Veteran honored with centennial celebration

World War II veteran Max Anderson was escorted to his centennial celebration in style on Memorial Day. | Photo courtesy of MJPD

Staff Reports

World War II veteran and Wilson County resident Max Anderson recently turned 100 years old. Mt. Juliet Police escorted him and his wife of nearly 75 years, Flossie, to his centennial celebration on Memorial Day. | Photo courtesy of MJPD

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Station North breaks ground

Staff Reports

TDK and Imagine1 Company broke ground on Vintage Station North, a mixed-use transit-oriented development in Mt. Juliet, on Tuesday, May 28. Located between Industrial Drive and the WeGo Star Train Station on North Mt. Juliet Road, Vintage Station North is anticipating commercial and residential leasing to begin in the summer of 2020.

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Longtime MJHS librarian retires

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

Mt. Juliet High School said farewell to a familiar face when longtime librarian Esther Hockett retired at the end of the school year. Hockett has been with Wilson County schools for 56 years. She thought she would be teaching elementary education in Watertown but was hired as the librarian at Wilson County High in 1963. She came to Mt. Juliet High School in 1969, where she has stayed for the last 50 years. “It was just the lord orchestrating everything,” she said. “It was just wonderful.”

Hockett said she will miss everyone she works with and seeing the students every day. Her favorite memories have been the outcome of her former students, some of which have become her colleagues.

“It just seems like [it’s been] a few days,” she said. “The time has come and the time has gone, but it’s been beautiful.”

She said now that she is retired, she plans to do above the 95th percentile on a grade-level standardized test. As part of the program, these academically talented students take above-level college-entrance exams to learn more about their abilities. Duke TIP then hosts annual recognition ceremonies to honor the seventh graders who scored the highest on these ACT or SAT exams.

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Students honored for academic success

Staff Reports

Sixteen seventh graders from Mt. Juliet Middle School are among the students being honored by the Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) for their outstanding scores on the ACT. Most were recognized at a ceremony at Belmont University on May 6. They were also honored at a Wilson County Board meeting in Lebanon.

Duke TIP's 7th Grade Talent Search identifies students across the United States who have scored at or above the 95th percentile on a grade-level standardized test. As part of the program, these academically talented students take above-level college-entrance exams to learn more about their abilities. Duke TIP then hosts annual recognition ceremonies to honor the seventh graders who scored the highest on these ACT or SAT exams.

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Wilson Central grads receive scholarship

On hand for the presentation of the fourth annual Gladefest scholarship were Gladeville Elementary assistant principal Mitzi Smith, Wilson Bank & Trust’s Gladeville office Manager Barbara Sherrell, recipient Kyle Metz, Gladeville Elementary principal Monica Fox and recipient William Spencer Wamack. | Photo submitted

Staff Reports

Wilson Central 2019 graduates Kyle Metz and William Spencer Wamack have been selected to receive the fourth annual Gladefest Scholarship, event organizers announced recently.

The $500 scholarship, one for each recipient, is an annual award given to graduating seniors at Wilson Central High School who are former Gladeville Elementary students. The scholarship is made possible by the support of Gladefest’s event sponsors, which include Sonic, Duke Realty, Manheim, Kona Ice, Permobil, Amazon, and Wilson Bank & Trust.

Gladefest is a fall event that brings the Gladeville community together for family fun. Gladefest 2019 will take place Sept. 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and will feature an antique car show, inflatables for kids, concessions, carnival games, a 5K run, vendor booths and more.

Cumberland to host annual Phoenix Ball

Staff Reports

Cumberland University is set to host its 36th annual Phoenix Ball on Saturday, June 1, 2019. This event is the university’s largest fundraising event of the year. Regional leaders, dignitaries, and philanthropists attend this black-tie event that uses the money raised to fund scholarships for Cumberland University students. These donations have accounted for hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships over the past 36 years.

