Dawson gives update on new high school

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Green Hill High School principal Kevin Dawson has announced a wave of new head coaching hires. All coaches will have teaching positions at GHHS this August.

Danna Sims was named the cheerleading coach. She received her B.A. in English with a minor in Creative Writing from Cumberland University in 2017 and her Master’s of Arts in Teaching in 2019. During her time at CU, she was the president of Sigma Tau Delta, the Honorary English Society, as well as a member of both the dance and cheer squad. She’s been teaching English 2 for over two years at Wilson Central High School.

“Being a part of a new program at a new high school is an honor for me because I will not only be there to see the first group of students walk through the doors of our school on our first day but will also have the opportunity to play a role in the establishment of traditions at Green Hill High School and, ultimately, our legacy,” said Sims.

David Glasscock was hired as the track coach. Next season will be his first year coaching.

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

Projects proposed for Nonaville Road

Plans were recently submitted to the City of Mt. Juliet that proposes a residential development at the former Windtree Golf Club. The project, called Windree Pines, proposes 267 single-family lots on approximately 160 acres.

Another project on Nonaville Road was recently approved by the city. Northtown Gardens, a proposed multi-family mixed-use development with 360 apartment units, was approved at the city planning commission.

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

Teachers of the Year

This week’s feature for Teacher of the Year is Anita Owens, a kindergarten teacher at West Elementary School.

Owens is in her 11th year teaching. She previously taught in Smith County for six years before coming to West, where she has been for the last five years.

Owens has two children who also attend West. She originally was a room mom for her daughter’s class. When that teacher left, Owens stepped in to fill the role.

Owens attended Tennessee Technological University, receiving her bachelor’s, master’s and EDS degrees. As a grad student, she supervised student teachers. She found this helpful as an educator because she was able to observe other

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

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Slim Chickens opens newest location in MJ

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

Slim Chickens, a fast-casual restaurant specializing in chicken (obviously), opened its newest location in Mt. Juliet today, Feb. 26. The third location in Tennessee, the restaurant brings a new chicken option on the north side of the city.

Slim Chickens was founded in 2003. The opening of the Mt. Juliet location comes a few days after the anniversary of the very first Slim Chickens opening on Feb. 17.

President of Operations Harold Wallace said Slim Chickens stands apart from other similar restaurants by the way they prepare their food. The chicken is always fresh, never frozen, and the marinating process and light breading gives it a great flavor.

Some features of the menu include quality wings and tenders, grilled or fried, a wide variety of sides, mason jar desserts, and 17 different sauces.

Wallace said the fast-casual nature of Slim Chickens is the future of the restaurant industry. It simplifies the menu, allowing more focus on providing quality food to its customers in a timely manner.

If customers are in a rush, they can utilize the drive-through or order ahead online or through the app, available on iTunes and Google Play. Rewards can be earned through the app that add up to free products and discounts. Customers are also always welcome to come inside and eat their meal in a modern dining area where they will be treated with southern hospitality.

Wallace runs all three Tennessee locations and hopes to continue expanding Slim Chickens’ presence in the future.

Slim Chickens CEO Tom Gordon said the company is based on better food, better products and better service. He said central Tennessee has been great for the restaurant, and he looks forward to having more people come eat with them at this newest location in Mt. Juliet.

Slim Chickens is located at 4151 N. Mt. Juliet Road. Learn more about their menu or order ahead at slimchickens.com.

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Green Hill High School, still under construction, is set to open in August for the 2020-21 school year. | Photo by Sarah Tate

Dawson has worked in the Wilson County Schools system for eight years and was named as the first principal of the new high school, opening August 2020. He is a proud product and champion of public education, and he is excited for his staff to bring their experience and passion to the school.

While some coaches and administrators have been hired, Dawson said they are still interviewing many candidates. With the 70-plus candidates Dawson has interviewed, he always asks the same question: What makes them want to step into this role?

He wants educators, not only at GHHS but across the county, to bring the excitement and passion that led them to teaching into the classroom because that is how they can capture their students’ interest and keep them engaged in the material.

“It’s fun to stand up and talk about what we’re doing and why the teaching profession and those teachers standing in front of their kids really need to be championed by everyone,” he said. “It’s difficult, it’s stressful, and it’s a labor of love.”

Something that Dawson said sets GHHS apart is its focus on academic press and culture of care. While it is important to put a major emphasis on education and learning, it is equally important to show students that there are teachers, staff, and community who care about them and want them to succeed.

“Because people face obstacles all the time, he said, it’s important to help students learn how to overcome the pressures and difficulties they may encounter.

“We’re going to normalize the process of making mistakes so that they realize that that’s the process of learning,” he said.

The school will have a motto of courage, character and commitment that will exemplify a successful student, as well as successful educators.

Teachers need to have the courage to push students in innovative ways to get them prepared while students should have the courage to push themselves to be their best. Courage also refers to their ability to be vulnerable enough to say they can be better.

