Mayor Maness declares state of city strong

By Kenny Howell
Managing Editor

The annual State of the City Address by the Mt. Juliet Mayor looked a little different this year. What is usually held as a luncheon put on by the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce, moved, like many things this year, to the virtual world. Mayor James Maness gave his yearly update via Zoom with many Chamber members and city leaders watching from their computers.

“The state of our city is strong, not just strong, it’s Mt. Juliet strong,” said Maness. 2020 was a tough year for the city with the tornado and the pandemic, but Maness pointed out it brought out the best in people. After the tornado, many people from the

12 apply for Director position

By Kenny Howell
Managing Editor

Twelve applicants have submitted their names for the Director of Schools position. Dr. Donna Wright will be retiring at the end of the year.

Teacher of the Year

By Kenny Howell
Managing Editor

Margaret Wade is the Teacher of the Year for Stoner Creek Elementary. Wade is in her 10th year of teaching, her fifth at SCE. She has taught kindergar-

SNOW MUCH FUN

Another band of snow and ice made its way through Thursday afternoon into Friday morning and extended the snow vacation for many throughout Mt. Juliet. Reece Pierce went sledding with his friends, while over in Gladeville, Chloe Lyles had the idea to recreate her school mascot at Gladeville Elementary in snow. It was built by Chloe, Michele Lyles, Mike Lyles and Shaelyn Gardner.
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Feb. 25

MT. JULIET PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

The Mt. Juliet Planning Commission will meet Thursday, Feb. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 2425 N. Mt. Juliet Road, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122. You can watch the meeting at the city's website http://www.mt-juliet-tn.gov.

WILSON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Wilson County School Board meeting will be Monday, March 1 at Administrative & Training Complex, 415 Harding Drive, Lebanon, TN 37087. You can watch the meeting online at https://www.wcs.schools.com/Page/4332.

Feb. 27

WILSON COUNTY CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICANS MEETING

The Wilson County Conservative Republicans will meet Saturday, Feb. 27, at 9 a.m. at Music City Baptist, 7104 Lebanon Rd., Mt. Juliet. The speaker will be Wilson County Election Administrator Phillip Warren.

March 4

JOINT ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING

The Joint Economic & Community Development Board Executive Committee will meet at 7:45 AM on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at the JECDB office located at 200 Aviation Way, Suite 207, Lebanon.

Green Hill teams reach semifinals

Mo Ruttlen was the leading scorer for the Hawks, ending the night with 12 points. Zach Blair ended with 10. Mt. Juliet’s Jacob Burge led all scorers with 23. The loss ended Mt. Juliet’s season.

Both Green Hill teams were in action Tuesday night, but the games concluded after press time.

The Wilson Central girls basketball team survived the play-in game Saturday, knocking off Mt. Juliet, 35-26.

Sydney Dalton and Campbell Strange were both in double figures. Dalton led the way with 14, while Strange had 11. Mt. Juliet’s Kaitlyn Bertram led all scorers with 15. The loss ended Mt. Juliet’s season.

Central’s season came to an end in the next round when they were defeated by Lebanon Monday, 53-46.

The Wilson Central boys team also finished their season Monday, falling to Lebanon, 57-53.

Staff Reports

Both Green Hill basketball teams advanced to the semifinals of the District 9-AAA Tournament with wins Monday night.

The Lady Hawks started the night by having no trouble with Station Camp, winning easily, 52-30. Sydney Richetto added 12.

The boys had a tougher contest, edging Mt. Juliet 46-45.

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The applicants are Dr. John E. Ash, Dr. James Belcher, Dr. Jerry S. Boyd, Jeffrey Luttrel, Travis Mayfield, Dr. Deanna McClendon, Karl Puryear, Robert Sells, Dr. Victoria Shields, Dr. Cassendra Sipp, Thomas Wilson, J.D. and Dr. Aimee Wyatt.

Mayfield is the current principal of Wilson Central High School. Luttrel works in the central office and is the former principal of Watertown High School.

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ten, first and second, but is currently a first grade teacher.

“I love the community, the leadership, the friendships, colleagues, the challenges,” said Wade. “Just the support we are able to give each other and from our parents as well.”

