MJMS evacuated after bomb threat

Mt. Juliet Middle School was evacuated last week after a bomb threat was sent to someone inside the building. Detectives investigated a vague bomb threat Tuesday, May 14, that was texted to an individual, threatening a third party, who

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Commission defers Belinda City vote

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

The Mt. Juliet Planning Commission met Thursday night in its monthly meeting to discuss and vote on developments around the city. Many Belinda City residents attended the meeting to voice their concerns over two items on the agenda that would affect Belinda Parkway.

Beckwith Point is a proposed multi-use development on 75.73 acres along Belinda Parkway and Interstate 40 with more than 300,000 square feet of commercial buildings on 35 acres and 200 residential units on 40.64 acres. The property is currently zoned as industrial restrictive, which includes manufac

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Granville to host Heritage Day

Historic Granville will celebrate its 21st Annual Granville Heritage Day on May 25, featuring the theme “Solid Gold Memories: White Walls and Fender Skirts” as the town celebrates the 1960s during 2019. The day will begin with an opening celebration at 9 a.m. as the Granville Museum celebrates its 20th anniversary. Special recognition will be given to Webster Farm as the 2019 Granville Centurion Farm, Advanced Propane as the 2019 Business Sponsor of the year and Jeremy Curtis will be honored as the 2019 Gene Duke Friend of the Museum Award.

At 9:30 a.m., a new barn and historic wagon in Pioneer Village will be dedicated in memory of Bob Pruett. Also at 9:30, the Granville Museum will have a 20th Anniversary Celebration as the Teresa Halfacre Dicus Room is dedicated in her memory.

At 10 a.m., a special ceremony will be done in front of the 1880 Sutton General Store.

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Barker named WCS spokesperson

Bart Barker was recently hired as Wilson County Schools’ public information officer, replacing former spokesperson Jennifer Johnson.

Barker has made several stops in his broadcast career, but he comes to Wilson County Schools after spending nearly three years at WKRN News 2 in Nashville.

While there, he served in numerous roles both on camera and in the newsroom. His experience is expected to play a valuable part in what he hopes to accomplish as public information officer with Wilson County Schools.

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Wilson County athletes compete in Summer Games

Staff Reports

Wilson County Special Olympics recently had a delegation compete in the State Summer Games, many of whom placed high in their sport.

In Track and Field, Jay Gregory came in fourth in standing long jump and third in the 50-meter dash. Christian Murray came in first in the 100 meter and fourth in broad jump.

Noah Pedigo, Laura Beth Atwood, Denise Janovsky and Whitney Lackey won gold in the 4x25 freestyle relay. Pedigo got gold in 25 free and 50 free, Atwood got gold in 50 free and 50 back, Lackey got gold in 25 back and 25 free, and Janovsky got silver in 25 free and came in fourth in 50 free.

In unified bocce, Will Denney and Bryan Poislon won bronze in doubles, and Hannah Denney and Britanny Poislon won silver in doubles. The Joy Center won team silver.

Also in unified bocce, Emily Burkett and Rachel Burkett got silver in doubles, and Drew Mullins and Dean Mullins got bronze in doubles. The Wilson County Rollers team came in fourth.

In traditional bocce, Joy Center received the team gold. David Denney and Kayla Lannom also won gold in doubles, while Jonathan Hackworth and Jessica Denney won silver doubles.

The Lebanon Rollers team came in fourth in traditional bocce. Ann Turner and Shelby Ferguson, and Taylor Mobley and Tyler Faulkner came in fourth for doubles.
Wilson Co. Democratic Women announces scholarship recipient

Staff Reports

The Wilson County Democratic Women announce this year’s Dorothy McAdoo Memorial Scholarship winner. Presley Bush was awarded a scholarship for $500 at the May 2019 meeting of the Wilson County Democratic Women. Presley’s essay on the subject “The Importance of Women in the Political Process” was selected as the winning essay from among six entries.

The essays were evaluated by a scholarship committee of the Wilson County Democratic Women based on content, form and clarity using a blind process in which no identifying information was available to the reviewers.

Scholarship funds will be sent directly to Middle Tennessee State University where Presley will study Music Education. Presley graduated from Lebanon High School. Her parents are Kim and Brad Bush of Lebanon.

