Wilson County Schools unveil new website

Staff Reports

Wilson County Schools announced recently that the district’s newly redesigned website is now online.

Since last fall, the school district’s webmaster has been working to create a site that would be more user-friendly and accessible for parents, students, staff and members of the community. They are thrilled with the end result and hope users will be too.

Wilson Co. School’s Director, Dr. Donna Wright, said this is something she has had on her radar for quite some time.

“Sometimes, I think people forget that we’re the 9th largest school dis-

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Wilson Co. Schools unveil new website

Local group honors officer

Staff Reports

Mt. Juliet Police helped surprise one of their own Thursday with the help of Rising Angels.

On Nov. 28th, the Rising Angel Team received a call from Chief James Hambrick of the Mt. Juliet Police Department, concerning one of his loyal and dedicated officers, Corporal Robert Kimbrough.

Corporal Kimbrough was going through some rough times, and the department wanted to show their love and appreciation for this God-fearing officer and his family. Corporal Kimbrough has been a faithful public servant for many years, serving as Deputy Chief with the La Vergne Fire Department for 23 years and now as a Police Officer with MJPD for three years.

On April 18, 2017, Corporal Kimbrough went in for a routine surgery and was supposed to be out for only three weeks. His three weeks then changed into nine months of rough times, including five additional surgeries.

This put a huge load on his family, especially his devoted wife Tammy. She not only had to work harder to accommodate for the loss of his steady income, but also to continue her husband’s daily duties which is not an easy task for anyone.

As of Dec. 4, 2017, Corporal Kimbrough has returned to the Department but on light duty. He has one more surgery that will take place sometime in the near future.

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Video catches suspect stealing unlocked car

Staff Reports

Surveillance video captured the theft of an unlocked, running car at a gas station, where the car was later used in a shooting incident outside of Mt. Juliet.

On March 11, 2018 around 7:35 p.m. officers were summoned to the Shell gas station, at 14422 Lebanon Road, in regards to a car theft. While the victim went inside the store to buy items, the car was left unlocked and running.

A black late 2000s model BMW 5 series, with a spare tire on the front driver’s side, pulls up, and an occupant jumps out and steals the victim’s car.

The suspect, described as a tall, thin light-skinned black male, drove the stolen car away toward Hermitage.

Further investigation revealed that the car was involved in a shooting-related incident in Metro-Nashville on March 12, 2018. The stolen car has already been recovered, and it is being processed for evidence.

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C Jackson Designs of Rockvale was awarded the “Best in Show” Award at the annual Nashville Lawn and Garden Show, presented Thursday, March 1 through Sunday, March 4, at The Fairgrounds Nashville.

Additional awards for garden design and product displays were presented to companies and organizations from Davidson, Sumner, Williamson and Wilson Counties in Tennessee, and two additional states. Award winners were:

- Nature’s Best Lawn and Landscape, Nolensville, TN - Ernie Hansel Craftsman Award for best use of construction elements in a garden and Horticultural Association of Tennessee Award for best use of plant materials;
- Master Gardeners of Davidson County, Nashville, TN - Plant Awareness Award for best use of clear and accurate labeling;
- Ponds by David, Mt. Juliet, TN - Reflection Award for the best use of water in a garden;
- Josiah Lockard & Middle Tennessee Lawns, Hermitage, TN - Spectrum Award for best use of color in a garden;
- Milkweed and Honey Farm & Farm in the City Community Garden, Nashville, TN - Alice Ann

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Todd Breyer, Nashville Lawn and Garden Show, presents the Reflection Award to David Wills of Ponds by David at the Nashville Lawn and Garden Show.

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and reading.

After moving from Minnesota during college, she received her undergraduate degree from Middle Tennessee State University. She got her master’s degree in Leadership from Carson Newman.

Gray is in her sixteenth year teaching at MJMS, and she was part of the original faculty when the school opened at its former location of what is now Elzie Patton Elementary. She previously taught at Stoner Creek for a couple of years but missed watching her sixth grade students grow throughout the course of their middle school careers.

She said she knew from “day one” that she wanted to be a teacher. While she was in school, she would help tutor students and work in afterschool programs.

“My grandmother used to tell me that if she had the opportunity to be a teacher she would, and I think that just stuck with me because I admired her so much,” she said.

One aspect she likes to focus on in the classroom is understanding how to help struggling readers learn to read. She wants to figure out a way to get students loving to read, and the ones who may be struggling to at least tolerate it when they have assignments.

Gray said MJMS is special because of the students and faculty.

“So much of it has to do with the teachers and the kids we have here,” she said. “We have high-achieving students and it’s pushing them to grow. I think that’s a unique situation to have, wanting these kids to learn as much as they can learn, and I think part of that is with the teachers that we have.”

She said the school has an family atmosphere and everyone cares about each other.

Gray said the teachers all share the same desire to want kids to want to do well, which is why she was surprised to be named MJMS’s Teacher of the Year.

“It was very humbling to realize people look at me that way,” she said. However, she said she doesn’t think she does anything different than her colleagues.

She said she is proud to represent her school because Mt. Juliet has a great group of teachers and students.

