**LOCAL SCHOOLS**

**Teacher of the Year**

By Kenny Howell

Managing Editor

Gladeville Middle School’s Teacher of the Year is RTI teacher Kathy McCabe.

This is McCabe’s second year at Gladeville Middle School, but she has been a teacher in Wilson County for 15 years. She has taught 29 years in total.

“There is a lot of support from the parents,” said McCabe of GMS. “It really adds to the success of our students.”

McCabe said the parent involvement allows for the kids to have excellent resources. She said that has definitely helped these past two school years where teachers had to rely so much on technology to reach their students and do their jobs. She said the kids have stayed motivated and

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**Driver crashes through Cracker Barrel**

An elderly man accidentally hit the accelerator and crashed into the dining room at Cracker Barrel Thursday. Seven people required treatment at the scene, but no one was transported to the hospital.

From Mt. Juliet Police Department Twitter

**MT. JULIET PLANNING COMMISSION**

Commission to hear new development off of Beckwith

By Kenny Howell

Managing Editor

The Mt. Juliet Planning Commission will hear a site plan and rezone for Beckwith Station, a multi-tenant commercial building, at Thursday’s meeting.

The development will be off the Beckwith exit near the TriStar Mt. Juliet ER on 225 Wilfong Parkway. It will contain a convenience store, eight gas pumps, two restaurants and professional offices.

No tenants were listed on the plans.

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Juanita B. Cook

Shirley Ann Gray

Wendy Pfefferle

Dale Shackleford

Kenneth Vaughn

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There are several items on the consent agenda that will be voted on together. Some of those are:

1. Hickory Station – Office professional services buildings on 193 and 261 Main Street.
2. Davis-Gnewikow Property Site Plan – The lot where Advanced Hearing Solutions and Mt. Juliet Family Vision were once located. They were destroyed by the tornado. The applicant sought a Commercial Town Center zoning for more commercial, but it was denied by the Board of Commissioners. They are now working within the Office Professional Services zoning they were previously under. The two properties will now be one with a bigger building.
3. WEMA Station No. 3 and No. 10 – Wilson County Government is putting two stations within city limits. No. 3 will be located at 700 Clemonns Road. No. 10 will need to be annexed into the city. It is adjacent to city limits at 7980 Central Pike.
4. District 1 Commissioner Ray Justice has worked with city staff for a new ordinance along the Lebanon Road corridor to limit the number of automotive related businesses that can be there. After a work session earlier this month, they decided to add to the ordinances that an automotive related business cannot go in next to a residential building.

The Mt. Juliet Planning Commission meeting is Thursday, 6:30 p.m. You can watch it on the City of Mt. Juliet YouTube page.

Honoring Our Hometown Heroes at this Year’s Fair

Staff Reports

The Volunteers of the Wilson County Fair (Wilson County Promotions) are proud to announce “Honoring Hometown Heroes” as the theme of the 2021 Wilson County Fair.

The now 10-day Fair will open Thursday, Aug. 12, at 5 p.m. and run through Saturday, Aug. 21. The theme celebrates and pays tribute to the many heroes who have done so much this past year. Through the tornadoes that hit middle Tennessee in March and the pandemic that changed all of our lives this past year, we honor those who came to our rescue in so many ways through this unprecedented year.

As Tennessee’s Big County Fair and the largest Fair in Tennessee, the Fair’s focus remains family fun, entertainment and agriculture experiences for all our Fairgoers. Wilson County Promotions Volunteers submitted a proposal to add the Tennessee State Fair to our award-winning Wilson County Fair. The Volunteers are exploring all opportunities to make more improvements to the Fairgrounds and for Wilson County. After much thought and discussion, they determined it is much better to add the State Fair to the Wilson County Fair than for the State Fair to happen at a different time on the same fairgrounds or even take place in close proximity to our Fair. If approved, Wilson County Promotions will be producing a new ordinance along the fairgrounds and managing the Tennessee State Fair and the Wilson County Fair as one Fair at the same time.

They will continue to focus on showcasing Wilson County. Competitions that have been limited to Wilson County will continue. There are no alcoholic beverages currently sold at the Wilson County Fair and no plans to ever do this. Their main focus is on a true family fun experience.