This is the 18th year the Democratic Women have awarded the Dorothy McAdoo Scholarship, totaling more than $9,000. Ms. McAdoo was a longtime member of the Wilson County Democratic Women. Ms. McAdoo served as Treasurer for many years and also served on the Executive Committee for the Wilson County Democratic Party. The Wilson County Democratic Women chose to honor her memory with this scholarship.

The Wilson County Democratic Women meet monthly on the second Tuesday of the month, and everyone is invited to attend. The meetings are held at Five Oaks Country Club in Lebanon at 6:30 p.m.

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facturing general, essential public transport, self-service storage, warehousing goods and more. The property is currently vacant.

A land use plan amendment and the preliminary master development plan for Beckwith Point, located on Belinda Parkway, were scheduled for discussion. However, most of the comments came from Belinda City residents.

Many comments focused on how the normally quiet neighborhood will see an increase in traffic as well as noise from I-40. Others were worried that the increased traffic could be dangerous for children who play or ride bicycles along the road.

Another resident said that though she welcomes controlled growth, the city’s current rate of growth is too much.

The items were deferred one meeting in order to schedule a town hall meeting for area residents to learn more about the project.
CANAVAN, James Vincent “Jim”

Jim Canavan passed away May 11, 2019, at age 81. The Funeral Mass is 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 29, at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church in Lebanon. Visitation is 10 a.m. until the service. Inurnment will follow the service at 2 p.m. in Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery.

Mr. Canavan is preceded in death by his wife Jeannette Canavan, son Paul Canavan, and his parents Gertrude Filkins and Harold Canavan. He is survived by daughters Patricia Fulton and Sharon Lynch, grandchildren Amber Fulton, Emma Fulton, Danny Evans, Shanae Clay, and Dan Canavan, and siblings Ed Canavan and Shirley Teter.

Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.

SMITH, Debra Ann

Debra Ann Smith, age 55 of Mt. Juliet, passed away on May 16, 2019. Debra is survived by son, Branden Smith; daughter, Brooke Smith; and mother, Connie Whatley. She was preceded in death by father, Thomas Whatley; and brother, Kevin Whatley.

A Graveside service was held May 18 at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens.


RAINES, Jimmy Vernon

Vernon Raines passed away May 19, 2019, at age 50. The Memorial Service is 2 p.m. Thursday, May 23 in the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon. The family will begin receiving friends at 11 a.m. at the funeral home on Thursday.

Mr. Raines is survived by wife Michelle Pinkston Raines; children: Nic (Mo-}
lie) Raines, Sarah (George) Raines, Slater McMahan, Zane Potter (Nadia), and Koy Raines (Naiia); grandchild: Legend Raines; father: Jimmy Ray Raines; and siblings: Sherry O’Neal, Steve (Kimberly) O’Neal, Kelly (Russ) Hendricks, and Justine Harmon. He is preceded in death by mother Nancy Lowery, aunts Hazel Raines and Virgie Raines, and uncles Sammy Raines and Channey Raines.

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RARD, Woman

Mark Telford Young, age 60 of Old Hickory, died May 13, 2019. He was the son of the late Jim Roy and Nina Ruth McConnell Young. Mark was also preceded in death by his brother, Michael Young.

He is survived by: Daughter – Deanna Young; Sister – Juli Young; Brother – J.T. Young; Former wife – Candice Young.

A Celebration of Life service was held May 18 at Bond Memorial Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 2000 Charlotte Ave., Nashville, TN 37203 or to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, PO Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148-0142.


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Gov. Lee declares May as Building Safety Month

Staff Reports

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee has declared May 2019 as Building Safety Month to increase public awareness of the critical role building codes play in ensuring fire and life safety.

Created 39 years ago by the International Code Council (ICC), Building Safety Month is an international campaign designed to raise awareness about the importance of code adoption and celebrate the work of state and local codes inspectors who help ensure the safety of communities.

“Our team of fire prevention experts works closely with homebuilders, contractors, and others in the construction industry to ensure Tennesseans are protected by compliance with the construction standards that promote public safety,” said State Fire Marshal and Tennessee Commerce and Insurance (TDCI) Commissioner Julie Mix McPeak. “Ensuring that buildings are constructed to code helps limit the risk of death, injury, and property damage.”