“To have my peers think I’m worthy enough, or they feel I would represent Mt. Juliet well, makes me proud,” she said.

Lori Shelton teaches math at West Wilson Middle School.

Shelton is currently in her fourth year at WWMS but has been teaching for 18 years. She graduated from Austin Peay State University with a degree in Elementary Education and a 7-12 math certification. She teaches eighth grade math and high school geometry.

She said she loves math and reading.

Shelton said she enjoys teaching middle school students because they are fun.

“They’re just at the beginning of figuring out what they want to do with their lives,” she said. She enjoys being able to help her students set their own path.

Shelton said WWMS is her family away from her family.

“It’s an amazing group of people that I’m blessed to be a part of,” said Shelton.
What are the benefits of a Spring Tune-Up?

Spring is around the corner and your HVAC system is due for a cleaning. After a long winter, your system needs to be maintained to prepare you for the upcoming season. A Spring Tune-Up consists of an inspection of all functioning parts and thorough cleaning. First, this will inform you of any repairs that need to be currently made and this will also let you know of any repairs that could possibly happen in the future. Next, a thorough cleaning will help your system run more efficiently and cut down on energy costs. We recommend a Spring Tune-Up to give you, as the customer, peace of mind that your system is running properly and to keep you in the loop on the future of your HVAC system. Please, let us know how we can be of service to you this Spring!

Why Should I Consider Botox®?

Botox® is a safe, simple treatment that can reverse the age clock. It works by preventing movement in particular muscles of the face to soften wrinkles and delete existing lines. It can even stop certain muscles from pulling down, resulting in a lift! People spend hundreds of dollars in stores buying over-the-counter products trying to achieve a more youthful look. However, these products do not deliver the results that Botox® does. Once you have purchased two to three months’ worth of products, you could have easily afforded a Botox® treatment that lasts, on average, three to four months – and without all the work!

When searching for a Botox® injector, ask lots of questions. Providers vary on the amount of experience and licensure. Ideally, you want a licensed nurse or physician to administer the treatments. If they are a nurse, make sure they have a nearby medical director who is supervising. After all, this is a medical treatment.
Payne announces run for Governor

Staff Reports

A Medical Marijuana Advocate (MMJ), and retired healthcare employee, wants to implement a patient-centered, full Medical Marijuana Program for Tennessee Residents. This program will fund free university tuition, and free medical/dental/vision care, for Tennessee Residents.

Gubernatorial candidate Mezianne Payne has made several trips to Washington to learn how to properly establish the MMJ program, as well as researching all other MMJ states online. This bill includes the most extensive Medical Diagnosis Qualifiers in the county.

Mezianne Payne wants to reinvest all monies the state receives from the MMJ program to fund a Free University Tuition program for Tennessee High School students. The amount of free tuition depends on the student’s GPA. This forces the student to have skin in the game.

Mezianne Payne said “Tennessee’s Medical Marijuana Program will fund medical marijuana programs in Tennessee. Medical Marijuana will fund health care, and education, for our residents. If you think that is impossible, think again. Tennessee was number one in the nation in medical marijuana consumption in 2017. We beat other states that have recreational, and medical, marijuana programs. Tennessee was also one of four states that Provided/Grew 80 percent of the medical marijuana for other MMJ states. The Governments of Colorado and Washington State made over a billion dollars from their MMJ programs from 1/1/17 to 9/1/17 and Tennessee out-consumed them.”

Mezianne Payne is from a military family, and is a mother to adult sons: Justin is an officer in the Army, doing his first deployment in the Middle East. He, and his wife are expecting their first child. Frank is a former Marine and now works in Nashville in I.T. Cruz is a military officer in the Middle East. He, and his wife are expecting their first child. Frank is a former Marine and now works in Tennessee when we have an educated, and healthy, workforce.”

“I am very excited about the future of Tennessee Residents,” said Payne. “Our medical marijuana program will fund health care, and education, for our residents. If you think that is impossible, think again. Tennessee was number one in the nation in medical marijuana consumption in 2017. We beat other states that have recreational, and medical, marijuana programs. Tennessee was also one of four states that Provided/Grew 80 percent of the medical marijuana for other MMJ states. The Governments of Colorado and Washington State made over a billion dollars from their MMJ programs from 1/1/17 to 9/1/17 and Tennessee out-consumed them.”

Primarily, this overhaul was meant to provide the following:

- Improved navigation
- Streamlined communication with parents, staff and the community
- Better showcasing of our school/student successes
- Updated responsive design to facilitate mobile access
- Enhanced accessibility to meet ADA compliance for all users

Over the next four months, staff will be working to bring individual school websites in line with this new design and layout.

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Antihistamine for the Devil

It is likely thinking of Proverbs 3:34 when in verse 6 he states that “God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.” He then writes what has come to be known as verse 7 (there were no chapters or verses when the Bible was written), and it is the entirety of his instruction that we must embrace if we are going to be able to resist the devil.

God does oppose or resist the proud and He does give grace to those who humble themselves before Him. Therefore, James can write, “So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

Do you see why I say “resist the devil and he will flee from you”? Is an incomplete statement? Because before we can resist the devil, we must humble ourselves before God to receive the promised grace.

