County Board of Education will meet in a Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on March 4 at 6 p.m. at the Wilson County BOE Administrative & Training Complex, 415 Harding Drive, Lebanon, TN 37087. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss any matters legally brought before the Board.

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experience teaching dance to all ages at her dance school. However, when her children became old enough to start school, she decided to go back to school herself to obtain a teaching degree.

“I think people are wired [for teaching], and I’m just wired for it,” she said.

After getting her degree, she said she was determined to teach at Glavidele because that was where her children went to school. That has created a lasting connection for her, and she continues to enjoy teaching there even though her children no longer attend.

She received her degree in elementary education from Tennessee State University through Vol State, and enjoys teaching the younger grades, especially second grade. She said they are eager to learn and are starting to establish independence. She also said she enjoys seeing them evolve throughout the year.

Guethlein said she loves teaching at Glavidele because it is like one big family and everyone shares the same goals. They all love their students and want to see them be successful.

“Everybody is there to encourage and motivate and support each other,” she said.

Guethlein said she gets told all the time that Glavidele is a unique place to teach, and she agrees, saying it is a good community and she cannot imagine teaching anywhere else.

That has created a lasting connection for her, and she said that even though she appreciates the days in the community.

While in the service, he earned his GED, having left high school as a sophomore. The GED was not recognized in Tennessee at the time but did allow him credit for one year of high school. Returning to Wilson County and to high school as a senior in 1954, Rufus was elected President of the Wilson County Training School class of 1955. He went on to earn his diploma that year.

McAdoo’s work career spanned the next 30 years. He worked for every branch of government in Middle Tennessee — Lebanon City, Wilson County, State and Federal. Rufus was employed by the City of Lebanon and the VA Hospital in Murfreesboro for 18 years. When Ross Gear had their picnic at Horn Springs, McAdoo was there to make it a success. He would arrange lunches at the Lebanon Country Club when the prospective developers or businesses were meeting with city leaders about locating in Lebanon.

Retiring in 1985, McAdoo enjoys time fishing, playing cards and watching ball games with his six children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Since retirement he has taken on jobs to keep busy. He has gone door to door as a census worker in two censuses. He and his father used to go to Texas, St. Louis and Chicago to watch ball games. Now he follows the Braves and Titans with family and friends with at least one trip in person to a titans game each year.

A lifelong member of Pickett Rucker United Methodist Church, McAdoo seldom misses Sunday School or church. He said that even though he has always been a member of Pickett Rucker UMC, he often visits other churches with friends and family. His faith, commitment to his church and his family are large parts of who Rufus McAdoo is.
Thanks to a generous collection of local contributors, nonprofits in Wilson County received a substantial amount of financial support from The Community Foundation in 2018.

While most of the contributions received locally came from either The Community Foundation’s Big Payback event in May or from grants routinely awarded annually in the fall, many other contributions were made from local funds, receipts from the Whip Crackin’ Rodeo and from a number of individuals who made gifts throughout the year.

According to Bob Black, chairman of The Community Foundation Wilson County board, 2018 was a “special” year for The Community Foundation in Wilson County.

He noted that in the spring, 1,280 participants in The Community Foundation’s Big Payback event, a 24-hour online giving opportunity, made contributions totaling almost $100,000 to some 40 charities and nonprofits that provide services locally. He explained that The Big Payback, hosted by The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, is held each year in early May to encourage philanthropy among 40 Middle Tennessee counties.

“The Big Payback is a fun event that helps people feel a passion for giving from contributors making large gifts as well as very minimum contributions. It is a worthwhile program for a number of reasons. It encourages giving. It’s easy to access via the internet. And it helps promote and recognize our many local charities and nonprofits who serve our county and its people well,” Black said.

Besides the 40 nonprofits benefitting from The Big Payback, there were 15 local nonprofits that received grants from The Community Foundation in November as part of the organization’s annual grant making process that this year provided $2,726,800 in grants to 453 nonprofits in 33 Middle Tennessee counties.

Those named as grant recipients in Wilson County included Cedar Seniors, Inc; Cedarcroft Home, Inc; City of Mt. Juliet Animal Shelter Volunteer Organization; Community Homeless Outreach and Support/The Brooks House; Cumberland University; Historic Lebanon Tomorrow Inc; Lebanon Senior Citizens Center; Mt. Juliet Senior Activity Center; New Leash on Life; Prospect Inc; Veteran’s PATH Inc; Wilson Books from Birth; Wilson County Civic League; Wilson County Emergency Services Rehab Association; and Wilson County Salvation Army.

