City presents proposed property tax increase

City officials held a town hall meeting Thursday night at the Mt. Juliet Police Department to present the proposed property tax increase to the public. According to officials, the proposed increase would be from 16.64 cents per $100 of assessed property value. It would affect all land, commercial and residential properties.

Additional Information

Community Calendar

APRIL 26
Open Pantry
Cloyd's Presbyterian Church

APRIL 28
Free Clothing
Life Church

MAY 2
Work Session
Lebanon Office

Two arrested after fleeing officers

Staff Reports

A Mt. Juliet road was briefly closed last week after multiple suspects fled from officers.

Three suspects ran from officers on a traffic stop on Secretariat Drive on April 16. Officers apprehended two of the suspects, but the third ran into a home in the 1100 block of Secretariat Drive, resulting in police blocking the end of the road near Citation Drive.

While the subject was inside the home, officers were able to identify him as someone who frequents that address. He eventually exited the home and surrendered to police without further incident.

Two arrests were made following the incident.

Theme announced for Wilson County Fair

“A Grand Celebration”

Staff Reports

The Wilson County Fair Board selected “A Grand Celebration” as the theme for the 2019 Fair, which will open on Friday, Aug. 16, at 5 p.m. and run through Saturday, Aug. 24.

The theme focuses on the many milestone celebrations happening in the Wilson County Community in 2019. Some of these include Wilson County Promotions celebrating 40 years of producing the Wilson County Fair, the city of Lebanon celebrating 200 years and Wilson County celebrating 220 years.

Many other businesses such as Cracker Barrel, Demos’ and Wilson County Farmers’ Co-op, to name a few, are all celebrating significant milestones. Each day of the Fair will be a different celebration to create an overall Grand Celebration for the nine-day Fair.

Investigation leads to early morning round-up

Staff Reports

Earlier this month, the Wilson County Sheriff’s Office and Lebanon Police Department Narcotic Divisions presented cases to the Wilson County Grand Jury.

The two agencies conducted 137 investigations during a lengthy investigation on 89 people who were indicted. At least 33 of the 89 people are convicted felons. Out of the 137 investigations, 37 occurred within 1,000 feet of a school zone which is an enhancement to the original charge.

On Friday, April 12, the two agencies conducted a round-up of the 89 people. The two agencies took 33 into custody on the indictments.

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**STEM program comes to MJ**

**Staff Reports**

Camp Invention, a nationally recognized, non-profit summer enrichment camp program, is coming to Lakeview Elementary School the week of June 3-7, 2019. A program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame (NIHF), in partnership with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Camp Invention challenges children in Grades K-6 to find their “inner inventor” by learning the process of innovation.

Using hands-on activities, Camp Invention promotes science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) learning; builds confidence, leadership, perseverance, resourcefulness and problem-solving skills; and encourages entrepreneurship — in a fun and engaging environment.

Each year, the program features a new
BPAC announces fifth annual Ride Mt. Juliet

Staff Reports

May is National Bike Month, sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists and celebrated nationwide. National Bike Month is a chance to showcase the many benefits of bicycling — and encourage more people to give biking a try.

In recognition of National Bike Month, the Mt. Juliet Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) is hosting its fifth annual community ride through the heart of Mt. Juliet. Ride Mt. Juliet is a 5.8 mile event intended for riders of all ages and skill levels and will take place on Sunday, May 5, 2019, from 2-4 p.m. The registration table will open at 1:15 p.m. and the first 50 participants will receive a goodie bag that includes valuable coupons from local businesses.

Ride Mt. Juliet will start and finish in the Music City Star parking lot at the corner of Mt. Juliet Road and East Division Street. The course will travel north on MJ Road utilizing the bike lane and riders will follow a MJ fire truck to the MJ Police Department near Charlie Daniels Park. The ride will continue through the MJ Middle School parking lot and Woodland Place neighborhood to Golden Bear Parkway on a course back to the Music City Star parking lot. The Mt. Juliet Police Department’s Bike Patrol will serve as this year’s Grand Marshalls.

