A two-vehicle accident occurred on Monday around 5 p.m. on North Mt. Juliet Road. "The car pulled out across both lanes of traffic and collided with a motorcycle," said witness Josh Felker. The driver of the motorcycle was male, mid 20s. He was thrown from the motorcycle, and ran over by the other vehicle. Felker stayed with the victim until paramedics arrived. The victim remained conscious and aware of his surroundings. No further details about the condition of either driver are known at this time.

Detectives continue to investigate two armed robberies that occurred, a $1,000.00 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspect(s).

The first incident occurred on Sunday, March 19, 2017 when an adult woman's purse was stolen from her by an armed teen in the parking lot of Publix, located at 665 S. Mt. Juliet Road. Following the robbery, the suspect got into a 2008-2016 year model maroon Chrysler Town & Country minivan.

The second incident occurred on Monday, March 20, 2017 when a pizza delivery driver was robbed by an armed teen while making a delivery in the 2700 block of Leesa Ann Lane. Following the robbery, the suspect got into a early-to-mid 2000 year model black Volvo SUV.

Detectives do believe both incidents are connected to area robberies being committed by armed teenagers approaching individuals in public. In both incidents, the suspects were described as thin, black male teenagers, wearing hooded sweatshirts with the hood pulled up. In all incidents, the suspects were armed. Anyone with any information regarding these crimes are encouraged to call the Mt. Juliet Police Department at (615) 754-2550. Information can also be given anonymously by calling (615) 754-TIPS (8477) or via the Mt. Juliet Police Department website at http://www.mjpd.org/.

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Dream Home Giveaway

By Kimberly Allen
Managing Editor

House tours will begin in May for the Dream Home Giveaway, hosted by St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Tickets went on sale March 21, for this sweepstakes featuring a house valued at $450,000 as the Grand Prize. There are 15,000 tickets available, which if sold out would bring $1.5 million in funds for the research hospital. “We can make this the first sellout, here in Mt. Juliet,” said Kris Keown, Signature Homes.

Every ticket sold for this giveaway helps children at St. Jude. Families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing or food. “All a family should have to worry about is that their child lives,” said Courtney Kissack, Regional Development St. Jude, “and that is possible, thanks to you, through this giveaway.”

Raffle tickets are $100 each and the drawing for the winner will be June 25, at noon on WZTV Fox 17. There are several important deadline dates for the many prizes available, dates and full details can be found on www.stjude.org.

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VolState hosts career fair

Staff Reports

Detectives are attempting to identify a man who fraudulently used a credit card that was stolen from a victim’s purse. The credit card was stolen from the purse while the victim was working at Walmart on January 17. Later that same day, a man was captured on surveillance video using the card at a Dollar General and Walmart.

Detectives hope someone in the community will recognize the suspect from the surveillance video so he can be apprehended.

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VolState will host its biennial Reorganization Convention to elect new party leaders on Saturday, March 25 at 151 Maddox-Simpson Pkwy in Lebanon. Doors open at 9 a.m. and close promptly at 10 a.m.

Local Democrats will elect a new Chairperson, Vice Chairpersons, Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Committee for a two-year term. All democratic residents who are eligible voters of Wilson County are urged to attend to discuss the party’s agenda and events for 2017-18.

The mobile Career Coach will be on site, offering the assistance typically available at a Tennessee American Job Center. Services will include computer workstations with Internet connections, and job search and career exploration information.

The Spring Job Career Fair is free and will be held in the gym at the Pickel Field House from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Vol State is located at 1480 Nashville Pike, in Gallatin.

It’s time to polish up that resume. Volunteer State Community College will be hosting dozens of area employers for the Spring Job Career Fair on Wednesday, April 19. The fair provides an opportunity for job seekers to talk directly with the people responsible for hiring. Participants are encouraged to bring several copies of their resumes. Everyone is invited to attend.

“Participants will find tables with information about LinkedIn online brand development. Students will find information about career services from our office including job search, career exploration, soft skills, interviewing and resume preparation,” said Rick Parent, director of Career Placement.

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Community Calendar

**MARCH 25**

**The Wilson County Conservative Republicans** The Wilson County Conservative Republicans will meet on Saturday, March 25 at 9:15 a.m. at Logan’s at Providence in Mt. Juliet. The speaker this month is Hal Rounds who has spent several years conducting “Constitution Refresher” classes across the country, in an effort to revive understanding of this foundation of our freedoms.

Join us for bagels, coffee and a refresher on the Constitution.

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The Reorganization Convention is open to all Wilson County Democrats. Attendees should arrive early to complete credentialing forms. No attendees will be admitted into the Convention after 10 a.m., per state guidelines.

For more information, call WCDP at 615-549-6220, visit www.wilsoncountydemocrats.org, or email contact@wilsoncountydemocrats.org.

**APRIL 1**

**Silent Auction**

Saturday, April 1st, is the 2017 Camp Horizon 5K and Silent Auction at Mt. Juliet Middle School. Help send a child with cancer to camp. Register at www.active.com and search for Camp Horizon 5K - 2017. It’s that time of year again.

