Commission votes on Jackson Hills ordinance

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

The Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners heard the first reading of an ordinance that would affect the Jackson Hills and Woodland Place neighborhoods as well as those who live along Beckwith Road.

The ordinance would annex and amend the Jackson Hills Planned Unit Development (PUD) and rezone the Bradshaw Farm from Wilson County R1 Zoning to RS-20 Zoning.

Nearly two dozen residents came out to the meeting to voice their opinions, both for and against the ordinance.

Steve Armstrong, who lives in Woodland Place, asked the board to place sidewalks along Woodridge Place toward Jackson Hills. The increased traffic from the three nearby schools has made it dangerous to walk in his neighborhood. Anderson said this will also be in favor of sidewalks and that they “needed to be done yesterday.”

Courtney McCoy of Jackson Hills agreed sidewalks need to be placed along Woodridge, but does not want the residents of Jackson Hills or Signature Homes, the developer, to pay for it.

McCoy also asked the board to install a separate entrance for construction vehicles to enter Jackson Hills because there is currently only one entrance for all vehicles to enter the neighborhood. This has caused concern over the dangers of so much traffic on a narrow residential street.

John Anderson, who lives in Jackson Hills, also brought up safety concerns about lack of a construction entrance. He implored the board to consider placing undercover police officers along Vanner Road, the entrance to the neighborhood. Anderson said this will catch drivers who cause additional danger along the road.

David Lee, who also lives in the neighborhood, said he was also in favor of sidewalks and that they “needed to be done yesterday.”

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Local man faces sexual exploitation charges

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

A Mt. Juliet-area man was charged recently with six counts of sexual exploitation of a minor.

The indictment on James Coleman Roach, 67, was from a search warrant execution at his residence that occurred Sept. 9, 2017. Multiple computers and electronics were taken and analyzed, and after the lengthy process and consulting with the District Attorney’s Office, Roach was charged Feb. 16, 2018.

Police respond to armed individual

Staff Reports
Police cleared an incident in the Cobblestone Landing neighborhood, after receiving a report of an armed person inside a home near the intersection of Warren Hill Drive and Settlers Court.

Officers were originally summoned to the scene, including members from the department’s Special Response Team and Tennessee Highway Patrol’s Special Operations Team. After crisis negotiators exhausted all means to make contact with the person inside, a THP robot was used to enter the home. An adult person was found deceased from what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Teachers of the Year

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

This week’s feature for Teacher of the Year is Leslie Brumbach, a third grade math and science teacher at West Elementary School.

Brumbach graduated from Trevecca Nazarene College with a bachelor’s degree in K-8 Education. She has plans to complete a master’s degree in Leadership Skills when her children are older and out of college.

Brumbach has been with West for six years but has worked in Wilson County Schools for 12 years. She previously worked at the old Mt. Juliet Elementary School and at Rutland, but she took time off when her children were born.

Brumbach said she did not always know she wanted to be a teacher. It wasn’t until a teacher she had at
Local musician wins Tennessee Young Soloist Competition

Staff Reports

Drew Basham, age 19 of Mt. Juliet, won the 1st place and fan favorite awards at the 2018 Borderless Arts TN Young Soloist Competition.

The event, which is a vocal and instrumental music competition for young adults with disabilities ages 14 to 24, was held at Middle Tennessee State University's Hinton Music Hall on Feb. 2.

Drew has always had a passion for music and began playing the piano by ear at 9-and-a-half years old. He began performing at the age of 13 and plays a variety of music styles including classical, pop, rock and more.

Drew has performed at various events for Borderless Arts TN over the past several years and was chosen to represent the program at the Nashville Symphony's Free Day of Music in October 2017.

He also has a YouTube channel where you can check out some of his videos. Visit https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCa248TWjnu7GUwWlnufzTrDQ or search Drew Basham.

Anyone interested in booking Drew for a performance can contact him at bashams3@tds.net.

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appeared to be a self-inflicted injury. The individual did not live at the home nor had permission to be inside.

During the incident and as a precaution, residents nearby were asked to shelter-in-place and stay indoors. Wilson County Schools were also notified, and school buses did not drop off children near the scene.