Grace is a strength or force. It is far more than just “unmerited favor.” Grace is the empowering presence of God that enables us to do and be what God desires us to do and be.

So, if I try to resist the devil without first walking in humility before My heavenly Father, I might just find myself in the same shape as the sons of Sceva (Acts 19:14) who when

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Larry Grainger
Abundant Life Church

You may have heard someone say or have seen it on a church sign – “Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” You may have even issued this quote yourself. It comes from James chapter 4 and verse 7. I would submit that this quote is not incorrect, but it is incomplete.

If we are going to understand and actually be able to resist the devil and his devious schemes, we need to remember the entirety of the quote by James. In context, he is most likely thinking of Proverbs 3:34 when in verse 6 he states that “God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.” He then writes what has come to be known as verse 7 (there were no chapters or verses when the Bible was written), and it is the entirety of his instruction that we must embrace if we are going to be able to resist the devil.

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Don’t judge a book by its cover

Just because everything looks fine on the outside doesn’t mean that it’s good on the inside. For example: A human being can be smiling on the outside but crying on the inside. Many a child starts out their day appearing fine on the outside, but on the inside they’re in turmoil, agony of and pain. They come from picture perfect families that by all accounts are the perfect example of the complete and happy family, when in reality the family is suffering and on the verge of collapse.

As human beings we must do all we can to assist those hurting children and families. We must look for the little warning signs and cries for help. It’s not about being a busy body or minding ones on business, it’s about helping fellow human beings.

As we all know, owning up to one’s failures, shortcomings and problems isn’t easy.

That’s why we must get involved.

Getting involved doesn’t have to be painful or difficult and can prove to be very rewarding. Getting involved can be nothing more than a simple phone call offering assistance in any form, especially prayer.

Some things that go on behind closed doors are illegal like domestic violence, child abuse and so on, which may at times require police investigation. Many a person’s life has been changed for the better because someone got involved or advised the appropriate authorities with a simple phone call.

It is sad to think that this very moment somewhere someone is hurting and crying out for help behind closed doors or on the inside, but can’t manage to ask for help on the outside. Some even have evil intentions that we may not even notice.

The tragic stories we hear about on a daily basis are preventable. If you or someone you know is hurting and are in need of help, don’t hesitate. Please call on a friend or your local law enforcement agency for help.

Life is too short to be unhappy and life is too fragile to not report wrongdoing or suspicious behavior.

Haslam proposes $30 million for school safety

The Budget Amendment also includes additional improvements for broadband, higher education and treatment for opioid addiction

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam on Monday proposed $30 million to improve school safety across the state in the amendment to the fiscal year 2018-19 budget proposal to be considered by the General Assembly in the coming weeks.

The funding includes $25 million in nonrecurring and $5.2 million in recurring school safety grants. Earlier this month, the governor appointed a School Safety Working Group to review school safety in Tennessee and provide recommendations to enhance the security of school children. In the coming days, the working group will submit options for consideration that will serve as a basis for state action and approved school safety measures.

“Our children deserve to learn in a safe and secure environment and I’ve asked the working group to make specific recommendations on school safety measures,” Haslam said. “These additional school safety funds, which include doubling the current amount of recurring funding we have through our school safety grants, will provide our schools with additional resources to meet their specific needs.”

The budget amendment also contains $3 million in nonrecurring funds for grants to provide funding for school districts to address the extra costs associated with purchasing buses equipped with seat belts.

Other notable investments in the FY 18-19 budget amendment include:

• $5 million in nonrecurring broadband accessibility grants, in addition to the $10 million initially included in the FY 18-19 budget. The governor’s Broadband Accessibility Act became law in 2017 and committed $30 million in grants over three years.

• $9 million in nonrecurring funds to purchase equipment at the 27 Tennessee Colleges of Applied Technology to improve and modernize a broad variety of workforce development programs.

• An additional $1 million in recurring funds to provide mental health treatment and recovery services as part of TN Together – the governor’s comprehensive plan to end the opioid crisis in Tennessee.

• $2 million in nonrecurring funds for an addiction services research program at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in support of TN Together.

• $10 million in nonrecurring funds for the Aeronautics Development Fund to create jobs and investment opportunities in Tennessee’s aviation industry.

The amendment includes $74 million in nonrecurring funds and $9.8 million in recurring funds for technology to improve education and workforce development.

The budget amendment is traditionally introduced in the final weeks of the legislative session for consideration and approval by the General Assembly. Finance and Administration Commissioner Larry Martin presented the budget amendment to the House and Senate Finance committees Tuesday.
Chapman Environmental Award for garden showing sensitivity toward the environment.

- Lone Oak Farm & Peacescapes, Nashville, TN - Floyd MacDonald

Creativity Award for garden design;

- Natural Creations, Nashville, TN and Southern Native Landscape Design, Hendersonville, TN - Show Theme Award

Exhibitors in the venue marketplace were honored as follows:

- Born in a Barn, Franklin, KY - 1st Place for Hard Goods Exhibit Booth
- D.H. Interiors - Runner Up for Hard Goods Exhibit Booth
- Hewitt Garden Center, Franklin, TN - 1st Place for Green Goods Exhibit Booth
- Colonial Creek Farm, Swainsboro, GA - Runner Up for Green Goods Exhibit Booth

The People’s Choice award was presented to Jim Knestrick of Knestrick by Design for his floral design.