GHHS will also focus on students, and teachers, having good character. They want honest, hardworking and consistent people with integrity, who are ready to face life outside of school.

The dedication to commitment will shine outside the school, following students where they go next in life so they can continue building positivity in their community.

Green Hill High School will open in August. They will be the Hawks and have the colors of green and white.
Granville to hold annual spring fashion show

Staff Reports

Historic Granville will celebrate spring with its annual Spring Fashion Show and Ladies Luncheon on March 14 at 11 a.m. This year’s theme is “Fashion Blooms in Granville.”

The show in Tennesee’s Mayberry Town will also have a luncheon and entertainment, with fashions from “I Love Lucy” presented by Lucy (Kaye Loftis) and Ethel (Liz Bennett). Granville will open a new Mayberry “I Love Lucy” museum on April 18, which will be the beginning of the new focus for Historic Granville. A unique Mayberry Lunch will be served of Clara’s Church Ladies Chicken Salad, Andy’s Favorite Pasta Salad, Helen’s Fruit Salad, Floyd’s Sunday Muffin, Aunt Bee’s Dessert Assortment, fruit tea, unsweet tea, and coffee. The fashion show, called “Fashion Blooms in Granville” is presented by Granville Gift Shop and is directed by Denise Hackett.

There will be shopping from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Granville Gifts, Southern Shops, Sutton General Store, and Granville Quilters Attic. This will also be the opening day of Granville’s 2020 season with Sutton Homestead introducing new historic home tours with the theme “Life in a Mayberry Town.” The Pioneer Village will be featuring Craftsmen of Yesteryear, where crafts will be demonstrated and sold.

The price of the event is $20 per person and includes lunch, fashion show, entertainment and the historic home tour. For reservations call 931-653-4151.
Lebanon High School claimed its first District 9AAA Tournament title on Feb. 24, taking down reigning district tournament champion Beech High School 49-46.

After their first two games of the district tournament, both the Devilettes and the Lady Bucs cruised into the title game, which was set to be a shootout. Both teams started out relatively slow in the first quarter. Deshiya Hoosier proved to, once again, be the driving force of the Beech offense, putting up 6 first quarter points. The Devilettes shared the wealth between Addie Grace Porter, Avery Harris and Meishe Mason as they accounted for 11 points in the first quarter. This left the score at 11-10 in favor of Beech after 8 minutes of play. Lebanon resorted to their perimeter style of play in the second quarter. Anne Marie Heidebrecht knocked down a pair of threes in the quarter, also adding a perfect trip to the free throw line. Porter also managed a pair of free throws, and Rebecca Mason managed a basket and two free throws. Harris notched a single free throw, giving Lebanon 25 points going into halftime. Beech lost its lead, as Hoo- sier managed 5 points, Rilee Long with 2, JC Swaf- ford managed 2 baskets, and Mia Dean landed one free throw. Fouls ruled the first half, as Beech had 13 and Lebanon managed 11. At the half, the score sat at 25-22.

Both teams stayed within a possession or two throughout the third quarter. Heidebrecht and Mason combined for the only 2 baskets of the quarter, as many of the Devilettes’ points came from free throws. Porter drew several al fouls, as she went 3-6 from the charity stripe in the third. Dean and Hoo- sier each knocked down a three for Beech, and JC Swaford knocked down a two. Beech ran into foul trouble early, a trend that remained for the final quarter.

Beech had a momentum shift in the fourth, as Dean knocked down two threes. The score became locked at 36 all with about 6 minutes to go. Porter and the Devilettes surged up to regain the lead, keeping this for the remainder of the game. Fouls once again ruled the half, and the Devilettes claimed their first tournament title ever in District 9AAA with a final score of 49-46.

Lady Buc Deshia Hoo- sier led all scorers with 21 points, and she was followed by Dean with 10 points for Beech. Swafford managed 9 points, and the trio of Natasia Jones, Bri Ellis, and Riley Long combined for 6 points to round out Beech scoring. Heidebrecht led Lebanon with 15 points. Alissa Mulaski dropped 5, and Brown finished with 4.

The all district team and all district tournament were also named, and they are as follows:

**All District Beech:** Mia Dean, Bri Ellis, Jana Claire Swaf- ford, Deshiya Hoosier, District 9 MVP

**Lebanon:** Addie Grace Porter, Alissa Mulaski, Aaryn Grace Lester

**Wilson Central:** Syd- nee Richetto, Nicole Bril, Campbell Strange

**Gallatin — Jerry Land- er, District 9 Coach of the Year:** Jeremia Mont-gomery, Jo’Neca Talley

**Station Camp:** Faith Eubank, Marisa Wirtz

**Portland:** Lillie Whitehead

**Mt. Juliet:** Neveah Ma- jors

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**NOTICE OF POLLING PLACES**

**REPUBLICAN & DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY ELECTION COUNTY REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION SALES TAX REFERENDUM ELECTION**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020**

You are hereby notified that a Presidential Preference Primary Election and a County Republican Primary Election will be held in all Wilson County Vote Center Locations on March 3, 2020.

