Mt. Juliet city budget approved on first reading

Two items deferred for more information

By Kenny Howell
Managing Editor

The Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners approved their yearly budget on first reading Monday night.

The total budget is $62 million. Of that total, $22 million is for personnel and operating expenses and $40 million is for capital items including vehicles, equipment, buildings and roadway projects.

The budget will undergo some changes before second reading. Commissioner Scott Hefner did a study and compared how City of Mt. Juliet employees are paid compared to 15 other municipalities.

“Our city employees are grossly underpaid,” said Hefner.

To bring the employee compensation up to standard, the budget added $638,000. To balance out the new funds, Vice Mayor Ray Justice recommended two items be deferred for more information.

Green Hill High School graduated their first senior class Friday with a ceremony on their football field. Valedictorian Hunter Taylor (pictured) addressed the graduates, faculty and crowd, as well as Salutatorian Niamh Bridgen.

MORE CITY NEWS INSIDE

City Manager Kenny Martin gives update on some north Mt. Juliet businesses, Page 3

The Wilson County Schools 2020-21 year will be ending a week early.

Thursday, the system announced they had been approved by the Tennessee Department of Education to end the school year Friday, May 28 because they will have already met their required school days.

The importance and resilience of our teachers has never been more apparent than it is now.

With a year full of personal and professional challenges, educators faced constant change including the way they connect with their students.
quested City Manager Kenny Martin get back with department heads and find a way to take that amount of the rest of the budget to offset the new funds. Justice said he didn’t want the new compensation for employees to be touched.

“I want to make sure they get their raises,” said Justice.

Martin said he will bring recommendations back to the commission for second reading to help balance the funds.

Earlier in the meeting, the board looked at a change to the city’s beer ordinances, but the change was deferred.

Originally, the ordinance was supposed to reduce the amount of alcohol you could sell, which was based on a ratio of food sold. For every $1 earned on beer, and establishment would have to earn $5 in food.

A change at the table was proposed by Justice and Hefner. They proposed a new type of permit for entertainment venues that would be a 1-to-1 ratio. As it stands right now, certain entertainment establishments that serve alcohol couldn’t open in Mt. Juliet.

“Top Golf couldn’t come into Mt. Juliet at all,” said Justice.

Justice also used the example of Dave & Buster’s, or similar businesses. In the ordinance amendment, he mentioned other establishments that would go under this like movie theaters, theaters, arcades, art galleries, museums and many more.

The item was deferred for the other commissioners to further explore the proposal.

The commissioners also looked at lowering the requirement for RM-8 from 20 to 10 acres. It was deferred to gather some more information.

The Planning Commission approved the change Thursday by a unanimous vote with one abstention. It would make it so that people with tracts of land between 10 to 20 acres could now develop their land with townhome developments. Apartments and high rises could technically be put on those tracts of land, but there is a question to the economic feasibility of those sorts of developments on small acreage.

“There is a strong need for housing,” said Hefner. Hefner said there are currently only two homes in the city of Mt. Juliet for sale under $400,000. Hefner said people that work at all the new businesses coming to Mt. Juliet, like the Amazon facility, can’t afford to buy a home in Mt. Juliet.

“There is no question there is a need for housing in Mt. Juliet,” said Mayor James Maness. “My question is do we need to do this right now. I’m not opposed to it, just maybe not right now.”

The change to 20 acres was just made in Sept. 2020 by the Board of Commissioners. Planning suggested 10 acres, but former Mayor Ed Hagerty pushed for 20 acres, and it was approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Planning Director Jennifer Hamblen said she gets calls on development for tracts of this size at least three to four times a day. She said most are turned away, but there are some that are excellent developments.

Commissioner Jennifer Milele believed it opened the door for subsidized housing, more apartments and high rises.

The change was deferred for 30 days so the commissioners could get some questions answered on the ramifications of the change.

In addition to approving the change to 10 acres, the Planning Commission approved Beckwith Station, a multi-tenant commercial building with a convenience store, eight gas pumps, two restaurants and professional offices. The development is located at 225 Wilfong Parkway off the Beckwith Road exit, just south of the TriStar ER building.

The commission also approved the final master development plan for Lynnhaven Phase 3 on Tate Lane. Some residents on Tate Lane spoke up before the vote over their concerns of the traffic that it would cause on the small county road. Tate Lane is not in city limits, but Lynnhaven as well as the new soccer complex planned at the end of Tate Lane are, and their traffic will be on that road. Lynnhaven plans to add 36 homes to the street, more than number of homes that were originally planned when the project was approved back in 2014. The project was approved as a part of the consent agenda.
Martin gives updates on North Mt. Juliet businesses

By Kenny Howell
Managing Editor

Mt. Juliet City Manager Kenny Martin got on Facebook with MJDP Captain Tyler Chandler to talk about different things going on in the city. Among many topics, Martin touched on some businesses and projects on the north side, including what will happen with CP Between the Lakes after the owner tragically passed away recently.

