Board shows support for local worker

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

The Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners held its regular meeting Monday night. The night brought along citizen comments on the city and a special presentation to a local resident.

Jennie Jankowski approached the board during the citizen’s comments section of the meeting, asking the board to consider implementing some form of affordable senior housing and transportation for Mt. Juliet.

After previously receiving many complaints about drivers rolling through stop signs and speeding through residential neighborhoods, Commissioner James Maness thanked MJPD for enforcing laws and keeping neighborhoods safe.

Maness and City Manager Kenny Martin also assured that they possibly know who attempted to purchase items.

Detectives seek fraud suspect

Staff Reports

Detectives are hoping someone will recognize a female who fraudulently used stolen credit card information.

On Dec. 21, 2017, the victim noticed fraudulent activity on her credit card statement, and it was clear that the card information was fraudulently used at Dollar Tree, located at 300 Pleasant Grove Rd., in an attempt to purchase items.

Detectives tracked when the credit card was used and were able to get surveillance video of a female suspect who attempted to make a purchase.

If anyone has a feeling they possibly know the suspect responsible for this crime, they are encouraged to call the Mt. Juliet Police Department at (615) 754-2550. Information can also be given anonymously by calling (615) 754-TIPS (8477) or via the Mt. Juliet Police Department website at http://www.mjpd.org/.

Community Calendar

FEB 19
Presidents’ Day
City offices closed

FEB 22
VA Benefits event
Rutland Place

MARCH 3
Fundraiser
Boy Scout Troop 246

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WCHS wins national championships

Staff Reports

The Wilson Central High School dance team won an unprecedented three national titles at the JAMFest Dance Super Nationals in St. Louis over the weekend.

The Wildcats placed first in jazz, hip-hop and lyrical in the senior high school division of the competition. “I cannot express how proud I am of these amazing 23 girls,” said Coach Katie Stricklin. “They have continued to exceed my expectations all season long and this weekend they made history.”

Wilson Central won the national title in hip-hop in 2016, but this is the first time they won the trifecta.

The three national titles are the latest, but most significant, titles for the dance team. Previously, the Wildcats won the Smoky Mountain Christmas Championships in Gatlinburg in December and the JAMFest in Nashville earlier this month.

The team includes seniors Anita Baluch, Emily Buckner, Logan Carter, Carly Ebersberger, Marissa Hawks, Aubrie King, Kyle Michael, Emily Molino, Zoe Rahmani and Maddie Spradley; juniors Erika Cervantes, Taylor Powers and Francesca Rodriguez; sophomores Kathleen Ammenheuser, Ella Burgess, Ashton Hamblen, Madison Hill and Madison Treutel; freshmen Kayla Cox, Riley Gilstrap, Bailey Rollins, Lillia Rong and Mia Stover.

The seniors competed in the lyrical category, while the entire team competed in the hip-hop and jazz competitions.

Stricklin coaches the team with Nicole Belsante and Courtney Weeks.

Teachers of the Year

Veda Hamrick
Stoner Creek Elementary

Over the next couple of months, The Chronicle will be profiling each Mt. Juliet teacher nominated for Wilson County’s Teacher of the Year.

This week’s teacher is Veda Hamrick, who teaches kindergarten at Stoner Creek Elementary School.

Hamrick graduated from David Lipscomb University in Nashville with a degree in Elementary Education and is close to completing her master’s degree in counseling from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

All three of her children attended Stoner Creek Elementary, and her only grandchild is currently enrolled in kindergarten there, though not in Hamrick’s class.

Hamrick has taught at Stoner Creek since it
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEB 19
Presidents’ Day
City offices will be closed Feb. 19 in observance of Presidents’ Day Holiday.

FEB 20
Lions Club
Lions Club Meeting at Courtney’s Restaurant at 4066 N. Mt. Juliet Rd., every first and third Tuesday of the month. For more information, contact Ken Thomas 615-470-5252 kennethlorin@gmail.com.

FEB 20
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

MARCH 3
Fundraiser
Boy Scout Troop 246 is having its annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Saturday, March 3, from 5-7 p.m. at Cook’s United Methodist Church. Tickets are $5 each. Located at 7919 Lebanon Rd. in Mt. Juliet.