The theme for the night is “Moonlight and Magnolias: A Night of Southern Elegance.” Scott and Kirsten Harris described a nuanced nostalgia for the old South’s heritage with a refreshed take on Southern warmth. Featuring classic indulgences like chandeliers, magnolia trees, and gold-rimmed china with a re-imagined sophistication, the Harrises intend to give a paralleled nod to the rich history, yet continuous progression the University itself offers its students and alumni.

Tables can be purchased starting at $3,500.

The Joint Economic and Community Development Board Executive Committee will meet at 7:45 a.m. Thursday, June 6, 2019, at 200 Aviation Way, Suite 207, Lebanon.

JUNE 11

Job Fair
The Goodwill Career Solutions Center at 1985 Providence West Parkway, Mt. Juliet, hosts a job fair featuring area employers from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. More information is available at www.giveit-2goodwill.org/job-fairs/.

JUNE 13

Parkinson’s Support Group
Green Hill Church will host a support group for Parkinson’s patients and their care-partners every second Thursday of the month from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A light lunch will be served. For questions, contact Diane Klaiber at dklaiber11@tds.net or 508-776-1580.
OBITUARIES

CORLEY, John Taylor
John Taylor Corley, age 82 of Mt. Juliet and formerly of Greenville, KY, died May 24, 2019. He was the son of the late Jack and Verda Cisney Corley. Mr. Corley was also preceded in death by his siblings, Jane Martin, Charles “Pud” Corley, Edwin Harold Corley, Erma Joyce Byrd and Ben Corley.

He is survived by: Wife – Patricia Ann “Patay” Corley; Children – Chrystal Ann (Tom) Womack, Taylor Scott Womack, Corley Breeanna Bell, Kaci (Jeffrey) Britt, T.J. (Caylie) Bell, John Mark Bell, Christian James Bell and Tavie McGee Bell; Great-grandchildren – Adalynn Kaye Bell and Elson Colt Last.

A Celebration of Life service will be conducted in Kentucky. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Aseracare Hospice, 441 Donelson Pike, Suite 430, Nashville, TN 37214.


HAILEY, Phelissa Gwynn
Phelissa Gwynn Hailey, age 56 of Old Hickory, died May 26, 2019.

She is survived by: Daughters – Tonya Marie Hewitt Hinricher and Shannon Marie Hailey; Sisters – Genell Lynn Hailey and Cheryl Wynn Hailey; Graveside services will be conducted 4 p.m. Wednesday, May 29, at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens.

Visitaton will be 1:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday at Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. (615)773-2663. Obit Line (615)641-2663, www.bondmemorial.com

HEADY, Johnnie
Johnnie Heady passed away May 21, 2019, at age 74. The Funeral Service was held May 24 at Sellars Funeral Home in Lebanon, and interment followed at Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Heady is survived by wife of 45 years, DeLores Bond Heady; daughters: Donna (Jerry) Buckingham, Debbie Heady, and Angel Heady Logsdon; step-children: Misty (Roger) Smith, Sandy (Ralph) Jackson, and Dennis (Shana) Speck; 16 grandchildren; Shelly Buckingham, Eric Buckingham, Cory Buckingham, Hailey Smith, Zach Logsdon, Derek Logsdon, Noah Logsdon, Ke-Ke Poynter, Bethany Barrett, Caleb Barrett, Dillon Jackson, Jessica Jackson, Kade Speck, Kirtist Speck, Jacob Speck, Joshua Speck; special granddaughter that he raised as his own: Haley Smith; 1 great-grandchild: Lake- lye Mae Logsdon; brothers: Tommy (Gail) Head and Dayton (Lisa) Heady; half-sister: Lovejoy Barrett; and very special friend: Tollie Cantrell. He is preceded in death by son Johnnie Heady II, parents Delmas Heady and Clara B. Heady, sister Gladys Bain, and half-brother William Heady.

Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.