**NOTE: STATE LAW REQUIRES A TENNESSEE OR FEDERA LLY ISSUED PHOTO ID BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 7:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M.**

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If you have any questions about your voting location, please call the Election Commission Office at 444-0216.

**ATTENTION VOTERS**

Please be prepared to show proof of identification when you go to vote Tuesday, March 3, 2020. A voter must have a Tennessee or Federal government issued photo ID. If no photo identification is provided, the voter will vote a provisional ballot and the voter will have until two business days after the election to return to the election commission office and show a valid photo I.D. or the ballot will be rejected. Forms of acceptable identification (even expired) include a Tennessee Driver’s License with your photo, United States Passport, Department of Safety photo ID, Photo issued by the Federal or Tennessee state government, United States Military photo ID or Gun permit card with your photo. The voter can sign on each voting machine if they qualify or have a genuine objection to having photographed.

**NOTICE:** Persons registering to vote on By-Mail forms, this includes actual By-Mail Forms or forms downloaded off the Internet, are required by law to vote either in person at the polls or in person during Early Voting the first time after they register to vote. You must bring proof of residency with you such as a CURRENT TN Driver’s License, TN Dept. of Safety Photo ID, Social Security Card, or any other document with your name, current address and signature PLUS A Photo ID.

**ATTENTION CANDIDATES**

Display of campaign posters, signs or other campaign materials, distribution of campaign materials and solicitation of votes is strictly prohibited within 100 feet of any polling place. (TCA 2-7-111) During the hours the polls are open, candidates are not to enter a polling place unless they are there to cast their vote. (TCA 2-7-101)

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Don Simpson, Commissioner — Kim, Phillip Warren, Administrator of Elections
### Republican Primary Ballot

**President of the United States**
- Donald J. Trump
- Joe Walsh
- Bill Weld
- Uncommitted

**Circuit Court Judge Div III**
- Beth Scott Clayton

**Assessor of Property**
- Steve Allbrooks
- Julia Aitchley-Pace
- Maebievers
- Chad Blackburn
- Linda D. Buckles
- Jane Cheederster
- James (Rusty) Keith
- Shawn Mcbrrier
- Javin Cripps
- Michael Collins
- Shawn Mccerienn
- Write-in: Ensley Hagan
- Write-in: Charles Leeman

**County Commission District 17**
- Peggy Larkin
- Jennifer Inman Little
- Mary Littleton
- Raul Lopez
- Paulina Albornoz Madaris
- Nazar Sharanshi
- Rob in T. Smith
- Dalton Temple
- Rick Tillis
- Susan Richardson Williams
- Marsha Yessick
- Jake Adams
- Wanda J. Cooke
- Leslie D. Mills
- Write-in: Uncommitted

**Republican County Primary Election**
- Shelley Thompson Gardner

**County Commission**
- Joe Ali Hussein
- James (Rusty) Keith
- Write-in: Uncommitted

**County Republican Primary Election**
- Committed and Uncommitted Delegates at Large
- Write-in: Uncommitted

### Democratic Primary Ballot

**President of the United States**
- Michael Bennet
- Joseph R. Biden
- Michael R. Bloomberg
- Cory Booker
- Pete Buttigieg

**Circuit Court Judge Div III**
- Paul Bailey
- Craig Ewan Clark
- Holly S. Jones
- Terrr R. Nicholson
- Mary Ann Parks
- Ryan Williams
- Vote for Three (3)

**Assessor of Property**
- Joseph Elder
- Frank Gorgie
- Write-in: Uncommitted

**County Commission District 17**
- Joseph Elder
- Frank Gorgie
- Write-in: Uncommitted

**County Democratic Primary Election**
- Write-in: Uncommitted

**County Democratic Primary Election**
- Committed and Uncommitted Delegates at Large
- Write-in: Uncommitted

### Referendum Election

**Sales and Use Tax Referendum**
- If approved, the sales tax rate in Wilson County, Tennessee would increase by one-half cent to 9.75%.

**Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Wilson County, Tennessee requesting a referendum to be held at the presidential preference primary election to increase the local sales tax by one-half cent**

**WHEREAS, the sales tax rate in Wilson County, Tennessee is currently 9.25%, and**

**WHEREAS, State law allows a County Legislative Body to adopt a resolution requesting a referendum to increase the sales tax rate,**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Wilson County, Tennessee that we hereby request the Wilson County Election Commission to put on the Presidential Primary Election to be held on the third Tuesday in March, 2020 a referendum to increase the sales tax rate by one-half cent,**

**For**

**Against**

**Wilson County Referendum**

**Wilson County Election Commission**
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The other day I got in my car to go pick up some coffee and saw where a band I like released a new song. I hit play. I had one of those moments with a song, you’ve had it too, where from the first note and then as the words come in you don’t listen to the song, you experience it. It speaks to your soul. It was like the words began to pour over me and spill out of my soul at the same time.