**VVA Chapter 1004 1st Saturday breakfast**

Vietnam Vets of America Chapter 1004 meets the 1st Saturday of each month at 7 a.m. at Courtney’s Restaurant: 4066 B N Mt. Juliet Rd. Mount Juliet.

**APRIL 5**

**Houses of Hope Luncheon**

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**know of any upcoming events our readers might be interested in? Contact us at 615-754-6111 or editor@comj.com**
MJCA Lady Saints victory

Staff Reports

MJCA Lady Saints MS jumped out to an early lead over Middle TN Christian and took home a 10-1 victory on Thursday. MJCA Lady Saints MS scored on a home run by Annalise Wood, a stolen base by Amelia Lyons, a stolen base by Bethany Lyons, a single by Ashton Barga, and a stolen base in the first inning.

Wood earned the win for MJCA Lady Saints MS. She tossed five innings, allowing one run, one hit, and striking out ten. Haley Byrd took the loss for Middle TN Christian. She threw four innings, surrendering ten runs, 12 hits, striking out seven, and walking zero.

Home runs for MJCA Lady Saints MS came when Amelia Lyons homered in the second inning and Wood homered in the first and third innings.

MJCA Lady Saints MS collected 12 hits. Bethany Lyons, Kara Jo Alsup, Amelia Lyons, and Annalise Wood each collected multiple hits for MJCA Lady Saints MS. A Lyons went 2-for-3 at the plate as she led the team with three runs batted in.

Hannah went 1-for-2 at the plate to lead Middle TN Christian in hits.

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Lebanon police shoot suspect during pursuit

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At the request of District Attorney General Tommy Thompson, TBI Special Agents are investigating the circumstances of an officer-involved shooting that happened Monday afternoon in Wilson County.

Preliminary reports indicate that the incident began with a report of a stolen vehicle from a Lebanon business. An officer began to pursue the vehicle from Highway 109, to westbound Interstate 40. The subject in the vehicle got off the north-bound Beckwith Road exit. At some point, the vehicle left the exit roadway, and went down an embankment.

An officer with the Lebanon Police Department arrived at the scene and got out of his vehicle. The subject in the other vehicle was also outside of that car. During this encounter, the officer fired, striking the subject.

The individual who was shot has been identified as Christian Andrew Whitten Galindo. He was transported to Vanderbilt Hospital, his condition is not believed to be life-threatening.

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"I think it was my interest in emotional problems and behavioral problems that led me into working with kids," Boykin said. During this time she worked a lot with the school psychologist and became interested in the field. After working for a couple of years, she went to graduate school full time and became a school psychologist for seven years.

Although she found it rewarding, it was a lot of paperwork and not as much time spent working directly with the children. She had minored in music with her first undergraduate degree. "That was something I had always been interested in and passionate about," Boykin said. Deciding it was time to get back into the classroom, she chose to continue her education once more, and received a degree in music. For the past five years she has been teaching general music, and serves as the theatre director and choir director at Rutland to students in kindergarten through fifth-grade. In total, Boykin has been working in the education field for 19 years.

The concepts in music can often be difficult to explain. "In my classroom we do a lot of hands on activities - performing, playing instruments, singing," Boykin said, "music can be a very abstract kind of subject." The moments when her students are able to finally understand something they had been struggling with, are the most rewarding for Boykin.

If she could change anything about the work she does it would be to have less paperwork, fewer meetings and more face-time with the students. "I'd like to have a clone of myself, because there are never enough hours in the day, never enough days in the week to get everything done that I need to do," Boykin said.

Boykin believes in being very straightforward and honest with her students in her teaching approach. Although a lot of her music professors over the years have influenced her in some way, her opera director in college stands out as her biggest source of inspiration. "She'd just tell us flat out, that's not good, do it again," Boykin said.

Boykin is very passionate about music and said that going back to school was one of the best decisions she has made. "When you walk on stage you have a job, you are out there to perform the music, do the best you can. Do not let the message of our music to our audience," Boykin said, "and you never know who is sitting in that audience, who needs to hear that message."

The best part of the job for Boykin is seeing how excited the children get before a performance, and the pride they feel afterwards. Even her youngest students experience the joy of knowing that their families, friends and teachers are in the audience seeing them shine. She says, "There is nothing like that thrill that you get standing on a stage and performing for an audience," Boykin said.

Boykin is very honored to be chosen as Teacher of the Year at her school, but she said she couldn't do it without teamwork from the other teachers, staff and parents. "While I get a lot of credit for all of the performances and musicals, and those kinds of things, it's impossible for me to do this alone," Boykin said, "Rutland has been the most supportive school environment that I have ever worked in."

Our second Teacher of the Year is Karissa Rogers, of West Elementary.

Rogers graduated from Dakota State University. She came to Nashville for a visit and decided that Middle Tennessee was the place for her. She started teaching at West Elementary the following school year.

She taught in South Dakota for three years before moving to Wilson County. After a short interim at Lakeview Elementary, Rogers has been teaching Special Education at West Elementary for seven years. As a Special Education teacher, Rogers teaches inclusion and lab classes for fourth, and fifth graders. Her job is to help her students in the classroom and then to reinforce the skills that they have just been introduced to in class in a lab setting.