Other financial contributions were made by The Community Foundation to local organizations from funds generated by the Whip Crackin’ Rodeo, from individuals who purchased donor cards from The Community Foundation, and from certain individual funds.

“The Whip Crackin’ Rodeo is a two-day family event held annually in April and sponsored by The Community Foundation of Wilson County in partnership with Philip and Darlene Craighead, the rodeo’s founders. Last year the rodeo acquired a third participating partner, the Future Farmers of America Foundation, which is playing a key role again this year in the production of the event.

“I think our message is very simple. The Community Foundation is alive and well and working in Wilson County. And it’s making a difference.

“If you’d like to know more about The Community Foundation, I would encourage you to visit www.cfmt.org,” Black said.
FAITH & MESSAGE

Following God’s Calling

The beginning of the new year brings a lot of resolutions to the table. We make these declarations that we are going to exercise more, eat better, read more, spend more time with family and friends, and maybe even start back going to church.

I love the concept of new beginnings and starting something from scratch. When it comes to New Year’s resolutions though, I am great at starting them and not so great at keeping them for too long. I know you are nothing like me when it comes to this and when you start something you always see it till it’s finished. I was so determined this year to keep them going that I started all my resolutions on Dec. 1, so by Jan. 1 I would have some momentum to keep them going into month two when everyone else was just starting.

There comes a moment with each resolution that for one reason or another I get side tracked and I fail behind. It’s like a pit stop on a good road trip. You’ve stopped making progress, but the destination and journey are still in front of you. The question is how long am I at the pit stop, and do I eventually just make the pit stop the destination?

When it comes to our faith in God, we come to this place all the time. We have this internal dialogue of where God may be calling us but we are not there just yet. We have to ask ourselves the same question. Are we going to make the pit stop the destination?

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One of my favorite quotes is: Do unto others, as you would have them do unto you. How true! And sense that is the case, from this point forward I am asking everyone to try their very best at doing unto others as you would have them do unto you.

One example includes littering. Littering costs everyone. It takes a toll on our resources, our property values, our wallets, and is an insult to our great community and country. Littering is simply passing the buck. When you pass the buck, the rest of us are left with the bill, the bill of cleaning up the mess left behind.

Another example is respect. Respect is when you speak kindly of others or say nothing at all. Respect is also when you open a door for your wife, family member or a complete stranger who has their hands full or needs assistance. Respect is when you don’t endanger the lives of others by driving under the influence, speeding and tailgating. Respect is not telling lies, cheating, hurting, murdering and so on.

Being kind, nice and civil is the right thing to do even when we might disagree or even dislike one another. We all have far too much stress in our lives already to purposely create stress for one another. We all have hurts, sorrows, worries, highs, lows, concerns, deadlines, aggravations and feelings that can be offended, hurt or damaged, so wouldn’t life be far less stressful if we all treated one another much better. With that being the case, let’s all start being more civil, kind, understanding, forgiving, helpful and loving to one another.

In closing, nothing is ever accomplished without sincere effort and a positive attitude. Good will always prevail over indifference and divisiveness so please do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

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Civility

Kenny Martin
City Manager
Mt. Juliet, TN

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NATIONAL SIGNING DAY

Bryan Aiken of MJHS signed with University of Tennessee to play football with the Volunteers. UT is located in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Tristan Kilmon of MJHS signed with Bethel University to play football with the Wildcats. Bethel is located in McKenzie, Tennessee.

Ronnie Kramer of MJHS signed with Lindsey Wilson College to play football with the Blue Raiders. Lindsey Wilson is located in Columbia, Kentucky.

Matthew Pewitt of MJHS signed with Cumberland University to play football with the Phoenix. Cumberland is located in Lebanon, Tennessee.

Michael Ruttlen Jr. signed with Princeton University to play football with the Tigers. Princeton is located in Princeton, New Jersey.
where we are simply a pit stop or our new destination?

One of my resolutions this year, like every year, is to read through the Bible in a year. As I started this reading, I came to the story of Abram. Abram is later famously named Abraham by God. The story of Abram doesn’t start with him though, it starts with his dad Terah. At the end of chapter 11 in the book of Genesis, it says in verse 31, “And together (Terah, Abraham and others) they set out to go to Canaan, but when they came to Harran, they settled there.”