In addition to the ride, the MJ Police Department will conduct a bicycle rodeo in the train station parking lot. The rodeo is designed to give young riders the skills needed to become safer bicyclists. All cyclists are required to wear a helmet and sign a waiver. Riders under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The Veloteers Bicycle Club and Bikers Choice Bicycle Shop will provide a free Bontrager bike helmet to the first 50 children, 12 and under. Children 12 and under can also register to win a Trek Precaliber bicycle being given away courtesy of the Veloteers and Biker’s Choice. Sign up will be at the registration tent and the drawing will be conducted after the ride. You must be present to win.

The Mt. Juliet BPAC is comprised of volunteers from the community with the expressed purpose of guiding the city plans for safe walking, running and cycling infrastructure improvements. The BPAC provides a venue for public input on matters related to bicycle and pedestrian facilities and programs. The Mt. Juliet BPAC is an advisory committee to the City Commission with no decision or policy making authority.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MAY 2

JECDB The Joint Economic and Community Development Board Executive Committee will meet at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2019, at the JECDB office located at 200 Aviation Way, Suite 202, Lebanon.

APRIL 26

Open Pantry Cloyd’s Cumberland Presbyterian Church is offering groceries for 15 families April 26 at 10 a.m. Please call 615-758-7434 and leave a message to confirm availability. Located at 595 West Division St.

APRIL 27

Wilson County Conservative Republicans The Wilson County Conservatives will meet Saturday, April 27, at 9 a.m. at Logan’s at Providence in Mt. Juliet. Guest speaker State Senator Mark Pody will provide a legislative update.

APRIL 28

Free Clothing The Free Clothing Store will be open this Sunday, April 28, from 4-6 p.m. There will be clothes for men, women and children in all sizes. Located at Life Church, 3688 Highway 109, Lebanon.

APRIL 30

Free Fitness Class Free Fitness Class every Tuesday evening 6:30 p.m. at Life Church in the youth center. Life Church is located at 3688 Highway 109 Lebanon, Tn. Right across the street from The Dollar General Store. This is a great class for all ages and all fitness levels. For more information you can email info@LifeChurchFamily.com
Granville to host Cornbread Contest

Each participant will receive a bag of Eller’s Fresh Ground Cornmeal and a 2019 Cornbread and Moonshine T-shirt. Granville will also host the Moonshine Festival on May 4. Fifteen distilleries will participate in the festival, which will also include storytelling and demonstrations.

The Pioneer Village will feature craftsmen including broom makers, sock makers, grist mill operating, basket making, blacksmiths, chair bottoming, loom operating, wood carvers, spinning wheel demonstrations, wood craftsmen, pottery making, and more.

For more information, visit granvilletn.com.

Wilson Central’s Matthew Jenkinson recently signed with Roane State Community College to play baseball. Roane State is located in Harriman, Tennessee. | Photo submitted

Wilson Central’s Jackson Odette recently signed with Roane State Community College to play baseball. Roane State is located in Harriman, Tennessee. | Photo submitted

Did you hear? Advertising Works!
Unemployment holds steady
Rate remains unchanged from historic low set in February

Staff Reports

Tennessee’s statewide unemployment rate for March 2019 remains at the historic low of 3.2 percent according to the latest statistics released by the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD).

March is the second consecutive month the state’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate sits at the all-time low. When compared to March 2018, unemployment in Tennessee is down by 0.4 of a percentage point.

“The steady low unemployment rate continues to indicate a strong economy in Tennessee,” said TDLWD Commissioner Jeff McCord. “It’s encouraging to see our state at record-setting unemployment for the past six months.”

Tennessee reached its previous record low unemployment rate of 3.3 percent in October 2018, and it remained at that level for four consecutive months. The state began tracking unemployment rates in 1976.

Nationally, unemployment rates are seasonally adjusted to eliminate the influences of weather, holidays, the opening and closing of schools, and other recurring seasonal events from an economic time series.

Tennesseans looking for work can visit JobS4TN.gov, the state’s workforce development website. It has more than 150,000 active job listings, as well as free online resume assistance, job interview skills training, and other best practices to help with job searching.

OBITUARIES

HALL, Frances Elizabeth George

Frances Elizabeth George Hall, age 84 of Mt. Juliet, died Thursday, April 18, 2019. Mrs. Hall was the daughter of the late Charlie and Gracie George. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Roy Davis Hall.

