The five Wilson County Election Commissioners were sworn in by General Sessions Judge Ensley Hagan at their regular meeting on April 9. All five Commissioners, Sherrie Orange, Ronnie Kelley, Don Simpson and John Pope were reappointed by the State Election Commission. Terry Muncher was also appointed, replacing retiring commissioner Jan Spray. The Commission organized after being sworn in, electing Sherrie Orange as chairman and Ronnie Kelley as secretary.

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Police find remains of missing man

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Police recently found the remains of a 29-year-old man who has been missing for nearly nine months.

Dace Martinez, reported missing on Aug. 25, 2018, was found deceased in Hermitage earlier this month. He was last known to be at his house on West Division Street in Mt. Juliet near the Davidson County line, and his skeletal remains were located in a wooded area just into Davidson County.

Since he was reported missing, detectives conducted extensive searches of property near his home with the help of specially trained dogs. In addition, detectives contacted all of Martinez’ known acquaintances and reviewed communication details on his mobile phone and online presence. There was no trace of Martinez until fo-

Town hall to discuss proposed tax increase

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

City officials announced Tuesday that the Board of Commissioners will hold a town hall meeting at the Mt. Juliet Police Department at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 18.

According to the city agenda, the purpose of the meeting is to introduce staff and elected officials. City Manager Kenny Martin said there will also be a presentation outlining the proposed property tax increase and how it could impact and benefit taxpayers. City officials said the increase would be used to fund the Mt. Juliet Fire Department.

There will also be time for a question and answer session at the meeting. The City encourages the
Train proceeds to benefit St. Jude

Staff Reports

A Toast to Tennessee Wine Festival is just around the corner and once again, Wilson County has partnered with WeGo Public Transit, formerly RTA, and the Music City Star to offer a hassle-free ride to and from the festival.

Saturday, April 27, promises to be an exciting day. The Music City Star is a great way to get to and from the festival without the hassle of traffic and parking. In addition to easy transportation, when a rider purchases a $12 round-trip ticket onboard the Music City Star for this event, it goes back to the kids of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

The Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce will sponsor the Music City Star for the special event. As a bonus, both RJ Corman Railroad Company and Bill Drunic, formerly of the NERR, will donate $5 per rider directly to St. Jude. Visit www.ticketsnashville.com and click the wine festival flyer to learn more about the Music City Star event and St. Jude.

With the NFL draft setting up at Riverfront Park the same day, Nashville passengers are encouraged to purchase tickets for the Donelson station.

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Possession of Schedule I (Heroin and MDMA) with Intent for Resale, 2 counts of Possession of Schedule II (Cocaine and Methamphetamine) with Intent for Resale, 2 counts of Possession of Schedule III (Buprenorphine and Anabolic Steroids) with Intent for Resale, Possession of Schedule IV (Alprazolam) with Intent for Resale, and Possession of Schedule VI (Marijuana) with Intent for Resale.

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Twin Lakes Dental Care opens in North Mt. Juliet

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

Twin Lakes Dental Care opened its doors in Mt. Juliet earlier this year by Dr. Stephen Boh.

Twin Lakes, which has been seeing patients for almost two months, is a brand new, start-up practice created by Boh. Starting his own practice is a chance to do things right from the beginning.

Originally from Kentucky, Boh went to Murray State University for undergrad and attended dental school at the University of Louisville. After graduating, he worked four years as a dentist in the Air Force.

“It gave me an opportunity to practice dentistry,” he said. “It gave me an opportunity to take care of the people that are serving our country, and I got a lot of gratification out of that.”

He worked in several dental offices after moving to Nashville in 2016 but decided it was time to open his own practice. The continued growth in Mt. Juliet was one factor that drew Boh to the city.

“It’s a really great community,” he said. “Everyone’s very friendly. It’s close-knit. The more people that I meet, I’m just so happy that I chose Mt. Juliet. Everybody has been fantastic. I look forward to getting to know everyone and plugging into the community and becoming involved and a part of that community.”