We don’t know why they stopped, only that they did and that was not the destination they set out for in the beginning. Abram’s father, Terah, died in Harran. I believe so often we find ourselves making the pit stops of life our destinations of life. Deep down we know this isn’t all God has for us, but we’re here and it’s comfortable so why not stay.

After Terah died, God spoke to Abram to continue to journey to Canaan. This was the promised land God had called them to in the beginning. This was the original destination. We find in chapter 12 verse 5 these words, “And they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.”

I firmly believe God has called each of us to more. He’s called us to know him more, love others deeper, and to walk in this life with all it brings with the joy of the Lord. Be encouraged today that although you may have made your pit stop your destination, that the place God has called you from the very beginning hasn’t changed. If God has called you, he will equip you for what you need for the journey. Step back into the journey this year! Know that you are brave, strong, known, and loved by God and by those here in this community! Enjoy the journey and know that you’re not alone in it!

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**NATIONAL SIGNING DAY**

Konrad Thiele of MJHS signed with Grand View University to play football with the Vikings. Grand View is located in Des Moines, Iowa.

Marcello Walton of MJHS signed with Bethel University to play football with the Wildcats. Bethel is located in McKenzie, Tennessee.

Hunter Hoffman of Wilson Central signed with Carson-Newman University to play football with the Eagles. Carson-Newman is located in Jefferson City, Tennessee.

Devonte McBroom of Wilson Central signed with Carson-Newman University to play football with the Eagles. Carson-Newman is located in Jefferson City, Tennessee.

Dawson Ray of Wilson Central signed with Bethel University to play football with the Wildcats. Bethel is located in McKenzie, Tennessee.

Hunter Sanders of Wilson Central signed with Maryville College to play football with the Scots. Maryville is located in Maryville, Tennessee.

Garrett Todd of Wilson Central signed with Southeast Missouri State University to play football with the Redhawks. SEMO is located in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Landon Yocom of Wilson Central signed with Culver-Stockton College to play football with the Wildcats. Culver-Stockton is located in Canton, Missouri.
MJ Library adds new film collection

Staff Reports

The Mt. Juliet-Wilson County Library recently acquired a new collection of motion pictures based on The American Film Institute's 100 Years...100 Movies – 10th Anniversary compilation.

Beginning Monday, Feb. 11, 2019, library patrons will be able to check out more than 135 films proclaimed as America's greatest covering the period from 1897 to 1997. This collection includes such silent film classics as D.W. Griffith's "Intolerance," F.W. Murnau's "Sunrise" and Charles Chaplin's "Gold Rush" as well as Hollywood "golden era" films "Casablanca," "The Wizard of Oz" and "Gone with the Wind."

Additionally, patrons will be able to select from AFI's "Greatest Movie Musicals" that will be displayed alongside the 100 Years...100 Movies.

First conceived by the American Film Institute in 1997, the Mt. Juliet Library collection includes all of the originally honored films plus films added at the 2007 10th Anniversary.

A jury of 1,500 film artists, critics and historians determined that "Citizen Kane" (1941), 1997's top honoree, remained the greatest movie of all time at the 2007 Anniversary.

Founded in 1967 and based in Los Angeles, The American Film Institute is America's promise to preserve the heritage of the motion picture, to honor the artists and their work and to educate the next generation of storytellers. As a nonprofit educational arts organization, AFI provides leadership in film and television and is dedicated to initiatives that engage the past, the present and the future of the moving image arts. The Mt. Juliet-Wilson County Library is pleased to offer this unique collection to its patrons and is equally pleased and grateful for their continued support.

TDCI encourages learning about flood insurance

Staff Reports

In the wake of flooding last week that affected consumers across Tennessee, the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance (TDCI) and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) are sharing tips to help consumers familiarize themselves with flood insurance.

Flooding is the most common and expensive type of natural disaster in the United States, according to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Yet data from a 2016 FEMA report on active flood policy information revealed many Tennesseans are not covered by flood insurance.

"While flooding is a common threat across the United States, consumers can give their families greater peace of mind with flood insurance," said TDCI Commissioner and NAIC Past President Julie Mix McPeak. "We urge Tennesseans to learn more about their flood risk and evaluate if flood insurance is right for them."

What Is Flood Insurance?