MARCH 24
Senior Informational Expo
Grace United Methodist Church will be having a “Senior Information Expo” on Saturday, March 24 from 9 a.m. to noon. Located at 2905 N. Mt. Juliet Rd. They will be providing information for seniors and their caregivers. Free to the community.

Tennessee Poison Center celebrates 30th anniversary

Staff Reports

The Tennessee Poison Center (TPC) is celebrating its 30th anniversary this month, following a year in which it received more than 50,000 emergency calls from residents, healthcare professionals, emergency departments and intensive care units.

TPC’s Poison Help hotline (1-800-222-1222) received 50,934 calls in 2017, 24 percent of which were from healthcare professionals, emergency departments and intensive care units.

It saved taxpayers an estimated $10.4 million in 2017 by preventing emergency department fees for uninsured residents, a figure based on estimates of the state’s hospital emergency department fees.

“Poisoning is the leading cause of injury death in Tennessee, surpassing motor vehicle accidents, gunshot wounds and drownings,” said Donna Seger, MD, who has served as medical director of the Tennessee Poison Center since 1990.

“When poison victims are treated at home, unnecessary medical expenses are avoided and valuable healthcare dollars are saved,” she said.

In a recent call survey, 52 percent of hotline callers replied they would have visited a hospital emergency department if the poison center were not available; 62 percent...
2018 Wilson County Ag Hall of Fame Inductees named

Staff Reports

In 2007, a group of concerned Wilson Countians came together to form the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame. Since Wilson County was founded back in 1799, Agriculture has been a cornerstone of this community. To recognize the contributions of the many folks involved in agriculture to our community, the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame was organized. Each year, at least four (4) Wilson Countians are recognized during a banquet designed to bring attention to Agriculture’s prominent place in our county. The twelfth annual Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame Banquet will take place on April 3, 2018 in the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame. The banquet will serve as ushers for the evening. The following individuals will be part of the twelfth class of inductees into the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame: Phillip Kinslow, DVM; Ralph McKee, Sr.; Lanas Smith; Noel Velton.

“The purpose of the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame is to recognize citizens of Wilson County who have made a significant impact on agriculture in Wilson County, Tennessee, nationally or worldwide” said Ben Powell, the Chairman of the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame. “We feel the time is right to pay tribute to these very deserving individuals. Each has made significant contributions to Wilson County Agriculture, as well as Wilson County in general.”

Other members of the Board of Directors of the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame are Keith Harrison, Vice Chairman; Jeffrey Turner, Secretary; Diane Major, Treasurer; Ruth Correll, Louis Fletcher and Neal Oakley. The organizers have established a non-profit status for the organization to enable them to raise money to be used for a building on the Ward Agricultural Center to be dedicated to the individuals inducted into the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame.

Charis Health expands services, seeks volunteers

Staff Reports

Charis Health Center now offers well-woman exams every Wednesday through Friday at the Mt. Juliet clinic and physical therapy on Tuesdays at the satellite clinic at The Glade Church. Starting in January, Charis expanded its hours to be open Monday through Friday at one of the two locations in Mt. Juliet and Gladewville.

“As our hours and services continue to expand to serve the growing number of our neighbors in the healthcare coverage gap, we are in need of medical and non-medical volunteers who want to have an impact on our community,” said Lea Rowe, Executive Director of Charis Health Center. “Anyone who has ever thought they might want to go on a medical mission trip can help us serve physical, mental and spiritual needs right here in our own back yard as we’re #BringingTheMissionHome.”

Charis Health Center is a nonprofit faith-based primary care clinic with no political affiliation. Its mission is to provide effective and affordable primary health care to the medically uninsured in Middle Tennessee.

Medical and non-medical volunteer opportunities are available:

Clinical Operations – non-medical front office staff (greeting patients, setting appointments, answering phones, collecting payments)

Clinical Nursing – CNA, MA, Nurses, Phlebotomist, and NP (patient intake, vitals, blood draws, work alongside the medical staff)

Board of Directors - for those unable to volunteer at a clinic, there are opportunities to serve on the Board of Directors, particularly individuals with a background in finance/accounting, marketing and business as well as the medical profession.