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Boh, Office Manager Liz Baines. | Photos by Tony Young Photography

Pictured from left: Dental Assistant Melissa Bracken, Dr. Stephen Boh, Office Manager Liz Baines. | Photos by Tony Young Photography

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What is Iridology?

Iridology is an alternative medicine practice in which the iridologist looks into the eye using a light and magnifier to view colors, patterns, depth, and different markings inside the eye. Iridology focuses mostly on the iris but your iridologist should also take into consideration the pupil, the sclera, and the eye as a whole. Iridology teaches that each section of the eye correlates with a specific organ or area of the body. By using this technique, Iridologists are able to express to you what the eye says about your health (past, present, or future). Although many consider these practitioners “witch doctors” or “psychics,” Iridology is neither and is done by a specific science. Iridology is meant to provide the client a more enlightened view of one’s body, how it works synergistically, and what one can do to improve health or stay healthy. Iridology should be used along with healthy habits, clean eating, and exercise and is not meant to replace any doctors or medications that you are on - unless you so choose.

Betty Russell, certified Iridologist, will be at Corn Crib Health Store April 22nd – April 27th. $35 for a 30-minute session. Call 615-444-1143 to schedule an appointment. Remember, the eyes are the windows to your soul!

I am concerned about my daughter’s teeth but she is only 6 years old, when should I take her to see an orthodontist?

Great question! Many parents are unsure of the right time to see an orthodontist. The good news is that if you ever have a concern, please call the office and we would be happy to see your daughter and assess what is going on with her teeth and jaw development. The American Association of Orthodontists recommends that all children be seen by an orthodontist no later than age 7. No referral is needed by your general dentist. Please call anytime and get some peace of mind about your daughter’s smile!

What is the most important secret to an enjoyable season with my pool?

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With so many opinions and the abundant confusion related to the treatment of back and neck problems what does one do?

What I have found is that a conservative treatment consisting of spinal adjustments, class 4 laser treatments and specific in-office and home rehab is by far not only the most effective but the safest and least expensive way to go. This approach has close to a 90% success rate. Numerous studies conducted by Insurance companies and government authorities such as the renown New Zealand Report and the one completed by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Tennessee confirm this. Considering spinal surgery has only a 50% success rate it behooves one to go the conservative approach first. With all the downsides of drugs and surgery effective Chiropractic care is a great way to go!
OBITUARIES

BOSWORTH, Dennis Wayne

Dennis Wayne Bosworth, 76, passed away April 1, 2019, at home in McKendree Village in Hermitage, after developing pneumonia following hospitalization for a fall. He was preceded in death by parents Dorris Berlin and Mabel Helen (Gordon) Bosworth and two brothers, Larry and Ber- lin. He is survived by sister Sonya (Bosworth) Ernst, brother Edward Bosworth, son Dennis Jon Bosworth, daughter Crissy (and Ken) Zitka, granddaughter Tay- lor Bosworth, and many nieces, nephews and cous- ins.

A memorial service will be held Monday, April 22 at 10 a.m. in the Chapel at McKendree Village, 4347 Lebanon Road, Hermit- age, TN 37076. Memorials may be made for Taylor Bosworth’s Medical School Education, c/o Dennis J. Bosworth, PO Box 822, Union, MO 64084.

HOWARD, Ryan Allen

Ryan Howard passed away April 10, 2019, at age 28. A funeral service was held April 14 at Sellars Funeral Home in Lebanon, and interment followed at Cedar Grove Cemetery.

He is survived by parents Terry “Aztec” and Joni May-nard Howard; siblings: Teri (Brandon) Chastain, Tara (Ryan) Howard-Bates, and Brian Nabors; nieces and nephews: Abby Hixson, Andrew Hixson, Jake Hixson, and Ella Chastain; and aunts and uncles: Lisa Maynard-Nabors, Gabrielle Howard-Gengerl, Frank Na- bors, and Stanley Howard. He is preceded in death by grandparents Gaines How- ard and Peggy Howard, Millard Maynard and Ear- line Maynard, uncles Larry “Chico” Maynard, Donnie “Hotdog” Maynard, cousin J.J. Welch, and aunt Rae Lablone-Howard. Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.