She is survived by: Daughter – Rachel (Ray) Hatcher; Son – George Hall; Sister – Charlene (Joe) Dodson; Grandchildren – Philip Hatcher, John (Sarah) Hatcher, Taylor (Aaron) Tomlinson and Tucker Hall; Great-grandchildren - Hailey Hatcher, Ryman Tomlinson and Ramsey Tomlinson; nieces – Lisa (David) Gragg and Monica (Brian) Skelton.

A funeral service was held April 23 at Bond Memorial Chapel. Interment will be conducted 11 a.m. Thursday, April 25 at Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery.

The statewide and national unemployment rates are seasonally adjusted to eliminate the influences of weather, holidays, the opening and closing of schools, and other recurring seasonal events from an economic time series.

HALL was the son of the late, Daniel David Kliewer and Mildred Marbach.

He is survived by: Wife of 38 years – Eleanor Kliewer; Children – Don (Pat) Kliewer, Mark (Rachel) Kliewer, Sheryl (Mark) Smiley, Debbie (Don) Baker, Sandy (Duane) Cregar, Kathy Parrish, Diane (Mike) Doran, Ron Jeffery, Donna Bond and Heather Jeffery (Terry) Peek; 22 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

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What would it look like?

Here we are immediately after the Easter celebration, looking to the life ahead of us and calling upon the power of God to bear us along the way. This makes me think about the early Christians who observed Jesus ascending to Heaven, following His instructions to go to a designated room and pray until God sent the Spirit, fulfilling the promise in Joel 2:28. We are not told how many heard His instructions, although we do know that at least 500 people saw Him following His resurrection. We also know that by the time they reached Jerusalem (a little over a half-mile walk), there were only 120 of them who entered into the upper room.

These were people of different thoughts, income levels, and cultures. As we see when Jesus was traveling around with His 12 disciples, there were differing of opinions and certainly some unrequited egos. And yet, The Bible says they were in one accord. It is somewhat of a miracle to get that many personalities and egos gathered together and for them to be of one accord. In other words, they were of the same mind and purpose. Sometimes, we just need to allow our personal desires and expectations to be laid on the altar and give ourselves to the greater good and become like-minded with our brothers and sisters, attempting to achieve the same purpose. The Scripture says they were in accord and devoting themselves to prayer. The devotion to prayer will certainly enable us to be able to lay aside our own personal expectations and join ourselves to God’s expectation.

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nille Lee Reece, age 29, was the struggle.

He was charged and was released from the scene.

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REFLECTIONS FROM AN OLD FRIEND

Kenny Martin
City Manager
Mt. Juliet, TN

As with any community, the importance of its citizens spending their hard earned tax dollars locally is vitally important to the community’s economy and its citizens.

With Wilson County’s rapid growth and new businesses literally opening daily, we’re starting to see an even greater need to spend our tax dollars locally. For example, Wilson County businesses depend upon our tax dollars for survival. They make huge investments in our local community in an attempt to provide a service or convenience and desperately need and deserve our support. Our schools, businesses, roads and many other services depend on the local economy for survival.

When a business sets up shop in Wilson County, their goal is to provide services and conveniences to local citizens. In return, the local economy gets a boost from the additional revenue generated locally and a trickle down effect occurs. Without local businesses providing these much needed services, citizens are forced to call on vendors in other cities and towns. As a result, these vendors have to drive and ship their merchandise further and that cost is passed on to the customer/consumer. Unfortunately, money spent in other cities and counties benefits that community and not ours.

Therefore, I would like for each citizen to make every effort possible to spend your tax dollars locally and not via the internet or in another county. I totally understand that Wilson County doesn’t currently, nor will it ever be able to, offer every available service or convenience, but I would like for everyone to please patronize the businesses and services we have first before going outside Wilson County or shopping the internet. In other words, if we have a business that offers something we need, we should make every effort to patronize that business and not a business outside our community or the internet.

What is spent here benefits here, what is spent elsewhere benefits that community. For example, if you know that you need gasoline, try and plan your gas purchases locally, if you need groceries, buy them locally, and so on. The more we spend locally the better off our community will be.

In a nutshell, if you can buy it at home and support our local businesses, then please do so. Current businesses, services and products not currently located in Wilson County are much more likely to locate here if they see that our citizens support and patronize their local businesses. Our community and its businesses depend upon your support and patronage.