Deciding to go into the teaching profession was natural for Rogers as most of her family were teachers. Her mother was a Special Education Educational Assistant and she loved being able to help. She even coached special education students.

Her favorite thing about teaching is being able to make connections with the kids. She has so much fun getting to know their personalities and watching their excitement as they learn. With inclusion, she has had the opportunity to meet more students.

Rogers feels it is a special privilege to work with students and develop relationships. It is very special to her when she sees her students out in the community and they are excited to see her.

Rogers commented, "West is great! Everyone is willing to help. You can send a message out asking for something that you need for your classroom and in a matter of minutes, you have what you need. West is a good team and people get along. We all seem to embrace all of our students well."

Rogers was surprised to be named Teacher of the Year, but was very humbled. She always tries to work hard and supports the teachers that she shares students with.
Wilson County Residents Attend Hermitage Event

Staff Reports

Upon his arrival to Nashville last week one of President Donald J. Trump’s first stops was at President Andrew Jackson’s home, The Hermitage. Some 400 invitees and friends and supporters of the Hermitage were on hand as the President paid respect to Jackson’s grave site and toured the mansion of the 7th President of the United States.

A number of Wilson County residents attended the event as part of the 250th anniversary celebration of Jackson’s birth (March 15, 1767). The Hermitage will be hosting several events throughout 2017 as they celebrate this momentous occasion. Those who attended from Wilson County included Wilson County Mayor Randall Hutto and wife Paula, State Rep. Susan Lynn, State Rep. Mark Pody, CedarStone Bank President Bob McDon-ald and his wife Susan. McDonald also serves as Vice-Regent of the Board of Trust of the Andrew Jackson Foundation.

The Tennessee General Assembly has for many years been a very important and special supporter of Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage. Over the course of many years legislation has been passed that resulted in the Hermitage receiving financial support from the state for important maintenance issues of the historic mansion.

“The Andrew Jackson foundation has been the beneficiary for many years of financial support of the Tennessee General assembly and our local delegation made of Mark Pody, Mae Beavers and Susan Lynn have played a key role in that support as they have embraced this effort in the ongoing preservation of this historic landmark,” commented McDonald on behalf of the Board of Trust of the Andrew Jackson Foundation.

Also in attendance were Andrew Jackson, VI and his wife Janet. Jackson is the great-great great grandson of President Jackson and serves a General Sessions Judge in Knox County, Ten-nessee. Judge Jackson and his family are also great supporters of the Hermitage and are very proud of their heritage. They regularly attend many activities and events at Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage.

The Planning Commission held its monthly meet- ing on March 16. The Com-mission voted in favor of a few proposed changes, these will move on to the Board of Commissioneres with a posi-tive recommendation.

One of these changes is a sign ordinance amendment, regarding interstate pole signs. As of now, signs are allowed a maximum of 75’ feet if they are located within 1,000 feet of the Interstate 40 overpass. The proposed change will not allow for any new pole signs of this type to be installed. Existing pole signs will still be allowed to be re-faced. The purpose of this proposed change is to improve the aesthetics of the city, by removing clutter.

Another topic discussed at the meeting was an amendment regarding the number of parking spaces required at local businesses, specifically those in the categories of banking, finance, real estate, insurance, and hotels. Due to more people conducting business from the internet at their homes, in these categories, less parking is needed at the facilities.

If this amendment is approved the required num-ber of spaces goes from one space per every 200-square-feet of office space, down to one space per every 300-square-feet. Hotel parking needs, however, have increased. If this zoning ordinance is approved, the parking require-ments of hotel parking will increase from one space per unit in the building, to 1.25 spaces per unit. This would mean that a hotel containing 100 rooms, which is the required minimum, would have 125 parking spaces, instead of 100.

The height requirements of commercial structures that lie within the Town Center or downtown area, was another proposed change that the Planning Commission was in favor of.

Twenty years ago, when Mt. Juliet was a much smaller town, the city put regulations in place to pre-serve the character of es-tablished neighborhoods. These regulations state that a commercial building must not be over 35 feet (three stories) high. The proposed change would allow new buildings to be up to 50 feet high.

With these changes, some four-story buildings would be possible. The staff is still not in favor of any five-story buildings, and agrees that this is too tall for the area. The reasoning behind the limitations of building heights, is to pre-serve the character of the city, as Mt. Juliet continues to grow.

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Road, Mt. Juliet. Visitors to the open house have a chance to register for a $10,000 shopping spree, courtesy of Ashley Home Store.

Construction of the home has been provided by Signature Homes, who has participated in the con-struction of several of these homes in surrounding ar- eas of Tennessee.

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Two elderly women were walking through a cemetery reading the headstones when they came upon one that read, “Here lays an honest man and a great politician.” One lady said to the other, “Isn’t that sad. They had to bury two people in the same grave.” With apologies to some politicians, I want you to consider a moment how your obituary or headstone will read one day.

I want us to consider one of the most brief and interesting accounts of a person’s life in the Bible. In Genesis 5 we have a continuous record of the lives of many people who lived thousands of years ago. For almost all of them, it simply says that they lived, had children, and died. But a little over halfway through the chapter we read of a man named Enoch and his “obituary” is not really an obituary at all. “And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him,” (Genesis 5:24).