They realize this is a big endeavor and an exciting one for their Volunteers, the County, the State and especially the Fairgoers. Details are still being discussed. Wilson County Promotions Board of Directors and the Wilson County Ag Management Committee will need to approve details moving forward.

Wilson County Promotions Board President Randall Clemons says the agriculture commodity focus will be “Year of Beef.” The Fair’s roots and existence remain as an agriculture fair. There are over 150 events that take place during the 10-day fair and volunteers are making plans to incorporate the theme in the many exhibits and competitions during the Fair.

Clemons says fair organizers are planning for this year to be a great Fair. There are lots of plans being made to make coming to the Fair a great place for Fair fun and where families can make memories to last a lifetime. They will be working with health officials and following guidelines and protocols to provide a safe environment for all fairgoers.

The 2021 Fair will again be presented by Mid-South Ford. The volunteers invite everyone to bring their family and friends to the Fair. They’re working hard to make the largest Fair in the state of Tennessee the best one ever.

For more information about the fair, visit www.wilsoncountyfair.net.

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Richetto named BCAT All-Star

Green Hill Senior Sydnee Richetto was recently named as a Basketball Coaches Association of Tennessee All-Star for the 2020-21 season. Richetto averaged 17.3 points and 4.2 assists a game during the season. She scored over 1600 points in her high school career. She will move on to play basketball at Wofford College next year.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**March 18**

MT. JULIET PLANNING COMMISSION

The Mt. Juliet Planning Commission will hold their meeting Thursday March 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 2425 N. Mt. Juliet Road, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122. You can watch the meeting at the city’s website http://www.mtjuliet-tn.gov.

**March 22**

MT. JULIET BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners will hold their meeting Monday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 2425 N. Mt. Juliet Road, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122. You can watch the meeting at the city’s website http://www.mtjuliet-tn.gov.

**April 5**

WILSON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Wilson County School board will hold its monthly meeting, Monday April 5, 6 p.m. at the Administrative & Training Complex, 415 Harding Drive, Lebanon, TN 37087. You can watch the meeting at https://wcschools.com/Page/4332.

**April 12**

MT. JULIET BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

The Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners will hold their meeting Monday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 2425 N. Mt. Juliet Road, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122. You can watch the meeting at the city’s website http://www.mtjuliet-tn.gov.

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love coming to school.

McCabe said her philosophy has always been that all children are capable of learning, you just have to find the best way to reach the student.

“You have to take them where they are and push them as far as you can,” said McCabe.

McCabe said it was truly an honor to be chosen as Teacher of the Year by her peers at GMS.

“I truly feel that I’m amongst rock star teachers,” said McCabe of her coworkers. She said everyone is willing to help, and it took her by surprise when they decided to recognize her from all the great teachers at the school.

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

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In II Thessalonians 2:3-4, The Apostle Paul writes,

“We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other, 4 so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endured.” (NKJV)

Paul wrote this about the people of the church after his first visit to them. He said he thanked God in this because their faith grew exceedingly or was increasing above ordinary degree. There are three things that stand out about the Christians of Thessalonica that show us why their faith grew in this way.

One, for their faith to grow we understand they had to receive the Word of God. Romans 10:17 tells us

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.” (NKJV)

We also know this from the first letter to this church as Paul wrote in 1 Thess. 2:13,

“....when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectually works in you who believe. (NKJV)

The Word of God was effectively working in this congregation because of the importance they placed upon receiving the message. Two, the Bible tells us that their love abounded towards each other. I realize when we say the word “love” there can be many thoughts that come to mind. Paul is writing here of the God kind of Love. This love is always unselfish putting others first and ourselves last. This type of love was prevalent in the church and also towards others who were not in the church. They had the type of love that Jesus spoke about how the world would know that we are his disciples.

Third, they were patient in tribulation and persecution. They stood firm no matter what they were going through and what others would say or do against them. None of these things kept them from receiving God’s Word and staying unselfish with respect to others. All of this helping to grow their faith exceedingly.

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REFLECTIONS FROM AN OLD FRIEND - WIN ONE FOR WILSON CO.