For more information on Charis Health Center, becoming a volunteer, or the expanded hours, call (615) 773-5785 or visit www.charishealthcenter.org.

Charis Health Center provides routine examinations, assessments and basic laboratory testing. There is a $25 copay for an office visit. A well-woman exam, including a free mammogram referral, is $40. Appointments are required.

www.charishealthcenter.org
opened. In fact, the school wasn’t completely built when she first started. The teachers used Mt. Juliet Elementary until the school was finished, and moved to their current location in October 1987, according to Hamrick.

In her 30 years of teaching at Stoner Creek, Hamrick has only had three classrooms. She has been in her current room for 25 years. She has previously taught first and second grade as well, but she has always enjoyed teaching kindergarten.

She understands when parents are reluctant to leave their children on the first day of school and likes to reassure them what a great space their children are in.

“I tell the parents that once you walk out that door, they’re going to be fine,” said Hamrick. “I tell them every year, ‘I’m going to love on your kid just like they’re my own.’ I’ve really stepped out and I’ve told every class of new parents that I pray for their kids every day.”

“I’ve had more people come to me, years down the road, and say, ‘When you told me that, I knew that my kids were safe and I knew that they were going to be taken care of, and that left me with a sense of peace,’” she said. “When people say that, it means so much to me to know that parents feel safe with their children in my care.”

“I love being here,” she said of Stoner Creek. “I can’t imagine a school year starting without me going back to school.”

Hamrick joked that when she retired, she wanted to be a flight attendant because it is basically the same as teaching kindergarten: telling people to sit down and put their seat belts on, attempting to control some of the chaos and energy that children have. She has no plans to retire, though, because she said she is having too much fun.

“There’s not another grade I would ever want to teach,” she said.

Hamrick also believes it is important that children coming into kindergarten feel comfortable in the organized setting that comes with starting school.

Before Wilson County Schools used “Phase In,” where small groups of children come to kindergarten for a few hours a day to get used to school, she worked with Kindergarten Camps. The camps allowed the young children a chance to experience the new environment, meet the school officials, and even learn how to stand in line for lunch.

Hamrick has taught Vacation Bible School and Sunday School at her church and was even a camp counselor before she went to college. Despite this, she didn’t always see herself as a teacher.

Looking back, however, she can see how she was destined to be a teacher. When she was a child, she would set her dolls in chairs, like a classroom, and teach to them.

Hamrick said being named Stoner Creek’s Teacher of the Year has been a blessing and that any of the teachers could have been chosen. She said it’s been an honor to have the support of her colleagues and students’ parents.

“This has been the biggest thrill of my teaching career,” she said.

Brittany Ellmore of MJHS signed with Troy University to play soccer with the Trojans. Troy is located in Troy, Alabama.

Cole Hunter of MJHS signed with Lander University to play soccer with the Bearcats. Lander is located in Greenwood, South Carolina.

Jeramiah Birdsong of MJHS signed with the United States Air Force Academy to play football with the Falcons. The Academy is located north of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Braden Cosley of MJHS signed with Lindsey Wilson College to play football with the Blue Raiders. Lindsey Wilson is located in Columbia, Kentucky.
residents that the City is working with Nashville and Eastern Railroad to fix the crossings in Mt. Juliet and make a smoother ride for drivers.

Martin also presented a local resident with a gift card and handmade plaque for his hard work at his job. David, a server at LongHorn Steakhouse, was honored for going above and beyond what is expected of his job.

Martin described how David has bought meals for people at the restaurant when he sees someone struggling or in need, but he has only done so anonymously.

“You watch people that are doing right when no one’s watching,” said Martin about acknowledging people who “do good because it’s the right thing to do.” The City even recently gave David a Challenge Coin, a token of appreciation that is not handed out every day.

After the presentation, the commissioners began discussing the items on the agenda.

Commissioners unanimously passed an ordinance to add traffic regulations for bicycle lanes to the City Code.

A tether law passed the second reading, to the applause of most in attendance, including volunteers of Animal Control and Care. The ordinance was sponsored by Commissioner Bryan Abston after he learned Mt. Juliet did not have a formal tether law. The law sets limits on when an animal can be left on a tether outside during extreme temperatures.