When people read this verse, they usually become more curious about what is meant by “he was not, for God took him.” Hebrews 11:5 tells us that this is not referring to death, but to a special miracle that God performed for Enoch that took him into the presence of God without experiencing death. But while this experience is certainly worthy of our attention, I believe the major focus should be upon the statement—“Enoch walked with God.”

The usual obituary or death announcement will usually describe the deceased in many ways – listing accomplishments, religious affiliations and charitable work. And all of these are great things, but the greatest thing that could be said of a person is “he/she walked with God.”

But what does it mean to walk with God? Again, if we refer to Hebrews 11:5-6, it describes that Enoch was a man who pleased God. Pleased God how? By walking in faith. Enoch, who was the great grandfather of Noah, lived in a very difficult time for people of faith. The Great Flood, which was brought upon the world in judgment of the tremendous sin of the people, was just around the corner. As the world drifted away from God, Enoch drew closer to Him. He trusted in God and believed His promises. He lived by faith and not by sight. He enjoyed the presence and favor of God.

I like the way one preacher put it: “Enoch began walking with God one day and they became so focused on fellowshipping with one another that they lost track of time. God looked at Enoch and said, ‘since we are closer to my home that yours, why don’t you just come home with me?’” We should all desire to walk with God in this way.

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President Trump honors Andrew Jackson

President Donald J. Trump commemorated Andrew Jackson’s 250th birthday at the seventh president’s Nashville residence, The Hermitage, on Wednesday afternoon as part of his first official visit to Tennessee.

Tennessee legislators and Nashville Mayor Megan Barry attended the private ceremony with around 350 guests. During his visit, Trump laid a wreath at Jackson’s tomb, took a brief tour of the site and delivered remarks from the front porch of Jackson’s home.

“Andrew Jackson was a military hero and genius and a beloved president,” Trump said. “But he was also a flawed and imperfect man, a product of his time. It is the duty of each generation to carry on the fight for justice.

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18 Inches

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Most doctors say there is about eighteen inches between the heart and brain of the average human being, which got me to thinking about life and the decisions we are faced with each and every day. Throughout my entire life I really never noticed or thought much about how I made my daily decisions. I just seemed to make the decision and move on without much thought.

After hearing of the 18 inches between the heart and brain, I got to thinking about the processes I went about when making decisions and was somewhat alarmed by my findings. Upon reflection, I immediately realized that on occasions I had made decisions out of anger, frustration or pure old simple haste, while at other times I seemed to think it through and be more patient. The more I thought about this the more I realized that on many occasions I had used only my heart to make decisions, while other times I used only my brain to make decisions.

I began to envision how much better those decisions might have been had I used my brain and heart together.

For example, let’s say you are a male awaiting a table in a busy restaurant waiting area. You are sitting with your family waiting for your name to be called so that you can be seated for dinner. All around the waiting room there are many men and women standing because all of the seats are taken. As a male you were taught that when a lady is standing you offer her your seat so she doesn’t have to stand. This is called being a gentleman and doing the right thing. One of two things will happen here. If you think with your head and not your heart you will let the lady stand and say to your self she can stand just like me, I was here first. If you are thinking with your heart and your brain you are more likely to offer the lady your seat. If she declines, we all know we can’t live without either and they are meant to be used, so why not use them together every chance you get in your daily future decision making.

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Granville opens new exhibits

Granville Museum had the Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting on March 9, of the Memories of the 1940’s and the Tennessee State Museum Slaves & Slaveholders of Wesson Plantation exhibit. The 1940’s Exhibits Include Memories of the 1940’s at Granville Plantation exhibit and Slaveholders of Wesson. The 1940’s Exhibits Include Memories of the 1940’s and the Tennessee State Museum Slaves & Slaveholders of Wesson Plantation exhibit. The 1940’s Exhibits Include Memories of the 1940’s at Granville Museum, Maneuvers: They Came As Strangers and Left as Friends at 1880-Sutton Home and 1940’s Automobiles At Antique Car Museum. These exhibits are open Wednesday thru Friday From noon to 3:00 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 5:00 p.m.

On April 8, Historic Granville will celebrate 1940’s Celebration which will Include Freedom Bells World War II Musical Shows, World War II Maneuvers Reenactments, Up to 1950’s Antique Car Show, Parade, Upper Cumberland Wine Festival, Jazz Music and Genealogy Festival. The Genealogy Festival Will include great speakers, seminars and special honoring of the Ragland Family and Black Communities of Granville. For more information call 931-653-4151 or granvilletn.com.

Police request tips about stolen bike

Mt. Juliet Police are currently investigating the theft of an inoperable bicycle that was part of a statue.

The bicycle statue was on display on North Mt. Juliet road, near West Wilson Middle School as part of the “Get Fit Mt. Juliet” health campaign.

Walmart has donated a replacement bicycle, which is now displayed on the statue.

Anyone with information can call the Mt. Juliet Police Department at 615-754-2950. Information can also be given anonymously by calling 615-754-TIPS (8477) or through the Mt. Juliet Police Department website.