Martin said the restaurant could open up under new ownership as the same business, and that is the city’s hope, but it could take some time for the new business to open.

Martin mentioned the new ownership as the Whataburger project. Between that building and Slim Chickens will be a Camel Car Wash. A service road will run behind there so you can get to the redlight near F&M Bank if you need to go south on N. Mt. Juliet Road, or north to get back to Lebanon Road to travel west. Martin said the developers still have to meet with Planning to see how to move forward with the project.

Martin also said the lot next to Christian Brothers Automotive will be a Class A office building.

Man arrested for pointing gun at motorist

Sunday, officers arrested an adult male after he pointed a handgun at another motorist on the N. Mt. Juliet Rd at 1-40 overpass.

A handgun was recovered no one was injured.

MJ GUARDIAN SHIELD ALERTS LEAD TO FOUR ARRESTS

Friday, MJ Guardian Shield alerted officers to a 2005 Acura RL stolen from Nashville on May 18. Officers intercepted the car on Lebanon Rd near High-land Dr. An adult male, also in possession of heroin and methamphetamine, was arrested.

Saturday, MJ Guardian Shield alerted officers to a license plate associated with a wanted person out of Nashville. Officers intercepted the vehicle on Mt Juliet Rd near I-40. An adult male was arrested on Aggravated Assault by Strangulation and Theft warrants.

TRAFFIC BLITZ LEADS TO ONE ARREST

The MJPD held another Traffic Safety Blitz Wednesday, this time focusing on stop sign violations in residential neighborhoods. It resulted in 31 stops, 10 citations issued, and one arrest for reckless driving and felony evading. Eight stop sign violation citations were issued, along with two speeding violations.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 27
WILSON COUNTY IN-DUSTRIAL DEVELOP-MENT BOND BOARD MEETING
The Wilson County Industrial Development Bond Board will meet Thursday, May 27 at 4 p.m. at the Joint Eco- nomic & Community De- velopment Board office located at 200 Aviation Way, Suite 207, Leba- non, TN.

May 31
NEEDHAM’S FIREWORKS SHOW TEST RUN
Tom Needham of Needham’s Nursery will be doing a test run of his annu-al July 4th fireworks show on Memorial Day, Monday, May 31 around 8:15 p.m. The fireworks will be shot from Circle P Ranch on East Main Street.

June 3
JECDB MEETING
The Joint Economic & Community Development Board Executive Commit- tee will meet at 7:45 a.m. Thursday, June 3, at the JECDB office located at 200 Aviation Way, Suite 202, Lebanon.

June 14
MT. JULIET BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
The Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners will meet Monday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 2425 N. Mt. Juliet Road. You can watch the meet-ing through the City’s YouTube page or at the website at mtjuliet-tn.gov.
Chuck Groover  
Victory Baptist

My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight, preserve sound judgment and discretion; 22 they will be life for you, an ornament to grace your neck. 23 Then you will go on your way in safety, and your foot will not stumble. 24 When you lie down, you will not be afraid; when you lie down, your sleep will be sweet. 

Proverbs 3:21-24 (NIV2011)

Solomon teaches that you have a responsibility to maintain your focus on the wisdom God provides you. He warns you are not to let wisdom out of your sight. The temptation is to allow other thoughts to slip in, drawing your attention away from that which is most important to you and the path God has chosen for you. In keeping with God’s wisdom, you are to practice sound judgment and discretion. These attributes will become like beautiful jewels adorning your neck. People will marvel as they acknowledge the positive impact of the careful consideration of your actions’ consequences before you act.

As you preserve, Spirit-led judgment and discretion, you can save yourself a lot of grief and heartache. Life would be much more in line with God’s calling for all if everyone had a few more “Gethsemane moments” (Father, not my will, but Thy will be done). How many arguments would you avoid if you took the time to select your words with more gentleness and compassion? How many apologies would not have been necessary had you vented down before you spoke? How many relationships would have been saved had you written that email as if the person you were responding to was standing over your shoulder reading it as you typed? How much better would you come across to everyone if you spoke as Jesus speaks if acted as Jesus acts and if you loved as Jesus loves?