Responders from the Fire Department of Mt. Juliet, Wilson County Emergency Management Agency, and Rehab 23 were also on scene and provided assistance.
Plans in work to fix railroad crossing
City working with TDOT, NERR to fix crossing on Mt. Juliet Road

Staff Reports

In a Community Message sent out Friday, City Manager Kenny Martin addressed concerns over road conditions at railroad tracks.

“There is a notable road condition at the railroad tracks in the northbound lane on North Mt. Juliet Road, just north of East Division Street,” Martin said in the message. “This is a problem that has to be repaired by the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) and the Nashville & Eastern Railroad (NERR), and the city is working with both entities to get the problem rectified.”

Martin went on to say that because it is a state road, the types of repairs needed take close coordination between agencies and patience for everyone involved.

While TDOT and NERR are coming up with a plan to resolve the problem, Martin said drivers should be cautious whenever crossing the tracks to ensure no damage comes to themselves or their cars.

A crossing at South Greenhill Road and West Division Street had previously had been issues similar to the one on Mt. Juliet Road, but has been repaired.

“We would like to thank NERR for repairing the crossing,” said Martin. “The crossing is now very smooth.”

Man arrested after exposing himself to motorists

Staff Reports

A man is in jail after exposing himself to passing traffic along Mt. Juliet Road Monday morning.

Officers were summoned to the area of N. Mt. Juliet Road and Interstate 40 around 10 a.m. after multiple callers reported a man standing at the roadway and exposing himself. When officers arrived, they were able to find the man, who confirmed the witness reports.

The man was identified as 42-year-old Rickey Houston of Smyrna, and he was arrested and booked into the Wilson County Jail and was charged with Disorderly Conduct and Indecent Exposure.

Rickey Houston

If anyone has any information about this incident, 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/.

Klothesnmotion named Business of the Month

Staff Reports

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The business, owned by Kelly Mason, offers trendy clothes and accessories for women on the go, sizes small to 3X, along with a large selection of local artist gifts.

Klothesnmotion is located in the oldest standing building in Mt. Juliet at 2232 N MJ road.

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She was very appreciative of Gray and said that her suggestion was so important because many children do not know what is possible.

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“Helping my students reach their individual best is so important,” she said.

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As a mentor, she works with a few older students each year to help them stay on top of their responsibilities within TN Promise. Brumbach said she reminds seniors of important dates and times and to keep up with their community hours, which are a large part of the program.

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Students win at convention

Staff Reports

SEEK students from W.A. Wright Elementary School participated in the Invention Convention at Middle Tennessee State University on Feb. 22.

James Newell, 4th grade, won the Eagle Award for Spirit and Innovative Thought, which included a $200 check. Only two of these checks were given out overall. James’ project was “Forever Energy” in the Make Life Easier category.

Kayla Smith, 4th grade, was given the State Farm Excellence Award for her project “Breathe Light” in the Make Life Easier category.

Brynlie Smith, Meagan Pollei and Sarah Davis, all in 5th grade, also won State Farm Excellence Awards.

Crime Stoppers offers reward for information on Riemens case

Staff Reports

The Wilson County Sheriff’s Office Criminal Investigations Division is continuing to investigate the circumstances of a Watertown man’s disappearance.

In August of 2012, David Riemens’ vehicle was located in Watertown at the Dollar General Store, abandoned. Although there have been numerous leads investigated, David Riemens’ case continues to be active and unsolved.

Wilson County Crime Stoppers is offering a reward of up to $1,000, and the family of David Riemens would like to offer an additional reward of up to $2,000 for any information that would assist in determining the circumstances of David Riemens’ disappearance.

The remains of David Riemens were located in 2018 within a close proximity to his vehicle, and this case continues to be diligently investigated. Anyone with information that would help bring closure to the family of David Riemens is urged to contact the Wilson County Sheriff’s Office Criminal Investigations Division at (615) 444-1459 or Wilson County Crime Stoppers at (615) 444-5425.

Encore Theatre debuts new play

Staff Reports

Encore Theatre presented a new show for audiences to enjoy: “Dearly Departed” by David bottrell and Jessie Jones. Directed by Sarah Dhom, this hilarious comedy takes place in the current day and is set in the buckle of the Bible Belt.