Houses of Hope luncheon

Wilson Habitat for Humanity will be hosting its annual Houses of Hope luncheon Wednesday, April 5, at the Capitol Theatre, 110 West Main Street. Registration opens at 11:30 a.m. and the program starts at noon with Demetria Kalodimos, news anchor for WSMV Channel 4, as this year’s guest speaker, announced Tory Tredway, director, Wilson Habitat for Humanity.

The annual fundraiser luncheon is a great time to learn more about what Habitat for Humanity does in Wilson County. To date, Wilson Habitat has built 69 houses for local low-income families who pay an interest free mortgage after attending homeowner-ship classes and working on the build site to earn the opportunity to own a home. Homeownership provides much needed stability for many of these families, and the Habitat program is designed to empower its homeowners for future success.

“Our Houses of Hope Luncheon is a unique opportunity for guests to see and hear firsthand about the impact that Habitat is making in our community as we serve local families. It’s a power-packed hour. We invite guests to join us for a delicious lunch and a memorable experience,” Tredway said.

The Houses of Hope program will feature current and future homeowners who will talk about the impact of owning a home. Three community awards will be presented to local individuals and organizations who have supported affordable homeownership in the community: Spirit of Volunteering, Spirit of Habitat, and Community Partnership Award. To attend this year’s event, or for more information about Wilson Habitat for Humanity, contact Tredway at ttredway@habitatnashville.org.
Mother and son charged in fatal shooting

A mother and son have been charged in a fatal shooting that took place early Saturday morning in Old Hickory. Deputies arrived at 1173 Needmore Road and found a man who had been shot multiple times. Deputies attempted to resuscitate the victim until WEMA arrived on the scene. Paramedics then transported the victim to TriStar Summit Medical Center in Hermitage where Vincent Edward Clemmons, 51, was pronounced dead shortly after arrival. Detectives presented the case to the Wilson County Grand Jury this morning and indictments were handed down on Kimberly Ann Scott (Mt. Juliet), 50, and Lance Kelby Rippy (Mt. Juliet), 25, for Premeditated First Degree Murder on both suspects.

“Our investigators have worked tirelessly all weekend interviewing individuals as well as tracking down numerous leads which we have received about this incident,” stated Sheriff Robert Bryan. “These indictments are a direct result of all the hard work and time spent on this malicious crime by our investigators.”

Both suspects are currently being held with no bond and will have a court date set in the near future.

Amazon donates to animal shelters

Pictured here, Amazon’s Lebanon fulfillment center donates three full pallets of dog food to New Leash on Life shelter. Left to right, Natalie Wix (New Leash on Life), Peggy Warren (Amazon), Jennifer Whittemore (Amazon), “Sterling” (black puppy), Steve Chenevert (Amazon), “Cyrus” (brown puppy), Crystal Parrish (Amazon) and Bryan Henley (New Leash on Life).

Staff Reports

The Amazon fulfillment center in Lebanon is committed to giving back to the communities where its associates live and work, which can even include looking out for some of the area’s most vulnerable, displaced animals. Since January, Amazon has made two donations of much-needed pet products worth more than $26,000 to five shelters in the Lebanon area, including Wilson County Animal Control, New Leash on Life, Freetown Sanctuary, Big Fluffy Dog Rescue, and Safe Place For Animals. Products included items like dog and cat food, cat litter, bird food and more. Amazon donated $14,527.29 in products to Big Fluffy Dog Rescue, Safe Place for Animals and Wilson County Animal Control in February. This past week, Amazon donated pet products, totaling $11,636.47, to New Leash on Life, Freetown Sanctuary and Big Fluffy Dog Rescue.

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OBITUARIES

BAILEY, Robert Daniel sen.
Robert Danielson Bailey, age 77, of Lebanon, TN, died March 18, 2017. Mr. Bailey was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was the son of the late Rob and Lena Danielson Bailey. He is survived by: Wife – Joan Bailey; Son – Jeffrey (Lisa) Bailey; Grandchildren – Nathanial, Amanda and Jackson.


BOLES, Nancy Lucille
Nancy Boles, age 71, passed away on March 17, 2017. The family will be receiving friends at Sellers Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, on Wednesday from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. The Graveside Service is 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 22, 2017, Fairview Cemetery, Norene TN. Nephews and friends will serve as Pallbearers.

Mrs. Boles is preceded in death by husband Johnny Boles, companion Thomas McPeak, parents James and Hattie Trammell Furele, and siblings Kelton Furele, Mary Ann Vaughn, Martha Lee Stanford, and Linda Lawson. She is survived by sons Johnny Wayne Boles and Jessie Boles, and numerous nieces and nephews. Sellers Funeral Home, Lebanon TN 615.444.9393.

