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**Granville presents awards to volunteers**

**Staff Reports**

The Granville Museum at Historic Granville recently held its annual Volunteer Awards Banquet. Historic Granville is operated by 209 volunteers who operate Granville Museum, Sutton General Store, Sutton Historic Home, Pioneer Village, Antique Car Museum, Sutton Ole Time Music Bluegrass Dinner Show and Whistle Stop Saloon. The non-profit 501(c)(3) began in 1999 with the establishment of Granville Museum and has grown over the past 20 years to one of Tennessee’s popular tourism locations. Dedicated volunteers have made this possible as they volunteer once a month.

Historic Granville took on a new direction when Harold & Beverly Sutton visited Granville in May 2000, purchasing the Sutton General Store. Their vision of the store and restoration is the major turning point of Granville. The Suttons then donated the store in 2007 to the Granville Museum with the establishment of the Sutton Police apprehend assault suspect

**Staff Reports**

Police arrested a suspect who fled a scene in Hermitage on Friday, Jan. 31. After a nearly 2.5-hour search, officers spotted and apprehended 25-year-old Matthew Rischbeck, who was a suspect in an aggravated assault incident at a Hermitage Home Depot. As Rischbeck fled Home Depot, his vehicle became disabled on Lebanon Road near Devonshire Drive around 10:30 a.m. A witness spotted Rischbeck running into nearby woods as officers were responding to the scene, and they were able to provide officers with additional information. See GRANVILLE, PAGE 8

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**City Commission approves firearm amendment**

**By Sarah Tate**

Managing Editor

At the Mt. Juliet City Commission meeting on Jan. 27, the board unanimously approved an amendment to the city personnel manual that would allow city employees to carry firearms at work. An employee wanting to carry a firearm to work must still have a valid permit to carry.

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**Teachers of the Year**

**By Sarah Tate**

Managing Editor

This week’s feature for Teacher of the Year is Megan Hamilton. She teaches third grade ELA and Social Studies at Stoner Creek Elementary School.

Originally from Virginia, Hamilton moved to the area for her father’s job and has been here ever since. She attended Middle Tennessee State University where she earned her degree in early childhood education.

Hamilton is in her 21st year of teaching in Wilson County. She originally started at Stoner Creek before working a few years at Rutland and Elzie D. Patton Elementary Schools before coming back. “It’s my home,” she said. “I started here, planning on ending here.”

Part of what makes Stoner Creek special are

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**FEB 6**

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Collins announces campaign for Circuit Court Judge

Local Judge, community leader and family man Judge Michael Collins has officially announced his campaign for Circuit Court Judge in the Republican primary on March 3, 2020. Wilson, Smith and Macon counties are included in this primary race.

Guided by his faith and conservative principles, Judge Collins’ belief is to follow the law, protect the community and help others. Collins believes his experience on the bench as General Sessions Judge has prepared him for the Circuit Court.

Born and raised in Middle Tennessee, Collins said his philosophy has always been simple, “Hold dangerous criminals accountable, protect victims and their families, help non-violent drug addicted offenders lead purposeful lives and protect and defend the Constitution.”

A native of Carthage, Collins was a gifted athlete in high school and was recognized all-state in multiple sports. He also excelled in the classroom, graduating in the top ten of his class and later graduated Cum Laude with a B.S. Criminal Justice Administration at Middle Tennessee State University. Collins attended the University of Memphis law school and graduated in 2001 before coming home to Carthage to practice law. In 2014, Collins was elected General Sessions Judge where he currently serves on the bench. He was also elected to the Smith County School Board where he served as chairman of the board.

Collins has been involved in numerous philanthropic and community organizations including the Rotary Club, volunteer coach at Smith County High School and Carthage Elementary, and coach for the Little League and Minor League youth baseball.

Collins was appointed by former Governor Bill Haslam to serve on the Recovery Court Advisory Committee to the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and awarded the Community Impact Award from the Drug Prevention Coalition. As founder of the first Misdemeanor Recovery Court in his district and founder of Bridging the Gap, Collins has been recognized as a leader in his efforts to curb drug addiction and help those with addiction lead lives of purpose.

Collins’ strong commitment to the community came from his father, Harold “Slick” Collins, who is known throughout Middle Tennessee for his volunteerism and involvement in youth sports. His mother, Cindy, was a registered nurse and devout Christian before her untimely death to cancer. His stepmother, Wanda, is a devout Christian, active in her church and has volunteered beside his dad in volunteer youth sports.