The board unanimously passed a resolution for installation of a scoreboard for the City’s Golden Bear Gateway Corridor Plan. The resolution was “housekeeping,” as it formalized the credit cards the City already has with the bank.

The next Board of Commissioners meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 26 in City Hall. A public hearing will begin at 6:15 p.m.
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Rutland Baptist Church
New Life Baptist Church
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The other day I went for a drive. I needed time to think, and I enjoy driving around town, cracking the window, turning off the radio and just driving. This drive ended up being a lit-
tle different for me that day because I took some turns down roads I had nev-
er been down and then it happened.

As I pulled through this four-way stop, things just began to feel different and it wasn’t the temperature outside dropping rapidly like it has in Mt. Juliet over the past month. I began to pray because I sensed this was something different. I didn’t know what was go-
ing on, but then it hit me. The atmosphere of this neighborhood was differ-
ent. It felt forgotten. There was no hope driving down the streets.

Now before you think I’m crazy, every married man knows what I’m talking about when you walk in the door of your house, and before you see your kids or speak to your wife, you can feel the atmosphere that is set in the house by your wife. It was as if crossing that four-way stop was en-
tering into a part of town where the hope had left and it simply felt forgotten.

Community is hard and it’s hard because it’s messy. We don’t like in-
viting each other into the mess of our life. As hard as it is to let our walls down to allow others into our mess, it can be even harder to let Jesus into our mess.

We feel as though we need to clean everything up first before coming to God, which then leads us to throw the toys on the floors of our lives into the cabinets under the sink simply for it to look as though things are clean when in reality it’s still just a mess. We believe Jesus doesn’t want to enter a life full of mess.

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Juvenile charged after crashing car

Staff Reports

A 17-year-old male has been charged with Underage Driving While Impaired after losing consciousness behind the wheel of a car, crossing five lanes of traffic, leaving the roadway and crashing.

On Friday, Feb. 9, 2018 around 11 a.m., officers were summoned to the area of N. Mt. Juliet Road and Cross Drive after there was a reported crash with the car down an embankment. Officers arrived to find the driver, a 17-year-old male, who was confused and unaware of his location. After further investigation, the juvenile admitted to using marijuana moments before the crash. He was transported to the hospital due to his impaired status, and there were no injuries related to the crash impact.

He was charged with Underage Driving While Impaired and will be scheduled a court date.
An old train depot near Highway 109 on East Division Street was moved to Mt. Juliet last Thursday. Rufus, owner of Circle P Ranch on West Division, moved the old depot to his property. During the move, the depot snagged a tree and briefly closed West Division. The depot sat in the parking lot of Cloyd’s Cumberland Presbyterian Church before moving to the open field at Circle P. The depot will be moved once more, near the General Store.

Gladeville Elementary School — January Gators of the Month

Vanderbilt to develop methods for preventing global spread of viruses

Staff Reports

The U.S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) has signed a five-year cooperative agreement worth up to $28 million with Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) to develop methods for preventing the global spread of viruses like chikungunya and Zika.

The goal of DARPA’s Pandemic Protection Platform (P3) program is to develop protective antibody treatments that can be implemented by healthcare providers around the world within 60 days after the outbreak of viral disease. VUMC’s is one of four cooperative agreements to be implemented under the program.

“We need to be able to move at this speed considering how quickly outbreaks can get out of control,” Col. Matthew Hepburn, MD, DARPA’s P3 program manager, said in a statement when the program was first announced. “The technology needs to work on any viral disease, whether it’s one humans have faced before or not.”

Principal investigator of the VUMC agreement is Jonathan Crowe, MD, director of the Vanderbilt Vaccine Center and the Ann Scott Carell Professor in the Departments of Pediatrics and of Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology.

“Our group was excited to be selected for this program, as we have been building innovative technologies for rapid response to emerging infections for years,” Crowe said. “The goal of delivering human therapeutics in 60 days is very ambitious, but we think we can achieve this mark with our interdisciplinary dream team.”