Kenny Martin
City Manager

With e-commerce now, a big part of our buying and purchasing processes, there is no better time than now to support your local businesses more than ever. I know I seem like a broken record, but if we don’t support our local businesses they can’t survive and if they don’t survive I think that is very sad. Maybe it’s the current economy, my getting older and worrying more or just plain old love for my community. Not quite sure what it is, but I sure have found myself thinking about it a lot lately for many good reasons. I personally think it’s because I care for and love my county, my country and the people that call it home. But that would sound boastful, egotistical and mushy to say the least. And that’s ok; I love lots of stuff and as my mom always said, say it loud and say it proud if you mean it.

As I drive throughout our community and think about the old Ronald Reagan movie “Knute Rockne: All American”. In the movie there was a wonderful quote that stated, “Win one for the Gipper”. As a point of personal pride, I’d like to win one for Wilson County, Tennessee and all our residents.

Neighbors, I need your help and our county needs your help. With all that is going on with e-commerce, our national and state economy and the state of brick and mortar stores, the need to focus on our local economy and our brick and mortar businesses has never been more important. Small businesses are what drive our local economy and the economic engines of our great country and county. Small businesses provide sales tax revenue, convenient local services and goods, jobs, jobs, jobs to mention just a few benefits. When consumers shop on-line or patronize businesses outside their local county and communities, our local businesses suffer from a lack of or reduction in sales. When sales volumes and patronage drop, so does the need to have employees working. When employees aren’t working they can’t make money to patronize other business or even think about the circu- lous cycle continues and/or grows. And this does not even get into the funding that local sales bring to our schools and other city and county services.

If we don’t shop locally by supporting our brick and mortar businesses our tax dollars benefit other cities and counties and not ours. E-commerce is very convenient, and I totally understand that and why it may be appealing. But what we lose today via e-commerce sales will have to be made up somewhere else down the road by other means. If local businesses aren’t supported, they move to other communities or go out of business. When this happens, we lose our revenues from our community and the ability to attract new businesses to offset the ones we lost. The result is we never catch up. We go further and further behind and I know none of us want that to happen.

I know times are changing as they always have, but e-commerce may be changing some things in such a way that we lose a lot about what we love about the shopping experience as well. The good news is that we can control what happens when it comes to keeping taxes low and raising local revenues. Supporting your local businesses by patronizing them first is to our local economy what eating healthy, exercising, sleeping eight hours a day and taking vitamins is to your health.

Please support your local businesses even if it means waiting until you get back to Wilson County or not shopping on-line as often. Shopping outside Wilson County supports that community and only cost us in the long run and shopping on-line doesn’t really help our community.

This is your county and your cities, so please take it personal. It’s like an investment in your future. Not supporting our local businesses is like depositing your paycheck in your neighbor’s bank account. It doesn’t really gain you any true benefit.

Call me selfish, but I like doing stuff that might benefit me and those that I care about. I care about you, our county, our local businesses and our children’s future. I want our children and the rest of us to have the most prosperous, faithful and friendly community in the world. We can have it and so much more if we support each other and our community with passion, enthusiasm and good old-fashioned good will, unity and teamwork.

We can’t control much of anything outside of Wilson County, but this is our house and our family, and we can make a difference in what happens here. Again, e-commerce is convenient, but if does not help our community like our businesses do. For example, e-commerce isn’t going to sponsor our local dance, basketball, football or soccer teams. E-commerce isn’t going to build the ramp for the person in need and e-commerce isn’t going to help the local family or families that lose everything in a fire, flood or national disaster. Please help me support our local businesses today, tomorrow and everyday going forward. They need us, and we need them and only you can help make a difference that matters to Wilson County. Mt. Juliet, Lebanon, Watertown and all our unincorporated parts of Wilson County.

We/They need your support now more than ever. God Bless the USA and God Bless Wilson County, Tennessee and all those that call it home. Now let’s go win one for Wilson County, Tennessee!

TELLING TALES - SPRING BREAKERS

Angel Kane
Wilson Living Magazine

We are not spring breakers.

In fact, in our 23 years of raising little Kanes, we’ve never taken our children to the beach during spring break. Our kids, instead, were the sad little children left behind doing chores or else tagging along with other families heading to the beach.