The song spoke to where I feel like I am in life right now. It gave words for my soul to sing in this season. My wife and I are expecting our first child, a little girl, due July 1. We have lived in an apartment for the six years of marriage and are getting ready to move into our first home. We just had a car break down. We are walking through family dynamics that are strenuous. Our life is full … just like yours, I’m sure.

It’s full of the blessings of this life and the hardships. I’m a Jesus guy. I believe Jesus is our savior and a savior for all people. What I love about Jesus is that from the beginning of the story in the Old Testament to the end of the book in Revelations, to where our story is today … Jesus is with us in it. Whether you grew up in church or not, you’ve probably heard of this guy named Moses and
Do you regularly see things that make you say “what’s up with that?”

I know I sure do. For example, what’s up with all these pillows on our beds these days? When I was a kid, I had one, maybe two pillows max on the bed. Now we have like 10 or so. As a result of all these pillows it now takes me what feels like nearly an hour combined to remove all the pillows from the bed at night and then strategically place them in their spots in the mornings. As a result, I’m thinking about just sleeping on the floor just so I don’t have to mess with them at all.

And what’s up with all this trash I see all over the place? Apparently, some folks don’t know what a trash can looks like or is used for. If you are one that doesn’t know what a trash can is let me explain. A trash can is where you put trash and they can be found pretty much everywhere. A trash can is not opening your car door and sitting your trash (whatever it may be) on the ground. A trash can is not the bed of your truck so it blows out going down the road and a trash can is certainly not rolling down your window and throwing it out so it ends up along our streets and in other people’s yards and property just so you don’t have to mess with it. And a trash can is not finding a place to dump your trash along a roadside or on someone’s property simply because you are too lazy to drive to a landfill or one of our convenience centers.

Sorry to sound harsh, but someone must pick up your mess and, in the end, it costs us all a lot of money. We live in a wonderful country and can do much better than this, so if you are one of the ones that think littering isn’t a big deal it is. Not only is it lazy to litter, but it’s also very disrespectful and costly.

And to lighten the moment, what’s up with driving on a parkway and parking in a driveway? What’s up with calling a pair of pants a pair when it’s only one? Why does a dentist talk to you when you can’t talk back in the dentist chair? Why do we call them chicken fingers when chickens don’t have fingers? Why do businesses charge $99.99 or $1.99? They must think it makes us feel better than $200.00 or $2.00.

And lastly, why does lemonade have imitation flavoring, but furniture polish contains real lemon juice? Just a few of the things that make me say “what’s up with that?”

Kenny Martin
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When it can look like this!
the crossing of the Red Sea. We find the story in the book of Exodus starting in chapter 13 verse 17. Going here, Moses and the people was a place full of blessings and hardship. By God’s guiding, Moses had just rescued a whole nation out of slavery in Egypt, and they were headed to the promise land. This is a blessing! They had been asking for God to rescue them from generations. At the same time, the leaders of Egypt weren’t okay now with them leaving and were coming after them ... and the sea stood in the way of the freedom God had promised them. God directed Moses to put his walking stick into the sea and when Moses did God was with them in the midst of it all. We have access to God, and God’s character is the same yesterday, today, and forever more. If God was with them, he is with you today. He is with you in the full mix of blessings and hardships that you are experiencing. We can take that truth and rest in it. This truth gives us the perspective and eyes to see the blessings and how to handle the hardships of life.

I pray you can rest in that truth today. You have a God that is with you today, no matter where you are!

Take a listen to that song that wrecked my soul sitting in traffic on Mt. Juliet Road last Friday — “Another In The Fire” by Hillsong United.

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The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee recently announced a major milestone: Thanks to the generosity of its donors, $1 billion has been given to nonprofits across the 40 counties of Middle Tennessee and beyond since its inception 29 years ago.

“It’s funny, but in 1990 when we began and in 1991 when we got our 501c3 status, we never talked about any goals,” said Ellen Lehman, president and one of the founders of The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. “We never even discussed how much The Community Foundation might one day accomplish for our community.”

“We never set any bars — we just said thank you,” Lehman continued. “And over the years, we have gotten to say thank-you thousands of times.”

It was Ellen’s friend, Ida Cooney, the founding executive director of the then-HCA Foundation (known today as the Frist Foundation,) who shed light on the fact that the Nashville region was one of the last major metropolitan areas without a community foundation in place for those with charitable hearts.

And it was Ida who brought together others — such as Ted Lazenby, Alyne Massey, Betty Brown, George Bullard, Elizabeth Queener, Richard Eckind, Judy Liff Barker, and Ben Rechter — who had known the value a community foundation could offer.

After further research and discussion, these founders recognized this as an opportunity for people wanting to do good to join forces to work collectively and collaboratively, efficiently and effectively, and to make the word community work, both as one word and as two: “common unit.”