Walking in the integrity faith produces in God’s wisdom will lead you to find favor in the eyes of God and with those to whom you connect. Then you do not have to play back over and over again in your mind the words you spoke, the actions you took, or the thoughts you thought, wondering, “Is there anything you need to cover up?” In the end, a life focused on God’s wisdom will lead to nights of good sleep and sweet dreams rather than the lingering doubt of nightmares.


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REFLECTIONS FROM AN OLD FRIEND - Did You Forget Something?

Kenny Martin
City Manager

Are you one of those people who are always forgetting or misplacing stuff? Do you constantly use your own voice mail and post it notes to remind yourself to do something? Have you ordered a special electronic device to help you keep up with stuff? Have you ever spent thirty minutes looking for your glasses when they were on your head the whole time? Well, guess what? We are just like everybody else. We all have a hard time remembering stuff. Especially in today’s fast paced and ever-changing society.

Our minds are so consumed with technology and our fast-paced lives that we cannot seem to remember the easiest of things at times. We now must have reminders to remind us of the stuff we need to do. What did people do years ago to remember stuff? Something is wrong with this picture and it is something that medicine cannot fix. The only cure for the epidemic of forgetfulness is to slow down. We have gotten so busy that we can sometimes overload our brains. No matter how smart you may be the human brain can only retain and remember so much information. That is why we must leave ourselves post it note reminders and voice messages to remember stuff.

We have all heard the medical explanations that cause forgetfulness. Everything from artificial sweeteners to the use of cell phone rays damaging the short-term memory of the brain. So, what does all of this say about being forgetful? It tells me that we need to slow down, smell the roses, and enjoy life. Do not be so hard on yourself for forgetting something. Life is tough, but we do not have to make it harder by feeling guilty. I can hardly remember my own birthday much less everyone else’s. Have a blessed day and do not forget to remember just how blessed you are.

TELLING TALES - It’s A Trip Not A Vacation

Becky Andrews
Wilson Living Magazine

Our oldest was not quite a year old when we took our first official “family vacation.” I was still getting the hang of new motherhood so the idea of getting out of town sounded PERFECT.

A few days before leaving, we were visiting my mom and dad. Both listened with wide-eyed enthusiasm as I told them about our impending plans. After saying, “I can’t wait! We need this vacation. More than that, we need the rest and relaxation.” They looked at each other then back at me and dad said, “You taking the kid with you?”

“No, we got a new automatic feeder and our neighbors will be checking on him twice a day. Of course we’re taking him with us! It won’t be a family vacation without him.”

“You can call it whatever you want, Beck. But if you’re taking a baby, you ain’t going on a relaxing vacation.” (Sidenote: I’m not sure why my dad’s tone sounds so much like Tony Soprano when his responses are written?)

Turns out they were at least partly correct. “Relaxing family vacation” is an oxymoron. Who really wants to spend 14 hours in a car listening to children fight, complain about being hungry, and asking, “Are we there yet” every 100 feet?

My boys will do anything to keep themselves entertained. Even if that means humming “Let it Go” just long enough to make your brother hit you.

We’ve tried it all to make that week long sabbatical a success.

We’ve done the “friend tagging along so no one gets bored.”

We’ve done the “group vacation with other families.” Again as a way to keep the kids from getting bored.

We’ve done the “stay-cation” which turned out to be more tiring (and probably more expensive than a 12 hour road trip to Disney.)

We’ve even done the “vacation with members of our immediate family...” because we hadn’t suffered enough.

And they were all fun because not what we anticipated.

This year would be different. We were going to make memories as a family, even if it killed me!

We’ve even done the “Blackfish” the night before Saturday night snorkeling after watching “Blackfish”.

And make fun of mom wearing my hot dog! I want a new one!”

And fights.

“Mom, Jacob is rolling his eyes at me!!!!”

And sunburns. And bad words. And especially overpriced food and activities.

But in the middle of all of that, we calmed down just enough to laugh at dad falling off the paddle board because he was trying to scare the youngest. And make fun of mom because she wouldn’t go snorkeling after watching “Blackfish” the night before.

The boys built a sandcastle without fighting.

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The moral? Nothing is perfect but there’s no better way to create memories (and test ones restraint) than taking a vacation with teenagers.

Email comments to becky@wilsonlivingmagazine.com.
W.A. Wright Elementary officially recognized as Distinguished School

W.A. Wright Elementary was officially recognized last week as a National ESEA Distinguished School.

W.A. Wright was one of up to 100 schools throughout the country that was recognized for exceptional student achievement in 2020. The school learned about the honor back in Dec. 2020, but weren’t able to be officially recognized until this past week.

“It’s a true honor to be recognized by the state and also nationally for the hard work of our students, our parents, our faculty and staff. W.A. Wright Elementary is an amazing school that works to ensure the whole child is educated. I am so proud to be the leader of this excellent school.”