So it caught our son completely by surprise when we told him we were going to the beach with him during spring break. “What? Why?” he exclaimed.

You see our son is a Senior. And not just any Senior, he is our last Senior. In a few months he’ll be leaving for college and we’ll technically be done raising Kanes. A thought that has driven my husband into a state of deep depression. For this reason, we are heading to the beach with our boy!

Our son, realizing his old Dad is having a tough time, agreed but drew a line in the sand. “Ok. Y’all can come so long as you promise not to come on Senior trip. Ok?” “No promises,” I replied. “We’ll just have to see how your Dad is holding up by then.”

So for the past few days we’ve been spring breaking with a bunch of 18 year olds. And interestingly enough our son and all their parents! Turns out my husband isn’t alone. All week he has gone down memory lane with the other Dads talking about their kids’ greatest hits. We’ve talked about 4-H camp, flag football, science projects, and their upcoming graduation.

We’ve remembered their first accident, their first detention and the very first time they tried to sneak out! We’ve had a few tears but mostly lots of laughs. The kids have sporadically checked in or more specifically checked on us to see how we’re holding up. Surprisingly we did good!

In fact so good that we’ve made a date to meet the other parents back here in May. Right around the time for Senior trip. Imagine that!

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Crouch taking on new venture

Staff Reports

Green Hill Church Senior Pastor Darryl Crouch is moving to a new venture.

Crouch is leaving the position to take on a new role as Executive Director of Everyone's Wilson, a network of gospel-centered churches working together for the good of every person in Wilson County.

"Are there fewer lost people, broken people, hungry people, addicted people, despairing people in our city now than there were three or five or ten years ago?" wrote Crouch on his website.

"What can we do, what does God want us to do, to move the needle in our city, or in our case, our county over the next decade to bring transforming help and wholeness?"

Everyone's Wilson is made up of over 40 churches throughout the area that will work together for the needs of the community. The idea came from the tornado response a year ago, and the churches saw it as an opportunity to help the community in other ways.

Crouch said Green Hill Church will still be his home church, but they will send him out as an ambassador and missionary within the community.

If you are interested in learning more about Everyone's Wilson, you can visit https://www.everyoneswilson.org.

M.L. Rose feeds MJHS faculty and staff

Staff Reports

The M.L.Rose Craft Beer & Burgers food truck visited Mt. Juliet High School Friday, March 5 to feed the faculty and staff lunch. The food truck will give away over 1,000 free meals in the coming weeks, including the other high schools. The restaurant will open their new restaurant in Providence this spring in the old Logan's Roadhouse building.

M.L. Rose feeds MJHS faculty and staff

Staff Reports

The M.L.Rose Craft Beer & Burgers food truck treated the Mt Juliet High School faculty and staff to lunch on Friday, May 5.

Over the next several weeks, the food truck will serve more than 1,000 free meals in the Mt Juliet community, including all three area high schools, the local first responders, and locally owned businesses.

M.L.Rose Craft Beer & Burgers is the first restaurant to open in downtown Mt Juliet.

MJPD Headquarters addition moving along

Staff Reports

The architects for the addition to the Mt. Juliet Police Department headquarters have completed the analysis of the existing facilities, and are ready to move on to schematic design phase of the building expansion process.

In a Facebook post Thursday, the MJPD said they have outgrown their headquarters because of the growth of the community, and the staffing levels that have been needed to meet that.

They have added 17 police officers in the past seven years. The tornado also played a part in the decision because it gave them a clear understanding that their critical operations were not safe from storms.

"We are blessed for the support of our community and elected officials who continue to champion for this critical investment, and we are thankful for this fast-paced process to quickly get essential operations and staff in a secure building designed to protect staff, handle our growth, and allow us to serve our community members as best as possible," the Facebook post stated.
TDOE & TERA launch 2021 Tennessee Educator Survey

Staff Reports

Wednesday, the Tennessee Department of Education and the Tennessee Education Research Alliance (TERA) at Vanderbilt University launched the 2021 Tennessee Educator Survey across the state.