The show’s spectacular live gardens cover nearly an acre of space indoors, bringing an early taste of spring to Nashville. The free daily lectures offer advice and inspiration from experts. More than 175 exhibitors from a dozen states participate in the Show, the largest annual gardening event in the state.

The Nashville Lawn and Garden Show is presented by the Nashville Lawn and Garden Foundation, a not-for-profit organization. Proceeds from this year’s Nashville Lawn and Garden Show will benefit the Nashville Tree Foundation, Walden’s Puddle, Twelve Apostles Eagle Scout Project, and other community horticultural programs.

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**Monroe Carell Jr., Jersey Mike’s team up for month of giving in March**

**Jersey Mike’s Kicks off 8th Annual “Day of Giving” in March**

**Staff Reports**

Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt, a Children’s Miracle Network (CMN) Hospital, is joining forces with Jersey Mike’s Subs in Mt. Juliet for the 8th Annual March “Month of Giving” fundraising campaign.

During the month of March, customers can make a donation to Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt at the Mt. Juliet Jersey Mike’s restaurant (or at any other Jersey Mike’s locations throughout the Nashville area). Customers can select $1, $3 or $5 donation tear off sheets located near the cash register.

Then, on Wednesday, March 28, which is the “Day of Giving,” Mt. Juliet and surrounding residents can enjoy the Mt. Juliet Jersey Mike’s to restaurant to enjoy a delicious sub meal. The Mt. Juliet Jersey Mike’s will donate 100 percent of the day’s sales to Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt.

Last year’s Month of Giving campaign raised more than $5.5 million for local charities nationwide. Since 2010, Jersey Mike’s locations throughout the country have raised more than $28 million for worthy local charities and distributed more than 2 million free sub sandwiches to help numerous causes.

Come into the Mt. Juliet Jersey Mike’s during the month of March and help support the kids and families at the Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt.

Jersey Mike’s Subs is located at 2231 North Mt. Juliet Road in front of Sellers Funeral Home.

If a business would like to donate to the Mt. Juliet Jersey Mike’s Subs store for this charity, please contact Michele Carson at 615-803-1055 or go to the Mt. Juliet Jersey Mike’s.

**TDOT working to repair damaged areas**

TDOT estimates spending approximately $5.2 million on statewide pothole repair from July 1, 2017 through March 11, 2018. So far this year, they have performed and spent more revenue for pothole patching through the first week of March than they did the entire year last fiscal year.

TDOT urges drivers to “WORK WITH US” by moving over and slowing down when you see DOT crews working on the highways and bridges.

Tennessee state law requires motorists to move over or slow down for emergency, maintenance and construction vehicles or face a fine of up to $500.


In 2016, the Tennessee Department of Transportation lost three workers in the line of duty. All three were struck by passing motorists. Those tragedies bring the total number of TDOT lives lost to 112.
Sherry’s Run offers free colon cancer screening kits

Every year, Dorie Mitchell, director of Leadership Wilson, invites Sherry’s Run to come and present to her students. Sherry’s Run is a local non-profit that assists cancer patients.

Sherry’s Run is also very passionate about cancer prevention and education. The organization distributes hundreds of colon cancer screening kits for free in partnership with several local physicians who process those kits for free.

Mitchell takes this one step further and requires her students to take a test kit. In order to graduate from the Leadership Wilson program, students must either take the test themselves or give it to someone else. So when Eddie Lovin was preparing for graduation from the program in 2017, he realized his was still in the drawer and thought, “What the heck… I’ll just take it and see what happens.”

Eddie completed the test and left the envelope sitting on his dresser for several weeks before he finally mailed it in. Just a few days later, he got an unexpected call saying his test results showed that he needed to have a colonoscopy.

Eddie spent the next several weeks waiting and wondering. When the day of the colonoscopy came around, he felt relief that the waiting was over. During his procedure, three pre-cancerous polyps were found and removed.

At the time, Eddie was 39 years old. Because he does have a family history of colon cancer, he would have been scheduled to have his routine colonoscopy at age 45, allowing the polyps six years to grow. It is very possible that taking the screening test saved Eddie from a colon cancer diagnosis down the road.

Now Eddie is a vocal proponent of the test kits and willing to share his story with anyone if it could save them from a cancer diagnosis. When he stood before the 2018 Leadership Wilson class recently, his advice was, “If you want to give your test kit away, be sure you get another one for yourself… just do it!”

Sherry’s Run loves this idea. They suggest getting one for yourself and one for someone you love. After all, what better gift could you give than to save your loved one’s life?

Colorectal cancer is one of the deadliest, but also one of the most treatable when found early. The problem is that in many cases, once you have symptoms, the cancer is too far progressed. This is why Sherry’s Run encourages everyone to take the at-home screening test yearly. It can be completed in just a few minutes and because they make the kits available for free, you have nothing to lose.