In closing, please buy and shop locally. It’s money well spent and will benefit us and our community!
with others. When we pray effectively, it is more than just telling God what we want and asking Him to give it to us. It is a determination of what God wants and joining together with others to pray for that. In this case, they were praying together until the promised Holy Spirit would come upon them. I’m sure they didn’t know what that looked like, but they knew it was God’s plan and therefore they were happily anticipating it. The result was that “suddenly” there came from heaven a sound. It seemed “suddenly” there came from heaven a sound. It seemed it was God’s plan and there- for they were happily antici- pating it. Everyone’s Wilson, a network of Gospel-centered churches, is organizing and sponsoring this time together for the citizens of Wilson County to observe the National Day of Prayer, albeit one day early. The event will be from 6-8 p.m., but there will be pre- liminaries that you will want to take advantage of. What would look like? Let’s find out.


His purpose? It might just be to stir up an army in the earth to achieve an accord and pray for God’s will to be done on the earth like it is being done in Heaven? What impact could the faith community have if we stopped competing with one another for church members and joined together as God’s army in the earth to achieve His purpose? It might just look like the first and second chapters of the Book of Acts in the New Testament. It might just bring the changing of hearts to a community. It could very well usher in a “sound from heaven” that causes revival to be stirred up in human hearts.

Make plans to join us on May 1 at the Charlie Daniels Park Amphitheatre and let’s see what it would look like.

Vanderbilt Center for Women’s Health now open in Mt. Juliet

Making yourself a priority has never been easier now that experts from the Vanderbilt Center for Women’s Health are seeing patients in Mt. Juliet.

Dedicated to providing the highest quality care to women in all stages of life, services range from general gynecology to pregnancy care and newborn delivery. We are ranked among the top 10 programs in the country for obstetrics and gynecology and are the only top-ranked program in Tennessee, according to U.S. News & World Report.

Our Women’s Health team is committed to caring for you and your unique needs, and if more advanced services are needed, choosing Vanderbilt’s Center for Women’s Health ensures continuity of care from our experts in more advanced specialties.

First Wilson County Election Institute concludes

Wilson County’s inaugural Election Institute concluded on Thursday, April 11, with 19 participants graduating. The Institute is a series of two-hour classes conducted by the Wilson County Election Commission once a week for four weeks. Participants gain a greater understanding of the “behind the scenes” preparation for elections and the responsibilities of the Wilson County Election Commission.

The free program included presentations, hands-on activities, guest speakers and informal discussions about voter registration, ballot and voting system preparation, candidate interaction with the commission and the importance of poll workers, the media and community outreach. “The Election Institute is our way of sharing what we do every day to prepare for elections in Wilson County,” said Phillip Warren, administrator of elections. “The interaction voters have with the Election Commission during Early Voting and on Election Day is the culmination of year-round preparation.”

“These classes have been an opportunity to introduce local voters to the many facets of election preparation,” said Tammy Smith, assistant administrator of elections. “They were able to learn details about voter registration, the process candidates go through to have their names on the ballot, what the Election Commission is doing to improve elections in our county and to have hands-on experience with preparing the voting system for elections.”

The Election Commission plans to offer the Election Institute again in the Fall of 2019 in a format that will accommodate the busy schedules of Wilson County voters. There are no scheduled elections for 2019 in Wilson County and three scheduled for 2020.

The elections being prepared for now by the Wilson County Election Commission are the Republican and Democratic Presidential Preference Primary and Wilson County Republican Party Primary on March 3, the Federal and State Republican and Democratic Primary and Wilson County General Election on Aug. 6, and the Federal and State General Election and Lebanon, Mt. Juliet and Watertown Municipal Elections on Nov. 3.

To learn more about elections, voting and how you can be involved with Wilson County elections, visit www.WilsonElections.com.
Suring a teen driver can be costly, no matter which insurance policy you choose. However, how well your teen respects the privilege of driving is a factor you can control. Considering setting up a driving contract with your teen that clearly lists their responsibilities when driving and caring for a vehicle.

Put it in park. Talk to your teen about putting the vehicle in park before sending texts, answering calls, or setting navigation services. Remind them that distracted driving can be created by anything that diverts a driver’s attention away from the road.