Codes officials in the SFMO’s Codes Enforcement Section as well as those in the Electrical, Residential and Marina Inspections Section work to ensure buildings are constructed safely and public marinas are operating safely.

Building Safety Month brings recognition to the work of these professionals as they create safe, resilient, affordable, and energy efficient places for Tennesseans to live, work, learn, worship and play.

In 2018, the SFMO completed 2,873 inspections of residential structures, issued 135,011 electrical permits, reviewed 1,045 building plans, and conducted 211,131 total electrical inspections.

Additionally, the Tennessee Fire Service and Codes Enforcement Academy (TFACA) offers a progressive and challenging curriculum for the testing and certification of code enforcement officials. TFACA’s state-of-the-art equipment and customized classrooms, which will be home to a new conference center, provide a solid foundation for individuals who are starting a career in codes enforcement or seasoned professionals looking to keep pace with updated regulations.

Building codes address all aspects of construction, including fire prevention, structural integrity, and energy efficiency, to name a few.

Because these structures are being built with such resiliency, the risk of property damage is reduced, which may provide property owners with lower insurance costs and save millions of taxpayer dollars in the wake of natural disasters.

TDCI protects the interests of consumers while providing fair, efficient oversight and a level field of competition for a broad array of industries and professionals doing business in Tennessee. Our divisions include the State Fire Marshal’s Office, Insurance, Securities, Consumer Affairs, Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy, Regulatory Boards, Tennessee Emergency Communications Board, Tennessee Corrections Institute, and TennCare Oversight.

Buddy Allen Carpet One had its ribbon cutting with the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce on May 15. They are located at 2405 Lebanon Pike. | Photo submitted

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Stumbling in the Darkness

Have you ever woken up in the middle of the night and needed a drink of water? Sleepily, you stumble around the kitchen, unsure of your next step. I remember a night like this, waking up when my daughter was still sleeping in our room. In this particular season, I was especially tired when I would wake up. I remember tip-toeing around the swing she slept in, feeling like merely walking by her scent would wake her in an instant. I stumbled down the hall and made it to the kitchen, my eyes still barely adjusted to the darkness. As was inevitable, as I tried desperately to quietly make my way back to bed, I hit my leg hard on the bed corner and the baby awoke. Amidst the pain of my leg, I lulled her back to sleep, crawled back in bed, breathed a sigh of relief feeling the mattress again. How is it that we know where everything is in our house and yet, even in the darkness, we’re not always sure of where to go? In our lives, at times, it can feel as if we’re stumbling through darkness searching for the light. As Christians we know that Jesus Christ is the Light in the world. In the moments where we stumble, are unsure of where the light switch is, are uncertain of turning it on for fear of the jarring feeling it may invoke, the moments when we’re too tired or weak to open our eyes... 

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Reflections from an Old Friend

Behind Closed Doors

Kenny Martin
City Manager
Mt. Juliet, TN

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind some closed doors? Think about it. How many times have you heard about a tragedy or conspiracy that was going on behind closed doors that no one knew about, or they knew about it but didn’t want to get involved? The Las Vegas Massacre is but one example of why we must never judge a book by its cover.

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

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

As we all know, owning up to one’s failures, shortcomings and problems isn’t easy. That’s why we must get involved. Getting involved doesn’t have to be painful or difficult and can prove to be very rewarding. Getting involved can be nothing more than a simple phone call offering assistance in any form, especially prayer.

Some things that go on behind closed doors are illegal like domestic violence, child abuse and so on, which may at times require police investigation. Many a person’s life has been changed for the better because someone got involved or advised the appropriate authorities with a simple phone call. It is sad to think that this very moment somewhere someone is hurting and crying out for help behind closed doors or on the inside, but can’t mange to ask for help on the outside. Some even have evil intentions that we may not even notice. The tragic stories we hear about on a daily basis are preventable. If you or someone you know is hurting and in need of help, don’t hesitate, please call on a friend or your local law enforcement agency for help. Life is too short to be unhappy and life is too fragile not to report wrongdoing or suspicious behavior.

Two arrested after traffic stop

Staff Reports

A traffic stop for a registration plate violation around 8 p.m. May 14 led to the arrest of 30-year-old Randall Roberts of Murfreesboro.