Please remember that the test kit does not take the place of a colonoscopy. If you have a family history of polyps and especially colon cancer, you need to make an appointment to see a gastroenterologist.

If you would like to order a test kit for yourself, a loved one, or both, you can call or text the Sherry’s Run office at 615-925-2592 or email at sherrysrun@gmail.com. Just provide your name, contact number, address and the number of kits you would like to order.

Sherry’s Run also reminds readers they are assisting cancer patients in the community 52 weeks a year with gas, groceries, utility bills, housing payments, prescription assistance, health insurance premiums, medical bills and colonoscopy assistance. Regular support makes this possible. Anyone who would like to give a gift to help neighbors battling cancer can mail a check to P.O. Box 8, Lebanon, TN 37090 or donate online at sherrysrun.org.
DOUGLAS, Carol E.

Carol E. Douglas, age 69, passed away on March 19, 2018 of complications from a stroke suffered in June 2016.

Carol was born in Lancaster, OH and grew up in nearby Bremen, OH. After graduating from Harding College, she moved to Tennessee and spent most of her life there. She worked as a dietician and in a women’s clothing store, with most of her career being spent as a gift shop manager for Cracker Barrel.

She was the daughter of Robert and Rita Winland, who died in 2017. She is survived by her brother Bob (Robyn) Winland, nieces Briana (Chase) Freud and Mikayla Winland, two grand-nephews and one grand-niece.

Carol loved to curl up in her “girl’s den” to watch an old movie or read a good book, with one of her beloved cats curled up on her lap. She was a member of the Church of Christ. No services will be held.

Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.

JONES, Christie Lee

Christie Lee, age 58 of Old Hickory, died March 14, 2018. Christie was a member of Saturn Drive Baptist Church. She was a 1979 graduate of Mt. Juliet High School.

Although Christie did not have children of her own, she loved children and was a babysitter to many over the years. Christie was preceded in death by her father, Charles M. Jones and twin nephews, Justin Charles and David Monroe Jones.

She is survived by: Mother – Louise Kolbe Jones; Brothers – Andrew M. “Andy” (Cheryl) Jones, Randy Jones and Charles “Buddy” (Judy) Jones; Nieces – Kelly, Amanda, Abby, Audrey, Jennifer, Victoria and Kayla; Great-nieces and nephews – Kolbe, Landon, Weston, Bella, Rileyn, Allison, Alex, Andrew, Anna Belle, Lillian and Christine.

Funeral services were held March 19 at Sellars Funeral Home in Mt. Juliet, and interment followed at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens.

The family would like to thank the girls at Shoney’s for their care and support during his breakfasts that he enjoyed so much at Tennova, 2nd Floor North Tower, from Administrative to Housekeeping. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Memorial Donations can be made to: Sherry’s Run (P.O. Box 8, Lebanon TN 37088), and the family requests donations to assist with the military.

The legendary guitar player and country music icon, the late Colonel Frank Muller, passed away on March 14, 2018 at age 82. A funeral service was conducted by Pastor Muller Sr., and brother Ronald B. Muller and Gary Lynn Muller.

Sellars Funeral Home, 313 W. Baddour Pkwy, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.

RAINES, RD

Raines, RD passed away peacefully at home on March 18, 2018 surrounded by family and friends. The Funeral Service, conducted by Pastor Rick Woodson, is 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 21, 2018 in the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN. Interment will be in Beulah Church Cemetery, Tompkinsville, Tenn.

RD was born in Estill Springs, Tenn., on Sept. 3, 1926 to the late William Walter and Laura Smith Raines. He was a painter by trade. He married Theresa Fox on March 14, 1950 in Laurel, Ind. His beloved wife Theresa preceded him in death, as well as children Margaret Lucille Price, Winters Eugene Neal, and granddaughters Patricia Tankersley, Wendy Evans, and Samantha Craddock, brothers Tommy, James, Herashel, Bill, and Buddy Raines, and sisters Mozzetta Woodson and Eileen Hat-ten.

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they attempted to exercise an evil spirit, received this reply from the spirit – “I know Jesus, and I know Paul, but who are you?” It is the grace received from being humble before God that enables us to resist the devil.

The other problem with that approach is we find ourselves focusing on the devil rather than God; and it is our worship and adoration of Him that draws us to His throne in humility.

Without getting too complicated, the word in the original text for “resist” is the Greek word “antithistelomai.” Now, you don’t have to be a Greek scholar to recognize that looks an awful lot like our English word “antihistamine.” It is actually the root from which we get our word.

We know that antihista- mines are medicines that block the histamines that cause us so many problems in the form of allergies. Well, there is no worse “allergy” than the devil attempting to steal, kill and destroy our abundant lives.

I am submitting the idea that it is when we deter- mine to walk with our Fa- ther in a posture of humil- ity, worshipping Him as our King and Lord, that we find an ability to resist the evil histamine called the devil with the antihistamine provided by the grace that comes from the throne of God.

The prophet Micah was one of the prophets of the Holy Spirit prompted him to write an oft quoted verse – recorded as chapter 6 and verse 8. “The Lord has told you what is good, and this is what He requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.”