Dangers of driving while tired or impaired. Remind your teen to call you or someone you trust if they are too tired or impaired to drive. Talk to them about the dangerous impacts of drinking and driving. Never drink and drive, ever.

Encourage defensive driving. Teach your teen to watch for unsafe drivers. Encourage them to keep their distance and keep their cool in stressful situations. If your teen ever feels unsafe or like they are being followed, encourage them to call the police.

Prepare for emergencies. Make sure your teen knows what to do if their car breaks down. Encourage them to keep an emergency kit in their car. If you are an auto club member, make sure they have a copy of the ID card in the vehicle. If your auto insurance policy includes roadside assistance, make sure they know what number to call to get help.

Review your policy and update accordingly. Regularly review your policy to make sure the basis for your premium is as accurate as possible. Here are some things that can affect your premium:

- Adding or removing a vehicle from your policy;
- Your teen graduates from high school or reaches the age of 18;
- Car insurance for teenage boys is more expensive by $300-$400 than teenage girls;
- Some insurance companies give discounts to teen drivers who make good grades.

Manage accidents. While education and preparation can help, accidents still happen. In 2018, teenage drivers ages 16-20 were the drivers in over 43,000 accidents in Tennessee. About 20% of Tennessee drivers are uninsured. (Tennessee is No. 5 in the nation for states having the highest percentage of uninsured motorists.) Insurance premiums increase more for teens in an accident than for adults in an accident. Plus, the parent will have to pay for any repairs to the vehicle that wasn’t covered by insurance.

- Car insurance rates can increase by approximately $400 if you’re involved in an accident that is your fault.
- If your teen is under 18 and gets in an accident that causes a fatality, the teen will have to go back to using a learner’s permit until he or she turns 18.

West Elementary School students Amberleigh and Colt Wood were the March recipients of the Huffaker Group’s Opening Doors Award. They were rewarded for demonstrating leadership and kindness to their peers and all those around them. | Photo submitted
curriculum inspired by some of the nation’s most world-changing inventors—the NIHF Inductees. This year’s Supercharged curriculum features several video challenges from these Inductees encouraging children to be confident in their ideas and explore their innovativeness. These hands-on activities include:

Innovation Force: Campers team up with NIHF Inductees as superheroes to battle the evil Plagiarizer, a super villain who is out to steal the world’s greatest ideas. As children create a device to retrieve the stolen ideas, they learn about the importance of intellectual property and the U.S. patent system.

Deep Sea Mystery: The children embark on a research adventure at sea to dig up fossils. Using lessons and advice from NIHF Inductees, they invent island-survival tools and underwater equipment.

DIY Orbot: The children will explore frequency, circuit boards, motors and gears as they use real tools to reverse engineer a remote-control robot. Throughout the week, campers will adapt their DIY Orbot to perform increasingly challenging tasks.

At the end of the program, each camper will bring home a robot.

All local Camp Invention programs are facilitated and taught by certified educators who reside and teach in the community. Camp Invention serves 130,000 students every year and partners with more than 1,800 schools and districts across the nation.

Camp Invention is the only nationally recognized summer program focused on creativity, innovation, real-world problem solving and the spirit of invention.

Through hands-on programming, Camp Invention encourages children entering kindergarten through sixth grade to explore science, technology, engineering and mathematics curriculum inspired by some of the world’s greatest inventors.

Since 1990, their education programs have served more than 1.5 million children, and 170,000 teachers and Leadership Interns. Regional program sponsors include the United States Patent and Trademark Office and ShurTech Brands, LLC.
**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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**Informational event to discuss foster parenting**

For the child, who has already suffered the trauma of being taken from their home, being placed in another county means being separated from their community, their school and their friends.

For anyone considering becoming a foster parent, but wanting more information, The Keith Edmonds Foundation is hosting Give A Child Hope, an informational meeting and question-and-answer program about foster parenting.

A panel of people who are involved in various aspects of foster care, will be there to answer questions and provide information. The panel includes current foster parents, a former foster child, a DCS foster parent support worker, a foster parent recruiter and Keith Edmonds, founder of Keith Edmonds Foundation.

It is an ideal opportunity to obtain the needed information and answers to questions about foster care with no obligation or commitment.