GRAY, Richard Edward,
Richard Edward Gray, age 60, of Murfreesboro, TN, died March 13, 2017. Ricky was preceded in death by his mother, Shirley Watkins Gray; his grandparents, Robert and Eleanor Gray and his grandmother, Edith Carol. He is survived by: Daughters – Ginger Suanne Gray and Gina Lauren Gray; Brothers – Donald W. (Tammy) Gray and Ronald (Donna) Gray; Grandchildren – Marley and Nora; Special family friend – Kevin Ridderbusch, and many other family members and friends. Graveside services will be conducted 1 p.m. Saturday, March 25, 2017 at Laguardo Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations will be accepted for funeral expenses. Arrangements by Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. (615)773-2663. Obit Line (615)641-2663, www.bondmemorial.com

JARRETT, Mark L.,
Mark L. Jarrett, age 44, of Old Hickory passed away March 19, 2017. Mr. Jarrett was preceded in death by grandparents, Louis Jarrett, William Watts, Jr. and Robert & Doris Coulson; and aunt, Betty Winn. He is survived by mother, Judy (Frank) Gisinser; father, David (Sally) Jarrett; brothers, Michael (Jessica) Jarrett and Kyle (Brittney) Jarrett; grandchildren, Alice Jarrett and Evelyn Watts; nieces & nephews, Bailey Jarrett, Jon Michael Jarrett, Chey erine Minor, Austin Minor, Cadence Jarrett and Bryson Jarrett.

Graveside service will be Friday, March 24, at 4 p.m. at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens with Pastor Randy Stoecker officiating. Visitation with the family will be Friday, March 24, from 2-4 p.m. at Sellers Funeral Home in Mt. Juliet.


KELLAMS, John Carlos
Mr. John Carlos Kellams, age 60, of Leanderville, TN, passed away Friday, March 17, 2017 in the Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Memorial Services will be conducted Saturday, March 25, 2017 at 2:00 P.M. in the Zion Baptist Church, Brownsville, TN. Visitation will be from 1:00 – 2:00 P.M., Saturday, March 25, 2017 in the Zion Baptist Church.

John was preceded in death by his parents: John Devere and Mildred Jones Kellams. He is survived by his wife of 43 years: Genelda Kellams. He is survived by: Daughters – Marley and Nora; Fathers – Ginger Suanne Gray and his grandmother, parents, Robert and Eleanor Watkins Gray; his grand mother, Shirley Danielson Bailey; in-laws – mother, Judy Boles; and siblings Leo Knight Lannom, and Judie Watkins Gray; his grand children, nieces and nephews.

Jarrett was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and served in the Vietnam War. Mr. Jarrett was a retired Master Sergeant in the Air Force Reserve with over 25 years of service. He was a graduate of The American Military University in Virginia and completed the course work for a Master of Science in Human Resources. Mr. Jarrett was a member of the American Legion Post 68 and the American Veterans Association Post 68.

Arrangements by Lannom Funeral Home, 5459, obituary line 615-758-7727.

LANNOM, DR. HAROLD REED, Ed.D.,
Dr. Harold Reed Lannom, Ed.D., March 15, 2017. A native of Wilson County, Tennessee, Dr. Lannom was born November 10, 1925, to Herschel Knight and Ella Reed Lannom. In his early years he attended Ma jor and Flat Rock Schools in Wilson County, and Lebanon High School where he played football and other sports, and graduated as senior class president in 1943. He never tired of talking about his large, loving family; their joys and hardships during the Great Depression; losing his mother at an early age; picking cotton, milking cows, and doing whatever he could to help his father on the farm.

Following high school, Dr. Lannom attended Tenness eese Polytechnic Institute at Cookeville, Tennessee for one year, until he joined the United States Maritime Service and served as a Merchant Seaman during World War II from 1944-45, delivering supplies and equipment to allied forces overseas. After his discharge in 1945, Dr. Lannom attended Auburn University. He was a football scholarship athlete, captain of the 1947 Auburn football team, member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, and graduated in June 1948 with a Bachelor of Science in Education.

He began a forty-six year distinguished career as a teacher, coach, high school principal, director, and school administrator in Florida public schools. His career was interrupted for twenty-nine months during the Korean War: he was selected for an Officer Candidate School Class 11 and served in Japan as First Lieutenant, United States Army from 1951-1953, when he was honorably discharged.

Returning to civilian life, he became the first head coach at Hialeah High School and subsequently The Miami News selected him as 1961 South Florida Coach of the Year. Transitioning into school administration, he served as president of the local chapter of the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Ever the educator, he believed in the ongoing pursuit of education for himself as well. He received his Master in Education from the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, completed two years of postgraduate studies at Florida State University in Tallahassee, and in 1975 he was awarded his Doctorate in School Administration from Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He was one of 30 educators selected nationwide for national fellowship in the TTT (Teacher to Teacher) program.

Dr. Lannom dedicated many years of his life to Civ ican International, a civic organization purposed to serve individual and community needs with a special emphasis on helping people with developmental disabilities. He joined the Miami Springs-Hialeah Civitan Club in May 1977, where he served in many capacities, advancing to leadership roles at the regional, national, and international levels. Dr. Lannom served as founding member of the Board of Di rectors, Children’s Genetic Research Foundation, a Civi tan Tropical District project. In 1991, he received Civi tan’s highest honor, the Civitan International Honor Key. In 1995-1996, Dr. Lannom served as president of Civi tan International and traveled worldwide representing the organization.