All educators, administrators, and certified school staff in Tennessee are invited to take the survey and share their perspectives and expertise on education issues affecting their classrooms and schools, and regarding the unique circumstances presented by COVID-19, to inform strategies and goals at the state, district, and local school levels. Last year, over 37,000 Tennessee educators (51 percent) completed the survey in the midst of the COVID-19 school closures.

All educators received an email with a personalized survey invitation link last week. The survey is voluntary and confidential and is open from March 10- April 23. Additionally, schools have an opportunity to receive a grant for high participation rates.

“Each year, the Tennessee Educator Survey gives every educator in the state an opportunity to share their experiences and provide input for the department to consider in our work,” said Commissioner Penny Schwinn. “I encourage Tennessee teachers to complete the survey so we can continue to identify, hone and refine the supports and resources that teachers need to provide the best education possible for all students in the state.”

In its 10th year of existence, the survey measures key topics that district and school leaders monitor year after year, including school climate, educator evaluation, student learning, and specific state initiatives. There are also specific questions around the challenges educators have faced during the pandemic.

This summer, schools and districts with at least a 45 percent participation rate will receive aggregate results, which will be made publicly available. To encourage strong participation, schools meeting the threshold of 65 percent participation and above will be entered into a lottery to receive staff appreciation grants of up to $5,500. Additionally, schools that did not reach the 45 percent threshold in 2020 but do so this year become eligible for a school-wide Newcomer Award of $2,500.

“The Educator Survey is a longstanding, critical tool to ensure that teacher and leader voice is reflected in the work researchers do here at Vanderbilt,” said Erin O’Hara, executive director of the Tennessee Education Research Alliance.

The Educator Survey is a valuable public resource that helps educators make informed decisions. The survey assesses the unique challenges and opportunities faced during the pandemic. Results are publicly available and can be used to support student achievement, instructional practice, and specific state initiatives. There are also specific questions around the challenges educators have faced during the pandemic.

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Black History Month at Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage

Staff Reports

On Saturday, February 27, Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage held its annual memorial service honoring the enslaved people who lived and worked at The Hermitage during the years of the Jackson family’s ownership.

The ceremony began in the Hermitage Church with keynote speaker Dr. Willie Bryson, Evangelist for Corona First Baptist Church in Mt. Juliet. The participants then left the church and proceeded to the memorial’s stone wall. There, Mt. Juliet Police Chief James Hambrick, who also serves as Co-Pastor of Cloyd’s Presbyterian Church, offered the closing prayer. The attendees then placed a flower, each tagged with the name of an enslaved worker from The Hermitage, on the stone wall. “The event was well-attended and very meaningful thanks to the words of Dr. Bryson and Chief Hambrick” said Bob McDonald, President and CEO of CedarStone Bank and Past Regent of the Andrew Jackson Foundation.

The Black History Month Memorial Service is now an annual tradition at The Hermitage.
COOK, Juanita B.,

Cook was preceded in death by parents, Bluford and Etta Bowman; son, Michael D. Cook; sisters, Anita Peterman and Velma Hargis; and brother, Bluford Bowman, Sr.

She is survived by: husband of 59 years, Shelby "Mac" Cook; son, Kevin (Mary) Cook; daughter-in-law, Lori Cook; grandchildren, Cody (Ranci, Rifeta) Cook, Ashley Cook, Austin Cook and Shelby Cook; niece Courtney Reagan; and nephews, Randall Bowman and Darrell Bowman.

Funeral service were Tuesday, March 16 at Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet with Bro. Allen Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet. She will be missed dearly by all her friends and family.

SHACKELFORD, Dale

Dale Shackelford, 72, Mt. Juliet, passed away March 9.

Shackelford was preceded in death by parents, Wayne and Anna Jo Shackelford; and his first wife, Virginia “Ginger” Shackelford.

He is survived by wife, Sharon Shackelford; daughters, Rebeka (Scott) Michael and Kristen (Matt) Litton; step-children, Bill Basham, Eric (Melissa) Basham and Stephanie Basham; brother, Michael (Karen) Shackelford; grandchildren, Cameron (Alyssa) Michael, Chase (Zoe) Michael, Noah Litton, Elijah Litton, Jakob Litton and Raegan Litton; great-granddaughter, Rosie Kate Michael; nephew, Michael W. (Lori) Shackelford, II; nieces, Sandra (Greg) Moore; and his dog, Miller.