A project by the National Association of ESEA State Program Administrators, the program recognizes qualifying federally funded schools for the outstanding academic achievements of their students. It highlights the efforts of schools across the country making significant improvements for their students. The program has been in place since 1996, showcasing the success of hundreds of schools in one of three categories:

• Category 1: Exceptional student performance and academic growth for two consecutive years
• Category 2: Closing the achievement gap between student groups for two or more consecutive years
• Category 3: Excellence in serving special populations of students (e.g., homeless, migrant, English learners, etc.)

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) provides additional resources for vulnerable students and federal grants to state educational agencies to improve the quality of public elementary and secondary education. The Association is a membership organization made up of State ESEA Program Administrators, and their staff from each of the states and territories, charged with managing their state federal education program. They ensure compliance with federal regulations, but more importantly work to see that all children — especially those living in economically disadvantaged conditions — have the opportunity to receive a high-quality education.

NAESA implements the National ESEA Distinctly Distinguished Schools Program to highlight selected schools that have successfully used their ESEA federal funds to improve the education for all students—including economically disadvantaged students. More information about all National ESEA Distinguished Schools is available on the ESEA Network website: www.ESEA-network.org.

W.A. Wright walks to school

W.A. Wright Elementary held a walk to school Friday morning. The students met at Green Hill High School and walked down to the elementary school accompanied by teachers, parents, Mt. Juliet Police Department and other members of the community.

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Drive Home the Savings with State Farm

W.A. Wright walks to school
SCHOOL EVENTS

**June 1**

**WEST WILSON MIDDLE SCHOOL SOFTBALL TRYOUTS**

West Wilson Middle School Softball tryouts are June 1 for incoming sixth graders, 5-7 p.m., June 2 for incoming seventh and eighth graders, 5-7 p.m. at WWMS Softball Field. Recent physical is required for tryouts. For more information, contact Coach Cheery at cheerly100@wcschools.com.

**WEST WILSON MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL TRYOUTS**

West Wilson Middle School Basketball tryouts are June 1 for incoming sixth graders, 5-7 p.m., June 2 for incoming seventh and eighth graders, 5-7 p.m. at WWMS Softball Field. Recent physical is required for tryouts. For more information, contact Coach Drake at drakej@wcschools.com.

**MJC A CO-ED SOCCER SUMMER CAMP**

MJC Co-Ed Soccer Summer Camp is June 7-9, 9 a.m.-noon for grades first through sixth. Cost is $85. Register at mjcevents.org.

**June 7**

**WCHS GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS**

WCHS Girls Basketball Tryouts will be June 7-8. Please make sure to bring current sports physical dated after April 15, come dressed ready to play and bring your own water bottle.

**WCHS BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP**

MJMS Boys Basketball Camp is June 7-8 at Mt. Juliet Middle School. K-2 will be at 9-10 a.m. and 3rd-8th 10-11 a.m. Cost is $25 and 3rd-8th $50. In order to register, contact Coach Drake at drakej@wcschools.com.

If you have a school event, send it to editor@tcomj.com.

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**Kimberly Overstreet**

“Teachers totally commit themselves to their profession and their students. But we rarely get to see them in the classroom all day. The Teacher of the Year Program allows the community to give them the recognition and appreciation they deserve.” said W.P. Bone, III, Wilson County Motors.

**June 9**

**GREEN HILL VOLLEYBALL SUMMER CAMP**

The Green Hill Volleyball Summer Camp is June 9-11 from 9 a.m. to noon for students entering third through eighth grades at the Green Hill High School auxiliary gym. Cost is $75. Bring a water bottle and light snack. Knee pads aren’t required, but some may mind them helpful. Register at https://forms.gle/bfRncufnxYAoqumdw9 and bring payment the first day of camp. Any questions contact Michelle Plummer at plummnic100@wcschools.com.

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**SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS?**

SEND TO EDITOR@TCOMJ.COM
DAVIS, Charles Michael ‘Mike’

Charles Michael Davis, 70, Mt. Juliet passed away May 17.

He was preceded in death by parents, Charles Tyson and Lorene Davis; and brother, Larry Davis.

He is survived by wife of 32 years, Susan Davis; son, Tyler Davis; daughters, Jessica (David) Smith; Stacey (Zach) Watson; and Jennifer (Daryl) Oldfield; sisters, Sheila Komisar; and Carolyn Wilson; grandsons, Austin Oldfield; and Johnathan Watson; and granddaughters, Isabel Watson; and Penelope Smith.