It also was clear that working on gifts that mattered to an individual helped others realize that they too could make gifts that mattered to them.

As The Community Foundation reflects on decades of grantmaking and reaching this $1 billion milestone, its team — especially the staff trailblazers Laundrea Lewis and Melisa Currey — knows it could not have been accomplished without the generosity of its donors, community partners, and friends of The Foundation. Tens of thousands of grants have filtered through its doors, impacting organizations working tirelessly on a broad range of needs ranging from arts to zoology.

“We set out to make giving comfortable, convenient, and cost-effective. And we worked to promote and facilitate giving with confidence. And after those early years, we also sought to connect generosity with need,” Lehman said. “But all in all, we just worked to help people help others by customizing philanthropy to fit the donors’ intentions. That’s our mission ... all of it.”

The Community Foundation continues to look ahead at making its community’s charitable giving stronger by building permanent endowments to support causes critical to our present and our future. The team which, blissfully, still includes Melisa Currey and Laundrea Lewis is indeed dedicated to protecting Donor Intent while keeping the funds up-to-date in the face of changing needs and opportunities.

“It’s a good thing we never set any goals for ourselves, because we would
Tennessee infants exposed to Hep C at birth often not tested for virus

Staff Reports

Most Tennessee infants exposed to hepatitis C at birth are not later tested to see if they acquired the virus, according to a study by researchers at Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt and the Vanderbilt Center for Child Health Policy.

Over the past few years, hepatitis C virus rates among pregnant women, likely a consequence of the country’s opioid crisis, have grown substantially.

“The increase has largely gone unnoticed,” said lead investigator Susan Lopata, MD, assistant professor of Pediatrics at Children’s Hospital. “Given that the most common mode of transmission in the pediatric population is vertical transmission — from mom to baby during pregnancy or during delivery — the rising rates of hepatitis C among pregnant women signifies an emerging public health threat to children.”

The findings, published in Pediatrics, are a result of a retrospective, cohort study that looked at infants enrolled in the Tennessee Medicaid program. Using data from birth certificates and hospital/doctor billing, investigators reviewed information from more than 4,000 subjects who were exposed to the virus during a 10-year period.

The results were disheartening.

“We wanted to see if children were being adequately tested per national guidelines and to see if there were factors associated with the differences in testing rates,” said Lopata. “The guidelines call for hepatitis C-exposed infants to be tested at either 2 months old or at 18 months old. The gold standard is at 18 months.”

According to study results for Tennessee:

- Fewer than 1 in 4 exposed children were tested.
- Fewer than 1 in 5 exposed children were adequately tested.
- Infants born to African American mothers were tested about 10% of the time.

“Many children were being missed or not adequately tested according to the medical guidelines,” Lopata said. “We believe that by the time a child reaches 18 months of age, pediatricians aren’t thinking about perinatal-acquired infections. They are looking at development milestones.”

The focus of the study, funded by the National Institutes on Drug Abuse, was to see if children exposed to the virus either during pregnancy or during delivery received appropriate testing and to determine if hospital- and patient-level factors affected testing.

Stephen Patrick, MD, MPH, MS, director of the Center for Child Health Policy at Vanderbilt University Medical Center and senior author of the paper, said as the opioid crisis continues to spread, affecting more women and infants, there needs to be more focus on the complications of the opioid crisis, like hepatitis C.

“There’s an urgent need to develop public health approaches to ensure we are treating women for hepatitis C infections before pregnancy, identifying infected women in pregnancy and ensuring all exposed infants are appropriately monitored,” said Patrick, associate professor of Pediatrics and Health Policy.

Lopata’s interest in determining testing rates came after her interaction with a former patient, whose mother had opioid use disorder and hepatitis C, the most common cause of liver disease. The then-3-year-old was jaundiced, had hepatitis C and needed a liver transplant.

Despite the fact that the baby was diagnosed with neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS), an opioid withdrawal syndrome in newborns, his hepatitis C exposure wasn’t identified. He fell through the cracks. Seeing him in liver failure made me want to pursue this area of research,” according to Lopata. 185 million people, or 3% of the world’s population, are infected with hepatitis C. In the United States, 3.5 million people are infected with the virus, the most common blood-borne infection.

“I believe people will be shocked to discover that we are not doing a good job testing children,” Lopata said. “There is no universal screening for hepatitis C in pregnancy. Perhaps someday this would be an option to better identify moms and babies exposed so that down the road we can test them when appropriate.

“Pediatricians need to be on alert about the need to follow and appropriately test these children. We have to develop better ways to track them."
Wilson Co. Democratic Women offers scholarship to seniors

Staff Reports

The Wilson County Democratic Women have announced that they are accepting applications for a $500 scholarship open to graduating seniors in Wilson County. The Dorothy McAdoo Memorial Scholarship is awarded based upon the evaluation of an essay on the subject of The Importance of Women in the Political Process.