KROFSSIK, Lena

Leanne Lena Krofssik, age 50 of Old Hickory, passed away April 12, 2019. A Funeral Mass was held April 16 at St. Stephen Catholic Community, and interment followed at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens.

She is survived by loving mother, Claire Krofssik; siblings, Kellie (Richard) Neely and their children, Joshua Neely and Elijah Neely; Denise (Chris) Smi- ley and their children, Ca- milla King and Conrad King; Scott (Tina) Krofssik and their children, Aar- on Krofssik, Alexis Krof- ssik, and Andrew Krofssik; great nieces and nephews, Ezekiel, Hadley, Victoria, Freya, and Patrick; special family members, Robin Maynard, Misty Ellis, Lynn Drake, “Becca” Sprague, and Mary Beth Nunnery; several loved ones also survive. She was preceded in death by father, Robert Krofssik; paternal grand- parents, Morris and Evelyn Krofssik; maternal grand- parents, Dorothea and Jack Ryan.

In lieu of flowers, memo- rial donations may be made in honor of Leanne to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital (P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101-0412).


MORROW, Russell Todd

Russell Todd “Rusty” Morrow, age 56 of Mt. Ju- liet, died April 12, 2019. Rusty was the son of the late Neal and Polly Lannom Morrow. He was also pre- ceded in death by his infant children, Russell Todd Mor- row, Jr. and Candice Nicole Morrow.

He is survived by: Wife of 36 years – Traci Cox Mor- row; Son – Drew Phillip Morrow; Brothers – Mike Mor- row and Eric (Terra) Morrow; Sisters – Kim (Greg) Haag and Michelle (David) Keith.

A funeral service was held April 16 at Mt. Juliet Church of Christ, and interment followed at Lan- nom Cemetery.

Flowers accepted or me- morials may be made to the ALS Association – Tennes- see Chapter, 4300 Sidco Drive, #200, Nashville, TN 37204 or the 109 church of Christ Building Fund, c/o Mt. Juliet Church of Christ, 1940 N. Mt. Juliet Road, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122.


TAYLOR, Ashley Jo

Ashley Jo Taylor, age 36 of Lebanon, died April 12, 2019. Ashley was preceded in death by her father, James Kenneth Riggsby, and her grandmother, Ruth Cruseberry.

She is survived by: Hus- band of 15 years – Tony Tay- lor; Mother – Regina Yount; Daughter – Cathy (Mark) Leftwich; Sister – Beatrice (Romer) Oney; Grandchil- dren – Kristie Burgess and Jacob Burgess; Companion of 15 years – Bill Ross.

Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to The Glade Church Benevolence Fund, 9900 Stewarts Ferry Pike, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122.

A Celebration of Life was held April 16 at The Church at Pleasant Grove. Flowers or memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society for Melano- ma Research, 2000 Charlo- tte Pike, Nashville, TN 37203 or Alive Hospice, 1718 Patterson Street, Nashville, TN 37203.


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I don’t remember ever sitting at the cool kids’ table in the middle school cafeteria. It’s not that the cool kids didn’t like me. Maybe they didn’t notice me. Maybe they didn’t need any more friends. Or maybe they just didn’t have the energy to go out of their way to include me. Their elitism was not intentional. It was just easier. Thankfully, excluding me devastated no one. I survived. No therapy was required. No one got hurt. But it doesn’t always work out so well.

Wilson County, Tennessee, is located in a four-seasons, financially prosperous, suburban community just minutes away from the job-rich, culturally eclectic Music City, USA. We are living at the cool kids’ table. We look around and new homes are being built, businesses are locating here, and schools are rising to the top. We are the popular kids with the Air Jordans and Members Only jackets.