Visitation was Friday, May 21, in the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet.

A Memorial Service was following visitation Friday, May 21 at 6 p.m. in the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet.


GREGORY, Jason Ballard

Jason Ballard Gregory, 45, passed away suddenly Sunday, May 9, at his home in Old Hickory.

He was born in Tupelo, Miss. on June 16, 1975, to Oscar “Pat” Gregory and Judy Ballard Gregory. He was a 1993 graduate of Bartlett High School. He worked many years at Cozy Nook Restaurant in Memphis. He transferred with Cozy Nook to Nashville in 2000. He then worked at Rippy’s Ribs in Downtown Nashville until he branched out and began opening a string of Corner Pubs in and around the Nashville area with Jeff Rippy. In 2020 he became sole owner of CP’s Between the Lakes in Mt. Juliet. He was an avid golfer who represented the State of Tennessee in many amateur tournaments around the country. He will be greatly missed by the many lives that he touched throughout his short time with us. Survivors include three sons, Caryme Guerin, 13, Savion Guerin 21, and Giovanni Guerin 26, and best friend, Simmon Guerin, all of Mt. Juliet; a sister, Angie Boyette Stallcup (Robert) of Franklin; a brother Andrew Gregory of Bartlett; two nephews, Josh Boyette of Oxford, Miss., and Drew Gregory of Foley, Ala. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services were Sunday, May 16, 2021 at Sellars Funeral Home, 2229 N. Mt. Juliet Road, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122.


OWN, William S.


Billy was born in Petersburg, and was the son of the late, Willie B. Owen and Ida Lou Wright Owen. Billy was also preceded in death by his daughter, Debbie Romines.

He is survived by: wife of 49 years, Barbara Owen; daughters, Theresa Jackson and Mandy Orr; sons, Shane Owen and Michael Owen; 13 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

No services are planned.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to New Leash on Life.

A Celebration of Life service will be conducted 6 p.m. Thursday, May 27, at Bond Memorial Chapel with Dr. Daryl Crouch and Ricky Bailey officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Green Hill Church for the Guy Reed Memorial Garden, 13251 Lebanon Road, Mt. Juliet, TN 37121.

Visitation will be 4-6 p.m. Thursday at Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. (615) 773-2663. www.bondmemorial.com.

STABBs, Tammy Lynn

Tammy Lynn Stabb, 54, Hermitage, passed away on May 17.

Tammy was preceded in death by mother, Sandra Gale Richardson; and step-father, TV Bill Delaune.

She is survived by son, Zackary L. Stabb; daughters, Zoey L. Stabb; and Shelley Stabb; sister, Tracy (Dallas) Porter; sons, step-brother, Chris Delaune; step-sister, Stacey Delaune; and grandchildren, James Hamm; Jackson; River Snow; Mears; and Vayda Rose Stabb.

A Visitation was Sunday, May 23 at Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet. There will be no service held at this time.


TATE, Linda Gayle

Linda Gayle Tate, 73, Mt. Juliet, died May 21.

She is survived by: husband, Thomas “Tom” Tate; children, David (Cecilia) Blake, Karen (Greg) Holbert and Allen (Letitia) Blake; sisters, Cindy Fyffe and Diane Sheffield; grandchildren, Chasity Cherry, David Blake, Jr., Derrick Blake, Skylar Holbert, Kristy Giblin and Megan Brady; great-grandchildren, Taylor Mya, Hayden, Hollis, Ryder, Makayla, John, Tristan, Kaib, Ellii, Hailee and Lilyana.

Gathered to celebrate Mrs. Tate’s life Monday, May 24 at Bond Memorial Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Sarah Cannon Cancer Fund, 1100 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd, Suite 800, Nashville, TN 37203.


TAYLOR, Jr., Edward Shane


He was a member of Providence United Methodist Church. He attended Rutland Elementary School, West Wilson Middle School and was scheduled to graduate from Wilson Central High School on May 29.

TJ was a member of Cub Scout Troop No. 753 and Boy Scout Troop No. 341 and had recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

He enjoyed working at Four Corner Boat Dock, hunting, fishing and frog gigging. TJ was preceded in death by his mother, William “Bill” Taylor and great-fathers, WL Barlow and Bill Woehler.

He is survived by: parents, Shane and Danielle Taylor; sisters, Emily Taylor; cousins, Shane and Danielle Taylor; and numerous other family members and friends.