Wade said it has always been important to her to look at her students as just as what they are – children.

“Children are not a statistic. They are indeed children. They each require their own research,” said Wade. “I always put them before any testing or data.”

It has been an extremely hard year for Wade. In addition to all the other challenges that 2020 brought, her husband unexpectedly passed away in November. Her and her children have had to keep going despite not having family in the area. Things have understandably been very difficult for Wade.

“I have been out of pocket,” said Wade. Wade said that the support her peers have showed her, that they still look to her as a leader when she is at her lowest and awarded her Teacher of the Year, was very special.

“It meant so much. It meant everything,” said Wade.

That list will be reduced to five at the March 1 board meeting, and interviews will be held later in the month. The Wilson County School Board will make the hire late in April, then finalize it in May.

Wade will now have a chance to win Wilson County Teacher of the Year. The winner will be named at a banquet tentatively scheduled (due to possible COVID-19 guidelines) for Friday, April 23.

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Spiritual Growth

Len Taylor
Pastor
The Fellowship

Spiritual growth is a journey and is ongoing when we are committed to following Jesus regardless of the cost. It is not a comfortable place. In Matthew 4:19 it says, “Follow me.” Immediately they dropped their nets and followed Him. You and I, like the disciples, at that point begin a journey of discipleship. “Imitating Him in every way.” Phil 2:5. Taking on the same attitude and making the same decisions. Even our motivation should be the same as Christ. Following is such a part of our culture. We find someone to follow. Even in social media, we follow someone. The danger begins when we find acceptance or direction in the wrong places. Groups begin to form, and deep relationships grow. Ideas begin to form and we eagerly listen and act. Sounds familiar doesn’t it? But what do those words mean from Christ, “Follow Me?” If you are going to imitate someone, you have to know everything about them. How they walk, talk, speak, and act becomes our study. We get in front of a mirror and try to look like them. In the spiritual sense, that’s called accountability or finding someone to speak the truth to you and me. Often times it could be encouragement and not just criticism. Our challenge is to strengthen our faith and walk upright in our journey to be more and more like Christ every passing day.
I wanted to take a moment to thank all the city, county, and state road crews for the wonderful job you all did with the roads during the rather unusual and most impactful winter weather events we had back to back.

I knew the many hours of hard work it took day and night to help clear the main roads first and then the secondary roads were no easy task. And it didn’t help that you had a combination of snow and ice events back to back. Regardless and as always, you stepped up and for that we are most appreciative.

I would also like to thank the police, fire, grocery, medical, retailers and all other essential workers that kept things going and safe for the rest of us. This was a unique weather event and I just wanted everyone that contributed to know just how much you are appreciated.

And to my fellow citizens and neighbors, thank you for staying off the roads as much as possible. Because of your good judgement traffic crashes and accidents were way down.

We are all blessed in so many ways and I wanted to simply say thanks and to let you know that you are appreciated more than you know.

Questions or comments? Email becky@wilsonliving-magazine.com

Telling Tales - It Takes a Village to Raise a Mom

I’ll never forget that first parent-teacher conference. I sat in a tiny red chair outside the classroom, nervous and hoping that tiny red chair was made for a child because I could only fit one cheek on it. When it was my turn, I was led into a classroom where I had to sit in an even smaller chair.

Before I could offer an apology for his genetic disposition to be more of a talker like his mama and not a thinker like his dad, his teacher told me he was doing great. My son, my firstborn, was doing great. When I said he didn’t listen, she said, “he’s a boy.” When I said he had a short attention span, she said, “most creative people do” and “he’s a boy.” When I said he hates homework, she said “most creative people do” and “he’s a boy.” When I said he was small for his age, she said, “So do I.” When I said he hates homework, she said, “he’s a boy.” When I said he had snot, I told her I worry about him and you.”

“Does it bother him?”
“No. He’s as happy as a clam cheering on the team.”
“Then don’t worry about it. Pick your battles. This one isn’t worth it.”

Over the years, the faces of my “other mothers” have changed. They have been cheering on our runners at cross country meets, in front of me in the carpool lane, and hauling a wagon full of essentials to the dorm room.