The play is about a very southern family and their neighbors, handling the death and funeral of Bud — uncle, husband, father, neighbor, friend (sort of).

The mayhem, confusion, silliness and slapstick that ensues brings together a hilarious cast of characters that you can’t help but laugh at. Performance dates are the weekends of March 2-11. Friday and Saturday performances start at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday matinee begins at 2:30 p.m. House opens 30 minutes before show time.

Tickets are $15 for adults and $12 for seniors (60-plus) and youth (12 and under).

To purchase tickets, visit www.encore-theatre-company.org or call 615-598-8950.

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Roach was charged with sexual exploitation of a minor for 5 counts of greater than 100 images and 1 count of greater than 50 images of child pornography that were located during the investigation.
by speeding.

The suggested second entrance for Jackson Hills would come out on Beckwith Road. Because this would add an abundance of traffic on a dangerous road, residents along Beckwith voice their opposition to the ordinance.

Tony Jackson said he would like density and impact studies, and Troy Raines said Beckwith is not designed to handle large volumes of traffic. He said it would be a similar situation to what Woodridge Place is right now.

Ryan Lovelace, who works with Signature Homes, said the developer would agree to put six-foot sidewalks along the north side of Woodridge, which would allow for a safer walking path.

During discussion of the ordinance, Commissioner Brian Abston proposed two amendments before the final vote. The first amendment would be to add a traffic light at Vanner Road and Golden Bear Gateway.

The second amendment was that a signal warrant study with the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) would be done immediately if approved. The study would be for a proposed traffic light at Beckwith Road and Lebanon Road.

Both amendments were unanimously approved by the board.

After more than an hour of discussion, the board voted to pass the first reading, 3-2. Commissioners Abston and Ray Justice both voted against the ordinance.

A second reading of the ordinance is scheduled for March 26, 2018.

King attends Leadership Career Institute

Staff Reports

Joshua D. King, of Mt. Juliet, a Modern Woodmen of America Financial Representative, recently attended the Modern Woodmen Leadership Career Institute, held at Modern Woodmen’s home office in Rock Island, Ill.

Modern Woodmen’s top representatives and managers are invited to attend the event where elite speakers inspire attendees to become better leaders, improve results in their regions, and motivate those they work with. Attendees also have the opportunity to exchange leadership best practices with their colleagues.

Founded in 1883, Modern Woodmen of America touches lives and secures futures. The fraternal financial services organization offers financial products and fraternal member benefits to individuals and families throughout the United States.

Woman found driving with pills, bird

By Sarah Tate

Managing Editor

The Mt. Juliet Police Department sent out a tweet Saturday, Feb. 17, alerting residents of a possible impaired motorist on the Interstate.

Around 6 p.m. Feb. 17, officers got into a low-speed pursuit on I-40 near mile marker 226. According to Mt. Juliet Police Captain Tyler Chandler, police were notified of an elderly female travelling slowly and erratically on the Interstate.

The pursuit led officers to the James Robertson Parkway exit at I-24 in Nashville where officers were able to do a low-speed intervention technique to stop the pursuit.

According to Chandler, the 71-year-old female was not compliant and was taken into custody. She was found to be in possession of a baggy full of prescription pills and holding a parakeet-type pet bird.

Further investigation led police to believe the woman was possible suffering from diminished mental capacity and her mental function were impaired. “With that, and knowing that prosecution will likely not be sought, we are not going to identify the individual,” said Chandler.

According to police, animal control is now taking care of the bird.

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“Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.” Colossians 3:13

A few weeks ago, I sat down for some coffee with a friend and began talking through so many memories of growing up. I asked how different people were doing that he knew and he asked about people I knew and so on.

In a short time, we were into a serious talk about all the people who had hurt him and he doesn’t talk to them anymore. He explained they had reached out to him every so often but he never responded back to them. He called them “old friends.”

Have people in your past hurt you? Intentionally or unintentionally? God has something to say about this.

You must forgive. Whether they ask for it or not. A heart condition that does not forgive can lead to a hard “calloused” heart. If repeated over and over, this unforgiveness can eat you up from the inside.