The event will be held on Tuesday evening, April 30, from 6:30-8 p.m. at Victory Baptist Church in Mt Juliet. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Victory Baptist Church is located at 1777 Tate Lane. For more information, call 615-651-0714.

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**Carnes promoted at First Freedom**

Keleigh Carnes has been promoted to Personal Banker at the Providence office, announced Kenny Beavers, senior vice president and director of retail banking. Carnes previously served as a Financial Services Representative Manager.

“Keleigh has accomplished a lot since joining our bank, making great strides in her overall banking knowledge, delivering excellent customer service and really embracing the First Freedom culture for delivering the right financial products and services to meet or exceed customer expectations,” said Beavers.

Before joining First Freedom in August of 2016, Carnes was employed in the restaurant industry. She is a graduate of Wilson Central High School. Carnes is a native of Hendersonville, Tennessee. She currently resides in Mt. Juliet.

First Freedom Bank, headquartered in Wilson County, was established in 2006. A full service, community bank, First Freedom Bank offers personal and commercial banking services from six locations in Wilson, Putnam and Jackson Counties, and has approximately 70 employees.

First Freedom Bank is member of the Better Business Bureau, an Equal Housing Lender and Member FDIC.

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**Staff Reports**

The Keith Edmonds Foundation will be hosting an informational event next week about becoming a foster parent.

There is a dire need for foster homes in Wilson County and the problem continues to escalate. According to David Long, DCS Foster Parent Support Worker for Wilson and Trousdale Counties, there are currently 132 children in custody in Wilson and Trousdale counties and only 22 DCS foster homes, serving 19 children. All others are placed in foster homes in other counties or in group homes.

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The Board of Commissioners of the City of Mt. Juliet will have a Town Hall Meeting to discuss the proposed City of Mt. Juliet property tax increase to fund the City of Mt. Juliet Fire Department on Monday May 6, 2019 at 6:30 PM in the Commission Chambers of Mt. Juliet City Hall, 2425 N. Mt. Juliet Road. The public is encouraged to attend and ask questions.

Kenny Martin, City Manager
City of Mt. Juliet

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Mt. Juliet will have a Public Hearing on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 6:15 p.m. to hear comments on the following item to be considered: Rezone property known as the Hall Property, being found at 730 N. Mt. Juliet Road, Map 77H, Group C, Parcel 010.00 from Residential RS-40 to Office Professional Services OPS. The public is invited to attend and comment.

Kenny Martin, City Manager
City of Mt. Juliet

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CLEANING

HELP WANTED

The City of Mt. Juliet is seeking candidates for the following positions:

- Part-time Seasonal Splash Pad Attendants for Ava’s Splash Pad at Charlie Daniels Park. Seasonal Laborers for the Parks Department which includes, Charlie Daniels Park/Community Center & Mundy Memorial Park.

Salary will vary between $10.75 and $12.50 hourly. The City of Mt. Juliet does not discriminate based on race, color or national origin in federal or state sponsored programs, pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d). EOE/Drug-free Workplace.
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My oldest is 19 (I may have mentioned this a time or two), the youngest 14. By my calculations we have less than five years to make family vacations just about the four of us. No doubt young adulthood will bring along a type of collective bargaining that would put the teamsters to shame.

“I’ll go if so-and-so can go. Oh, and he’s broke. I told him it would be OK with you. Since he’s going with us on vacay, I told him it’d be cool to crash at our house this summer on break. He needs a car to get to and from work. If he finds a job. He’s a vegan and allergic to cats. So yeah, I’ll go on vacation if this can happen.” (I know, I’ve let my imagination run wild on this one.) My point is there is precious little time to make memories that will be shared among us four. We can share the stories of our travels, but those first-hand experiences belong to us. I intend to make the most of the years before they become REAL adults. For now, vacation time with my family belongs to me. I’m very selfish. You can borrow sugar, my car, my computer, my favorite handbag, even my guest room. But not vacation time with my boys. Nope.

The four of us have taken several over the years. My husband and I have come to expect certain things about these adventures with our children. Setting the bar low keeps us from losing it when the kids complain. “Are we staying on the beach all day? This is boring.”

No matter how many stops we make, someone will have to pee 15 minutes after pulling out of a service station.