Like in middle school, however, the cool kids aren’t always as cool as we think. In Wilson County, for example, teen violence is on the rise. Alcohol and opioid addiction devastates a growing percentage of families. Twenty-five percent of students in our county schools struggle to have enough food on the weekends and during the long breaks. And earning a high school diploma doesn’t necessarily mean kids are ready to take their next step in life.
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Fire death rate follows national downward trend

Staff Reports

Tennessee’s overall fire death rate continues to decline following the national downward trend in the reduction of fire deaths according to statistics compiled in the recently completed annual report for the Tennessee State Fire Marshal’s Office (SFMO).

The report, which includes details of Tennessee’s overall declining fire death rate along with statewide fire prevention and education efforts, compiles data provided by fire departments from across the Volunteer State along with information, statistics, and advancements made by the SFMO’s eight sections: Education & Outreach; Fire Investigations; Codes Enforcement; Residential, Electrical and Marina Inspections; Manufactured Housing and Modular Buildings; Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy; Firefighting Commission; and Administrative Services.

“Tennessee, which has historically ranked among the highest states with civilian fire deaths, is now ranked No. 11 in the nation for fire deaths by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) with 14.6 deaths per million from 2011-2015. This compares to its ranking as No. 6 in the nation from 2006-2010.

“The State Fire Marshal's Office has a singular mission: to make Tennessee a safer place where families can live, work, and play,” said Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshal Julie Mix McPeak.

“The annual report serves as a statistical snapshot of fire education, prevention and code enforcement efforts in Tennessee. We thank our partners for their help in making Tennessee safer.”

Other highlights include:

• While Tennessee fire departments reported 100 fire deaths in Tennessee in 2018 (an 18% increase over 85 deaths in 2017) the overall trend for fire deaths in Tennessee is declining. The rate of unintentional fire deaths in 2018 was 14.8 deaths per million in Tennessee.
• More than 21,350 smoke alarms were installed in Tennessee homes through the “Get Alarmed, Tennessee” program. Additionally, 53 Tennesseans escaped residential structure fires in 2018 thanks to alarms installed through “Get Alarmed, Tennessee.” The program, which started in 2012, received renewed federal grant funding in 2018 continuing the life-saving initiative through at least 2019.

• In October 2018, the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy (TFACA) celebrated the ceremonial groundbreaking of a new 19,000-square-foot conference center.
• This space will accommodate large and specialty classes, incident management courses, conferences, and graduations. Last year, a total of 14,484 students were enrolled in TFACA and participated in 1,063 classes.

“The Electrical, Residential, and Marina section issues permits and performs inspections to enforce state electrical, building, and energy conservation codes. Following the passage of the Noah Dean and Nate Act in 2015, marina inspections were added to this division’s operations. Inspectors successfully completed the inspections of every Tennessee public marina and dock, correcting numerous safety violations which, if not detected, could have resulted in serious injuries or death.

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Teen apprehended after short vehicle pursuit

A teenager was apprehended by police last week after fleeing officers in a vehicle pursuit.

A Mt. Juliet officer spotted a car traveling more than 60 mph in a 30 mph zone around 1 a.m. April 10. When the officer attempted to stop the vehicle, it drove into a field where it became disabled. Four occupants, who police said are likely juveniles, ran from the car. After searching the area, police apprehended a 15-year-old male, listed as a runaway from Nashville, near the 1100 block of Pleasant Grove Road. A handgun and marijuana were also located in the vehicle. The other subjects were not located and were likely picked up by someone, according to police.

The apprehended teen was charged with Evading, Unlawful Possession of a Weapon, and Simple Possession of a Schedule VI drug.

Wilson County GOP announce partisan election

A Republican primary election will be held at the same time as the presidential primary in Wilson County next March, announced county and state GOP representatives last week at the Wilson County Election Commission Office.

Wilson County Republican Party chair Mae Beavers and Tennessee Republican Party chair Scott Golden submitted a letter to the commission.

“This is a great milestone for voter choice in Wilson County,” said Beavers. She also said the change would not cost the county any money.