Officer Angle found him in possession of heroin and methamphetamine. He was also driving on a revoked driver’s license. Roberts’ passenger, 19-year-old Morgan Bly of Murfreesboro, was arrested on a probably violation warrant out of Rutherford County.


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Granville will have a celebration for everyone during Heritage Day on May 25. | Photo submitted

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Store as it is placed on the National Register of Historical Places. The Granville Mercantile will also be honored for its recent restoration by James Kenneth Turner family.

At 11 a.m., the Granville United Methodist Church will have a Memorial Service honoring the memory of anyone who has passed away since May 26, 2018, who was born or ever lived in the Granville community. A candle will be lit by each family in memory of their loved one with special music and memorial message.

At 12 p.m. Mike Singleton will be honored with the 2019 Uncle Jimmy Thompson Bluegrass Award. Heritage Day will feature the Uncle Jimmy Thompson Bluegrass Festival, an Antique Car Show with 58 classes of competition, Antiques Tractor and Engine Show, Old Time Craftsman Festival, children’s rides, petting zoo, ventriloquist, magician, parade, food and more.

The Sutton Ole Time Music Hour Bluegrass Dinner Show featuring Tom Brantley and Missionary Ridge will be at 5 and 6:30 p.m.

TriStar Summit Medical Center was recently nationally recognized for its commitment to patient safety by being awarded an “A” grade in the Spring 2019 Hospital Safety Score, which grades hospitals in the areas of preventable medical errors, injuries and infections.

The “A” grade is one of the most meaningful honors a hospital can achieve, and one of the most valuable indicators for patients looking for a safe place to receive care.

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The first and only hospital safety rating to be peer-reviewed in the Journal of the American Medical Association, the Leapfrog Hospital Survey is the nation’s only hospital safety rating that is fully independent of the hospital industry and designed to be fully transparent and understandable to the public.

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Preventing and healing childhood trauma

By Dr. Bob Vero
Guest Contributor

Evidence shows that children who experience traumatic events have a higher incidence of physical, mental, economic and social challenges as they age. Societal issues stemming from childhood trauma impact us so pervasive that policymakers are taking note.

I am heartened that Nashville Mayor David Briley has declared an Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) Awareness Day for the city. This action was an important recognition for many Tennesseans, one that moves us a step closer to preventing childhood trauma while also helping individuals and communities heal past hurts and successfully reclaim their futures.

Adverse Childhood Experiences, commonly referred to as ACEs, are traumatic childhood events like physical and emotional abuse or neglect, sexual abuse and family issues, including mental illness, addiction, divorce and incarceration. Being impacted by poverty, racism and bullying qualify as ACEs, too.

When ignored, ACEs can lead to a toxic stress response in which the body’s stress systems go on “high alert” and stay there. Without a safe, stable, nurturing adult around to help buffer the impact, toxic stress can negatively impact brain development and factor into a wide range of current and future physical and behavioral health problems.

More than half of adults in our state experienced trauma as a child. A report from The Sycamore Institute says nearly 60% of Tennesseans have experienced one or more ACEs. That led to a $5 billion impact on our state economy through medical costs and lost productivity from employees missing work in 2017.

Fortunately, there is growing recognition — and action — to address adverse childhood experiences. Collaborations like All Children Excel (ACE) Nashville facilitate partnerships among providers, caregivers and the community to help prevent and reduce the impact of ACEs and improve community health. Increased collaboration and awareness drives discussion, action and positive change.

Building Strong Brains Tennessee is a statewide initiative to create culture change so that the state’s overarching philosophy, policies, programs and practices focus on utilizing the latest brain science to prevent and mitigate the impact of ACEs.

As a health care administrator, I know focused prevention of ACEs is crucial. At Centerstone, our Early Childhood Services team works with expectant parents in fourteen Tennessee counties to reduce toxic stress during pregnancy and teach bonding techniques that will boost their baby’s brain development. Other related services include postpartum depression treatment, family therapy and fatherhood engagement plans.

Where the impact of ACEs is already present, the next best step is trauma-informed care that begins to heal the pain of childhood adversity. It starts not by asking an individual, “What’s wrong with you?” but rather “What happened to you?” In our services to incarcerated parents, taking that approach while teaching mindfulness and other therapeutic coping techniques is resulting in positive, hopeful outcomes.