Michael has been married for 20 years to his wife, Selicia, a special education teacher. They have two children, son Case and daughter Lucy. The Collins family are active members of Carthage First Baptist Church where Michael teaches Sunday School and serves as a deacon.

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a detailed account and description.

Once Mt. Juliet officers realized that Rischbeck was fleeing a Metro-Nashville Police incident, a containment perimeter was established. Officers then coordinated with Metro-Nashville Police officers and Wilson County Sheriff’s deputies in the search for Rischbeck, which included a helicopter and K9 resources.

Around 1:15 p.m., Rischbeck was spotted running across Lebanon Road by a Mt. Juliet officer who then was able to direct other officers to his whereabouts.

Rischbeck surrendered and was taken into custody after an officer spotted him emerge from a wooded area onto Springmont Boulevard. Metro-Nashville Police officers took custody of Rischbeck.
Martin delivers State of the City address

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

Last month, Mt. Juliet City Manager Kenny Martin delivered the annual State of the City address in front of community and business leaders.

The main theme of the address was appreciation. Martin emphasized that the success of the city is directly tied to those who live and work in the city.

“They’re not only extremely talented, but they’re wonderful human beings,” he said. “Their hearts are in the right place to always do the right thing.”

More businesses are opening and more people are moving in, allowing Mt. Juliet to continue to grow.

“From city employees and district commissioners to community and business leaders, everyone makes a difference.”

In 2019, Mt. Juliet was rated one of the best places to live in the state and was recognized as one of the top ten safest places to live. This, Martin said, is largely due to Mt. Juliet Police and their work to keep the crime rate down.

“For a city the size of Mt. Juliet to be right outside a major metropolitan area and to be this safe with this low a crime rate is unheard of,” he said.

Sales tax revenue in 2019 was up approximately 5% from 2018, Martin said. The numbers for the 2019 holiday season alone were up $75,000 compared to the same time frame as the previous year.

Wilson County voters will have the choice to increase the local sales tax by one-half cent in the March 3 election. The current rate of 9.25% is proposed to increase to 9.75%, with the one-half cent sales tax going toward raises for classroom teachers. Early voting runs Feb. 12-25.

Martin also gave updates on some of the transportation projects around the city, such as the Town Center Trail and Belinda Parkway sidewalks projects.

Town Center Trail is being constructed along West Division Street. Construction began early last year and is expected to be completed by spring or summer this year.

The Belinda Parkway sidewalk construction began in August and is expected to be completed in early spring. The Woodridge Place sidewalks, which have been under construction since December, are also expected to be completed this spring.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEB 6

JECDB
The Joint Economic and Community Development Board Executive Committee will meet at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020, at the JECDB office located at 200 Aviation Way, Suite 202, Lebanon.

FEB 7

Free Clothes
The free clothing store will be open Friday, Feb. 7, from 9 a.m. until noon at Life Church, located at 3688 Highway 109, Lebanon. There will be free clothes in all sizes for every member of the family, free breakfast, some free groceries, and free chiropractic adjustments.

FEB 8

Wilson County GOP
The Wilson County Republican Party will meet Saturday, Feb. 8, at 9 a.m. at Music City Baptist Church in Mt. Juliet.

FEB 9

Election Commission
The Wilson County Election Commission will have a regularly scheduled meeting on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020, at 1:30 p.m. at the Election Commission Annex at 415 Harding Dr., Lebanon, to inspect the early voting and election day voting machines and conduct election business which comes before the commission.

FEB 11

Job Fair
The Goodwill Career Solutions Center at 1985 Providence West Parkway, Mt. Juliet, hosts a job fair featuring area employers from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. More information is available at www.giveit2goodwill.org/job-fairs/.

FEB 13

Parkinson’s Support Group
Peterson Foundation for Parkinson’s will have a meeting at 10 a.m. Feb. 10 at Green Hill Church, located at 13251 Lebanon Road.

FEB 15

Pancake Breakfast
Vietnam Veterans of America and Associates of VVA Chapter 1004 will have a pancake and sausage breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 7-11 a.m. at the Lebanon National Guard Armory. Tickets are $5 for adults, $3 for children under 12, and children 5 and under get in free.
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the other teachers, who she says are like family. Hamilton always knew she wanted to work with children. She started babysitting in middle school and would help out with children's church. She continued working in childcare rooms throughout high school in college. “I’ve always liked the younger kids,” she said. “They love coming to school. They want to learn, they’re eager. And they always want to please their teachers.”