“This is something that we’ve had the ability to do for a long time but have never really taken advantage of it,” Beavers said. “It gives people in Wilson County the chance to choose whether or not they want to run as an independent like we’ve been doing or whether they want to run as a Republican.”

“This will be the 64th county of 95 that have run partisan elections, then there will probably be some more, so we’re almost at two thirds of the state,” said Golden. “Wilson is the largest county that has not run partisan elections so far, so it’s great that they’re offering voters a choice, and any Republican that wants to run for property assessor will be on the ballot with President [Donald] Trump when he gets re-nominated next March.”

The request had to be submitted by June 17 of this year and the qualifying deadline to file a petition to run is noon on Dec. 12, 2019. The primary will be March 3, 2020.
Local student visits Morocco with leadership program

Savannah Stanley, a biology major from Mt. Juliet, traveled to Morocco and Spain with the University of Tennessee at Martin’s Ned Ray McWherter Institute in March.

The Ned Ray McWherter Institute is a three-year professional development program that provides travel, networking and leadership opportunities to select UT Martin students across all majors. The institute’s junior cohort plans a spring international trip each year to a country where neither English is the official language nor is the United States dollar the official currency. Stanley, along with nine other class members, chose to travel to both Morocco and Spain, becoming the first cohort to visit two continents. During the trip, students visited sites such as the Royal Palace of Madrid and the Plaza de Toros bullring in Madrid, Spain, as well as the Atlas Mountain range and the Jemaa el-Fnaa market in Marrakech, Morocco.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Dan is a one-and-a-half-year-old Great Pyrenees mix who came to the shelter as a stray and has gone unclaimed. He is good on a leash and knows his basic commands. He is very smart and treat motivated. Dan is looking for a forever family that will provide him with a lot of love and snuggles. Dan is up to date on age appropriate vaccines, de-wormed, and on flea/tick prevention.

If you are interested in meeting Dan, please call 615-773-5533.

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I’ve become fixated recently with those parents who paid hundreds of thousands of dollars to create fake SAT and ACT scores so that their children could get into college. The elaborate scheme went as far as photoshopping their child’s head onto the body of another student playing sports in order to claim their child was a superstar athlete who deserved a spot at the university of their choice.

And that friends, in a nutshell, is what is wrong with our world!

When my kids were in school I remember hearing about children whose sandwiches were cut into heart shapes and who’d find handwritten notes of encouragement in their lunch boxes from their moms. All the while my kids would be standing in the lunch line hoping I had paid their tab so they wouldn’t end up with the dreaded peanut butter and jelly sandwich given to kids whose moms forgot to pay their bills.

If I were a betting person, I’d say Aunt Becky from “Full House,” who is now facing some serious federal jail time for paying more than $500,000 to get her daughter into the University of Southern California, cut all sorts of shapes into her kids sandwiches. Not only that but I bet she terrorized a mom or two for not bringing home-baked goods to the school fundraisers and most definitely allowed her kids to have parties where they didn’t invite ALL the kids in the class.

Three kids later with almost 22 years of child rearing under my belt, and I can tell you Aunt Becky wouldn’t want me on her jury.

The problem with our world isn’t our kids but a few of the parents who are raising them.

How in the world do you bribe someone to get your child into college and not tell your child about it? Because here is the deal, I guarantee you that if I spent hundreds of thousands to get my little Timmy into college because he was too lazy to get in himself, then I’d haunt him daily with what I did.

“Really, you think you left half the answers blank on the test but got a 33 on the ACT? No, Timmy, you are not that smart and the real world doesn’t work that way. I paid someone $500,000 and committed wire fraud so you could go to college. You owe me forever so you better not screw this up or we are both going to jail.”

Of course, if there is a tape recording of Aunt Becky saying this to her child, then maybe I won’t judge her so harshly.

I don’t know though. Those heart shaped sandwiches always got my goat!