The bottom line of what God requires of us is to walk in humility with our God. This will give us the antihistamine to block the effects of the devil toward us.
Tennessee’s road, infrastructure systems are a problem shared across the state

By Frank Daniels
Guest Contributor

Though we often complain about our government, we count on it every day, in large ways and small.

An example of a small way ... potholes. Which don’t seem like a small issue after they cause your tire(s) to blow out.

Taking action

Elections are the events that allow citizens to turn their complaints into action. They are our opportunity to effect change, or to support the status quo.

The 2018 elections are particularly important in Tennessee. Gov. Bill Haslam is ineligible for a third term; two-term U.S. Senator Bob Corker has opted to retire; and dozens of state legislators made the decision that this would be their last session in Nashville.

The 124-members of the Tennessee Press Association, like this newspaper, will be covering local elections to raise local taxes and support state projects.

Residents in the rural counties that surround our four major cities spend 25 percent more time commuting to work than their urban and suburban neighbors.

Rough roads, aging bridges, and other needs

Counts across Tennessee are faced with a growing backlog of transportation projects, estimated at $10 billion in January 2017. That backlog prompted the General Assembly to pass comprehensive legislation that took effect in July.

The IMPROVE Act (improving Manufacturing, Public Roads and Opportunities) raised taxes on gasoline, diesel fuel, compressed natural gas and liquefied gas, and raised fees on motor vehicle registrations, including a new $100 fee for electric vehicles. To compensate for the tax increases, the legislation reduced the sales tax rate on food, established a phase out of the Hall income tax, and lowered taxes on manufacturers.

The net effect of the tax changes was to fund 962 road and bridge projects across all 95 counties, while maintaining the commitment that Tennessee does not go into debt to fund road building and maintenance. The tax increases also provided $70 million a year for counties to invest in projects, and $35 million annually for cities.

The legislation also authorized local governments to raise local taxes to pay for transit projects. In Nashville, for example, voters will decide in May whether to authorize more than $5 billion in bonds to build transit system, which would include a light rail system and tunnels under downtown.

The revenue bonds would be financed by an increase in the local option sales and use tax, hotel occupancy tax, business tax and local rental car tax.

The passage of the IMPROVE Act reduced Tennessee’s reliance on federal funding to pay for transportation projects from about 55 percent of expenditures to about 47 percent of expenditures, but the state is dependent on continued robust federal spending from the Highway Trust Fund. The Highway Trust Fund is funded by the federal gas tax, which has not been changed since 1993, and the CBO projects that the Highway Trust Fund’s revenues will be insufficient to meet its obligations by 2021.

In February, President Donald Trump proposed a $200 billion infrastructure spending plan that puts an emphasis on increased funding from state and local governments and private investors. The plan “addresses more than traditional infrastructure – like roads, bridges, and airports – but addresses other needs like drinking and wastewater systems, waterways, water resources, energy, rural infrastructure, public lands, veterans’ hospitals, and Brownfield and Superfund sites.”

The impact of the president’s proposal on how much federal funding will pay for Tennessee projects is uncertain.

21st century highways

In the 21st century, infrastructure investment was focused on moving people, but today’s infrastructure must include how well we move information.

The state Department of Economic and Community Development reported in July 2016 that an assessment of Tennessee businesses showed that 43 percent of net new jobs and 66 percent of new revenues were enabled by access to broadband internet, and that 34 percent of businesses said that access to broadband was essential to choosing where they located.

The ECD assessment also reported that more than 80,000 Tennesseans did not have access to high-speed internet, and more than 25 percent of
PUBLIC NOTICE

The Mt. Juliet Regional Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on April 19, 2018 at 6:30PM at City Hall, 2425 N. Mt. Juliet Road, to hear the following requests:

* Land Use Amendment for North Mt Juliet Rd Assisted Living, Map 72, Parcel 1.03 located at 107 Timber Trail.

Additional information may be obtained by calling the phone number below. Once prepared, draft copies of the amendments may be viewed at City Hall in the Planning & Zoning Department. The public is invited to attend/comment. For more information, please call 615-773-6283.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Mt. Juliet will have a Public Hearing on Monday, March 26, 2018 at 6:15 p.m. to hear comments on the following items to be considered on 2nd and final reading:

• Amend the FY 2017/2018 Police Budget to renovate the E. Hill Building and to install equipment in the Meridian Sub-Station.
• An Ordinance to rezone and adopt the Preliminary Master Development Plan for the Groves Reserve, Map 076, Parcel 049.01.
• An Ordinance to annex into the corporate boundary and rezone property known as McFarland-Yelton from R-1 county and AR-40 City to CTC (Commercial Town Center) PUD, located on Cedar Lane and Old Lebanon Dirt Road.

Second and Final Reading on the JACKSON HILLS PUD Amendment Annexation has been deferred indefinitely by the developer.

The public is invited to attend and comment.
Kenny Martin, City Manager
City of Mt. Juliet

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Mt. Juliet Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on April 12, 2018 at 6:00pm at City Hall, 2425 N Mt Juliet Rd, Mt Juliet, to hear the following requests:

• An Ordinance to annex into the corporate boundary and rezone property known as McFarland-Yelton from R-1 county and AR-40 City to CTC (Commercial Town Center) PUD, located on Cedar Lane and Old Lebanon Dirt Road.