Funeral service were Saturday, March 13 at Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet with Rev. Chet Bush officiating. Interment followed the service at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens with Scott Michael, Matt Litton, Noah Litton, Elijah Litton, Jakob Litton and Raegan Litton; great-granddaughter, Rosie Kate Michael; nephew, Michael W. (Lori) Shackelford, II; nieces, Sandra (Greg) Moore; and his dog, Miller.

Visitation with the family was Monday, March 15 and prior 1 p.m. Interment will follow the service at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens.

MATTEI, Shirley

Shirley Ann Gray, 80, Mt. Juliet went home to be with the Lord Saturday, Dec. 9, 1940 and was the daughter of the late, Lodis and Freda Mitchell Young.

She graduated from Judsonia High School in Judsonia, Ark. After graduation, Shirley moved to Nashville where she attended Draughon’s Business College.

Shirley retired from John Deal Company in Mt. Juliet. She really enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and being outdoors.

Shirley attended Silver Springs Baptist Church. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Jimmy Gray and her siblings, Wilburn Young, Jody, March 13, Loyd Young and Ylce Young.

She is survived by: sons, James Lee (Connie) Gray and Bobby “Wally” (Joy) Gray; siblings, Sara (Fred) Donaldson, Carol (Duke) Griffin, Walter (Betty) Young, Henry (Lynn) Young, Linda Whitlock, Lovenie Bryant and Wayne Young; grandchildren, Holly (Douglas) Cammuse, Nolan Gray and Hannah Gray; great-grandchildren, Carson and Caroline Cammuse; many nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

Visititation was Tuesday, March 16 at Bond Memorial Chapel. Graveside services followed at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens with Bro. Russ Stephens officiating. Active pallbearers were James Lee Gray, Bobby “Wally” Gray, Nolan Gray and Michael Griffin.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to New Leash on Life and The Joy Clinic, 507 Jim Draper Drive, Lebanon, TN 37087. www.newleashonlife.org.


PFEEFFERLE, Wendy

Wendy Pfefferle, 51, Lebanon, passed away March 13.

Wendy was born and raised in Florida. She graduated from Armwood High School in 1987. After high school, she began working as a flight attendant for Delta. Wendy graduated from Hillsboro Community College with an Associate Degree in Business.

She is survived by: her husband of 25 years, Mike Pfefferle; children, Anthony Pfefferle, Brooke Pfefferle and Johnny Pfefferle; step-daughter, Erica Pfefferle; father, Gerald (Karen) Plount; sisters, Jennifer Silcox and Laurie Argott; and half-sister, Melissa Price.

Pet Funeral service will be held Saturday, March 20 at St. Frances Cabrini, 300 S. Tarver Ave, Lebanon at 1 p.m. Interment will follow the service at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens. Visitation with the family will be Friday, March 19 from 4-7:30 p.m. at Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet.

Wendy Pfefferle was preceded in death by her parents, Shirley Ann and William Pfefferle; brother, Michael D. Cook; sisters, Karen Pfefferle, Brooke Pfefferle and Betty Pfefferle; father, Gerald Plount; and step-daughter, Erica Pfefferle.

She was a dedicated employee of Dupont until 2017 and a member of the Manchester Church of Christ.

She will be missed dearly by all her friends and family.

VICK, Kenneth

Kenneth VICK, 75, Lebanon, passed away at his home surrounded by his family on March 12.

The Funeral Service, conducted by Brother Kenneth Thomas, was Tuesday, March 16, in the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon and was followed by interment in Roselawn Memorial, Murfreesboro. The family received friends at the funeral home from 1-4 p.m. For those who plan to attend, please wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Governor Lee, Commissioner Rolfe Announce Royal Canin expansion in Lebanon

Staff Reports

Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee, Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bob Rolfe and Royal Canin’s Regional President Cecile Coutens today announced the company will expand its Lebanon facility to support the company’s future growth.

ROYAL CANIN® will expand its Wilson County operations, adding more than 90 jobs and investing more than $200 million. The facility expansion began in 2019 and is scheduled for completion in 2022.