So what if we made a few different decisions than the cool kids made in middle school? What if we leveraged our power and prosperity to include other people rather than to exclude them? What if we looked around the cafeteria and found people who don’t have new shoes and a big lunch? What if we made the effort to serve the marginalized instead of turning the other way?

Jeremiah was an Old Testament prophet who spoke for God when he told the people of God who were in Babylon to pursue the peace or the wholeness of the city in which they lived. These exiles wanted to go home, but Jeremiah told them to plant their lives in the city and to be a blessing where they lived.

Fast-forward to 2019, God still calls Jesus-loving people to love their neighbors and to care about their community. While some Christians want to circle the wagon and isolate, the Gospel of Jesus Christ always moves us to the margins to serve the most vulnerable among us, to look long at the condition of hurting people, and care enough to invite them to the table.

That simple Gospel calling has led many pastors and churches in our community to join an effort called Everyone’s Wilson, a network of Gospel-centered churches working together for the good of every person in Wilson County. The vision is to mobilize a Gospel movement in our community that serves the most vulnerable, unites all kinds of people, transforms lives, and advances Jesus’ kingdom.

Utopia is not a realistic expectation. But Jesus still redeems anyone and everyone who turns to Him by faith. And when Jesus changes our heart and invites us to His table, He gives us a heart for and opens our hands to everyone around us.

So check out everyonewilson.org and like the Everyone’s Wilson Facebook page for updates and opportunities for you and your church to make room for your neighbors.
Farm Bureau talks issues with Rose

Staff Reports

Wilson County Farm Bureau leaders recently joined with other county Farm Bureau members from all corners of the 6th Congressional District to show appreciation to Congressman John Rose for his dedicated service to the 6th district of Tennessee and to the agricultural community.

Farm Bureau members also listened to an update from Washington and shared concerns and issues with Rose from the agricultural perspective.

“It was a great homecoming, seeing lots of people who I know well and who I have spent my whole life around,” said Congressman John Rose. “It is really one of those gratifying moments of serving in Congress when you get to come home and get to see family and friends and neighbors and tell them about what you’re hopefully being able to do to represent them in Congress.”

For almost 100 years, since 1921, Tennessee Farm Bureau has been a voice for farmers on policy matters. From the county all the way to the state level, Farm Bureau leaders take their responsibility as a public policy organization for farmers and by farmers very seriously.

By meeting with their elected officials to not only share their issues but also to express their thanks, Wilson County Farm Bureau leaders underscore the importance agriculture has to the state and nation.

“It was a pleasure to meet with Congressman Rose today,” said Wilson County Farm Bureau President Pal Neal. “It’s imperative we know our legislators and for them to know the Farm Bureau. Our agriculture — our food — is important to all of us, now and for our future.”

Wilson County President Pal Neal, Vice President Philip Lea, and Southside Agency Manager Ryan Ingram are pictured with U.S. Representative John Rose. | Photo submitted
The Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) is excited to offer youths who have an interest in pursuing a career in law enforcement the opportunity to attend the THP’s Youth and Junior Academy this summer.

The Junior Academy, designed for middle school students grades 5-8, will take place June 24-28. Cadets will be provided educational and recreational experiences that involve respect, discipline, integrity, team building, physical fitness and much more.

In addition, cadets will be involved in a community service project supporting the Second Harvest Food Bank and the Nashville Rescue Mission. This will encompass a canned food drive where collected donations will directly support food banks in the cadets’ communities. Food donations can be dropped off at any one of the eight district headquarters locations.

Both academies are being held at the THP Training Center located at 283 Stewarts Ferry Pike in Nashville, Tennessee. The Youth Academy only will be in-residence, overnight stay at the Training Center.

The THP will provide transportation for the Junior Academy cadets in Cookeville, Murfreesboro, Lawrenceburg and Dickson. Academy instructors will contact cadets in those areas to arrange transportation.

Applications are being accepted now. To apply, visit www.tn.gov/safety or visit a local THP District Headquarters. The deadline to apply is May 15 at 4:30 p.m. Acceptance letters will be mailed by May 20.