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NEW HOME
Indoor moving sale 5530 Vanderbilt Rd, Old Hickory, 37132. Starts Thurs, March 22nd and will be open 8-5 everyday until Sat the 31st, rain or shine. Everything must go! Furniture, antiques, housewares, dishes, appliances, plus size women's clothes and much much more!

Mt Juliet Estate Sale
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INFORMATION
CLASSIFIEDS
Vol State Campus Police ranked 14 in National Report

The Volunteer State Community College Campus Police Department has been recognized as one of the top college law enforcement departments in the nation.

The website Bestcolleges.com ranked the Vol State police as number fourteen in the nation for campus security, using 2016 data. In addition to the crime data used in the study, the report also cites sex assault and theft awareness sessions held on campus, and an emergency alert system as reasons for the ranking.

That alert process not only includes text messaging to students, but also an indoor and outdoor public address system for emergencies.

Police hold regular drills at all of the college campuses to test the systems, and provide response training for faculty, staff and students.

The Vol State Campus Police Department, led by Chief Angie Lawson, is an independent law enforcement agency, responsible for providing police and security services for the Gallatin, Highland Crest, Livington, and the Cookeville Higher Education (CHEC) campuses.

“Campus Safety is everyone’s responsibility,” said Chief Lawson. “I appreciate our faculty, staff, and students, and the role they have played in reaching the mark of the fourteenth safest campus in the nation.”

The department has full-time and part-time patrol personnel, which includes sworn and non-sworn officers. The department also employs a full-time administrative assistant and two full-time dispatchers. Police officers are on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week at the Gallatin campus.

Tennessee State Parks offers free, guided Spring hikes

Staff Reports

Tennessee’s 56 State Parks are hosting free, guided hikes statewide on Saturday, March 24 to highlight the amenities and programming available during one of Tennessee’s most beautiful seasons.

“Our Rangers are trained to share the rich history of Tennessee’s public lands in a way that excites the imagination and leaves you wanting more,” said Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Deputy Commissioner Brock Hill.

Park Rangers will lead guided hikes throughout the day that take visitors past scenic vistas, budding wildflowers and roaring waterfalls. Hikes will range from short, family-friendly walks to adventurous, all-day endeavors through a park’s most remote stretches.

Cedars of Lebanon will offer a half-mile Spring Hike from 9 to 10 a.m., taking visitors on a stroll through the Cedar Glades on the Cedar Glade Trail. Long Hunter State Park is offering a Story Trail Volunteer Day from 11 a.m. till 1 p.m. Visitors will assist the Ranger in adding a layer of mulch to the Story Trail then take a hike to hear the story of Pitter and Patter, two raindrops journeying through the water cycle.

At 1 p.m., Long Hunter will also offer a History Hike at Sellers Farm. Ranger Thurman will lead the 1.5 mile hike at the archeological site. Due to weather, the trail may be muddy so visitors are asked to dress accordingly.

Cedars of Lebanon is located at 2425 Cedar Forest Road, Lebanon, TN 37090. Long Hunter State Park is located at 2910 Hobson Pike, Hermitage, TN 37076. Other statewide hikes Tennessee State Parks offers include National Trails Days in June, National Public Lands Day in September, After Thanksgiving Hikes in November and First Day Hikes in January.

Staff Reports

Pursuant to T.C.A. § 21-1-204, appears from allegations of the Complaint in this cause, being duly sworn to or from affidavit that the Defendant cannot be served with the ordinary process of law for the following reason: That after diligent inquiry the whereabouts of the Defendant cannot be ascertained. It is therefore ordered, that the Defendant enter an appearance 30 days after the last publication and file an answer to the Complaint, or judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. A copy of this order is to be published for four consecutive weeks in the Mount Juliet Chronicle. The last known address for the Mount Juliet Chronicle. The last known address for the Defendant is 125 Creekwood Drive, Mount Juliet, TN 7122.

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Forgetting

By Becky Andrews
Wilson Living Magazine

There’s an episode of “The Golden Girls” where Sophia befriends a man on the Miami beach boardwalk. In one pivotal scene, her new friend becomes confused and frustrated. It comes out of nowhere. Later, Sophia learns that he has been diagnosed with Alzheimer’s Disease. I remember watching this episode years ago and thinking how sad it was, but that’s it. I couldn’t relate. I didn’t get it then. Now I do.

My dad was a hard-working man. He wasn’t perfect, but he loved his wife and kids with fierce devotion. He was strict and protective and loving and strict and strict and suspicious. Suspicious mostly of his teenage children. We were guilty until proven innocent. A trait I seem to have inherited according to my own children.

In 2012, dad was diagnosed with dementia. First, his specialist thought it was Lewy Body Dementia. Then, it settled on vascular dementia. It didn’t matter what they called it. We knew life for all of us would never be the same.

The worst day was when he realized what was happening. “I think I know what’s wrong with me, but I don’t want to talk about it,” OK? “So, we didn’t.”