That eagerness to learn is especially shown when her class reads. “I love it when the kids love to read,” she said. “I like picking books that are going interest them and get them asking questions.”

Hamilton enjoys teaching third grade because it is a pivotal year for her students. “For a lot of them it’s that ‘make it or break it’ year, so I want it to be a year they all make it,” she said. “I want them to realize that they can learn, they all have potential, and that they’re all loved here.”

She said it’s important for her students to know they are loved, because when they are comfortable at school, they do so much better.

Everyone at Stoner Creek is a team player, working together to better help their students. “We always have that attitude they’re not our class or our kids, it’s everyone’s kids,” she said. “When everyone is invested, they’re going to succeed.”

Hamilton said she was happy and overwhelmed when she learned her colleagues chose her as Stoner Creek’s teacher of the year. “You never feel like what you do is that much better than what everyone else does,” she said.

Hamilton said she enjoys teaching at Stoner Creek because it’s “the best.” “We have amazing administrators, the best teachers, the best teachers’ aides,” she said. “Everybody in this building is here for the kids, and it makes a big difference.”
### Republican & Democratic Presidential Preference Primary Elections
#### County Republican Primary Election

#### Sample Ballot

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- CHARLES LEEMAN
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- Uncommitted
- Bill Weld
- Joe Walsh
- Donald J. Trump

**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; and

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

WHEREAS, a referendum shall allow voters to decide whether 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 hold a referendum at the time of the Presidential Preference Primary election to increase the local sales tax by one-half cent:

This resolution shall take effect upon passage, the public welfare requiring it.

For

Against

**Wilson County Referendum**

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**Wilson County Election Commission**

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Joy in the Garden

One of my favorite hymns is the Charles Austin Miles song “In the Garden.” The lyrics speak of a time when we are alone with the Lord and “He walks with me and He talks with me.” Miles continues by revealing “the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.” Have you ever met someone who has lost their joy? They offer an accurate impersonation of the folks on Hee Haw who would sing, “Gloom, despair, and agony on me; Deep, dark depression, excessive misery.” I will stop right there before I depress you so much you can’t even finish this article.

When I encounter miserable people, I wonder where along their way they lost or forfeited their joy. It is no secret that it is in the garden with the Lord Jesus that we find our joy. Jesus spoke to His disciples in John 15 about Him being the True Vine and we his followers are the branches. He calls us to fruitfulness and lets us know that if the branch isn’t bearing fruit, it’s because it isn’t attached. He repeatedly appeals to us to abide in Him and He will thusly abide in us. He describes what this looks like when He proclaims “If you abide in me, and My words abide in you, and you abide in me, you will ask what you desire and it will be done for you.” He goes one step further. He describes what this looks like when He proclaims “If you abide in me, and My words abide in you, and you abide in me, you will ask what you desire and it will be done for you.” He goes one step further.

Larry Grainger
Abundant Life Church

Assembly of God
Lighthouse Church
Baptist
Baker’s Grove Baptist
Beckwith Baptist
Cedar Grove Baptist
Corona Baptist Church
Faith Church
Fellowship Baptist
The Fellowship at Mt. Juliet
First Baptist Church of Mt. Juliet
The Glade Church
Grace Baptist Church
Green Hill Church* Hickory Hills Baptist
The LightHouse Fellowship
Mays Chapel
Mt. Juliet Missionary Baptist
Mt. Olivet Baptist
Music City Baptist Church
New Life Baptist Church
Rutland Baptist Church
Silver Springs Baptist
Truth and Grace Free Will Baptist Church
Victory Baptist Church

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Holy Comforter Anglican (ACC)
St. Stephen Catholic Community