It usually does not affect the “other” guy. It is like cancer that can slowly cause huge problems. It is a grudge that is fostered and consumes your thoughts.

Just let it go! Let God deal with issues like that. Let it go.

We receive forgiveness from Jesus and it is ours to forgive others.
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Life will never be easy. There are peaks and valleys in life that everyone goes through. Life is a gift that should be enjoyed. There are some that even wish the weekdays away in order to get to the weekend sooner.

Think about it. There are 365 days in a year, 12 months in a year, 52 weeks in a year, 7 days in a week, 24 hours in a day, 60 minutes in an hour, 60 seconds in a minute and 86,400 seconds in a day. What are you going to do with your 86,400 seconds today and tomorrow? Life is not dull, life is not routine and life is not guaranteed. We all have one life to live and as each second passes we lose yet another precious moment of life that we can never, ever get back.

Please remember the seconds pass quickly so please enjoy each and every one of your 86,400 seconds each and every day with those you love, those you cherish and those that love and cherish you.

Life is much too precious to waste, so please live life to the very fullest for it is never dull, routine, boring, meaningless or guaranteed.

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REFLECTIONS FROM AN OLD FRIEND

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OBITUARIES

GROCE, Sandra Anne

Sandy Groce passed away on Feb. 20, 2018 at age 83. A memorial service was held Feb. 23 at Sellars Funeral Home in Lebanon.

Mrs. Groce is survived by daughters Lori Gibbs, grandchildren Sandra (Joseph) Roberts, Amanda (Eric) Phillips, and Abigale Jones; and siblings Betty (Bob) Jones, Neal (Violet) Johnson, and Jacqueline Simeone; sister-in-law Leo Johnsen, and Jacqueline Simeone; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by husband Glenn Groce, daughters Sandy Alice Harris and Debra Lynn Simmerman, father Ralph Vertner and mother Alice (William) Vertner.

Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN 615.444.9393.

JONES, Beatrice Anna

Beatrice Jones passed away on February 25, 2018 at age 83. A Graveside Service was conducted Feb. 27 at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Jones was born in Redding, CA, and worked as a switch board operator. She is survived by husband of 65 years, Martin Jones; children Marcia Jones, Terri (Larry) Wilmoth, and Mark (Amy) Jones; grandchildren Alexander (Sheridan) Roberts, Amanda (Eric) Phillips, and Abigale Jones; and siblings Betty (Bob) Jones, Neal (Violet) Johnson, and Jacqueline Simeone; sister-in-law Leon Johnson; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by parents Harper and Nancy Vivenza, brother Raymond Johnson, and brother-in-law Michael Simeone.

Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN 615.444.9393.

ROARK, Ponzelle Yvonne

Ponzelle Roark passed away on Feb. 26, 2018 at age 80. The family will be receiving friends at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon, on Thursday from 4-8 p.m. and on Friday from 11 a.m. until the service.

The Funeral Service, conducted by Brother Darrin Reynolds and Brother T.A. Bryan, is 1 p.m. Friday, March 2, 2018 in the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home. Interment in Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens will follow the service.

Mrs. Roark is survived by husband of 62 years, Joel Roark; children Kathy Stubblefield, Barbara Alack, Becky (Charles) Odum, and Joel (Sallie) Roark; 13 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and sisters Delsie Benge and Nancy (Tony) Sergent. She is preceded in death by son Marshall Alonzo Roark, parents Luther and Lilly Wallace Fullen, brothers Harry Fullen and Roy Fullen, and sisters Dorothy Ring, Sue Parks, and Theda Fullen.

The family extends a special thanks to the staff and volunteers of Quality Center, and Sondra Shabazz.

Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615-444-9393.

SHARPE, Carolyn


She is survived by her loving husband, Joseph Sharpe; children, Joseph S. Sharpe and Chadwick Allen Sharpe; grandchildren, Logan Sharpe and Levi Sharpe; siblings, Janice Pancake and Ken Lyons; nieces, Renee Sweeney and Judy Jones.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. from the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet with Rev. Mark Marshall officiating. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 5 p.m. until service time.


SURRETT, Ella Gayle

Gayle Surratt passed away on Feb. 22, 2018 at age 71. A memorial service was held Feb. 25 at Sellars Funeral Home in Lebanon.