Most of the time he was perfectly fine. We would even think the doctors were wrong. Then he would tell a story about how he stopped a “stick em up” in the Kroger parking lot or give a detailed account of his trip to Hawaii the week before. And just like that, we were brought back to the reality of his new normal. He is still fine. Most of the time he handles his normal with a cool indifference.

Last week, dad fell at home. I was with him. In fact, he fell on the kitchen floor that I had just mopped. It was kind of my fault. For the few minutes it took to get him up, I must have told him “I’m so sorry” 100 times. Until he finally said, “Stop it with the ‘sorrys!’ Help me get up, you sap!” Anywho, we went to the ER, and dad was fine. No broken bones. No stitches. Nothing.

If you have cared for anyone living with progressive dementia, you know that it’s the hiccups in daily routines that create the perfect environment for an incident. The incident results in your loved one traveling a little bit further down the rabbit hole.

Four days after the fall, dad called. I knew this tone of voice. He was nervous.

Dad- “I think I’ve hurt my neighbor’s feelings. We just passed each other, and he didn’t say anything.”

Becky- “Do you think maybe you had a dream? Dreams can feel real sometimes. It happens to everyone.”

Dad- “You’ve had dreams where you’ve told your neighbor to ‘shut the hell up’?”

Becky- “No, I’ve had bad dreams that seemed very real. It bothers me even after waking up.”

Dad- “I don’t think this was a dream. Becky, I don’t ever want to hurt anyone’s feelings.”

I called his neighbor to check. He reassured me that nothing happened. He did tell me that dad had asked him the same question a couple of weeks ago. His sweet neighbor even stopped by later that day to chat with dad just to make him feel better.

The following morning, dad told me about the dream again. To him, it was real. He was adamant. I told him we talked to his neighbor and he said nothing happened. Dad’s facial expression went from confusion to sadness. Where he didn’t recognize the difference between a dream and reality, he did recognize that time was ticking by with or without him. He let his head drop, defeated. Those are the heartbreaking moments.

Later, I was flipping through the channels and stopped on “Nik at Nite” where I caught the end of that episode of “The Golden Girls” I mentioned earlier. Sophia looks at her daughter Dorothy and says, “People think if you live to be my age, you should be grateful to just be alive. That’s not how it works. You need a reason to get up in the morning and sometimes when you find one, life can turn around and spit in your face.” Now I get what she meant.

It’s been one week since he fell and it’s the third morning in a row that he hasn’t mentioned the dream. He’s back to being dad again. He’s back to working out at the gym. He’s back to writing down everything he eats. He’s back to telling me the dark lipstick I wear “looks like something a prostitute would wear.” Yes, life is sweet again.

Comments? Email becky@wilsonlivingmagazine.com
From ANGELS, PAGE 1

On Dec. 6, the Rising Angel Team set up a fake interview with Corporal Kimbrough for a new magazine showcasing officers in the community. Disguised as a local writer, Stacey Woodson interviewed Corporal Kimbrough about his setbacks and goals. He talked briefly about his nine-month ordeal, but then said, “My goals are to be back on the streets by February, to tell everyone about what Christ has brought me through and to take my awesome wife on a special trip to the Smoky Mountains.”

After the interview, the Rising Angel Team then contacted local and statewide businesses to join together to make this dedicated officer’s goals come true. The Rising Angel Team is happy to report that Corporal Kimbrough’s goals are now a reality. He is back on the streets and is spreading the news about what God has done for him.

The RA Team presented Corporal Kimbrough with a complimentary stay for two nights at River Stone Resort and Spa in the Smoky Mountains, a $100 spa certificate, passes for his entire family to Dollywood, free home massages for two, and two Balcony Center Tickets at the Schermerhorn for the Mother’s Day with Brian McKnight Concert.

Rising Angels also surprised Chief Hambrick and his wife with two Brian McKnight concert tickets.

Event to shed light on child abuse

Staff Reports

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month and the Keith Edmonds Foundation is hosting the annual Shine the Light event to help raise awareness of child abuse with a fun day out for the community.

It all takes place in Lebanon on Saturday, April 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Cumberland University football field, 400 Harding Drive, Lebanon.

Foundation Director Keith Edmonds said a child abuse awareness event doesn’t have to be a downer.

“This event will be a community party,” he said, “and while our focus is upbeat, our mission take-away from the event will be the Tennessee Child Abuse hotline telephone number, and the importance of reporting child abuse.”

All ages will enjoy the variety of activities: inflatables, face painting, a dunk tank, corn hole, games, food and music. And it’s all free. It will be a day of family fun that will cost the family nothing.

The Wilson County school with the highest number of students in attendance will be awarded the annual Joshua Osborne award. The award is named in memory of the victim of one of Wilson County’s worst cases of child abuse.

The Keith Edmonds Foundation is a local non-profit committed to assisting and empowering child abuse victims and raising awareness of the ever-increasing issue.

Information will be available on the signs of child abuse, what to do if you suspect abuse and the telephone number for the Tennessee Child Abuse hotline.

For more information on the event and the Keith Edmonds Foundation visit keithedmondsfoundation.org.

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