Crowe’s lab has isolated human monoclonal antibodies for many pathogenic viruses and he has pioneered the rational design of neutralizing antibody treatments and vaccines, some of which have progressed to clinical trials.

Under the terms of the DARPA agreement, Crowe and colleagues throughout the country will develop “a fully integrated pipeline for ultra-rapid discovery of pathogens, their protective antigens, and development of fully human (antibody) therapeutics.”

Given the recent outbreaks of chikungunya, Ebol, Zika and the H1N1 influenza virus, “it is likely we are going to continually face major outbreaks of infectious disease with pandemic potential,” the agreement states.

However, current medical countermeasures take months to develop and distribute. The P3 program aims to cut that response time to weeks.

“Developing an integrated pipeline technology for identifying ultrapotent human antibodies and accomplishing rapid delivery … could revolutionize how antiviral interventions are conducted,” the agreement states.

Others participating in VUMC’s P3 team are Michael Diamond, MD, PhD, at Washington University in St. Louis, Galit Alter, PhD, at the Ragon Institute of MGH, MIT and Harvard, and a team at the Infectious Disease Research Institute in Seattle led by Steve Reed, PhD.

The cooperative agreement with VUMC includes $2.5 million paid in 2017 for the purchase of powerful instruments for single-cell biology and next-generation gene sequencing experiments. If the research is successful, between $6 million and $7 million will be provided during each of the next four years.

“If we’re successful,” Hepburn said, “DARPA could take viral infectious disease outbreaks off the table as a threat to U.S. troops and as a driver of global instability.”

SFMO urges caution with portable heaters

Staff Reports

The bitterly cold temperatures in Tennessee this week are prompting the Tennessee State Fire Marshal’s Office (SFMO) to remind residents to keep safety in mind when using portable heating devices, such as electric space heaters, to keep warm.

Portable heaters are common sights during winter, but they can be dangerous. In Tennessee, portable heaters were responsible for 33 fire deaths from 1978-2015, with an average of 98 portable heating fires and $2.37 million dollars in property loss are reported each year in Tennessee.

“Portable heater safety is crucial during winter’s coldest months,” said State Fire Marshal and Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance Commissioner Julie Mix McPeak. “If you’re using space heaters to stay warm, make sure to follow the manufacturer’s instructions closely and never leave the heater unattended.”

The SFMO encourages Tennesseans to utilize the following safety precautions to avoid heating hazards this winter:

• All heaters need space. Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.
• Turn heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.
• Purchase and use space heaters that have an automatic shut-off—if they tip over, they shut off.
• Place space heaters on a solid, flat surface and keep them and their electrical cord away from things that can burn, high traffic areas, and doorways.
• Plug space heaters directly into wall outlets and never into an extension cord or power strip.

Remember, it’s important to have working smoke alarms on every level of your home, outside every sleeping area and in every bedroom, and interconnect them if possible. Test smoke alarms monthly and entirely replace any smoke alarm that is 10 years old or older. Develop and practice a home fire escape plan with every member of your household. Have two ways out of every room and a designated outside meeting place to gather in the event of an emergency.
ADAMS, Katherine
“Kitten” Louise

Katherine Adams passed away on Feb. 12, 2018 at age 75. She was receiving friends at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon, on Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. and on Thursday from noon until the service. The Funeral Service is 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, in the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home. Interment in Wilson County Memorial will follow the service.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Herbert Slack and Orville Daniels; uncles, Alexander Howell and Bridgett (Tim) Duckwiler; daughters, Jessica (Brad) Jenkins, Krista (Trey) Garza, Sarah (Bobby) Frame, and Kimberly (Lynn) Brown; and grandchildren, John Lafferty, Sean Michael Daniels, and Vickie (Wendy) Brown; and great-grandchildren; and grandchild, Ashton Brown.

Funeral services were held Feb. 11 at Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Indiana. Interment followed at New Liberty Cemetery in East Enterprise, Ind.


DANIELS, Sean Michael

Sean Michael Daniels, May 1990 – January 22, 2018. Born in Nashville, he was raised in Mt. Juliet. He was a 2008 graduate of Wilson Central High School, where he played soccer, football, was a member of the Army ROTC and was an honor student.