I hope that every Tennessean will commit to recognizing ACEs and countering childhood trauma. Find a local ACEs education event through the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth (tn.gov/tcyc). Look for ways in everyday life to build resilience and recovery capital in the children you encounter. Investing in kids and being a positive role model guides them and our entire state toward greater success and wellbeing.

Dr. Bob Vero is Regional CEO of Centerstone, overseeing the not-for-profit healthcare organization’s operations in Tennessee and Georgia. He is also a member of Nashville Mayor David Briley’s Behavioral Health and Wellness Advisory Council.

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The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.” This means the darkness of evil has never and will never overcome or extinguish God’s light. Jesus Christ’s life brings light to humankind. But, this can be hard to believe, can’t it? Believing in a great light that drowns out darkness in each and every moment of our lives is hard. It can feel downright impossible. We walk through death of family, death of our spouse, job loss, fast-paced lifestyles, infertility, miscarriages, divorces, depression, anxiety. All of these things can leave us feeling like we are stumbling in the darkness and honestly sometimes frozen in the darkness, unsure of which step is a safe one to make.

Have you ever stared at a light before? If you close your eyes before looking at the light it seems pretty dark. But if you stare at the light and then close your eyes there’s still pieces of that light making your darkness not nearly as dark as it was before. I know there’s science behind that... but, what it proclaims loudly to me is that once a glimmer of light has entered a dark room it’s never as dark as it once was. The light penetrates the darkness and the darkness has not understood it. Because the light, the light of Christ, is stronger than the darkness.

The beginning of the book of John reads, “In the beginning was the word and the word was with God and the word was God. He was with God in the beginning. The light of Jesus has been since the beginning.” The light of Jesus is now and forever will be.

Not one ounce of darkness can drown out the light. And even in the moments where it can feel like Jesus has left the building, we can remember that as we battle the darkness around us, Jesus’ light to renew our hearts is one door ahead of us waiting to be opened.

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Sus Christ can show us the way forward.

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our patients with the best care possible,” said Brian Marger, CEO, TriStar Summit Medical Center. “We are pleased the community has this type of data available to help them make informed decisions about who they trust for their health care needs.”

Of the approximately 2,600 hospitals across the country surveyed, only 32% earned an “A.”
First Lady Maria Lee launches Tennessee Serves

Mrs. Lee to focus on serving Tennesseans and their communities

SFMO encourages home fire sprinklers

Staff Reports

On May 20, First Lady Maria Lee launched Tennessee Serves, a three-part initiative designed to engage Tennesseans in serving one another and their communities.

“To me, this is not just an initiative, but who I am as a person,” said Mrs. Lee. “My heart is devoted to serving others and the impact we hope to have.”

“When Maria and I made the decision to run, it was born out of a desire to serve,” said Gov. Bill Lee. “Maria’s heart for service has been a strength of her life. Tennessee Serves is a way to encourage all Tennesseans to love our neighbors as ourselves and demonstrate that love through acts of service.”

Serve

Through this initiative, Lee and her team will get to work on meeting the needs of Tennesseans across the state with a special focus on its distressed counties. By partnering with local nonprofits and county mayors, the first lady will personally participate in service projects tailored to the needs of each community.

“You cannot help someone until you know what they need,” said Mrs. Lee. “That’s why when it came time for us to decide how to build this initiative and who to help, I didn’t want to limit the scope of service. Instead, I wanted my office to focus on meeting the needs of all Tennesseans. Whether it’s delivering a hot meal or joining in on a home build for a veteran, we are here to serve.”

Highlight

As part of Tennessee Serves, the Office of the First Lady will highlight the countless people and organizations already making a difference in their communities. Service Spotlights will be used to showcase efforts across the state on the first lady’s website and social media. Service Spotlight suggestions and nominees can be submitted by emailing Tennessee.Services@tn.gov or by posting to social media using #TennesseeServes.

“There are so many incredible organizations and people already serving their communities in ways that go unrecognized every day,” said Mrs. Lee. “We want to highlight them so that others will see their great work and be motivated to get involved.”