For 65 years, Dr. Lan nom made his home in Mi ami Springs, Florida, where he was scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 534 and taught a class at Miami Springs Collegiate School for over 35 years at Miami Springs Methodist Church. He was an avid reader, a student of history, a traveler immersed in history, a history buff on every subject. He could easily converse on history, a traveler immersed in history, a history buff on every subject. He could easily converse on topics of world, national, and local history, favorite author, and book. His conversations were always well-researched and enjoyable.

Dr. Lannom is survived by his beloved wife of over 64 years, the former Patricia Susan Harvey, loving sons Har old Reed Lannom, Jr. and David Allen Lannom, ador ing daughter Lisa Murray (John), and cherished grand daughter Colleen Susanne Murray. Also surviving is brother Bobby Dell Lannom (Anna Gayle) and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and siblings Leo Knight Lannom, Doyle Mason Lannom, Erma Lannom Baird, Callie Lannom Hobbs, James Howard Lannom, and Billy Owen Lannom.
Dennis Martin, age 63, went home to Heaven on Friday, March 17, 2017. Tony Lee Wilkerson, Sr., age 57 of Lebanon, TN passed away in his sleep on March 13, 2017. Tony was a free spirit at heart who loved to share his passion for life with those who he loved. Tony never knew a stranger and has friends from all over this great country. Although he loved seeing new sights, his heart was ever ready to be back at home with his family. Tony loved nothing more than his kids and his grandkids and he would move mountains just to make them smile. Tony was greet- ed in Heaven by his sweet momma Barbars Ann Wilkerson, who left us just 11 short months prior, and his heroic first grandson Austin Peyton Wilkerson, who passed away just 2 ½ short years ago, as well as his twin baby girls Amy Yvonne Wilkerson and Angela Dawn Wilkerson.

Tony was born on June 2, 1959 in Orlando, Florida. He is preceded in death by (daughters) Amy Yvonne and Angela Dawn Wilkerson; (grandson) Austin Peyton Wilkerson. He is the son of Johnny Wilkerson and the late Barbara Ann Wilkerson. He is survived by his wife, Beth Wilkerson and his pride and joy, his children: Tony Lee (Angela) Wilkerson, Jr.; Jill Nicole Wilkerson; Brian-na Walden; Wesley Holliday; Lori (Heath) Watkins; Katie Holiday. He is also survived by the 12 grandchildren he adored; as well as his three sisters: Jackie (James) Slay-ton; Jamie (Benett) Penny (Glenn) Wright and a multitude of cousins, aunts, uncles, an abundance of loving friends and family members.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the foundation that was created in honor of Tony Wilkerson’s grandson, Austin Wilkerson at AustinsLegacyFoundation.com.

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Originally a resident of Gainesboro, Hawkins now resides in Lebanon with his wife, Kayla. They are expecting their first child in August. Hawkins is a member of College Hills Church of Christ.

Phillip Vance has been employed with First Free-dom since July of 2014. As a Relationship Manage-ter, he will continue to be responsible for managing existing customer loan and deposit portfolios, developing new customer relationships, underwriting loans for approval and originating new loans.

“We are excited about Phillip’s promotion and the role he plays in our bank and our commu-nity,” said Lancaster, “He is very intelligent, has the customer’s best interest at heart, and is creative in the way he approaches his customer’s needs. We are honored to have Phil- lip on the First Freedom team.”

Vance is a 2014 grad-uate of Tennessee Techno-logical University with a Bachelor of Science De-gree in Accounting. He has extensive involvement in the community, includ-ing participating in Habitat for Humanity Builds and serving as the Trea-surer for the Little Lights Pre-School at Maple Hill Church of Christ. He is currently the Fundraising Coordinator for the First Freedom Bank 2017 Unit-ed Way Campaign and is serving on the 2017 Al-location Panel for Wilson County United Way.

Additionally, Vance is a member of the Lebanon Breakfast Rotary Club and serves on the Board. Vance resides in his hometown of Lebanon with his wife Emily and daughter, Hazel. He is a member of Maple Hill Church of Christ.
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The content of Unit C278 melody Bonee, F416 Kris sie Walker will be auctioned Friday, March 31st, 2017 at www.storagetreasures.com online ending at 4pm. Units are located at Lock Box Self Storage 12337 Lebanon Rd. Contents of units are clothing, house hold items.
But boys are so much easier than girls...

By Becky Andrews
Wilson Living Magazine

Every so often while in conversation with another mom or dad, one will say, “Be glad you have boys. At least you don’t have to worry about” fill in the blank. We are usually talking about teenage hormones, self-esteem or dating. I am positive no one ever makes statements like that to minimize the effort, patience and sometimes obscene amounts of chocolate and unhealthy carbohydrates it takes to raise a boy.

Hormones
Yes, teenage boys experience their fair share of hormones. The difference between boys and girls on the hormonal front? Where shall I begin? Clint Eastwood, UFC and ESPN has convinced our lads, and probably our lad’s dads that to be tough, the showing of emotions is a “no-no.” Some days I feel like a computer antivirus trying to delete sexist spam that gets through their firewall. Sure, there are a few sports legends and movie stars that break outside of that box and shed a tear every now and then. But I’ll bet they didn’t show so much as an eye twitch as a 15-year-old boy with acne and no makeup to cover it up.