“We are grateful to Royal Canin for choosing to expand its Lebanon operations and create over 90 new jobs. Royal Canin is a valued community partner, and I look forward to seeing the company grow and succeed in Tennessee in the years to come.” said Gov. Bill Lee.

Royal Canin’s investment will enable the facility to expand its capabilities to manufacture the Royal Canin and EUKANUBA® health and nutrition product lines. With the investment, Royal Canin will add more than 108,000 square feet of new working space with five additional highly automated production lines, doubling the plant capacity.

“Our commitment at Royal Canin is to transform the health of cats and dogs through individualized nutrition, in partnership with pet professionals. We have experienced tremendous growth, and the expansion at our Tennessee site confirms our commitment to meet the needs of the growing number of pets we serve. We are industry leaders in pet health and we have a responsibility to our pets, our pet owners, our associates and the pet professionals and communities we serve. We are beyond excited about our investment in our Lebanon site,” said Cecile Coutens, regional president, Royal Canin.

Founded in 1968 and purchased by Mars, Inc. in 2001, Royal Canin is a global leader in pet science, health and nutrition. Royal Canin manufactures and supplies cat and dog food and is committed to science-based research and innovation that provides formulas with individualized nutritional solutions for cats and dogs.

“We are proud to be a part of the Lebanon, Tennessee community, and grow our footprint and associate base in this region. We are a team dedicated to improving the lives of the cats and dogs, while investing in our commitment to the communities we are proud to call home,” said Daniel Klapuch, Lebanon facility site manager, Royal Canin.

Over the last five years, TNECD has supported 15 projects in Wilson County, resulting in approximately 2,400 job commitments and $542 million in capital investment.

“TNECD is excited to provide support for Wilson County’s expansion in Lebanon and is scheduled for completion in 2022. With the investment, Royal Canin manufactures and supplies cat and dog food and is dedicated to improving the lives of the cats and dogs, while investing in our commitment to the communities we are proud to call home,” said Daniel Klapuch, Lebanon facility site manager, Royal Canin.

Jennifer Meadows received a GVSA nomination. She was joined by Curt Barker, Sara Davenport and Wilson County Mayor Randall Hutto.

Jennifer Meadows receives GVSA nomination

Staff Reports

Jennifer Meadows was recognized as a nominee for a Governor’s Volunteer Stars Award.

A State of Tennessee program, this initiative seeks to recognize and honor outstanding volunteers in participating counties for their volunteer service. Meadows received a commemorative plaque to mark the occasion, sponsored by Wilson Bank & Trust. SVP – Lebanon Market Leader, Curt Baker and Sara Davenport, Coordinator for GVSA - Wilson County joined County Mayor Randall Hutto in presenting Meadows with her nomination award and thanked her for her volunteer service.

Meadows was nominated by Cathey Sweeney who recognized hard work and dedication as an advocate for Wilson County CASA who does much more than just advocate for children in court. When CASA learns of needs for children (diapers, formula, etc.) they reach out to their advocates. Jennifer is one such advocate. As a talented potter, she sells her works at the Sam Davis Home in Smyrna. She used the proceeds to open and “CASA” account and the funds are used for that very purpose. Jennifer purchases clothing, shoes, school supplies, car seats, highchairs, and other items for the children. When Jennifer’s younger children are not in school, she brings them to CASA to work on certain projects alongside of her.

“Jennifer is doing God’s work for Wilson County. We see the needs of children being met firsthand. We have never requested anything that Jennifer did not purchase for children...to date, she has been assigned 15 children in just 3 years. She is an energizer bunny that does not stop” said Sweeney.

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veterans, first responders, and widows of the fallen and their families in honor of their service and sacrifice to country and community. They worked alongside Beazer Homes and Ashlar Development.

Soon after his 18th birthday, U.S. Army Sergeant Ethan LaBerge followed his lifelong dream of enlisting in the Army. He was deployed twice to Afghanistan during his five years of service.

In May of 2012, LaBerge arrived at Fort Campbell and was placed in the storied unit of 1st battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment. During a combat mission in Afghanistan, LaBerge’s life was forever changed. His platoon was leaving a meeting with a local official when a civilian detonated a suicide vest nearly 10 feet from his group. The blast resulted in two deaths and multiple casualties, and LaBerge was left in critical condition.