Mobilize

Lastly, through this initiative, the Office of the First Lady wants to mobilize Tennesseans to meet the needs of their communities. This mobilization effort starts with the Tennessee Kids Serve Summer Challenge. Rising kindergartners through sixth grade will be asked to devote a portion of their summer break to service. Participants with the most service hours logged will be invited to join Governor and First Lady Lee at the Tennessee Residence for a celebration.

“At a young age, my parents taught me the importance of serving others, and now, it’s a big part of who I am. I hope to instill the same in kids at an early age,” said Mrs. Lee. “By engaging kids, we hope that the whole family will get involved in serving.”

“Ultimately, our goal is to serve our state by serving your community by serving one person at a time,” said Mrs. Lee. “Lives and communities are changed when neighbors help neighbors, and I am grateful for the opportunity as first lady to help my neighbors across our great state.”

SFMO encourages home fire sprinklers

Staff Reports

With fires burning hotter and faster than ever before, every second counts when escaping a home fire. To commemorate the National Fire Protection Association’s (NFPA) Home Fire Sprinkler Week (May 19–25), the Tennessee State Fire Marshal’s Office (SFMO) is raising awareness of the life-saving capabilities of residential fire sprinkler systems.

Home fire sprinklers can provide valuable peace of mind to homeowners residing in newly constructed or renovated homes that were constructed with modern building materials, which can burn faster and hotter than “legacy” building materials. According to the NFPA, the civilian death rate is 81% lower in home with fire sprinklers than in homes without them.

“In the event of a house fire, fire sprinklers can help contain the blaze until firefighters arrive,” said Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshal Julie Mix McPeak. “Fire sprinklers can dramatically slow the growth of fire, giving residents more time to escape and limit property damage. We encourage consumers to do their research to learn if fire sprinklers are right for them.”

To help consumers understand the life- and property-saving capabilities of home fire sprinklers, the SFMO shares the following facts:

* Sprinklers are activated by the high temperature of fire — typically between 135 and 165 degrees Fahrenheit. Cooking fumes or signaling smoke alarms cannot activate sprinklers.
* Home fire sprinklers activate individually. Only the sprinkler head closest to a fire activates.
* Home fire sprinklers can contain a fire with a fraction of the water that would be used by fire department hoses.
* Home fire sprinkler systems can be installed in new or existing homes.
* Working smoke alarms and home fire sprinklers are a winning combo in saving lives.

If you have a home sprinkler system, the SFMO offers these tips to ensure your system is properly maintained:

* Conduct a monthly visual inspection of all sprinkler heads to make sure nothing is blocking or hanging from them.
* Do a bi-annual water flow test on the sprinkler system to ensure all water flow devices are working properly.
* Keep home fire sprinklers clear and free of objects that can interfere with their proper use.

If your sprinkler system has a tank, do a monthly check to ensure it is full.

If you have a pump-powered sprinkler system, start it each month to ensure it works and does not trip any circuit breakers.

Do not paint over your fire sprinkler heads. This can inhibit them from working properly.
Lebanon event to recount local history

Staff Reports

General Robert Hatton and his wife Sophie Hatton will visit the Lebanon Square in a special event planned for May 30 at 6:30 p.m. The General and his wife (portrayed by local historians Martin Frost and Dottie Meadows) will speak about their lives before and after the Civil War. The public is encouraged to come and learn about two of Lebanon’s outstanding citizens.

Not only did Hatton and his wife impact the Wilson County community, they were national and international figures in their public service. Hatton was born in Ohio but moved to Lebanon and was a graduate of the Cumberland University law school, served in the State House of Representatives and eventually served in Congress. Hatton was one of a handful of representatives who worked toward brokering a deal in 1860 to avoid secession, and the inevitable war he knew would follow.

“He had an interesting life,” said Martin Frost, who has portrayed General Hatton on a number of occasions. “He was a true statesman in every sense of the word, and I’m proud to try and bring him to life and share his legacy.”

Sophie Reilly Hatton will also be on hand to tell her life story. She was orphaned at age 10 and lived with her in-laws in Williamson County before meeting Robert Hatton and moving to Lebanon.

After the war she was elected state librarian and eventually pursued missionary work, living in China for many years in the 1870s.

“She was a strong woman and servant of her faith,” said Dottie Meadows. “Her story is one of overcoming hardships and adversity while continuing to be a quintessential Southern belle.”