From them, I’ve learned the language of motherhood. A language that can be kind and include curse words. Over the years, their advice, experience, and honest perspective have given me the confidence I needed to see that I’m a pretty good mom, and that confidence allowed my children to be better versions of themselves. The village surrounding my family wasn’t just a source of recipes and conversation during day-long baseball tryouts. They raised a mother.

Some say, “it takes a village to raise a child.” I disagree. It takes a village to raise a mother who can, in turn, be the best mom to her kids.

Your village is right there with you. Even when you think no one in the world would understand, trust me, someone speaks the dialect you’re looking for.
Guardian Shield helps in finding two stolen vehicles

Staff Reports

Mt. Juliet Guardian Shield alerts helped recover two stolen vehicles and led to multiple arrests last week.

The first was a 2020 Toyota Corolla that was stolen out of West Palm Beach, Fla. on Feb. 2. Officers intercepted the vehicle in Lebanon. A new adult female wanted out of Wilson County was arrested as well.

The second was a U-Haul trailer that was stolen from Mt. Juliet’s U-Haul center. An adult male wanted out of Smith County was arrested. An adult female wanted out of Wilson County was arrested as well.

By Kenny Howell
Managing Editor

The Board of Commissioners praised the work of the City to help get Mt. Juliet back up and running after the snowstorm last week.

Public Works has three trucks to clear the streets, and the team worked in 24/7 shifts to keep up with the falling snow and ice.

In most years, that’s more than enough,” said Mayor James Maness. “I don’t think I have ever seen that much snow fall, and then to stick around for so long.”

Many of the commissioners expressed thanks to the public for staying home as much as they could. There ended up being only a small handful of wrecks due to the snow and ice.

“I think this was the safest winter storm” if you go by the crime data,” City Manager Kenny Martin.

Vice Mayor Ray Justice also praised the work of the City and the Wilson County Road Commission for the county response. However, he said TDOT didn’t meet expectations.

“We got exactly what we expect from them,” said Justice.

In the business portion of the agenda, the Commissioners approved an agreement with WSP to help with the improvements projected for Old Lebanon Road. The road will be three lanes with a shoulder and a trail on the south side of the street. The first phase will run from Julie Drive to Chandler Drive. The second phase, just for the early work on the project like appraisals and until acquisition of easements on 90 total tracks of land. It was approved unanimously.

The commissioners also approved moving funds from park land to park improvements for development of new park lands purchased by the City and the widening of the I-40 bridge which is already under way.

Maness also applauded the work of the Mt. Juliet Police Department this year. Their crime rate of 49 ranks fifth best for cities in the area. Their crime clearance rate of 60 percent is really high in comparison to other departments. There was an uptick in crashes and overdoses this year, but that is common throughout the United States.

The MJPD is adding a new addition to their headquarters for their dispatch crew. They are also poised to hire four officers a year for the next 10 years. They are also converting many of their patrol cars to hybrid for fuel efficiency.

Boxwell Reservation to be renovated

Staff Reports

The Middle Tennessee Council, Boy Scouts of America is engaged in a $10.6 million capital campaign to renovate and replace key facilities at Boxwell Reservation, its flagship camp in Lebanon. A new Skilled Trades Center will be built to provide Scouts, ages 13-18, with practical, hands-on learning that will allow the youth to earn merit badges over the course of week-long overnight summer camp.

The facility, planned to open in June 2021, was made possible through a generous gift from the Mad- den Foundation of Hernan- do, Miss. Robin Grindstaff Hur- dle, President and CEO of the foundation, said “When I learned about the new Skilled Trades Center I knew it would be a perfect match for a gift from the Founda- tion in memory of my father.” Robin’s father, Roy Grind- staff, was a master electri- cian and a 60-year member of IBEW’s Local Union 429 in Nashville and had spent time teaching her brothers the trade in their youth.

The Roy Grindstaff Skilled Trades Center will provide youth the opportunity to earn the merit badges of Auto- motive Maintenance, Elec- tricity, Home Repair, Paint- ing, Plumbing and Welding. The facility will also include a classroom to accommo- date hands on skills presen- tations by volunteers who are experts in the trades fields.