Church of Christ
109 Church of Christ
Belinda Parkway Church of Christ
Center Chapel Church of Christ
Corinth Church of Christ
Gladieville Church of Christ
Green Hill Church of Christ
Leeville Church of Christ
Mt. Juliet Church of Christ
Nonaville Church of Christ
Vesta Church of Christ
Church of God
Living Water Fellowship
Mt. Juliet Church of God
The Pointe Church
Church of Jesus Christ
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
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Jehovah’s Witness
Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses
Lutheran
Celebration Lutheran
Methodist
Cook’s United Methodist
Gladieville United Methodist
Grace United Methodist Church
Mt. Juliet African Methodist Episcopal Church
Pleasant Grove United Methodist
Providence United Methodist*
Scott’s Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church
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Penecostal Church Alive
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Clyo’s Cumberland Presbyterian
Hickory Grove Church
Suggs Creek Cumberland Presbyterian
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Unity of Music City
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Bridge Fellowship Church
Cedar Ridge Church
The Church at Pleasant Grove
Connect Church
Faith is the Victory Church
Cross Point Church
Friendship Community Church
Gateway of Hope
Generation Changers Church
Global Vision Bible Church
Grace Bible Fellowship
Grace Fellowship Ministries
Greater True Faith Community Church
Holy Temple Church
The Journey Church
Joy Church International
LifeChurch of Mt. Juliet
Living Hope Church
Mending Fences Cowboy Church
New Heart Christian Church
New Tribe Church
Our Father’s House Community Church
The Rock of Nashville
Royal Life International
Even though we live in a great and wonderful community like Mt. Juliet, it doesn’t mean we should let our guards down or become complacent when it comes to using good personal safety measures and techniques.

If you think about it, not a day goes by that we don’t hear about a murder, rape, robbery, child abduction, assault or serious incident happening somewhere. And we’ve all heard the statement, “I didn’t think something like that could happen here,” or “I didn’t think stuff like that happened around here.” That is why we must always constantly remind and prepare ourselves for the unexpected.

Being prepared and aware of your surroundings will better enable you to protect yourself from the unexpected. We must stay alert and pay attention to the people and activity around us. Avoid trouble by not walking alone at night. If you choose to walk at night, pick well-lit and populated areas. It’s also a good idea to carry a cell phone and even a small stick to ward off possible attacks and unexpected stray animals.

If working after hours, request from police extra patrols of your building. If carrying money to the bank from your business, request an escort to the bank for your deposit or a simple standby escort when leaving the building to make sure you make it to your vehicle safely. When approaching your car, have the door key in hand while paying attention to your surroundings.

Trust your instincts: Don’t assume a false sense of security because you are either surrounded by people or in a remote area. If you think something is wrong, remove yourself from the situation immediately. Trust your gut feelings, if it doesn’t feel right, it probably isn’t. Always play it safe.

Project confidence: Walk as if you know where you are going. Stand tall, walk in a confident manner and hold your head up. Keep your hands free and keep them chest high in heavy crowds.

In closing, this is a message that can’t be given too often. Let’s be careful out there.
Dates set for Whip Crack’in Rodeo

Staff Reports

Dates for this year’s Whip Crack’in Rodeo, sponsored by The Community Foundation of Wilson County, were confirmed at the nonprofit’s January board meeting.

According to Bob Black, who chairs the local Community Foundation board, the rodeo will be held at the Ward Agricultural Center on April 24 and 25.

“This will mark the 11th year that the Whip Crack’in Rodeo has been presented,” Black said.

He noted that the event was initiated by former Lebanon Mayor Philip Craighead and his wife Darlene as a means to help local nonprofits secure funding for the services they provide to the community.

Since its inception, Black said, the Rodeo has been responsible for generating more than $450,000 that has been contributed to local charities.

He explained that The Community Foundation began its role with the Rodeo last year.

“The Craigheads have no doubt done a marvelous job in building this event into a major financial contributor for local charities but after a decade of overseeing the production of the rodeo they were ready to release the reins to someone else.

“Producing the rodeo is almost a year-round job.”

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Hospital first in state to offer doula operating room credentialing

Staff Reports

Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital recently introduced a new service for expectant mothers by becoming the region’s first hospital to offer OR credentialing for doulas, allowing these highly personalized birthing coaches to accompany women in labor to the operating room.

The credentialing program requires doulas to complete a 90-minute OR simulation and to offer proof of prior participation in five births at Saint Thomas Midtown. Since completing the simulation this month, 19 program graduates are now fully credentialed to provide OR support during cesarean sections and multiple births. There is currently a waiting list of Middle Tennessee-based doulas interested in attending the next simulation.