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The greatest movie of all time at RUFUS’s McAdoo’s life. He and his wife, Pearlie, work at the Market Street Community Center пол- ling place every election. They are the face of elections in the 20th precinct. Elections have changed greatly from when McAdoo started working the polls. Everyone over 18 had to pay a $2 poll tax to be allowed to vote when he first worked elections. Laws have changed and voting has become accessible to everyone eligible and willing to make the effort to register and vote during early voting or on Election Day.

For those who vote early at the Election Commission Office or on Election day at Market Street Community Center, the smiling presence of RUFUS McAdoo is a welcome site. He has greeted and assisted countless voters during his many years of service. When election officials spoke about why he started and has continued to be a poll official, a smile came to his face.

"I love being around happy people," said McAdoo. "Voters come in smiling, excited about who they are going to vote for. It is such a privilege to be a part of the election."

Rufus is one the more than 300 Wilson County voters who serve their county as poll officials during Early Voting and on Election Days. To find out more about becoming a poll official visit www.wilsonvotes.com or call the Wilson County Election Commission at 615-444-0216.
OBITUARIES

BAYLISS, Darla Ann Petrick

Darla Ann Petrick Bayliss, age 56 of Mt. Juliet, died Feb. 7, 2019. She was preceded in death by her mother, Mary Ann Taylor Petrick, and her brother, Darryl Petrick.

She is survived by: Husband – Brian Bayliss; Father – Joseph Petrick; Son – Bryce Bayliss; Brother – David (Cynthia) Petrick; Nephews – Michael and Shelia Petrick; Numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Family and friends gathered at Bond Memorial Chapel Feb. 9. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Pit Bull Animal Rescue at www.vrcpitbull.com.


Michelle Marie Bohr, age 49 of Mt. Juliet, passed away Feb. 8, 2019. Michelle was born Nov. 21, 1969, in Centerville, Tennessee, to the late Guy Lewis and Pat Campbell Tibbs. The funeral mass will be Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019, at 11 a.m. at St. Stephen Catholic Community. The family will receive friends on Friday, Feb. 15 from 4-8 p.m. at Sellers Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet and on Saturday, Feb. 16 from 9 a.m. until service time at the church. She is survived by loving husband of 24 years, Casey Bohr; children, Peyton Austin (Kristin) Bohr, Kennedy Nicole Bohr (Mark) Bryan, and Casey Martin Bohr, Jr.; siblings, Jimmy (Janel) Tibbs and Peggy (Tracy) Pendergrass; several family members, friends, and loved ones also survive. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by brother, Chester Tibbs. Arrangements by SELLARS Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet. 2229 N. Mt. Juliet Road, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122, 615-758-5459, obituary line 615-758-8818, www.sellersfuneralservices.com.

ILLOBRE, Brian Scott

Brian Scott Illobre, age 36, entered into the arms of his Lord and Savior on Feb. 5, 2019. A celebration of his life was held Feb. 9 at Sellers Funeral Home, and interment followed at Wilson County Memorial Gardens. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Mike Illobre; Harold and Marie Fredrichs; uncles, Tony, Steve, and Marc Illobre. Survived by his loving wife of 15 years, Samantha Hodge Illobre; the light of his life, two girls, Greenlee and Rowan Illobre; parents, Mike and Donna Illobre; brother, Mike (Karen) Illobre; sister, Teresa Illobre; parents in law, Bob and Lydia Hodge; sister in laws, Charlie (Ben) Briscoe and Trina Hodge; grandmother, Mary E. Illobre; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family members. The family would like to extend a special thanks to Dr. Hemphill and the TN Oncology caregiver and staff, and his nurse, Amy. In lieu of flowers, memorials are encouraged to Sherry’s Run (PO Box 8, Lebanon, TN 37088). SELLARS FUNERAL HOME, Lebanon, TN (615) 444-9393.

MARKS, Donna Lewis

Donna Lewis Marks passed away Feb. 7, 2019, at age 75. The family will be receiving friends for a Celebration of Life at Sellers Funeral Home, Lebanon, from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 15, 2019. Mrs. Marks was born in San Francisco, California, on July 17, 1943, to the late Junior Clinton and Dorothy Lewis.


The family encourages donations be made to the charity of your choice in her name. SELLARS Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.

MINOR, Gerald C.

Gerald C. “Jerry” Minor, age 92, went to be with his Lord on Feb. 12, 2019.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, Feb. 14, 2019, from 5-8 p.m. at SELLARS Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet with Military Honors beginning at 7 p.m. followed by the eulogy given by his son, Alan. Interment will be private in Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery.