Since the kids sleep or have headphones in for the majority of the trip to and from, my husband and I can talk about cross country meets, college entrance exams, practice schedules, etc. Being disconnected from technology is essential for a successful day at the beach.

No matter how many bedrooms we have in our hotel or rental, everything (wet swim trunks, goggles, empty juice boxes) ends up on the floor of my room. At least one of us forgets a toothbrush. It’s usually me. We will pay too much for snacks.

We will eat too much. One of our kids will shout, “SHARK” at the beach while everyone is in the water.

AND FINALLY, no matter how much we argue, spend or sunburn, we will still have a good time.

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Encore Theatre announces new production

Staff Reports

Encore Theatre Company recently announced its upcoming production “Crossing Delancey” by Susan Sandler. The romantic comedy, directed by Sara Dhom, opens Friday, May 3, and runs weekends through May 12. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2:30 p.m. The House opens 30 minutes before show time.

Isabel is a modern young woman who lives alone and works in a book shop. When she is not pining after a handsome author, she is visiting her grandmother (Bubbie) in Manhattan’s Lower East Side. This irascible granny and her friend the matchmaker have found a “catch” for Isabel, whose initial reluctance gives way to a blossoming romance when she finally meets Sam, the pickle vendor, as the end of the play offers a new beginning.

Tickets can be found at TicketsNashville.com — $16 for adults and $13 for seniors aged 60 or older. Tickets can also be reserved and bought at the door.

Encore Theatre Company is located at 6978 Lebanon Road in Mt. Juliet, just east of Highway 109.

Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. Encore Theatre Company is a 501(c)3 non-profit community theater proudly serving Wilson County and surrounding areas since 2006.

(Pictured from left) Seated: Suzi Safdie, Katherine Sutton, Ginger Townzen. Standing: Steven Stroud, Matt Smith. | Photo submitted
Two plans were discussed: raising the property tax to 39 cents, with the entirety going toward the Mt. Juliet Fire Department, or raising it to 59 cents and splitting the funds between fire protection and infrastructure.

For a $150,000 residential structure, the 39 cent increase would increase that property’s tax from $62 per year to $146. For a $300,000 home, it would increase from $125 to $293. With the 59 cent increase, a $150,000 home would go up $221 per year and a $300,000 home would go up to $443.

The increase to 59 cents would still use 39 cents of the other plan for fire protection, but the additional 20 cents would go toward city infrastructure.

One reason an increase has been proposed is to help fund construction and operation of a fire station in north Mt. Juliet. The area does not have nearby city fire protection and is serviced by the central station, located behind City Hall. The response time for incidents north of the city are higher compared to those in the central and south districts, which do have fires stations. Fire Chief Jamie Luffman also said the total number of incidents in the north are increasing.

In addition to operational and construction costs, officials said the tax increase will attempt to close the existing budget deficit of $450,000.

Deputy Public Works Director Andy Barlow told those in attendance how the additional 20 cents would be used to help fund public works projects around the city. According to Barlow, the estimated cost for the various projects is around $200 million.

After the meeting, Mayor Ed Hagerty handed out flyers with opposing views of the proposed increase. “There is not a revenue problem, there is a spending problem,” the flyer read. “The proposed property tax increase is from .16 to .59, a proposed increase of almost 4 times.”

Hagerty referenced a spreadsheet prepared by Vice Mayor James Maness years ago before the city imposed the original 20 cent property tax and before the implementation of the fire department. The spreadsheet projected the revenue and expenses of the new department.

In the numbers gathered by Maness, the projected expense for the fire department was $1.3 million for last year, but the department spent $2.6 million. The department spent $1.9 million of that on payroll for around 24 employees. The flyer also listed reasons of how the fire department exceeded projections in spending, such as four new fire trucks, two outfitted pickup trucks for part-time employees, and unused equipment that is now out of date.

Hagerty’s flyer suggested other options for funding the fire department such as reduced spending and an increased sales tax, which would be voted on by a referendum on a ballot.

In the last election, Wilson County had a referendum for a proposed sales tax increase from 9.25 to 9.75. The majority of the county voted against the increase.

More town hall meetings will be held at later dates. District 4 Commissioner Brian Abston will hold a meeting May 6 in his district at Providence Church.

The Board of Commissioners will revisit the proposed property tax increase at the May 13 meeting, and the second reading is scheduled for June.