“Our goal at Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital is to help every mom experience a delivery that fits her unique needs and vision,” said Kristen Toth, vice president of Women’s, Children’s, and Oncology Services, Ascension Saint Thomas. “This doula credentialing process is one more way we can offer every woman a personalized birthing experience. The program is a direct result of the creativity and hard work of hospital leadership and our affiliated OB/GYNs, midwives, anesthesiologists, and nurses.”

Some studies suggest that women paired with doulas report higher levels of satisfaction with their pregnancies and might even experience shorter labor times. In addition to teaching breathing, massage, and relaxation techniques for labor, doulas may help women prepare for post-partum challenges like mood swings or difficulty breastfeeding.

“We all know that being surrounded by those who love you and support you makes every transition easier,” said Dr. Donna Crowe of WOMEN Obstetrics & Gynecology, a Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital affiliate. “Including doula support in the operating room during a vulnerable time will only aid in the mother’s healing both physically and emotionally.”

“As professional doulas, we support our clients physically and emotionally throughout their birth, and we are excited to continue that support for them now in the OR and in their immediate recovery at Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital,” said Andrea Hewitt, owner, East Nashville Doulas. “Doula support is an evidence-based practice that has been recognized by The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and other national medical organizations to improve a patient’s satisfaction with their birth experience.”

The Mt. Juliet Middle School girls basketball team recently won the Area 11 AAA Tournament. They advanced to the championship game with a 41-34 win over Dickson County on Saturday. After a 28-17 win over Macon County in the finals, the Lady Bears will advance to the TMSAA sectionals. | Photo submitted

Saint Thomas Midtown Hospital recently introduced a new service for expectant mothers by becoming the region’s first hospital to offer OR credentialing for doulas, allowing these highly personalized birthing coaches to accompany women in labor to the operating room.
The Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce held its annual awards banquet last month. Pictured above are winners Gerard Bullock and Julie Ruesewald. Bullock was named Businessman of the Year, and Ruesewald was named Businesswoman of the Year. | Photos submitted

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Bears defendenseman Linden Palmer carries the puck out of the defensive zone in action Wednesday night against Father Ryan. | Photo submitted

From RODEO, PAGE 8 requiring a great deal of hands-on work and hundreds of volunteer hours. We should applaud the Craigheads for creating this unique event for our community,” Black said.

He described The Community Foundation’s role as the new sponsor of the Whip Crack’in Rodeo as a “perfect fit.” He said, through The Community Foundation’s Big Payback event each spring and its annual discretionary grant program as well as other funds from which charities receive contributions through The Community Foundation, a significant number of local nonprofits know about “our organization and stand ready” to help produce the rodeo.

“We badly need the help and support of the community to make the rodeo

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OBITUARIES

BELL, Dorothy Maxine Woodson

Dorothy Maxine Woodson Bell, age 83 of Mt. Juliet, died Jan. 28, 2020. She was the daughter of the late James Siggle and Martha Elizabeth Davennyo Woodson. Mrs. Bell was also preceded in death by her sisters, Martha Louise Woodson and Bertha Dale Thompson.

She is survived by: Husband of 62.5 years – James P. “Jim” Bell; Sons – James Gregory (Maleah) Bell and Timothy Evan (Jonna) Bell; Grandchildren – Justin Evaan Bell, Kaci Britt (Jeffrey) Long, Timothy Evan (Caylie) Bell, Jr., John Mark Bell, Christian James Bell and Tavie Mcgee Bell; Great-grandchildren – J.J. Bell, Kylee Mae Bell, Dani Lynn Bell, Kelsie Paige Comer, Ada-mint Gray, Zachary Gray, Jordan Gray, Mackenzie Gray, Waterman Gray. Funeral services will be conducted at Wilson Thursday, Feb. 6, at Bond Memorial Chapel, and interment will follow at Harpeth Hills Memory Gardens.

EVANS, Kimberly Virginia


GRAY, Rev. Jon Kenneth

Reverend Jon Kenneth Gray, age 76 of Mt. Juliet, died Jan. 21, 2020. Jon was the son of the late Kenneth and Rosalind Forrest Gray. He was also preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Nancy Waterman Gray. He is survived by: Children – Jeffrey J. (Brenda J.) Gray, Julie J. Gray and Heather (Mark) Rampey; Sister- Rosemary Gray; Great-grandchildren - Taylor Gray, Jordan Gray, Mackenzie Gray, Zachary Gray, Paige Wilson and Jacob Rampey; Nieces and Nephews; grandchildren.