Lebanon’s General

General Robert H. Hatton (portrayed by local historian Martin Frost) will appear on Lebanon’s square to tell his life story, and the Battle of Lebanon which occurred July 5, 1863. He will be joined by his wife Sophie Reilly Hatton (portrayed by Dottie Meadows).

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was inside MJMS. Police said the threat was not specific toward the school, but it referenced a building the person was in.

Out of an abundance of caution, officers and emergency personnel responded to the school to ensure it was safe.

After the school was evacuated and parking lot secured, explosive detection canines from Lebanon Police Department’s Emergency Services Unit responded to the scene to assist in ensuring the property was safe.

Officers and canines searched the school property, and it was deemed safe around 5:40 p.m.

Based off the context of the text and other information gained from the initial investigation, all indications lead to the threat as being a scam related to a bitcoin blackmail tactic.

Detectives continue to investigate the source and are hoping to identify the person responsible for the threat.

Anyone with any information regarding this incident is 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/.

This incident comes just a few days after police responded to the school after receiving a report of a student, experiencing an emotional crisis, who was standing in a school counselor’s office and holding a steak-style knife.

Officers and a Wilson County Sheriff’s School Resource Officer successfully disarmed the student without any use of force. No one was injured during the event.

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The Board of Commissioners of the City of Mt. Juliet will have a Public Hearing on Monday, June 10, 2019 at 6:15 p.m. to hear comments on the following items to be considered: Amend the Planned Unit Development (PUD) known as the Providence Central/EVEREST Hospitality property, being located in the area of Adams Lane, Central Pike and Providence Parkway, Map 096, Parcel 002.03, Part of Area (C) Wilson County, TN. The public is invited to attend/comment.

Kenny Martin, City Manager
City of Mt. Juliet

Amend-PUD
Providence Central/EVEREST Hospitality
Map 096, Parcel 002.03

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Kenny Martin, City Manager
City of Mt. Juliet

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Mt. Juliet Regional Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on June 20, 2019 at 6:30PM at City Hall, 2425 N. Mt. Juliet Road, to hear the following requests:

*Land Use Amendment for Devonshire Townhomes, Map 052, Parcel 018.00 located on Lebanon Rd.

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

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Board of Commissioners of the City of Mt. Juliet will NOT meet on Monday, May 27, 2019 due to the Memorial Day Holiday. The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners will be Monday, June 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. The Board of Commissioners and staff of the City of Mt. Juliet wish everyone a safe and Happy Memorial Day.

Kenny Martin, City Manager
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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, June 10, 2019 at 6:15 p.m. to hear comments on the following item to be considered: Rezone approximately 0.60 acres of land known as the North Mt. Juliet Road Assisted Living property and located on N. Mt. Juliet Road and as described herein from Agricultural Residential (AR40) to Commercial Town Center (CTC), being Map 072, part of Parcel 001.03. The public is invited to attend and comment.

Kenny Martin, City Manager
City of Mt. Juliet

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Kenny Martin, City Manager
City of Mt. Juliet

PUBLIC NOTICE

10770 Lebanon Road
Rezone/LUA/PMDP
Map 054, Parcel 102.03
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“Wilson County Schools has tremendous leadership,” said Barker. “With that firmly in place, I want to use my experience and help take this position to the next level.”

“THERE are wonderful stories to be told in this district,” he continued. “We are growing, and with that comes elevating our coverage on information to students, parents, the public, local TV, radio and press.”

Bart Barker is a 2003 graduate of Middle Tennessee State University where he earned a degree in Electronic Media Journalism. A native of Savannah, Tennessee, he attended Hardin County High School.

“Being a former student in Tennessee schools, this position is one that I value,” Barker said. “I see so much potential in what Wilson County Schools has to offer and I’m excited to be a part of it.”

While at WKRN News 2, Barker was able to develop quality relationships with Wilson County law enforcement and public leaders.

“Having built those relationships over the years, I feel that is critical for the overall success of this position,” said Barker. “The motto for Wilson County Schools is, ‘Excellence in all we do.’ That’s what I want to bring to this position. I can’t wait to get started.”

Director of Schools Dr. Donna Wright is pleased to have Barker join the district as the spokesperson for Wilson County Schools.

“He has a credible presence in the news industry,” said Wright. “We are excited about the possibilities his expertise and knowledge will bring to communicating with our families and community.”