LaBerge suffered a concussion, many broken bones and head-to-toe shrapnel wounds. He battles PTSD and a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). To date, he has undergone 11 surgeries, and still struggles with memory loss, intense pain and cognitive challenges. He medically retired in 2016.

For his service, LaBerge was awarded a Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with two Campaign Stars, and more. LaBerge and his wife Arin, who is also an Army veteran, have a young daughter and an infant son.

Ethan and Arin, were surprised Nov. 9, 2020, at the Grand Ole Opry with the news they were receiving a home for their family. They thought they were at the Opry as part of a special recognition series for Purple Heart recipients prior to Veterans Day. Following a performance by U.S. Army veteran, Operation FINALLY HOME ambassador and Opry member Craig Morgan, Morgan paused to address the LaBerge family with the news they were receiving a mortgage-free home in Mt. Juliet.

Mt. Juliet City Manager Kenny Martin speaks at the groundbreaking Thursday.

Representatives from Beazer Homes, Ashlar Development and Operation FINALLY HOME, including founder, Dan Wallrath, safely gathered at the Opry to present Ethan and his family with a symbolic key to their new home.

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Sutton Home opens 2021 season

By Sam Hatcher
Special to The Chronicle

COVID-19 is being blamed for the cancellation of another popular local annual event, according to the event’s organizers.

John B. Bryan, chairman of The Community Foundation of Wilson County board of directors, said the board has voted to postpone this year’s Annual Whip Crackin’ Rodeo, originally scheduled for April 23 and 24, until next year.

Bryan said in making the decision board members indicated that there were still too many risks present in order for the rodeo to go on as planned and to be assured that it would be safe from a healthcare perspective.

He said the board felt confident that the event would be held next year and noted that dates for next year’s rodeo have already been reserved at the James E. Ward Agricultural Center and that a deposit has been paid to the company that produces the rodeo to insure that the Whip Crackin’ Rodeo in Lebanon is on its calendar for April 2022.

Originated by former Lebanon Mayor Philip Craighead and his wife Darlene, operations of the Whip Crackin’ Rodeo were assumed by The Community Foundation of Wilson County some three years ago.

The Craigheads created the rodeo 12 years ago as a means to provide much needed financial aid to a number of local nonprofits.

The role and mission now administered by The Community Foundation of Wilson County with regards to the rodeo are much the same.

In the past the two-day event, that attracts more than 5,000 spectators, has generated more than $50,000 annually for local charities.

Bryan said that even though two years will have passed without a Whip Crackin’ Rodeo (2020, 2021) that there remains a great deal of confidence that the 2022 event will return with “tremendous success.”

COVID causes Whip Crackin’ Rodeo postponement

Staff Reports

The Sutton Historic Home, Granville opens the 2021 season on Wednesday, March 17 featuring “Contributions of Women”.

The dining room table is set with china from the First Ladies of the United States that was used at the White House. Robbie Melton, Historic Granville volunteer, is holding a plate from the Martha Washington’s china.

Visitors may view the china and hear stories relating to the six Presidents represented. The guide will share information about the First Ladies who have lived in the 1880s home as you tour the home viewing unique contributions of women in each room.

The kitchen, a happy place, is decorated with dishes and memorabilia from the 1950s era.

As you leave the historic home into the Pioneer Village you will visit Life of the Pioneer Woman at the Williamson Cabin and Ladies & Automobiles at the car museum. Historic Granville Tennessee Mayberry Town is open for tours Wednesday thru Friday from noon to 3 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. with lunch served each day at 11 a.m. at Sutton General Store. The town tour ticket is $5 which includes the Sutton Homestead & Pioneer Village, Granville Museum, Farm to Table Museum, Post Office & Barber Shop Museum, Mayberry I Love Lucy Museum, Clemons Car Museum, Whistle Stop Saloon & Daniel Ice Cream Parlor and on May 1st Whiskey Decanter Museum.

For more information call (931)653-4151 or granvilletn.com.

Robby Melton holds a Martha Washington Plate in Sutton Homestead Dining Room.

Robbie Melton holds a Martha Washington Plate in Sutton Homestead Dining Room.

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