For more information on how to support the Skilled Trades Center program contact Larry Brown, Scout Executive, at lbrown@mtcbsa.org
LOCAL BUSINESS

AWD will help your business get noticed

By Kenny Howell
Managing Editor

Adam Wright of Adam Wright Design has been in the Website and Graphic Design business for 10 years, but when he relocated to Mt. Juliet three years ago something inspired him.

“Ever since moving to Mt. Juliet, I see what supporting local means to the community,” said Wright.

Wright said it helped him realize what it means to support local businesses because the city does such a great job investing within their own community. He recently joined the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce and is looking forward to working with local businesses. He has worked with some so far, like the redesign of Calabria Pizzeria’s website, but he sees himself working with more and more great businesses in the community, along with the many clients he has throughout the United States.

“I want to help them be successful in whatever they want to do,” said Wright.

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When you are working with Adam Wright Design, you are working with the man in the business name. Wright does all the work himself, and he has found that the project turns out better when he works with the client directly.

“I truly care about my clients,” said Wright. “I work with them one on one. I’m the one doing the work. I’m the one they are communicating with.”

If you would like to check out some of Adam Wright Design’s work, you can visit adamwrightdesign.com. If you are interested in his services, you can contact him at (615)538-5400 or hello@adamwrightdesign.com.

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Adam Wright of Adam Wright Design offers services in Web and Graphic Design for all your business needs.

Charis receives The Healing Trust grant

Charis Health Center recently received a grant from The Healing Trust, which awarded funds totaling $751,900 in its most recent grant cycle. The Charis grant for $147,818 will be used to help improve health equity for the uninsured during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The Charis Health Center clinics in Mt. Juliet and Gladeville provide a critical service to bridge the healthcare coverage gap in the community. Many of the uninsured patients they serve work full time or are self-employed. Some patients are experiencing a temporary gap in coverage due to unemployment or a change in employment. Others aren’t eligible for employer plans, or they can’t afford the premiums. Insured individuals with very high deductible plans may not get needed medical care due to the out-of-pocket cost.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has continued, the healthcare coverage gap has grown,” said Lauren Smith, Charis Health Center Executive Director.

The mission of The Healing Trust, a private grant making foundation, is the sacred work of fostering healing and wholeness for vulnerable populations through strategic investing, philanthropy, and advocacy.

Recipients of the contributions include non-profit organizations from 40 counties in Middle Tennessee that focus on advocacy, physical health, mental health, recovery from alcohol and drug abuse or healing from abuse, neglect, and violence. This year’s grants bring the collective grant making of The Healing Trust to over $96 million since 2002. The Trust, while created out of the sale of Baptist Hospital to Ascension Health/St. Thomas Health Services, is a private, independent foundation and is not affiliated with the St. Thomas Health Services or the St. Thomas Health Services Fund.

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Around Christmas 1955, Earl Scruggs was seriously injured in an automobile accident and Curtis was called to stand in for him with Lester Flatt. This was considered by Curtis to be the beginning of the band, a break-up in early 1969.

He obtained his first recording contract with ABC Paramount in 1961 and has recorded for several other companies throughout his career.

Curtis played with Bill Monroe for about two years, during the time when Bill entertained at Carnegie Hall in Nov. 1961. Curtis also recorded some 18 classic songs with Bill. After leaving Bill Monroe and the Bluegrass Boys, he joined Wilma Lee & Stoney Cooper and worked throughout 1963 with them.

After this stint, Curtis signed on with WSM as a staff musician and played the Grand Old Opry for several years. He became the only banjo player to ever be a member of the Grand Ole Opry house band and he was also an in-demand session musician.

During 1969, Curtis met Danny Davis and was invited to join him with the "Danny Davis and the Nashville Brass" and toured around the world with them until 1987. Later he took charge of a group called the "Natchez Grass" which shortly changed its name to "Natchez Express".

Curtis has worked throughout his career with several major artists including George Jones and Melba Montgomery.