Dating
This has been a tough one. As the mother of boys there’s an expectation that I should be laid back about this. You know, because I have boys. If I’m laid back means my husband and I talking to our boys about things that our parents never did - like explaining that consequences of bad behavior can be far more life changing than early parenthood OR waiting until we feel our little Johnny Hormone is ready emotionally for dating then, yes, we are laid back. Keep in mind, that with all our effort, our boys may still do things they shouldn’t when it comes to dating - girls do too.

Self-esteem
While it’s been said that men are simple creatures, teenage boys are not. They can be just as mysterious as their female counterparts. You know why? BECAUSE THEY WON’T TALK TO YOU ABOUT THEIR FEELINGS! This is the worst. As past president and volunteer social secretary of the Low Self Esteem Club, I’m probably hypersensitive to early warning signs of LSE... when it comes to women. But with boys, it’s totally different. Because even in 2015 girls are taught to express their feelings while boys are often (but not always) encouraged to suck it up. So, when boys feel bad, they don’t “talk it out.” Because to acknowledge “feelings” would be admitting weakness. Trying to teach my boys that it’s OK to talk things out isn’t always an easy task. It gets a lot of eye rolls when I start in on this topic.

Encouraging my sons through the awkward hormonal years, being strict about dating and making sure they know that it’s OK to be different is just as important to me as it is for you to teach your daughters to be empowered.

The truth is, I can’t be laid back about certain things. I want this boy to grow up into a wonderfully kind man who shows respect to all people. But shows the most respect to those living in his home.

Comments? Email Becky@wilsonlivingmagazine.com
Tutoring service takes a new approach

By Kimberly Allen
Managing Editor

Homework SOS is a tutoring service that started operating in Mt. Juliet last summer. The facility is owned and operated by Brandon and Nichelle Everitt. Brandon Everitt has a degree in chemical engineering and has been tutoring math and science for 25 years. Nichelle Everitt received her law degree from the Nashville School of Law, and specializes in writing and language arts tutoring. The Everitts owned and operated a barber school before opening Homework SOS.

Services offered include full day summer camp, one-on-one hourly tutoring, ACT prep courses and weekly after school tutoring for children in third through eighth grade.

Their inspiration for starting this business started with their own daughter, a student at Elzie Patton Elementary School. “From one night to the next, we would never know how much homework she was going to have,” Nichelle Everitt said. Their objective is to help the children complete as much homework as possible during their time at the facility, so that when they go home at the end of the day they can spend time with their families.

The Everitts describe the experience at the facility as “edutainment”, making education enjoyable. “I’m always looking for ways to make it fun, but then also learning something along the way that sticks,” Nichelle Everitt said. The environment is relaxed, so that the children can feel at home. When they need a break from studying, there is a lounge area that includes a basketball hoop and mini billiards table so that students can recharge.

During the summer camp kids had a 45 minute math session and a 45 minute reading and language arts session. Students also had an opportunity to go on several field trips. The trips were educational and included the ESC Biology lab, For Social Graces dog training camp, and a courthouse, to observe proceedings. Professionals from various fields have also come to the facility and given presentations to the students, teaching them about things such as law and medicine. “There are so many different ways that you can learn,” said Nichelle Everitt.

What sets Homework SOS apart from a typical tutoring facility is that many facilities have a specific curriculum that all students must follow. With the homework assignments that students are already given at school, this can add up to a lot, defeating the purpose of creating extra time for life activities. At Homework SOS students can focus on being tutored while completing school assigned homework. Since the curriculum is specific to each student, varying levels of learning proficiency do not keep students from learning at their own level or pace. “We had one student who had a 50 percent improvement in his standardized test scores after completing the reading program,” Brandon Everitt said.

“Mt. Juliet had a tremendous need for a tutoring facility, we knew of that need,” Brandon Everitt said. Everitt said he remembered hearing about a tremendous need for a tutoring facility, we knew of that need.”

Attention Train Enthusiasts, Fiddlers Grove Model Train Club is gearing up for another year of sharing knowledge, talking trains, and introducing this wonderful hobby to folks new to this fun interest. This will be an all-scale model railroad club.

Currently, Fiddlers Grove Train Museum has an extensive “O” gauge layout and a small “HO” scale layout with plans to expand the “HO” track. This club will be open to anyone interested in model trains and if you are interested, you are encouraged to check into this organization. This is a great way to learn about model trains!

Fiddlers Grove Model Train Museum is located in the James E. Ward Agricultural Center, 945 E. Baddour Parkway, Lebanon. The monthly meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. on April 6, 2017 at the Fiddlers Grove Train Museum. For more information contact Don Sellers at his email address of trainslayer53@gmail.com or call Fiddlers Grove at 615-547-6111.
A fire broke out on Sunday morning in a classroom at Mt. Juliet Elementary. The fire started around 8 a.m. and was caused by a malfunctioning air conditioning unit. Crews were on-site all day, and classes were cancelled on Monday. During the “student holiday” teachers and staff reported to school to help prepare for classes to resume on Tuesday. “We are so grateful to the Mt Juliet Fire Department for their quick response and ability to contain the fire to such a small portion of the school,” said Jennifer Johnson, Wilson County Schools.

By Kimberly Allen

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