He is survived by loving wife of 33 years, Ethel Michaels Minor; children, Gloria (Jon) Lemmons, Marcy (Ken) Magness, Alan (Janell) Minor, and Sarah (Matthew) Carrasquillo; 8 grandchildren; 15 great – grandchildren; brother – in –law, James Belcher; and 1 brother also survive. He was preceded in death by parents; 1st wife of 43 years, Jean Minor Winstead; and 3 brothers. Arrangements by SELLARS Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet, 2229 N. Mt. Juliet Road, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122, 615-758-5459, obituary line 615-758-8818, www.sellersfuneralservices.com.

PHelps, Jeffery

Jeffery (Curly) Phelps, passed away Feb. 6, 2019.

Family and friends will always remember his sense of humor, his artistic abilities and love for motorcycles. Many of his friends and family wear tattoos created by his hand.

Curley is preceded in death by his father, Lonnie Phelps III. He is survived by his mother, Linda Phelps, daughter Rhiana Phelps, brother Michael Tenpenny, sisters Shannon Yeatman and Casey Phelps, many nieces and nephews, and friends that he loved like family.

It was his wish to be cremated and although his family’s hearts are heavy with their loss, they will celebrate his life on his birthday, April 7, 2019. The location and time will be announced at a later date.

THORNHILL, Charlotte Ann Morrison

Charlotte Ann Morrison Thornhill, age 77 of Lebanon, died Feb. 11, 2019. Mrs. Thornhill was the daughter of the late Charles and Lucille Flanagan Morris.
First Freedom Bank promotes Cowan to FSR Manager

Kim Cowan

First Freedom Bank promotes Kim Cowan to Financial Services Representative Manager at the Providence Office, announced Kenny Beavers, Senior Vice President and Director of Retail Banking. “We are glad to have Kim as a part of the First Freedom team. She possesses a high level of energy and a desire to deliver excellent service to her customers,” said Beavers. “Kim’s goal is to provide her customers with the best products and services necessary to meet their financial needs.”

Cowan joined First Freedom in August of 2017 as a Financial Services Representative (FSR). As an FSR, she received the Chairman Cup MVP award, a recognition of her exceptional job performance among all of the bank’s FSRS.

Cowan is a native of Mt. Juliet. She attended Mt. Juliet High School and formerly owned and operated her own small business. Cowan was an active volunteer with Christmas Toy Store for several years.

Cowan continues to live in Mt. Juliet with her husband and two daughters.

First Freedom Bank, headquartered in Wilson County, was established in 2006. A full service, community bank, First Freedom Bank offers personal and commercial banking services from six locations in Wilson, Putnam and Jackson Counties, and has approximately 70 employees. First Freedom Bank has assets in excess of $475 million and is owned by more than 1,100 shareholders throughout Middle Tennessee.

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Sealed Proposals for the construction of the Royal Oaks Pump Station Modifications project will be received at the office of the City of Mt. Juliet Finance Department located at 2425 North Mt. Juliet Road, Mt. Juliet, Tennessee 37122, Attention: Ms. Dana Swiney, Finance Director, on or before 2:30 p.m. local time on Thursday, March 7, 2019 and immediately thereafter all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The project will include the following described construction:

Furnishing and installation for the construction of the Royal Oaks pump station including pumps, poured in place concrete construction, fiberglass sheet, backup generator, together with all required instrumentation, piping, equipment, plumbing, heating, ventilation, electrical, site work, and appurtenances as required.

Official (numbered) Bid Documents shall be obtained at the office of Water Management Services, LLC, 2 International Plaza, Suite 401, Nashville, Tennessee 37217 (telephone: (615)-366-6088). A nonrefundable deposit of $100.00 must be made for each set obtained.

It is the policy of the City of Mt. Juliet to provide equal employment opportunities and to provide its programs, activities, and services to all individuals regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age disability, or status in any other group protected by law. Inquiries and changes of violation of this policy should be directed to the City Manager at (615) 754-2552 or at 2425 North Mt. Juliet Road, P.O. Box 256, Mt. Juliet, Tennessee 37121. Requests for accommodation of a disability should be directed to the City Manager at (615) 754-2552 or at 2425 North Mt. Juliet Road, P.O. Box 256, Mt. Juliet, Tennessee 37121.