He was the 2010 recipient of the Uncle Dave Macon Days Trailblazer Award and the 2018 recipient of the International Bluegrass Music Association’s Distinguished Achievement Award.

Curtis has also been involved with the music industry as a collector of fine vintage banjos and various acoustic instruments and is in constant demand in authenticating and appraising fine vintage banjos and various instruments.

He was a 50-year member of the American Federation of Musicians, a 50-year member of the Masons and a 50-year member of Al Menah Shrine Temple.

In addition to his parents, Curtis was preceded in death by his sister, Alma McPeake, who died in 1983 and his brother, Hoover McPeake in 2019.

He is survived by: his wife of 72 years, Wilma Dean Western McPeake; daughter, Twonna McPeake-Coward; son-in-law, Wayne T. Coward; and granddaughters, Connor Michelle Coward and Carson Elayna Coward.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, at Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet, TN with Bro. Danny Tomlinson officiating. Visitations will be 4-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to service Thursday. For those who plan to attend, please wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines. The service will be live streamed on the Bond Memorial Chapel Facebook page. Additional funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at Pafford Funeral Home, 501 Scotts Hill, TN. Visitations will be 4-8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to service Saturday. Interment will follow at Crowell Cemetery in Middleton.


HAMILTON, Claralee Irene “Cary”

Claralee Irene “Cary” (Wohlfert) Hamilton, was born Saturday Dec. 16, 1939, in Oxford, Wis., and transitioned peacefully Sunday, Feb. 21, at her home in Lebanon, at the age of 81 years.

Cary was the daughter of the late A. F. and LaVerne (Nielsen) Wohlfert. She was a retired legal secretary.

She was predeceased, in addition to her parents, by her husband, retired Lebanon attorney, Robert “Bob” Hamilton, who passed away March 2, 2019; one daughter, Vickie (Christopherson) Barbor; and one brother, Art Nielsen. Also, the father of her children, Ronald “Ronnie” Christopherson, and her second husband, Larry Britt. As well as her beloved cat, Maggie.

Surviving are: two sons, Michael (Harold Scott) Christopherson, of Lebanon, and Rick (Dianne) Christopherson of Sautee, Ga.; two grandchildren; Brittany Barber, and Cara (Nacac) Titty, as well as one grand dog, Sue Ellen Noelle. One great grandchild Morrison, due Sept. 2021; and one very special cousin, Judy Dunn.

Cremation has been chosen, with no visitation or services. Memorials may be made to Sherry’s Run.

Sellers Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, (615)444-9393.

MILLER, Jr., Ralph Cleo

Ralph Cleo Miller, Jr., 91, Mt. Juliet, died Feb. 19. Miller was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a retired Capitol aircraft mechanic. He enjoyed building model airplanes. Mr. Miller was the son of the late, Ralph Cleo Miller, Sr. and Ethel May Miller. He also predeceased in death by his sisters, Ethel May and Elizabeth “Betsy”.

He is survived by: wife of 60 years, Gloria Miller; children, Cathleen (Stevie) Humphries, Diana Marie Hendricks, Charles Ralph (Lisa) Miller, Ginger (Jeff) Seely and Jeffrey Alan Miller; 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.


WOODY, Amy Richardson

Amy Richardson Woody, 65, Mt. Juliet passed away Feb. 15. Amy was preceded in death by mother, Estelle Walker; and father, Bryant Lee Searcey.

She is survived by: husband, Joe Woody; children, Amy (Courtney) Wilson, Brittany (Michael) Bixler; Britany Ann Woody, Brandy “Patty” (Colton) Martin and Briana Woody; sister, Tena Searcey; brothers, Mike Searcey and Dennis Searcey; step-sister, Brenda (Gene) Madden; best friend, Mary Case; and grandchildren, Tristan Cavender, Chance Wilson, Savannah Wilson,trip; Michael (Bixler) Richardson, Bri-

and her first guitar in 1936. In the 1940s, he was playing steel guitar with “The Rhodes Brothers” and had a weekly radio broadcast over WTJS Radio in Jackson. Around 1950, during the Korean War, is when he really switched to the banjo full time. One of the first groups that Curtis started was “Curtis McPeake and the Rocky Valley Boys” which aired six days a week over WDXX in Lexington.