The essays should be between 400 and 500 words, typed, and double spaced. A cover page must include the student’s name, address, telephone number and the school attending. The pages of the essay should not include the entrant’s name. The essays will be evaluated by a scholarship committee of the Wilson County Democratic Women based on content, form, and clarity.

The entries must be postmarked by April 6, 2020, and mailed to Joni Cochran at 401 S. Mt. Juliet Road, Suite 235-374, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122. The winner’s scholarship money will be sent directly to the university, community college, or technical school where they have been accepted.

This is the 18th year the Democratic Women have awarded the Dorothy McAdoo Scholarship totaling more than $9,000. Ms. McAdoo was a long-time member of the Wilson County Democratic Women. She served as Treasurer for many years and also served on the Executive Committee for the Wilson County Democratic Party. The Wilson County Democratic Women chose to honor her memory with this scholarship.

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have broken all of them,” Lehman said. “Today, thanks to thousands of individuals, families, companies and corporations, we certainly are proud to announce that we have been able to distribute grants to nonprofits totaling a whopping $1 billion.”

“We are grateful for the opportunity to help you help others as we continue this work into decades ahead,” Lehman continued. “For Now. For Generations.”

Goodwill Gown Sale offers affordable options for special events

Staff Reports

More than 700 wedding dresses and dozens of bridesmaid and prom gowns will be sold at bargain prices during Goodwill’s Gown Sale beginning 7 a.m. Saturday, March 14 at the Rivergate Goodwill store, 2101 Gallatin Road in Madison.

Wedding gowns will be priced from $49.99 to $399.99. Bridesmaid and prom dresses will range from $19.99 to $49.99.

Brand names, such as Casablanca, Luna Novias and Matthew Christopher, and popular styles in short and long lengths and many colors and sizes, will be available. Local bridal stores donated many of the dresses. A selection of jewelry also will be available. The sale will continue until all the merchandise has been sold.

“This is our largest inventory of wedding dresses in the last five years,” said Leisa Wamsley, Goodwill’s vice president of donated goods. “This is an amazing opportunity for brides-to-be, bridesmaids and prom-goers to shop a huge selection and find their dream dress at a dream price.”

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planning commission last week.

The preliminary master development plan for the project was approved in 2015 and originally had more buildings proposed for the site. The PMDP called for 15 buildings containing 360 units, but it has since been revised, now proposed 12 buildings with 360 units.
Summer STEM program coming to local schools

Program inspires K-6 students to become confident problem solvers

Staff Reports

Camp Invention, a nationally recognized non-profit summer enrichment camp program, is coming to Mt. Juliet at the following locations:
- West Elementary School: June 11
- Mt. Juliet Elementary School: June 22-26
- Lakeview Elementary School, June 1-5

Regional program sponsors include ShurTech Brands, LLC.

A program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame (NIHF) in partnership with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Camp Invention challenges children in grades K-6 to find their “inner inventor” by learning the process of innovation. Using hands-on activities, Camp Invention promotes science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) learning; builds confidence, leadership, perseverance, resourcefulness and problem-solving skills; and encourages entrepreneurship — in a fun and engaging environment.

Each year, the program features a new curriculum inspired by some of the nation’s most world-changing inventors — the NIHF inductees. This year’s Elevate curriculum features several video challenges from these inductees encouraging children to be confident in their ideas and explore their innovativeness. These hands-on activities include:
- Camp Invention Flight Lab: Imaginations soar as children learn about flight with gliders, rockets, helicopters and hand-copers.
- They build a cityscape from upcycled materials, navigate planes through a storm and take apart a robot.
- Design Thinking Project: Campers learn the value of their creativity as they bring their biggest ideas to life. To become successful innovators, they create sketches, build prototypes, design logos and find out how to pitch their invention while protecting their intellectual property.
- Rescue Squad: Using teamwork and problem-solving skills, children protect the Earth’s ecosystems. Inspiring activities include creating pods to compete in zipline races, exploring energy conservation, eliminating pollution and helping wildlife in habitats across the country.
- Camp Invention Champions: As they discover the unseen inventors behind their favorite sports, campers apply their own ingenuity. They trade inventor playing cards, create and play their own high-energy hover-ball games, and design and build the ultimate sports complex.

At the end of the program, each camper will bring home a robot.

All local Camp Invention programs are facilitated and sponsored by their biggest ideas to life. To protect the Earth’s ecosystems. Inspiring activities include creating pods to compete in zipline races, exploring energy conservation, eliminating pollution and helping wildlife in habitats across the country.

Camp Invention serves 130,000 students every year and partners with more than 1,800 schools and districts across the nation. For additional information or to find a camp near you, visit invent.org/camp.