Subject to the provisions of Chapter 6 of Title 62 of the Tennessee Codes Annotated, the Contractor’s attention is directed to the Tennessee Codes Annotated Section 62-6-119 which states that it will be necessary for each bidder and their subcontractors to show evidence of a license before his bid will be considered and that the license number, expiration date, and all part of classification to apply the bid appear on the envelope containing the bid, otherwise the bid shall not be opened.

The successful bidder shall be required to fully complete all work within 210 consecutive calendar days from and including the date to start work established in a written order from the City of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee.

The City of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee reserves the right to reject any Proposal for failure to comply with all requirements of the Notice or of any of the Contract Documents; however, it may waive any minor defects or informalities at its discretion. The City of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee further reserves the right to reject all Proposals.

Dated at Mt. Juliet, Tennessee this 11th day of February, 2019.

BY: JESSICA GORE, Director of Public Works/City Engineer

CITY OF MT. JULIET, TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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INVITATION TO BID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ROYAL OAKS PUMP STATION MODIFICATIONS

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The most important thing to understand about flood insurance is what it isn’t. Flooding damages are not typically covered through most homeowners and renters insurance policies. Flood insurance can be purchased through an agent or insurer participating in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which FEMA manages. If your agent or insurer doesn’t sell flood coverage, contact the NFIP Referral Call Center at 1-800-427-4661.

Please note: There are a few areas in Tennessee that do not participate in the NFIP program. If your community does not participate, FEMA assistance is not available. If flood insurance through the NFIP program is not available in your area, contact your licensed insurance agent to ask about private flood insurance. If you choose a private flood insurance policy, be sure to shop around to compare premiums and coverage.

Additionally, NFIP insurance policies do not go into effect immediately after you buy them. NFIP policies have a 30-day waiting period unless a policy is bought at the same time as a newly purchased home.

Why Do I Need Flood Insurance?

The FEMA flood map service allows you to determine your flood risk. Risk levels are divided into three categories: High-risk areas, moderate- to low-risk areas, and undetermined risk areas.

It is important to note that approximately 20 percent of flood insurance claims come from outside of high-risk flood zones. Remember: Where it can rain, it can flood. According to FEMA, an inch of water in a home could cause more than $25,000 in damages. If you experience flooding and have not purchased flood insurance, you will likely have to foot the bill for the damages.

Contact your insurance provider to learn more about flood insurance, to learn if your community participates in the NFIP, or to get a quote.

What Should I Do in the Event of a Flood?

• Have a plan. Learn the evacuation routes in your community. If you are staying in your home during a flood event, go to the highest level of your home. If you are outdoors, move to higher ground and take shelter, if necessary.
• Prepare your home. Move items you want to protect to a higher floor and prepare to turn off your electricity.
• Store your insurance information in a safe place. Regularly update your homeowner’s or renters insurance and maintain a home inventory to keep a record of your possessions. Also, keep track of records and receipts. (MyHome Scr. APP.book: Apple Store or Google Play)
• Take pictures of any property damage. Try to prevent further damage by cleaning and drying wet items.
• File a claim. Keep insurance agent and company contact information handy. Most insurance companies have a time requirement for reporting a claim, so contact your agent or company as soon as possible. Your state insurance department can help you find contact information for your company, if you can’t find it.
• Beware of fraud. Protect yourself by getting more than one bid from contractors and requesting references. Ask for proof of necessary licenses, building permits, insurance and bonding. Record the contractor’s license plate and driver’s license numbers and check for complaints with the Better Business Bureau (BBB). Tennesseans can verify the license of contractors and other professionals by visiting verify.tn.gov.
• Beware of flooded vehicle scams. After a flood, consumers should be alert for scammers who might disguise severely water-damaged vehicles as being perfectly good. Any person selling a flood vehicle is required by law prior to the sale of the vehicle to disclose such to the purchaser. Further, once titling that vehicle, the purchaser will receive a branded vehicle title indicating the vehicle’s salvage history. Remember: A vehicle’s flood history may take up to 30 days or longer to post. For more information, consumers are encouraged to watch TDCI’s flood insurance video or visit tn.gov/commerce. You can learn more about disaster preparedness at Insure U, the NAIC’s consumer education website.

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TELLING TALES

Keepin’ it real(ish)

By Becky Andrews
Wilson Living Magazine

As a teenager, I didn’t wear a lot of makeup. Since I had an unhealthy habit of tanning, outdoors and indoors, the oompa loompa-like glow my skin inevitably took on as a result would suffice. That makes me cringe now to think about all the time and money I spent trying to achieve that look. It also makes me wish I’d listened to my mom and her friends when they warned me about over exposure.