Barker’s first day as PIO with Wilson County Schools will be June 3.
Motherless Mother’s Day

By Becky Andrews
Wilson Living Magazine

I sat in the passenger seat and made small talk with Sylvia. It was the morning after a sleepover at my friend Paula’s house. At 15 years-old that meant Paula’s mom, Sylvia, had to take me home. First, we had to make a detour. Sylvia made a right turn into the closest entrance of the local cemetery. After parking, she opened her handbag and grabbed a greeting card, a piece of pink saran wrap and a plastic fork.

While she fussed with the greeting card and saran wrap, the small talk drifted, and the car became very quiet. I didn’t have a cell phone or iPad to keep my eyes and mind distracted. Nope. It was just me, Sylvia, and the rustling sound of plastic wrap.

It felt like we had been sitting in silence for at least 30 minutes, but my blue faced swatch indicated it had only been two. Before I could let out a teenager, “Why can’t we leave already, I’m so inconvenient” sigh, Sylvia piped up and said, “This is the hardest day for me.”

She wasn’t saying it to me as much as she was giving herself a pep talk or maybe a short affirmation to let her mind know, “Hey, it’s me. This is supposed to feel rotten. You just go through it, girl. We’ll get through this like we always do. Until then, don’t be too hard on yourself.”

When she finished wrapping the card in saran wrap, Sylvia exited the car and headed to a nearby tombstone. She knelt then secured the plastic wrapped greeting card with the plastic fork at the foot of a grey-flecked stone.

She stood there for no more than a minute. When the cloudy sky started spitting out a slow drizzle, she walked back to the car. After plugging in her seat belt, Sylvia turned to look at me. “It’s hard losing your mom, kid. It’s hard losing your mom.” Paying no mind to the cloudy sky started spitting out a slow drizzle, she put on her sunglasses, and we drove away.

I didn’t know how to celebrate the day made exclusively for the person who brought her into this world. She was feeling Mother’s Day like she had never felt it before. It didn’t matter that she was a grown woman and a mom herself. It mattered that her person — her mom — wasn’t here. She wasn’t just “Paula’s mom” that morning. She was a daughter.

The small talk picked up shortly after pulling away from the cemetery. Fifteen minutes later, we pulled into my driveway. I said thank you and jumped out. Before reaching the front door, Sylvia shouted, “See ya later, Kiddo!” Just like she always did.

I knew then that I wouldn’t forget this otherwise unmemorable trip home from a sleepover. And I never have.

I think about that car ride every year around this time. I think about how at 15 years old, I witnessed a daughter delicately navigating her way through the grief of losing her mom. I think about how that short drive home on a dreary Saturday taught me it’s OK to cry. It’s OK to not understand the timing of grief or how to deal with the waves. It’s even OK to give side eye to all the mother/daughter duos eating at the table next to yours on Mother’s Day. Just deal and don’t hide from it. Because hiding from uncomfortable feelings is as productive and enjoyable as taking a 1-year-old to a Mother’s Day Brunch.

Comments? Email becky@wilsonlivingmagazine.com
Unemployment rate holds steady during April

Staff Reports

For the third consecutive month, Tennessee’s preliminary statewide unemployment rate for April 2019 remained at the all-time low of 3.2 percent, according to data released today by the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD).

Tennessee first set its all-time low unemployment rate in February and it has remained at a seasonally adjusted 3.2 percent each month since establishing the record. Throughout the last 12 months, unemployment across the state dropped by 0.4 of a percentage point when compared to data from April 2018.

“The latest unemployment numbers demonstrate consistent economic stability,” said TDLWD Commissioner Jeff MCCord. “We have not experienced much movement in unemployment for nearly two years. And that’s really good news.”

Tennessee employers added 5,000 new nonfarm jobs between March and April. The professional/business services sector experienced the biggest increase, adding 2,600 positions. The leisure and hospitality sector was close behind with 2,400 new jobs added during April.

Between April 2018 and April 2019, Tennessee gained an estimated 51,600 new nonfarm jobs.

The April preliminary unemployment rate for the United States stands at 3.6 percent, which is 0.2 of a percentage point lower than March’s national rate. 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.

Tennesseans searching for new employment can log on to 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.