Camp Invention is the only nationally-recognized summer program focused on creativity, innovation, real-world problem solving and the spirit of invention. Through hands-on programming, Camp Invention encourages children entering kindergarten through sixth grade to explore science, technology, engineering and mathematics curriculum inspired by some of the world’s greatest inventors. Since 1990, their education programs have served more than 1.5 million children, and 170,000 teachers and Leadership Interns.
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Sealed bids for “Security Cameras and Access Control” will be received at the office of the City of Mt. Juliet Finance Department at 2425 N Mt Juliet Rd., Mt juliet, TN on or before 10:00 am on March 3, 2020. Details are available at http://www.mtjuilet-tn.gov/bids.aspx.

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Voluntary Pre-K registration day set for April 2

Staff Reports

Wilson County Schools will host its Voluntary Pre-K registration day for the 2020-2021 school year on April 2 at all elementary schools. The hours will be during the regular school day.

Parents may go to any of the elementary schools in the county to register for Voluntary Pre-K. They do not need to register at more than one school. Zoning will take place at the county Pre-K office. Online pre-registration will begin March 5 on wcschools.com; however, you will still need to bring required documentation to the school on April 2.

Wilson County Schools will be hosting two Round-ups this year. The first will be at Charlie Daniel’s Park in Mt. Juliet on Friday, April 17, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. They will be doing vision, hearing, speech, language, and developmental screenings for any child ages 3-5.

The second Round-up will be held at the Fairgrounds in Lebanon at the East/West building on Friday, April 24, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. They will also be doing vision, hearing, speech, language, and developmental screenings for any child ages 3-5.

These events are free to the public and any child who has registered or would like to register for the county Voluntary Pre-K Program is highly encouraged to attend. Children do not need to attend registration day on April 2 at the school; however, they do need to attend one the round-ups on April 17 or April 24.
I’ve started making my son a protein shake each morning. He used to do it himself but then it hit me. First, I put the vegan protein powder in, half a banana, a handful of blueberries, almond butter and then some coconut milk.

Then, when he isn’t looking, I add fish oil, liver and kidney capsules and then turmeric.

I take it up to his room, wake him up, put it on his nightstand and then give him a kiss ... because I’m that kind of mom. I’ve got to be slick or he’ll be on to me.

“Did you drink it all?” I always ask when he comes downstairs.

“Yeah. But I think you are buying bad bananas or something. It had that funky taste again.”

(Note to self: Add more blueberries, go easy on the fish oil.)

I’ve become quite the master of sneaking the good in with the bad.

A few years back, when I first tried to get my family to eat healthier, they all said they could “taste” the difference in the organic milk. As in, they preferred the milk filled with hormones.

You should have heard the moaning when they’d see the milk had the organic sticker on it.

Problem solved. I now take the organic sticker off, put the milk in the fridge and no one says a word.

I tried to do the same with their bread but that was trickier. They lost a little trust in me at that point and I notice whenever anyone in our household makes a sandwich these days they sniff the bread. I’m not quite sure what they’re sniffing for, but I’m still working on our bread issues.

I continue to sneak where I can — cauliflower for rice, sweet potatoes for french fries, yogurt made from goat milk. Most of the time no one can tell the difference, other times, we go to war.

And then along came Magic Spoon.

My husband and son are big Cocoa Krispies fans. You know, the kid’s cereal with the two little elves on the box, that 5 years old eat. Well 5 year olds, and my 50-year-old husband and 17-year-old son.

“You are eating pure poison!” I often yell out as they both eat their cereal as an after dinner delicacy. They then look me dead in the eye and lift the spoon to their mouths.

“Game on!”

Magic Spoon is a healthy alternative that substitutes monk fruit for sugar and chicory root fiber for grains. The cereal itself looks just like Cocoa Krispies.

When the box came in, I quickly threw out their poison and replaced it with my healthy alternative. I then watched as they each poured a bowl and then proceeded to dive in.

You would have thought I sold the family pet.

“What did you do? Why would you do this to us!”

“YUCK! I’m never going to be able to get this taste out of my mouth!”

“Magic what? There is nothing magic about this.”

You know trust is a funny thing.

Out went Magic Spoon and the Cocoa Krispies are back in the cabinet. I watch them pour their cereal into a bowl each night and then they pour the organic milk right on top.

I’m still winning.

By Angel Kane
Wilson Living Magazine
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teachers.

Owens always wanted to be a teacher and espe-
cially with kindergarten. She said she had
dreamed of her own kids playing in her room after
school. What started as her love for working with
children has evolved over the years into a love of
watching them learn.

“I love teaching reading because most kids
go from not being able to read everything they see
to reading small books and trying to sound out words to read-
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LOCAL RESTAURANT & DINING GUIDE - SWEET CECE’S

Sweet Cece’s opened in Mt. Juliet in January, offering a variety of frozen yogurt and sweet treats.

They use premium Dannon yogurt and have a variety of toppings. There are eight flavors to choose from and they are regularly switched out to provide new options.

“Children just absolutely love fixing their own yogurt cup and putting all the toppings on it,” said Ross. “It’s just a great experience for all the young ones.”