Funeral services were Monday, May 24, at Providence United Methodist Church, 2293 S. Rutland Road, Mt. Juliet, with Pas...
July 4th fireworks test run on Memorial Day

Staff Reports

Mt. Juliet is going to get an early test run on July 4th, when a fireworks show is done from Circle P Ranch on Memorial Day. Tom Needham of Needham’s Nursery is putting on the show at the Ranch along with Rufus Page, who owns the property. The property is in the center of town, and is one of the high points of the city. Needham put on the show for the City of Mt. Juliet for several years, but he will be doing this one on his own this year. The City of Mt. Juliet will do their show at the Mt. Juliet Little League Fields again this year.

The show will begin around 8:15 p.m. on Monday, May 31 from the Circle P Ranch on East Main Street.

Whoever finds the best view send it to mulchpt1@gmail.com or Needham’s Nursery Facebook page for a chance to win a $100 gift card to Needham’s Nursery.

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VANCECLEAVE, William J.

William J. VanCleave, on Dec. 11, 2020, beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle, great-uncle and friend, passed away peacefully at the VA Hospital in Orlando, Fla.

Van was born Sept. 16, 1934 in Rickreall, Ore. to Raymond and Eleanora Van Cleave. In 1967, he met Sarah Elizabeth Caldwell Carrigan in Nashville, and they were married on Dec. 22 of that year.

In addition to his wife Sarah, Van was preceded by his parents Raymond and Eleanora, his sister, MaryBelle Melton and his brother, Emmett VanCleave. “Jay,” nicknamed by his family, is survived by his sisters, Dora Morgan, Shirley Carlson, Audrey Rust, Eunice Peterson and Violet Weise; also by his brothers, Teddy VanCleave, Robert VanCleave, Terry VanCleave and Jack VanCleave and countless nieces and nephews and “greats.” “Granddaddy” is also survived by his daughter, Linda Wood (Doyle) and son, Donald Carrigan; granddaughters, Jenny Wood McKinney (Brian), Julie Wood Harlan (Michael), Megan Carrigan, and grandson, Chris Wood (Reene). He is also survived by eight great grandchildren; great-grandsons, Jackson McKinney, Ashton Wood, William “Coo per” Wood, Collin Adams, and great granddaughters, Sarah McKinney, Madison Wood, Atlee McKinney and Katie Harlan.

A Celebration of Life service will be conducted 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, at Bond Memorial Chapel, 1098 Weston Dr., Mt. Juliet, TN. Visitation will be one hour prior to service time on Tuesday. Van will be buried alongside his wife, Sarah, at Mount Hope Cemetery in Franklin. Donations in his honor can be made to Disabled American Veterans (P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301; www.dav.org).


VANCLEAVE, William J.

Kathleen and Mike Drake are the new owners of Zone Conditioning. The couple are long time members of the fitness studio and want to keep the workout community together, as well as welcome in new members.

New owners take over Zone Conditioning

By Kenny Howell

Managing Editor

Much like other businesses, the pandemic hit Zone Conditioning pretty hard.

So when there was a chance that the studio would close, new owners Kathleen and Mike Drake stepped up to save a studio that has meant so much to a lot of people.

“We didn’t want to lose the community,” said Kathleen. “We purchased this on the leap of faith.”

The studio meant a lot to them, and the people that attend their many classes. Kathleen has been an instructor there, and the studio helped Mike lose 90 pounds.

“It has changed our life more than people realize,” said Kathleen.

Zone Conditioning is known by many for its cycling classes, but it is so much more. You can gain muscle with strength classes or take it to the next level with a personal trainer. You can also join classes like TRX, Barre or Yoga, which Kathleen teaches. For adults 50-plus, you can join the Zoomer classes. There are a variety of classes, including a Zoomer Plus for a more intense workout.

Kathleen said she stagers the classes so if you only come at one time every day, there will be something different for you to do almost every time you come.

Kathleen said for her, Zone Conditioning has always been such an accepting place. It doesn’t matter what skill level you are at, what kind of day you have had, the people there have been there with open arms to help you achieve your fitness goals. There is no judgment, you don’t feel overwhelmed, just the perfect workout you need when you walk in the door.

Right now, you can get a visitor trial, 15 days for $15. They’ve also torn up the contracts. You can cancel at any time during your first 30 days with 24 hours notice. After the first 30 days, you will need a 30 day notice to cancel. Zone Conditioning is located at 2728 N. Mt. Juliet Road behind the Juice Bar. You can contact them at (615)754-ZONE or find them on the internet at www.zoneconditioning.com.

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MJ residents honored by Tennessee Wildlife Federation

Staff Reports
Two Mt. Juliet residents were honored by the Tennessee Wildlife Federation recently for their conservation achievements.

Jennifer Wisniewski and Phillip Ware both were honored. Wisniewski was named Conservation Communicator of the Year and Ware was named Hunter Education Instructor of the Year.