He was a graduate of Indiana University, where he was a member of the Army ROTC and was an honor student.

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DURHAM, Inez

Inez Durham, age 98 of Lebanon, died Feb. 7, 2018. Mrs. Durham was a member of Whites Creek Church of Christ and retired from Oscar Myer. Mrs. Durham was the daughter of the late, Floyd and Mary Ellen Haley Myers. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Charlie Clinton Durham.

She is survived by: Daughter – Mary Jo Platt; Grandchildren – Chuck Platt, Eddie Flatt and Tommy Platt; Great-grandchildren – John Goodall Platt, Hailey Arnold, Dylan Platt and Abigail Platt; step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Feb. 13 at Bond Memorial Chapel, and immediate followed at Flatt Family Cemetery.


FRAME, Anthony “Tony” Duke


Survived by wife, Gina Frame; mother, Carol (Lee) Duckwiler; daughters, Jessica (John) Turner and Jackie Frame; brother, Troy (Bobbie) Frame; sister, Roxy (Michael) Sant’Angelo; step-mother, Carol Frame; and grandchildren, Stephanie, Cole and Alex Turner.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, Feb. 17 at 3 p.m. at Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet. Visitations with the family will be before the service from 1-3 p.m.


SLOCOM, Gail

Gail Slocum, age 66 of Lebanon, died Feb. 8, 2018. Preceded in death by her husband, Jack Slocum.

Survivors include her mother, Vivian Sturdivant; daughters, Jody (Kris) Dykes and Christi (Mike) Jones; step-daughter, Mary Lou (Joe) Jordan; grandchildren, Kasey and Caroline Dykes, and Miles Jordan; and sisters, Sharon (Wayne) Starks and Janice (Curtis) Brown.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. at Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet.


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Dolly Parton license plate now available

In partnership with the Dollywood Foundation and the Governor’s Books from Birth Foundation, Wilson Books from Birth provides 5,800 Wilson County preschool children with books each month.

The Dolly Parton license plate is available for your purchase or license renewal. Go to the Clerk’s office in the Wilson County Court House or call 615-444-0314 to get the Dolly Parton license plate.

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Staff Reports

The Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library license plate, now available at the Wilson County Court Clerk’s office, benefits Wilson Books from Birth, the replication of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library in Wilson County.

Every Dolly Parton license plate sold in Wilson County will supply one child in the community with books for one year at no cost to the family.

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2018. Mrs. Slocum was the daughter of the late F. B. and Scottie Cole. She loved ministering to people.

She is survived by: Husband – Kenneth Slocum; Children – Lisa Williams, David Harrell and Laurie Harrell; Daughter-in-law – Shanah Harrell; Brothers – Derrick Cole and Derrick Rick Cole; Grandchildren – Ilissa Williams, Brandi Harrell, Callie Harrell and Savanna Harrell.

Funeral services were conducted Feb. 11 at Bond Memorial Chapel and interment was Feb. 12 at Hermitage Memorial Gardens.


TINSLEY, Ada Marie

Tinsley, Ada Marie, age 84 of Mt. Juliet, died Feb. 6, 2018. Mrs. Tinsley was a member of Maple Hill Church of Christ. She loved to write poetry and she adored her late Shih Tzu, Buttons. Mrs. Tinsley was the daughter of the late Marcus and Lula McGuire Thorne. She was also preceded in death by her husband, James Tinsley; son, Larry E. McNeese; grandson, Larry Wayne McNeese; and siblings, Alan Thorne, Billy Thorne, Lovelia Jenkins and Betty Jane Thorne.

She is survived by: Children – Wayne (Pam) McNeese, Tina (Rick) Hut- senpiller and Rick (Dianne) McNeese; Siblings – Jim Thorne, Carolyn Taylor and Becky (Bob) McCoy; Grandchildren – Janet McNeese, Alannah McNeese, Kenny (Tiffany) McNeese, Kylene (Ken) Koon, Ricky (Laura) McNeese, Crystal (Tim) Thomas, C.J. (Shea) Hutsenpiller and Bekeah Hutsenpiller; Great-grandchildren; Several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were conducted Feb. 9 at Bond Memorial Chapel, and interment followed at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens.