GRiffin, Michael Ted “2 Pa”

Ted Griffin passed away Jan. 31, 2020, at age 64. A Celebration of Life was held Feb. 1 at Fairlaw Church in Lebanon. Funeral services will be private. Mr. Griffin is survived by his wife of 46 years, Sheree Stewart Griffin; children: John (Laurie) Griffin and Marcie (Jason) Selby; grandchildren: Avery and Sloane Griffin, Savannah, Kate, and Baylor Selby; siblings: Jimmy (Lauren) Griffin, Lynnt (Tommy) Bowen, and Pam (Louis) Donoho; numerous nieces and nephews; and his grand-dog: Cooper. He is preceded in death by parents James Richard and Jessie Earlene Thompson Griffin, and sister Patricia Griffin Smith.

special thank you to: family, friends, Fairview Church, ladies of 73 LHS, Avalon Hospice, Wilson County Hyundai, Dube Fitness Center, and Penske Trucking. In lieu of flowers, please make Memorial contributions to: Sherry’s Run (PO Box 8, Lebanon TN 37088) and/or Lebanon Youth Baseball and Fairview Church.

LUPER, Donald Wade


He is survived by: Wife of 30 years – Debbie Luper; Son – Chandler Luper; Mother – Janie Luper; Siblings – Jimmy Luper, Jerry Luper, Preston Luper and Belinda (Shawn) Grindale; nieces – Kayla Grindale, Kimberly Hudgens, Meagan Luper and Hannah Luper.

A Celebration of Life was held Feb. 2 at Bond Memorial Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Ronald McDonald House, 2144 Fairfax Avenue, Nashville, TN 37212 or Big Brothers of Tennessee, 115 Industrial Blvd., Franklin, 615-758-8818, www.sellarsfuneralservices.com.

WILLIAMS, Tommie Lee

Tommie Lee Williams, age 87, of Hermitage, passed away Jan. 31, 2020. Tommie was born July 13, 1932 in Old Hickory.


A Celebration of Life was held Feb. 4. In lieu of flowers donations to be made to Alive Hospice. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.HermitageFH.com for the WILLIAMS family.

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Funeral services will be held Feb. 1 at First Baptist Church of Mt. Juliet. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

TORRELL, Robert F.

Robert F. Torrell, age 80 of Mt. Juliet, passed away Feb. 1, 2020. He is survived by loving wife of 63 years, Georgia Porcel-la; children, Robert Porcella, George (Milly Lee) Porcella, and Michele Keeler; nine great-grandchildren.

The Funeral Mass will be held at St. Stephen Catholic Community on Feb. 5 at 10 a.m.


KELLEY, Heather LeAnn Britt


Survived by husband David Kelley; Parents Ron and Judy Britt; Brother Stephan (Renee) Brit; Aunt and Uncle Kenneth and Rosemary Johnson; Uncle Lamayone Foster; Aunt Glenda Britt and loving cousins; Special friends Marty Qualls and Debi Villines.

A Celebration of Life was held Jan. 30, and interment followed at Mt. Juliet Cemetery. Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.HermitageFH.com for the Brit Kelley family.

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The Board of Commissioners of the City of Mt. Juliet will have a Public Hearing on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. to hear comments on the following item to be considered: Rezone the Patel Property, located at 13820 Lebanon Road, Map 053, Parcel 143.00, from Residential RS-40 to Commercial Retail Center (CRC), and being located within the City’s Urban Growth Boundary. The public is invited to attend and comment.

Kenny Martin, City Manager
City of Mt. Juliet

**Patel Property**
13820 Lebanon Road
Map 053, Parcel 143.00

**Public Notice**
The City of Mt. Juliet Alcoholic Beverages Board will meet in City Hall at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 to update the Board on the food to alcohol ratio for:

Kat’s Bar & Grill, located at 2037 N. Mt. Juliet Rd.#103
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And any other topics arising therefrom or generally related thereto. The public is invited to attend and comment.

Sheila S. Luckett, MMC
Deputy City Manager

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InTune Chiropractic Clinic had its ribbon cutting with the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce on Jan. 31. They are located at 650 South Mt. Juliet Road.

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successful. Our resources are limited and we must depend on volunteers from local nonprofits to help with a number of the tasks required.