“This is the Federation’s 56th year hosting the awards and our 75th anniversary as an organization,” said Kendall McCarrol, chief development officer for the Federation. “Being our 75th anniversary and after a year when the great outdoors were more important to our daily lives than usual, we are eager to recognize and celebrate those who have gone above and beyond for Tennessee’s natural places.”

Wisniewski is the chief of outreach and communication for the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA). Wisniewski is a lifelong sportswomen and a nationally respected marketing and communications professional. Since joining the agency in 2018, Wisniewski has had an immense impact on wildlife conservation in the state through her unflinching focus on robust, numbers-driven marketing. Most recently, Wisniewski was instrumental in dramatically growing the number of hunters and anglers in Tennessee by strategically seizing on the public’s move outdoors during the pandemic. In 2020, Tennessee saw the highest growth in sportsmen license purchases in the nation. The funding generated from those new license holders will benefit all of Tennessee’s wildlife.

Ware has served as a volunteer hunter education instructor with Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) for more than three decades. His passion for conservation began when he started hunting at eight years old. Growing up, Ware didn’t have a mentor to show him how to hunt so he learned by doing it himself. When he began volunteering as an instructor, he became the mentor he never had for thousands of people wanting to get outdoors. Today, generations of Tennessee sportsmen and women are out in the field equipped with the knowledge and training to enjoy the outdoors safely because of Ware. As a testament to his passion for helping others, Ware was named Volunteer Instructor of the Year for Region II by TWRA in 2015.

A BOUT TENNESSEE WILDLIFE FEDERATION

Tennessee Wildlife Federation is an independent nonprofit dedicated to conserving Tennessee’s wildlife, waters, and wild places. Since 1946, the Federation has spearheaded the development of the state’s wildlife policy, advanced landmark legislation on air and water quality and other conservation issues, and introduced thousands of kids to the great outdoors. To learn more, visit tnwf.org.

LOCAL RESTAURANT & DINING GUIDE - HOUSTON’S

Houston’s is a family owned and operated butcher shop, grill, and catering kitchen nestled in the heart of North Mt. Juliet for 25 years. We started as a butcher shop in 1993, and developed into a premier purveyor of both fresh and prepared southern delicacies.

From the Meat Department:
USDA Choice Beef, USDA Prime Ribeyes, Coming soon: Wagyu Beef, Individually portioned Seafood, Premium Pork, Fresh, never frozen Chicken, Ground Buffalo & Elk and Buffalo Steaks.

From the Deli: Monday thru Friday, enjoy our Homemade Meat & 2, with Meatloaf Monday and Taco Salad Thursday being the favorites. 7 days a week, though, the grill is open for Houston’s made to order burgers, made from fresh ground chuck that is ground in house. Or try our Grilled Chicken Club or Grilled Pork Chop Sandwich.

From the Kitchen: We have a wide selection of deli salads, including Houston’s county famous Chicken Salad and Pimento Cheese. Our customers benefit from our family recipes faithfully prepared by the staff at Houston’s.

If you have been to a wedding reception, family reunion, corporate event or team banquet in the last 15 years in Middle Tennessee, chances are Houston’s has served you. From groups of 20 to over 1000, we provide home cooking, full service catering, and on site grilling for the masses. Menus are available online, call or email for a customized quote on your event.

From the Smoker: Every weekend, the smoker is loaded with dry seasoned St. Louis Style Pork Ribs to be sold by the slab. We also prepare Pulled pork BBQ and Smokey Chopped chicken that can be purchased by the pound. Sliced Beef Loi and Sliced Beef Brisket are also available in our deli case. All smoked items are available as catering entrees.

Field of Flags coming to James E. Ward Ag Center

Staff Reports
The Field of Flags is coming up at the James E. Ward Agricultural Center on July 2-4.

The name of the event describes exactly what it is: a large rectangular field displaying hundreds of United States flags, all standing proudly while flapping in the wind. While the event sounds simple enough, it has a deep purpose. The Field of Flags, established by veterans, is a tribute to the men and women who have served our nation. The event gives us an opportunity to honor and remember the men and women who have fought for our freedoms, as well as those who are serving our nation and protecting our freedoms today. The public is invited to attend, walk through the field, and read the personalized tags that are attached to them.

This event is a veteran fund raiser for the Veteran Scars of War Project (V.S.O.s) in Lebanon and in Wilson County. Proceeds from the event will be distributed between the three V.S.O.s and a Veteran Assisting organization in Lebanon, Tennessee. Contributions from the Field of Flags will go to assist veterans with rent, electric bills, food, and other needs.