Mrs. Surratt was a member of the Church of God
TriStar Summit names 2017 Frist Humanitarian Award recipients

Staff Reports

TriStar Summit Medical Center recently announced the recipients of the 2017 Frist Humanitarian Award presented annually to a physician, employee and volunteer who exhibit the highest standard of patient care to its patients.

TriStar Summit Medical Center 2017 recipients include: Dr. Terry Sawyer, oral and maxillofacial surgeon; Theresa Baltz, Director of Respiratory Care; Janet Brice, hospital volunteer and Frist Award recipient.

“TriStar Summit is committed to delivering quality patient care and we are extremely proud to recognize our employee, volunteer and physician who were selected for their efforts on behalf of our patients and our community,” said Brian Marger, CEO, TriStar Summit Medical Center. “Their exemplary work and compassion set a high standard for health care professionals and we are proud to have them as part of our team. Undoubtedly, our patients benefit from the kind of commitment and humanitarian efforts they demonstrate each day.”

The Frist Humanitarian Award was created to recognize one physician, one employee, one volunteer at each HCA facility who demonstrate extraordinary concern for the welfare and happiness of patients and their community. The Award was named after the philanthropic work of the late Dr. Thomas F. Frist, Sr., a founder of Hospital Corporation of America.

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and a homemaker. She loved the outdoors, working in her flower garden, being with the grandchildren, listening to music and travelling, and living the military life.

She is survived by children Tina (Bill) Hayes and Treasa Bane; grandchildren Paul Rhodes, Samantha Bane, Morgan (Nikki) Hayes, and Justin (Crystal) Hayes; 6 great-grandchildren; brother-in-law John Broussard; nephew Kenny Broussard; and nieces Penny Broussard Pogue, Tammy (Scott) Hamlett, Sheree (Dale) Herlin, and Crystal Hernandez. She is preceded in death by husband Paul Surratt, son Ken Surratt, parents William and Lura Bell Forsyth, sister Sue Broussard, and brother Jimmy Forsyth.

The family extends special thanks to Jim and Linda Haisley.

Sellers Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.

Reverend Lewis Thomas passed away on Feb. 23, 2018 at age 88. A funeral service was held Feb. 26 at Sellers Funeral Home in Lebanon.

Reverend Thomas was ordained a Southern Baptist minister in 1958. He served as a pastor at Bellwood Baptist Church, Macedonia Baptist Church, and Webb’s Chapel Baptist Church. He served in the United States Army from 1951-1953, then worked at TRW in Lebanon for 32 years.

Reverend Thomas is survived by wife of 66 years, Florene Rich Thomas; children Betty (Gary) Cassett, Frank (Tammy) Thomas, Sue (James) Denney, and John (Paula) Thomas; eight grandchildren; nine adopted grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and sister Ruth Hall. He is preceded in death by parents John James and Penelope Barnes Thomas, sister Imogene Steiner, and brothers Joseph, James and Oscar.

Sellers Funeral Home, Lebanon TN 615.444.9393.

Pet of the Week

SPARKY

Sparky is a plot-hound that was found as a stray in the city of Mt. Juliet. He was adopted out but the family who adopted him moved into an apartment complex. Unfortunately, he did not like the apartment complex lifestyle and the family brought him back to the shelter to find a family that could provide him with a yard to run in. He is a happy, active, and goofy boy who loves to put his nose to the ground and investigate new smells. He is so much fun and enjoys being with people. He loves to cuddle and play with whoever is with him. Getting a good picture of this sweet boy was nearly impossible because he is constantly on the move and wanting your attention. Sparky is up to date on his shots, neutered, and heartworm negative. His adoption fee is only $75. Please call the shelter at 615-773-5533 to schedule an appointment to meet Sparky, or come during OPEN HOURS Tuesday – Thursday from 11:30-5:30, Mt. Juliet Animal Care & Control 115 Industrial Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

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Red Dawn - The Sequel

By Angel Kane
Wilson Living Magazine

There has been lots of talk lately about how the Russians may have covertly interceded with our elections. Hitting close to home, there is even talk that one of the twitter accounts some thought was run by the TN GOP may have, in fact, been set up by the Russians to lead us astray.