It was around 1952 or 1953 when he first met Earl Scruggs, and even appeared on some of the “Lester Flatt & Earl Scruggs” TV shows.
Election Commission honored by county and cities

Staff Reports

The Wilson County election commission staff and poll officials were honored with a resolution at their Feb. 22 meeting. The resolution sponsored by Commissioner Terry Ashe and signed by Wilson County Mayor, Randall Hutto, Lebanon Mayor, Rick Bell, Mt. Juliet Mayor, James Massness and Watertown Mayor, Mike Jennings was approved unanimously by the 25 Wilson County Commissioners.

Phillip Warren, Administrator of Elections said, “This recognition by the County Commission and the three cities is a testament to the accomplishments of our staff and to the commitment and competency of Wilson County poll officials. It is an honor to be a part of the Election Commission and to have the opportunity to work with these dedicated people.”

Elections in 2020 began with the Presidential Preference Primary on March 3. In the early morning of March 3 a tornado ripped through the county. When the polls opened that morning, two polls were unusable and 10 had no power. The poll officials were prepared, polls were opened around the county. Approximately 300 dedicated poll officials were on duty and voters were served despite the devastation and voters were served.

The Wilson County Election Commission were honored by the Wilson County Commission, as well as the Cities of Mt. Juliet, Lebanon and Watertown for their work this year in the elections.

Elections in 2020 were held under the shadow of a national-wide pandemic. In both August and November elections, poll officials were challenged with preserving the integrity of every vote while protecting the safety of every voter and election worker. Changes were made to procedures during Early Voting and on Election Day to ensure the integrity of the votes and to protect the health and safety of voters and poll officials.

Wilson County voters also experienced for the first time a more convenient form of voting in 2020. The introduction of vote centers allowed voters to choose the most convenient polling location to cast their vote on Election Day. Wilson County voters have long been advocates for Early Voting. With five Early Voting centers to choose from, 83 percent of those voting in the Nov. 2020 Presidential Election took advantage of casting their vote before Election Day. Vote centers expanded the convenience of early voting choices to Election Day giving Wilson County voters 18 choices.

“Support of everyone involved with elections makes administering fair and honest elections and our goal to continually improve the voting experience in Wilson County possible. This resolution is a wonderful expression of appreciation for the 350-plus poll officials and the Election Commission staff” commented Tammy Smith, Assistant Administrator.

Since the mid 1990s, the Election Commission has been headquartered in the old Lebanon Post Office just off the Lebanon Square. The building is the oldest public building in Wilson County having been opened in March of 1915. From 1915 until 1964 it served Wilson County as the US Post Office. The County Commission purchased the former Fred’s Department store in 2019 with plans to renovate a portion for the Election Commission. The Election Commission currently has two locations - the administrative office on West Main Street and a maintenance, storage and training annex at the Wilson County Schools Administrative building on Harding Drive. The renovation of the building on Gay Street, next to the Courthouse, will provide space for the Election Commission to operate in a single location.

There are no elections scheduled for 2021. To learn more about elections, voting and how you can be involved with Wilson County elections contact the Wilson County Election Commission at (615)444-0216 or online at www.wilosonelections.com.

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PET OF THE WEEK

King is a Lab/Pitbull mix who came to our shelter as a stray and went unclaimed. King is a sweet but shy and timid guy. King will need to be taught his basic commands. King is almost two years old. He is not yet neutered, so his adoption fee is $25 plus the cost of neuter at a local vet in Wilson County. Please call the shelter at 615-773-5533 to schedule an appointment to meet King, or come during OPEN HOURS Monday – Friday from 11:30-5 PM.
The Board of Commissioners of the City of Mt. Juliet will have a Work session on March 1, 2021 at 5:30 PM to discuss potential changes to CG (Commercial General) zoning restrictions/requirements. This work session will be held and attended via Zoom.

This work session may be viewed at: http://tiny.cc/CMJYT. The Public is invited to Comment thru the agenda portal in the upper right hand corner or emailing shuckett@mtjuliet-tn.gov or by calling 615-754-2552. Please submit all comments by 4 PM on Monday, February 22nd and provide your address so it can be forwarded to the Commissioner representing your district.