“The Field of Flags is a unique way of honoring the brave men and women who served in the U.S. military. The event was held last year as well and the view of the field was both humbling and awe-inspiring, but many people who drove by didn’t know what it was for,” said Randall Hutto, Wilson County Mayor. “We’re working to help spread the word about what the Field of Flags is and what it represents to our community.”

Wilson County is looking forward to honoring our service members in this unique way! Stop by the James E. Ward Ag Center during July 2-4 to walk through the field and maybe even make a donation. By adopting or fostering a flag, you can pay tribute to a service member in your life or simply show your support to our military.

For more information, visit https://rally-project.com/the-field-of-flags.
Senior Ride Wilson wins GNRC Award

Staff Reports

The Greater Nashville Regional Council (GNRC) announced the recipients of its 2020 Local Government Awards, which honors excellence in public service across Middle Tennessee. Wilson County was recognized with an award for Excellence in Community Engagement and Outreach for the creation of Senior Rides Wilson.

Senior Ride Wilson is a volunteer transportation system for seniors. This is a private ride service where the adult Wilson County resident calls in advance to schedule a time period of up to four hours for a driver to pick them up and take them up to four stops in the county and then return them to their home. This is single rider, not pick-up and drop-off service. Driver waits for the rider until they are ready to go home. This program will serve the target population in Wilson County in possibly down to age 60) which serves over 65 (and possibly up to age 75) which is a new status on April 27, 2020. Senior Ride Wilson is a new 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, having achieved this status in February.

Executive Director, Gayle Lynn Wilson joined Mayor Hutto for the award presentation. “This program will be truly beneficial for our senior population. It’s been exciting to watch this program take shape and I’m grateful to the Executive Board for battling the obstacles to bring this project to fruition,” said Randall Hutto, Wilson County Mayor.

“The work being done by the local communities and professionals working for citizens across Middle Tennessee is inspiring,” said Michael Skiper, executive director for GNRC. “It is an honor to highlight their hard work and share these best practices with the rest of the region.”

For more information about the Greater Nashville Regional Council or other award recipients, visit GNRC online.

Granville Bluegrass Festival May 29

Staff Reports

Historic Granville - Tennessee’s Mayberry Town is known for bluegrass and May 29 will be the highlight of the year with the Uncle Jimmy Thompson Bluegrass Festival.

Uncle Jimmy was the first performer on Grand Ole Opry and was born in the Granville Community. This years festival will be the best since its beginning in 2002 with it beginning as part of Heritage Day.

This years festival will have a return of the Youth Fiddle Competition for ages 7 through 17 with first place award of $225, second place $175 and third place $125.

The Sutton Ole Time Music Hour developed Kids for Bluegrass in January where kids have been able to perform with the band each Saturday night. The festival is encouraging these as well as kids from all over Tennessee to perform on May 29 at the Pruett Stage. The festival will also feature the Uncle Jimmy Thompson Champion Fiddle Competition with registration from 10 to 11 a.m. Competition begins at 12:30 p.m. and has a entry fee of $5. Each contestant performs three songs - breakdown, waltz and fiddlers choice. Three place cash awards will be awarded of first place $225, second place $175 and third place $125. The Grand Champion will be invited to play at the Birthplace of Bluegrass Music at the Ryman Auditorium. The festival is being sponsored by Cracker Barrel Old Country Store and Bates Ford of Lebanon. The festival will feature a full day of bluegrass with One Way Out Bluegrass Band performing at 10 a.m. and 2:15 p.m., Silver Point Bluegrass Band performing at 11:15 a.m. and 3 p.m., Bluegrass Solutions performing at 4 p.m. For more information call Jimmy Bilibrey at (931)510-7770.

The Sutton Ole Time Music Hour weekly bluegrass dinner show will occur at Sutton General Store with dinner served at 5 and 6:30 p.m. with bluegrass music beginning at 6 p.m. The featured band will be Bluegrass Solutions. Reservations are required by calling (931)653-4151 or on line at granvilletn.com.

The 23rd Granville Heritage Day on May 29 will feature a large antique car show, tractor & engine show, parade, craftsmen of yesteryear, crafts, children rides and entertainment, great food all over town, Civil War Living History Demonstrations, Pioneer Village, Sutton Historic Home tours featuring Contributions of Women, Farm to Table Museum, Mayberry I Love Lucy Museum, Granville Whiskey Decanter Museum, Whistle Stop Saloon & Ice Cream Parlor, Daniel Barber Shop Museum, great shopping and much more. Admission to the festival is $5 which includes admission to all the above and parking is $5 per car. For more information visit granvilletn.com.