TOPLIFF, William Lyle

Bill Topliff passed away on Feb. 9, 2018 at age 76. The Funeral Service is 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 16, 2018 in the chapel of Sellers Funeral Home, Lebanon, Tenn. Interment in Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery will follow the service.

Mr. Topliff retired from the United States Navy af- ter 22 years. He loved fishing, camping, being with the grandkids and playing jokes. He was a good whis- tler and a Denver Broncos fan.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Haydee Topliff; children Ralph Topliff, Will- liam “Bill” Topliff, Lisa (Michael) Hinton, and Marie (Mark) Pooley; grandchil- dren David Hinton, Alicia Cantwell, Josie Cantwell, Lilly Cantwell, and Sam Hinton; great-grandchild Alex Hinton; special niece Dawn Swanson; and nu- merous nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by parents Lyle and Thelma Humphrey Topliff, brothers Jerry Topliff and Dick Topliff, and sister Donna Mac Arthur.

The family extends spe- cial thanks to the V.A. Hospital in Murfreesboro.

Sellers Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.

WILLIAMS, Brenda Faye George

Williams, Brenda Faye George, age 66 of Old Hick- ory, died Feb. 8, 2018. Brenda was retired from Kroger. She was the daugh- ter of the late, Doyle Wayne and Olean Elizabeth Newton George. Brenda was also preceded in death by her brothers, Doyle Wayne George and Jimmy Lloyd George.

She is survived by: Children – Michael (Melinda) Morris and Misty Williams (Brian) Mastne; Sisters – JoAnn Brooks, Betty Oliver and Janice Taylor; Grand- children – Anthony Morris and Cage Mastne.

Graveside services were conducted Feb. 11 at Hickman City Cemetery in Hickman, Kentucky.


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Three boxes?? There are four of us that live in the Kane household.

“They wouldn’t give me one for you,” he said.

“What are you talking about? They are supposed to give the whole family Tamiflu if one member is sick. That’s what Becky’s doctor did!” I beseeched.

“I don’t know what to tell you. He wouldn’t give me any for you. Zoe and I were with Neill at the appointment so we each got a prescription.”

And with that, I watched as the three other Kanes each took their pills.

“Well, each of you give me some of yours. There is enough to go around.” I said.

“That’s illegal. You’ll have to get your own.” he said as he finished his water.

Mind you, my husband had had the doctor test him and he was negative for the flu!

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“No, not to mention, for some reason, those on Tamiflu have declared that they can’t help care for our flu victim, because they don’t want to get sick.

“The doctor told us to stay away from him.”

Apparently, because I didn’t have the luxury of seeing the doctor, somehow that meant I was the only one able to tend to the sickly child. So all weekend I’ve been tending to my youngest’s every whim, which has consisted of homemade cookies, take-out from Sake and endless hours of watching “Shark-Tank” with him.

Apparently his Type-A flu has made him hungrier and more inventive!

So on Sunday, as I’m writing this, I’m now sitting at my desk, blanket around my shoulders, slight headache and obvious fever.

“You need to go to the doctor. If you start the Tamiflu right at the beginning it won’t be as bad,” says Mr. Nurse Nightingale.

I refuse to look up as I continue to type.

“Ok. Well I’m just trying to help.”

Visions of using his toothbrush, coughing on his keys, and breathing on his phone float through my mind.

“And don’t go writing that I didn’t try to help you. We each had to take our own prescription. There was none to spare. This isn’t our fault. You are quite capable of going to the doctor. Blah, blah, blah….”

Not sharing their Tamiflu is going to be the least of their problems.

To read more of Becky’s and Angel’s Tales go to www.wilsonlivingmagazine.com.
Banquet to honor outstanding teachers in Wilson County

Staff Reports

Organizers of the 20th annual Wilson County Teacher of the Year program have announced the nominees for the 2017-18 Wilson County Teacher of the Year. The overall winner will be honored and named at the Annual Teacher of the Year banquet and ceremony on Friday, April 13, 2018 in Baird Chapel on the campus of Cumberland University.