Mom: “It won’t be as cute when all that sunbathing starts showing up on your 35-year-old face.”

19-year-old Becky: “35?! By the time I’m 35 we’ll all be wearing matching silver unitards, and drinking youth juice on Mars. I won’t be worried about crow’s feet.”

But time did what it always does. It came. It saw. It conquered.

At first, the change was gradual. But a few years ago, I noticed it started taking longer and longer to get ready for ANYTHING … even my bedtime ritual had morphed into something of a spectacle.

In 2013, I resorted to watching YouTube tutorials to achieve that beautiful contoured look that was all the rage. After shelling out a king’s ransom on products, I would then spend two hours on my makeup only to leave my house looking more like a Picasso influenced Avatar character than Kim Kardashian.

Once upon a time, Zest soap would work as my nighttime cleanser. Now my nightly ritual consists of brightening (but not drying) facewash, pigment correcting toner, skin tightening moisturizer, eye cream AND just for fun I must add in acne treatment. If you thought teenage acne was bad; give it a few years. Mid-forties acne is AMAZING! All of this is followed by a Rogaine type thing for my eyebrows because over the past few years my once Burt and Ernie unibrow is thinning.

If I could name one thing that holds the bulk of the responsibility for how much my beauty routine has changed, it would be those wonderful, slowly-diminishing hormones. These days I get to play a fun little game of, “Am I crying, sweating, having a heart attack, losing my hair or not sleeping because I’m crazy or is it just my hormones?” On nights that I wake up at 2 or 3 a.m. soaking wet the game changes to, “Did I pee in the bed or am I just having a hot flash?” ***The board game and app should be available later this year.

A few years ago, I went on girls’ trip with my very close friends. On the last day of the trip, we were at breakfast. My roommate told me she walked into our bathroom in the middle of the night and there was a tutu skirt lying flat on the bathroom floor and hair extensions hanging out of my makeup bag.

“It looked like fairy vanished in our bathroom.”

Shortly before jumping on the Botox and filler train, I didn’t get the big deal. What was so wonderful about Botox? Three days after my first injection, I looked like I’d had a good night’s sleep. Even though I’d been awake since 2 a.m. with a sick child.

The age spots and lines and wrinkles and thinning hair can be a pain, but seriously, those are silly problems. When you think about it, this growing older thing is no big deal. It’s not as bad as I thought it would be. It’s more expensive than I thought it would be, but that’s it. No one can turn back the hands of time, not even Estee Lauder. And besides the ability to sneeze without peeing, I guess I wouldn’t change anything at all.

Comments? Email becky@wilsonlivingmagazine.com
Gourmet Donuts to host Coffee With A Cop program

Coffee and Donuts With a Cop is Friday morning, Feb. 15, at Gourmet Donuts. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Mt. Juliet Police Department leadership and officers will be on-scene with donut in hand and ready to enjoy simple conversation anytime between 7-9 a.m.

Coffee and Donuts with a Cop is an opportunity for the public to meet with officers in a relaxed environment and talk about anything, from crime issues to neighborhood programs, public safety management to how to join the force. The public brings the questions, chat with an officer, and they get a free cup of coffee and donuts.

“The simplicity is appealing: We show up, community members show up, and then we talk over coffee,” Chief James Hambrick. “It is a great way to build relationships with people in the community and hear about the concerns residents may have.”

The Coffee With A Cop program is a non-traditional way to generate conversation between the police department and community it serves. This event allows the public to interact with police officers, including the Chief of Police, in an informal setting to ask questions or address concerns with local law enforcement.

Everyone is encouraged to stop by the Coffee With A Cop event to say hello and enjoy free coffee and donuts provided by Gourmet Donuts. Gourmet Donuts is located at 3993 N. Mt. Juliet Road.

Power On With A Daily Warrior Smoothie

The Daily Warrior smoothie is blended with fruits and vegetables as well as protein, fiber, calcium, iron and potassium to help those individuals power through their day.

The 20-ounce, 660-calorie smoothie is made with bananas, wild blueberries, dates, peanut butter, organic spinach, almonds, blueberry juice blend and stevia plant-based sweetener.

It has 31 grams of fat, 15 grams of fiber, 16 grams of protein and, true to Smoothie King’s Cleaner Blending initiative, has no added sugar, trans fat, high fructose corn syrup, hydrogenated oils or gluten.