However, the new store offers more than just frozen yogurt. The Mt. Juliet location is the first to have a full bakery case, which has an assortment of fudge, balancing the fun with the learning,” she said. “They are still so young.”

Teaching first grade at her previous school helped her know more of what her kindergarten students needed to know for the next level.

“Kids in Wilson County are so smart, they really are,” she said. “There’s a lot of parent support in Wilson County.”

The support from parents means the world to her because she couldn’t teach the students how she needs without the parents continuing the education at home.

West has grown a lot, even since she has been at the school. The number of kindergarten teachers has nearly doubled in the last six years. She really enjoys her team at West, the support and friendship they provide.

“I think we all bring different strengths to the table,” she said. “We all teach in lots of different ways.”

Being able to work with a team of other kindergarten teachers allows them to work together, collaborate with and bounce ideas off of each other.

Owens said West is an amazing school with the best administrators who encourage their teachers to first and foremost love their students.

“It’s not just about test scores,” she said. “They want our teacher to learn and grow, but they do see the bigger picture that there are kids that, even before we can teach them, we have to love them.”

Owens said she was truly honored and surprised at being chosen West’s Teacher of the Year. Being given that honor makes all of her hard work, the long nights planning and working late, very appreciated.

“I’m honored and humbled, and proud to represent West,” she said.

“West is Best.”

Sweet Cece’s
FROZEN YOGURT & TREATS

Christie’s cookies, cakes and more. Customers can also choose from hand-dipped ice cream and sweet Belgian waffles with their choice of toppings.

The store also offers shakes, sundaes, Italian espresso drinks and smoothies. For the health-conscious customers, Sweet Cece’s also has Keto desserts and a protein latte in various flavors with 40 grams of protein.

“That’s our main goal, to have something for everybody, more than just yogurt.”

Besides the frozen yogurt, one of the store’s best sellers is a salted caramel white chocolate chunk cookie, of which Ross said has sold more than 300.

New orders for the bakery case arrive every Wednesday.

Because of the success of the expanded menu at the Mt. Juliet location, other stores in middle Tennessee are following suit, offering more dessert and drink options.

All the business partners live in the area, so Mt. Juliet was their first choice to open Sweet Cece’s.
The school year will mark his 22nd year teaching in the district. He was at Lebanon High School for 12 years, from fall of 1999 until summer of 2011. During this time, he taught Biology as well as most other life sciences.

He and Marc Engle were the head coaches of track during the last 10 years of that time. Coach Glasscock handled sprints, hurdles and jumps, while Coach Engle led distance and pole vault. Coach Glasscock was also an assistant coach for football from 1999-2002. After that, he continued to work with football on a volunteer basis while focusing on track.

In the fall of 2011, he became the assistant principal and athletic director at Carroll-Oakland in Lebanon. He served three years there before asking to come back to the classroom to make more time for his family. His next four years were at Mt. Juliet Middle, where he taught 8th grade science and coached sprinters and jumpers for the track team. He currently teaches Biology and Ecology and serves as the head track coach at Mt. Juliet High School.

“I could not be more excited to build a championship caliber program with first-class facilities in an area I have called home my entire life,” said Glasscock. “This community has become well known for being a source of great talent with incredible community support. However, nothing compares to the excitement I have about being able to continue to grow the relationships with many of the students and athletes I have had the opportunity to work with over the past few years.”

Christina Baxley was hired as the girls’ soccer coach. She started her teaching career at Watertown Elementary and is currently in her sixth year teaching there. She was an Educational Assistant at Carroll-Oakland before she went to Watertown.

She’s been with the Mt. Juliet High School Girls’ Soccer program for the past four years, two as an assistant coach and two as a head coach. She also coached the Watertown Middle School Coaching program for one season and coached Boys’ Soccer at Carroll-Oakland for a few seasons prior to that.

“I’m excited to be a part of Green Hill High School because it’s a monumental step in this community,” said Baxley. “To get to start a program from scratch, with a new name and a new identity, means you get to build and create a culture that you want.”

Robert Brindos was chosen as the boys’ soccer coach. The 2019-2020 school year is his 11th year of teaching. He’s taught math, science, computers and history at the middle school level and business and engineering at the high school level. He’s currently at Mt. Juliet High School. He is also very close to earning his Ed.D. Only his dissertation remains.

He has coached boys’ and girls’ soccer at the middle school level, and a U-14 boys’ soccer travel team. The teams he’s coached have a combined 70-24-2 record, which includes an undefeated middle school girls’ soccer season in 2013. He also holds a “D” soccer license from U.S. Soccer.

“I am excited to begin a program from scratch,” said Brindos. “I want to create an atmosphere where players can grow through challenges and competition. Few experiences prepare players for the real-world like winning and losing in a game setting. I hope to provide players with the tools and desire to be a positive leader and a great sportsman.”

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Danna Sims
David Glasscock
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