The Teacher of the Year program began almost 21 years ago under the direction of W.P. Bone, III, owner of Wilson County Chevrolet-Buick-GMC, and Bob McDonald, president of CedarStone Bank. “This program supports educators and spotlights education in the communities we serve,” said W.P. Bone, III. “It is an honor and very fitting that we recognize and congratulate those professionals to whom we entrust the futures of our children.”

Each of the 32 schools in Wilson County nominates and elects its own “teacher of the year” from its faculty; nominees are chosen by their peers. Those thirty-two teachers then complete self-evaluation packets, providing the information for the final judging. Past winners of the award meet with those nominees and go over the criteria processing materials, which have proven to be a great learning experience for all those involved. An anonymous panel of Cumberland University faculty members then selects the Wilson County Teacher of the Year.

Many people play an important role in making the program successful, including members of local businesses and government, school principals, school administrators and the Chambers of Commerce from Lebanon, Mt. Juliet and Watertown. Community leaders throughout the area are on hand during the awards banquet to show their support and gratitude.

“It’s hard to believe we are now in our 20th year and over 21 years ago my friend W.P. Bone and I sat down and discussed the possibilities of building a program like this to honor teachers in our county,” said Bob McDonald, president and CEO of CedarStone Bank. “The planning process took us about a year to complete and now in our 20th year, we are still proud of this program and the wonderful teachers it acknowledges as heroes and champions in the classroom.”

The winner will receive a $1,500 cash prize and the school will net another $500 for their efforts. Those selected from across the county as “Teacher of the Year” in their respected school are as follows:

- Taimi R. Reese of W.A. Wright Elementary School
- Hannah Petty of Walter J. Baird Middle School
- Karen McDonald of Watertown Elementary School
- Laura Spangler of Watertown High School
- Carrie R. Thompson of Watertown Middle School
- Leslie Brumback of West Elementary School
- Lori Shelton of West Wilson Middle School
- Marcie Polk of Wilson Central High School
- Kristi Galligan of Wilson County Adult High School
- Jessica Johns of Winfree Bryant Middle School

A reception for the 2017-18 Teacher of the Year nominees was held Friday, Jan. 19 on the campus of Cumberland University. Several TOY past winners were on hand to interact with the 30 candidates from Wilson County schools. The TOY banquet is set for Friday, April 13, at Baird Chapel on the campus of Cumberland University.
Democratic Women honor Brandon Howard

Staff Reports

The Wilson County Democratic Women recently presented a book to the Wilson County/Watertown Library. The book was donated in honor of Brandon Howard, long time resident of Watertown. Donating a book to each of the three Wilson County libraries during the year is an ongoing community project for the Wilson County Democratic Women.

The book presented is entitled “My Life” by Bill Clinton. This book has personal significance for Mr. Howard. His grandmother was a friend of both the Clintons and is mentioned in the book. She was a prominent Democrat in Arkansas, and her tombstone reads “Yellow Dog Democrat.”

“We are pleased each year to get a book donated by the Democratic Women,” said Watertown Librarian Pamela Wiggins.

Mr. Howard has served on the Watertown city council for more than 15 years, and as vice mayor for 14 years. He also serves as a volunteer fireman in Watertown and works as an EMT for WEMA. In addition, he operates his own pest control business, Full Service Exterminators, and works as a real estate agent.

Mr. Howard is originally from Oklahoma and was recruited by Cracker Barrel from his position in Texas. It was during his stint at Cracker Barrel that he met his wife Debbie more than 30 years ago. He left Tennessee after a few years, but Debbie brought him back and they have lived in Watertown ever since. The Howards were blessed to help raise Debbie’s niece, Jenna Hopkins.

“My wife, Debbie, and I are truly honored by this donation to our local library and to be recognized by the Democratic Women,” said Howard.

The Democratic Women use this project to honor democrats who are prominent in the community and to add to the Wilson County libraries’ selection of books.

From left: Terri St. Claire, president of Wilson Democratic Women, presenting book to Pamela Wiggins, Watertown Librarian; Charlene Foutch, vice president of WCDW; Brandon Howard and his wife, Debbie.

The Wilson County Democratic Women meet the second Tuesday of the month at Five Oaks Country Club in Lebanon at 6:30 p.m.