PET OF THE WEEK

Bella is a 10-year-old Basset Hound/Corgi mix that was surrendered to the shelter along with her fur brother, who is also currently up for adoption. Bella is overweight but she walks great on a leash and is enjoying all the exercise she has been getting from our volunteers. Bella is very sweet, and loves getting attention. She is an all-around happy, go lucky girl. She would love to be your couch potato sidekick.

Bella is up to date on age appropriate vaccines, spayed, dewormed, and on flea/tick prevention.

Please call the shelter at 615-773-5533 to schedule an appointment to meet Bella, or come during OPEN HOURS: Tues–Thurs from 11:30-5:30

Mt. Juliet Animal Care & Control
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per $100 of assessed value. Of the new tax, 39 cents will go toward fire protection and funding, while the remaining 20 cents will be used for infrastructure.

District 1 Commissioner Ray Justice said the tax will go toward bringing a fire station to his district, as well as the equipment, services, and payroll that comes with it. District 1 does not currently have a dedicated fire station to service the area.

Though Mayor Hagerty was focused on previous overspending of the fire department, Justice said that their success is not gauged by money but by life safety. He said the management at the fire department are true professionals and experts, and they know best what the department needs to provide protection for Mt. Juliet residents.

Hagerty voiced his opposition to the resolution at the start of the meeting, describing a presentation he held in 2011 with Mt. Juliet citizens. He said he laid out a specific fire protection plan that included the original 20 cent property tax, which was later reduced to 16.6 due to state-mandated reappraisals, and he promised that the tax would be 100 percent dedicated to the fire department.

"The proposal takes everything I promised our citizens and throws it in the trash," said Hagerty. "If this goes forward, I apologize to all of you and I would hope the Board of Commissioners will honor the promises made and vote it down."

Maness said the property tax was voted in after the meeting, but the tax pre-dated the fire department by around 14 months. After Hagerty said that Maness voted against the property tax in 2011, Maness said he voted against because they were not voting for the tax to fund the fire department.

"The vote was to collect the property tax and try to persuade the county to continue fire protection for the city," said Maness. Hagerty disagreed, saying the tax 14 months before the department began was by design to provide them with a place to start. "Though Hagerty was against the proposed increase, he assured citizens that he is not against the fire department. Among other things, he said he pushes developers for funding for the department.

"I'm for [the fire department], I go out of my way to bring them more and more and more funding," said Hagerty. "At the same time, I'm also for responsible spending by this department and all departments."

Hagerty also said it was curious that the resolution is sponsored by District 4 Commissioner Brian Abston and Vice Mayor James Maness, both of whom were re-elected in November. He said he had never heard either of them talk about raising the tax while on the campaign trail about raising property tax by a factor of four. However, Maness said he introduced an ordinance two years ago to include fire protection in the City’s general fund.

The mayor also questioned why a sales tax wouldn’t be a better option since everyone who visits and spends in Mt. Juliet would contribute, not just those who live in the city. He also suggested the tax could have been a referendum on the November ballot so citizens could decide if it was something they would like for the city. Since the 2018 voting has long passed, he said the proposed tax could still be put as a referendum on a future ballot.

District 3 Commissioner Art Giles agrees there needs to be discussion about the subject but wondered why it was not brought up in work sessions before being made a resolution. According to Giles, many of his constituents still had questions about the issue of increasing the tax. He said some would like to see it as a referendum so they can vote on it, not have a politician deciding to raise the tax.

"I'm going to vote the way [his constituents] told me to vote," said Giles. "I represent you."

Abston, however, said he believes the citizens elect them to make the tough decisions, which Justice agreed with. Abston also said it would not be responsible of them to avoid a vote because raising taxes is never a popular suggestion.

"When we see the need, we have a responsibility as a commission to do something about it, as hard as it is," said Abston.

Hagerty said he will continue to be opposed to the tax increase until it is proven to be needed and that the board is being responsible with tax payer money.

Amendments to allocate 39 cents of the property tax to fire protection and 20 cents to infrastructure were approved 3-2, with Hagerty and Giles against. The resolution was passed in a 3-2 vote. Justice, Maness and Abston voted for the resolution while Hagerty and Giles voted against. The increase property tax will not take effect immediately as the board will still need to approve a budget this summer. Discussions surrounding the tax will continue.