The ultimate result, of course, to eventually put in a puppet regime to bring down our country.

If you are my age you must remember the movie "Red Dawn." A cult classic '80s movie where the Russians physically invade our country. Patrick Swayze, Jennifer Grey and Charlie Sheen were the leads as teenagers fighting against the invaders. The band of kids take to the hills and lead an armed resistance against the occupying Russian forces.

In one pivotal part, the teens come across their parents in a prison camp where their parents await inevitable death and as they say their last goodbyes, one father screams out to his boys, "Avenge me, Avenge me!"

I still get chills thinking about it. That was when Patrick Swayze was at his prime, Jennifer had her old nose and Charlie was not that weird old guy that freaks us out today.

Well my fellow '80s cult movies aficionados, if you haven’t figured it out yet, Red Dawn — The Sequel — is upon us!

I don’t know if the Russians are truly behind fake news or the Trump train but what I do know is that if they are, they have now taken it up a notch. In fact, 1000 notches!

I present you with the Asian lady beetle aka those $#%# flying ladybugs that are invading my home, your home, every home!

Tens of them, hundreds of them, thousands of them! If you think the Russians are trying to meddle in our day-to-day lives, to lead us off course, while they slowly take over, then surely my theory may not be far off base.

Think about it?? At first, we didn’t notice them. It was just a harmless ladybug. Then they multiplied. And multiplied. And multiplied. To the point that on any given day when we should be working, taking care of our families, studying up on our electoral college, we are instead chasing these tiny, flying demons.

If you are like me, you are now on a daily quest to annihilate them. But as soon as you suck their little bodies into your vacuum, twenty more appear. Out of thin air!

I’ve Googled, I’ve called, I’ve taken to FB. Only to find out, they are everywhere! And no one knows from whence they came or how to get rid of them.

Those Russians are so smart! First the elections, next those gold medal winning Russian Olympic figure skaters (who were actually banned but somehow got to skate anyway) and now, the ever-present Asian lady beetle.

Sometimes, it all seems just too much to bear. And then I think back to "Red Dawn."

Those of you lucky enough to have been alive in the 1980s surely recall that at the end of the movie, Americans take back their country. To honor the teens who gave their up their lives in the movie, a plaque is inscribed for them as follows.

"In the early days of WWII, guerrillas - mostly children - placed the names of their lost upon this rock. They fought here alone and gave up their lives, so That this nation shall not perish from the earth"

And with those words, read out to me in the closing credits by Patrick Swayze, I’m once again ready to do battle.

To read more of Angel and Becky’s blogs go to www.wilsonlivingmagazine.com
Granville debuts retro 2018 theme

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For reservations for dinner and reserved seats for music, call (931) 653-4151.

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TDCI warns of tax refund scam

Staff Reports

With tax filing season underway, the Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance’s (TDCI) Division of Consumer Affairs is sharing a warning from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that cautions consumers about a new scam tactic involving erroneous tax refund deposits.

According to the IRS, the scam began with cybercriminals employing malware to mine client data from tax professionals’ computers. The criminals use the stolen data to file fraudulent tax returns, listing the taxpayers’ real bank accounts for the deposit. Thieves then utilize various, ever-evolving tactics to reclaim the refund from the taxpayers.

In one version of the scam, criminals pose as debt collection agency officials acting on behalf of the IRS. They contact the taxpayers to say a refund was deposited in error, and they ask the taxpayers to forward the money to their collection agency.

In another version, the taxpayer who received the erroneous refund gets an automated call with a recorded voice saying he is from the IRS and threatens the taxpayer with criminal fraud charges, an arrest warrant and a “blacklisting” of their Social Security Number. The recorded voice gives the taxpayer a case number and a telephone number to call to return the refund.

The IRS encourages taxpayers to discuss the issue with their financial institutions because there may be a need to close bank accounts. Taxpayers receiving erroneous refunds also should contact their tax preparers immediately.

TDCI reminds consumers that the IRS will never:
• Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone or email.
• Call or email you to verify your identity by asking for personal and financial information.
• Call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer. Generally, the IRS will first mail you a bill if you owe any taxes.
• Threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.
• Demand payment without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.