JANKOWSKI, Richard
Richard Jankowski, 91 of Lebanon, passed away at his residence on May 26, 2019. Mr. Jankowski was born Dec. 26, 1927, in Brest, Poland. Mr. Jankowski and his family were forced into Nazi labor camps during WWII where he survived 51 air raid bombings. He emigrated to the United States after the war and eventually settled in LaPorte, Indiana where he married and raised his family.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Mary Jankowski; children Christine Armantrout and Theresa Wigginton (Mike); grandchildren Josh Armantrout (Yai), Betsy Leach (Jeffrey), Amanda Schade (Aaron), James Wigginton (Sue Choi), Amy Wigginton; and 10 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by parents Jan and Emilia Jankowski; two brothers Henry and Steve Jankowski; and son-in-law Jerry Armantrout.

Visitaton with the family will be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday, May 29 at Sellars Funeral Home in Lebanon. A Funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. May 30 at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church in Lebanon.

Sellars Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements 615-444-9393.

KIERNAN, Rose Marie
Rose Marie Kiernan, age 78 of Mt. Juliet, passed away May 26, 2019. She was born in Brooklyn, New York, and was preceded in death by parents, Elizabeth and Pasquale Frisone, and her husband of 52 years, Jack Kiernan. Rose is survived by her six children and spouses: Donna (Jim) Campbell, Kerry (Kim) Dubuque, Rose (Phil) Mosca, John Kiernan, Jr., Kathleen (Scott) Mathews, and Diane Kiernan; eight grandchildren: Patrick (Beth) Campbell, Kelly (Matt) Worksman, Paul Dubuque, Madison Matthews, Makenzie Mathews, Philip Mosca, Andrea Mosca, and Justin Matthews; great-grand-son: Benjamin Campbell; and siblings: Elizabeth Stevens and Paul and Rhonda Frisone.

The Funeral Mass will be held Wednesday, May 29 at 10 a.m. at St. Stephen Catholic Community Church. Interment will be held at Middle TN Vet erans’ Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation.


KING, JB
JB King, age 87 of Mt. Juliet, passed away May 20, 2019. A funeral service was held May 23 at Sellars Funeral Home in Mt. Juliet, and interment followed at Dixon Springs Cemetery.

He is survived by loving wife of 33 years, Marjorie King; children, Lori (Jody) Ussery, Preston (Key) Wakefield, and Mary Lynn (Jerome) Watson; grandchildren, Brittany Ussery, Jake Watson, and Logan Watson; great-grandchildren, Jensen Watson and Hanna Watson.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project (Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8517) or Boys Town (100 Flanagan Blvd PO Box 5000, Boys Town, NE 68010). Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet, 2229 N. Mt. Juliet Road, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122, 615-758-5459, obituary line 615-758-8818, www.sellarsfuneralservices.com.
Esther Hockett

“That I could leave feeling that everything would be intact and that students would be welcomed as the doors are open and teachers will be welcomed and helped. I feel like that’s actually what will happen.”

The Kiwanis Club of Mt. Juliet recently recognized Rutland Elementary as its School of the Month. | Photo submitted

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missionary work. She also wants to complete a project to continue the legacy of her father, who was a pastor, by digitizing his sermons in order to bring the word of God to more people. She said she had been praying about her decision to retire but the Lord let her know that now was the right time.

“It’s given me a real satisfied mind,” she said. She also is thankful for Brooke Holloway, who will be taking over when Hockett leaves, and knows the library will be in excellent hands.

“That’s what I’d been praying about,” she said.

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Vintage Station North is a joint venture between the two companies and will be a pedestrian friendly development featuring 192 apartments, 28 town homes, and several types of commercial space.

In a first for Mt. Juliet, the heart of the project will feature two large co-working spaces including open, flexible work space, conference rooms, and 29 individual offices to meet the needs of entrepreneurs looking for either full time or part time space.

Businesses and individuals leasing office space will have access to all on-site amenities in the clubhouse, including all of the conference rooms, fitness center and pool.

“By including a mix of commercial, residential, and office space centered around a WeGo Star Station, we are creating a unique mixed-use community for middle Tennessee,” said Kent Ayer, president of TDK. “Vintage Station North allows people to live, work, and play without having to rely on a car. It also allows Mt. Juliet to grow in a way that takes advantage of existing infrastructure.”