“Also important to the financial success of the rodeo are the participating sponsors. If you have been a rodeo sponsor in past years, we urge you to continue your sponsor-

ship. If you haven’t been a sponsor, I would hope you might consider being a sponsor this year and would look into the opportunities and benefits a sponsorship might afford your business,” Black said.

He said that again this year several area chapters of the Future Farmers of America will be providing a great deal of help with the rodeo’s production.

“The FFA provides a significant number of its members who volunteer their time for the weekend to help with ticket sales, gate operations, clean-up, and other chores. This group’s participation is so very valuable and we are so fortunate to have them working with us,” Black said.

For more information about the Whip Crack’in Rodeo visit whipcrackinrodeo.com.
I've texted my children every day this week. Both in the morning and at night, and often a few times in between. I've stalked their comings and goings with the cameras set up around our house. And remotely turned on the alarm when they have failed to do it themselves. I've had Becky do random drive-bys. And for good measure, sent their Pappy by the house here and there as well. All without notice of course!

As you may suspect by now, we are not only out of town, but for the first time ever, we've left the kids at home ... without supervision. And not just out of town, but so out of town that if there were an emergency, I'd have an ocean, two plane rides and most certainly an international incident getting myself back home to them.

Their job has been as follows:
1. Make sure your brother goes to school every day this week.
2. Do not lose the dogs!
3. Do not burn the house, flood the house, or in any way damage the house to the point where I'll have to have something remodeled upon our return.
4. Use coasters. I'm not kidding! Use coasters!
5. Let me reiterate, we have three dogs, we expect to return to three dogs, all of which have been fed routinely all week.
6. Your brother needs to eat too. Routinely. All week.
7. When I call or text, you are to immediately respond or I'll think you are dead or have been kidnapped and I'll call the police to check on you and you'll be embarrassed.
8. We return Sunday. Do not be late picking us up. And no, we don't have the Uber App nor are we getting it. We have three kids who drive. You are our Uber.
9. Bring the dogs to the airport.
10. Your brother too. Our trip ends tomorrow but the kids tell me there is a deadly Chinese virus that they are now checking for at the airports. They claim we may not be let back into the country. I'm not sure how they accomplished it, but we suspect the kids are somehow behind the virus and they've most definitely lost one of the dogs and their brother!

By Angel Kane
Wilson Living Magazine

PET OF THE WEEK
Etta is a 4 year old pit bull who came to the shelter as a stray and went unclaimed. She is a very smart and sweet girl. She loves belly rubs and treats. She needs to be the only dog in the house. Etta is up to date on age appropriate vaccines, de-wormed, and on flea/tick prevention. If you are interested in meeting Etta, please call 615-773-5533.

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The amendment was sponsored by District 3 Commissioner Art Giles, who said city employees should have the opportunity to protect themselves. They can’t, however, use the firearm to intimidate or harass anyone or else be terminated from their job.

The amendment was originally brought before the board in 2013. It was deferred and eventually removed from the agenda. It came before the board in September 2019 before being deferred again.

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further when He points out that if we keep His commandments, it is then that we will abide in His love. And then He speaks these words. “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”

Now, don’t you want your joy to be full? The fullness of our joy is found in the garden.

Often we get occupied with doing religious activities and we give our attention to the accoutrements of Christianity. We might attend church regularly, sing the songs, give some money in the offering plate, and maybe even serve on some outreach ministry. Allow me to hasten to point out these are all commendable things and we should be doing them. But are we attempting to allow these external activities to replace the walk with Jesus in the cool of the day in the garden of fellowship? Does He walk with us and talk with us? Maybe the better question is are we walking and talking with Him?

For the joy that we seek in possessions, power, esteem, and societal advancement can only be found in “the sound of His voice, which is so sweet the birds hush their singing.”

If we are going to realize the fullness of Jesus’ joy in our lives, we must abide or remain in Him; in other words there must be fellowship and communication with Him, by His Spirit. It is a great thing that by His death, burial, and resurrection, we have unobstructed access to the throne of God to receive mercy and grace in our time of need.

There is no longer a veil and we do not need a priest to enter the holy of holies on our behalf. We can anywhere and anytime go before the throne of grace in prayer and meditation.

Let’s not allow all the really good things that we may do to substitute for that time in His presence where the “melody He gave to me within my heart is ringing.” Religious activity can never replace intimate fellowship with the True Vine. Let’s find joy in the garden.
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