Kenny Martin, City Manager City of Mt. Juliet
McElhannon recognized as nominee for GVSA

McElhannon has served the community through many organizations

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Staff Reports

Kandi McElhannon was recognized as a nominee for a Governor’s Volunteer Stars Award.

A State of Tennessee program, this initiative seeks to recognize and honor outstanding volunteers in participating counties for their volunteer service.

Kandi received a commemorative plaque to mark the occasion, sponsored by Wilson Bank & Trust.

SVP - Lebanon Market Leader, Curt Baker and Sara Davenport, Coordinator for GVSA - Wilson County, joined County Mayor, Randall Hutto in presenting McElhannon with her nomination award and thanked her for her volunteer service.

McElhannon was nominated by Alicia Hollis who recognizes Kandi’s volunteer work in several fields.

Here’s what Alicia had to say about Kandi: “Ms. McElhannon has dedicated her life to serving the communities of Wilson County. She has been strongly involved in service through the Kiwanis Club, Chamber of Commerce, and many other organizations. One of her shining moments took place this year when she organized and orchestrated the volunteer clean-up efforts in Mt. Juliet after the tornado on March 3. Along with a handful of other amazing people, Kandi McElhannon jumped in and led the way. She has the heart of a servant and loves this community. You will find her volunteering at every non-profit fundraiser she can find.”

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CareNow relocating to larger location

Staff Reports

CareNow® urgent care is pleased to announce the relocation of its Mt. Juliet clinic. The new CareNow urgent care clinic will be located at 620 S Mt. Juliet Road, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122, and will feature seven exam rooms and one triage space. CareNow Urgent Care Clinic provides a wide range of medical services with the convenience of extended hours, walk-in visits and Web Check-In to reduce waiting in the lobby. Additionally, CareNow urgent care is currently providing various types of COVID-19 testing and offers Virtual Visits so you can see a provider from the comfort of your home.

“It’s been a privilege to treat residents of Mt. Juliet for nearly eight years. To better serve our community, we are moving to a new, larger location just across the street,” says Scott Poston, director of operations of CareNow Nashville.

CareNow urgent care provides quick care for non-life-threatening illnesses and injuries, such as sprains and strains, minor burns, coughs, sore throats and flu-like symptoms—as well as physicals, vaccinations, general diagnostics and check-ups.

The urgent care clinic has X-ray and lab services on-site and provides occupational medicine services to local employers, including examinations and treatment of injured workers in worker’s compensation cases, pre-employment screenings and drug tests.

CareNow urgent care is open seven days a week with hours that extend into the evening. Find a location or take advantage of Web Check-In® online at CareNow.com.

State Farm presents FUTURO with a $5,000 Good Neighbor Citizenship Company grant

Staff Reports

FUTURO is thrilled to announce it’s support from State Farm Insurance. The funds will be used to support college students in the program to receive career development opportunities including expanding of their professional network, leadership development training, professional leadership conferences, as well as provide them with opportunities to serve in the community.

Executive Director, Jennifer Novo states, “State Farm has been our partner since we first began helping students nine years ago. They have long understood the value of what we do at FUTURO. Thank you, State Farm for your continued support! We are building the leaders of tomorrow!”

“State Farm is proud to continue our longtime financial support of FUTURO,” said Judy McConkey, Corporate Responsibility Analyst for State Farm.

FUTURO’s program model helps college students: gain access to professional development and job training, build a professional and formal social network, access to identifying job and career building opportunities such as internships and job shadow experiences, instrumentation in accessing adult studies and technical training programs and fundamentals of financial literacy. The FUTURO Select 100 Program is intended to address the disparities among Latino communities and break the cycle of poverty and underemployment to reach upward economic mobility. For more information on FUTURO visit: futuroisnow.com

FUTURO is an inclusive, college success professional development organization that creates leadership opportunities, career growth, and civic engagement in Middle-Tennessee. Our vision is for our members to graduate with a college degree in one hand and a job offer, business plan, or graduate school offer in the other.

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