Vintage Station North includes two luxury four-story multifamily housing buildings facing a courtyard lined with the co-working space, a two-story commercial building, dog park, and two- and three-story townhomes.

“Having individual office space and large co-working spaces for lease as well as access to several private conference rooms provides people a unique and vibrant place to work with more amenities than a traditional office building,” said Matt Gardner, partner in Imagine1 Company. “With a transit station immediately adjacent to the project, residents and commercial tenants will have a stress-free 23-minute ride by train into downtown Nashville. Mixed-use development has been incredibly successful in all areas of the country and we are thrilled to combine that with an intentional focus on the WeGo Star access to create a project unique to Tennessee. We anticipate both the residential units and commercial space will be in great demand.”

“The Regional Transportation Authority congratulates TDK and Imagine1 on the groundbreaking of this landmark project for all of Middle Tennessee,” said Steve Bland, CEO of WeGo Public Transit. “By integrating a new lifestyle option around mass transit, TDK and Imagine1 will demonstrate the attractiveness of Transit Oriented Development as a vital option in our region.”

TDK is a privately-held, three-generation development and construction company with headquarters in Murfreesboro. Imagine1 Company is a development company based in Nashville that prioritizes enhancing livability.

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Pet of the Week

Duke is a 9-year-old Pit bull mix who came to the shelter as a stray and went unclaimed. When Duke came in, he had sarcoptic mange and other skin issues. After 6 weeks under medical care, Duke was cleared by the vet and he is now up for adoption. Duke is a mellow guy with a sweet smile and demeanor. He would make for a great best friend. Duke really enjoys sunbathing and being told that he is a “good boy”.

- Ron Warren

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When asked to teach us how to pray, Jesus included these words in His model prayer for us to follow: “Give us this day our daily bread” Matthew 6:11 (ESV). A friend has pointed out that the Greek word for bread in this request is the word for ordinary bread. Thus Jesus teaches us to pray for bread and not cake.

In my mind, this may present a challenge to all of us in our day as we pray. For one, I think we live in a cake world and not a bread world. We have become accustomed to enjoying more than ordinary bread. While ordinary bread will sustain us, does it satisfy us? Could it be that the driving force in our lives today is more about our wants than our needs as it was in the days when Jesus taught us to pray this prayer.

Secondly, we seem to live in a preservative world as opposed to a preservation world. Many in our society, not all of course, no longer live day to day. The idea of daily bread does not necessarily resonate with us in terms of planning for our lives. Again, for most, we plan for our weekly needs not so much for our daily needs. The majority of people in our society are no longer paid daily so we seek to plan around the pay period rather than day to day.

Even if I am correct in my thinking about our day, it does not change the impact of Jesus’ words when it comes to the way we should make our request known to our Heavenly Father.

Chuck Groover
Victory Baptist
REFLECTIONS FROM AN OLD FRIEND

Con artists, crooks and thieves

Warmer weather also brings more opportunities for scam artists to do their dirty work. For example, is it just me, or is it getting harder and harder to find good help? It seems that some people just want to get paid for doing nothing. Don’t get me wrong, life would be great if we got paid for doing nothing, but the people I’m speaking of are thieves and crooks who make a living by theft and deception. These are scam artists that go door to door making business proposals and offers to unsuspecting honest people.

These thieves advise honest, unsuspecting and trusting citizens that they have problems with their homes or property that need to be fixed ASAP and if they act now they can get a really great deal, when in reality it is most oftentimes a scam. It might even be as simple as someone towing around a trailer with extra yard mulch or driveway sealer stating I have a great deal for today and just happened to be in your neighborhood. Many times the driveway sealer is watered down and the mulch is basically junk that will be blown away or faded in a matter of weeks.

They then make the business proposal of a lifetime that sounds too good to be true to the unsuspecting property owner. These con-artists and scammers put on good fronts. Some of them actually look like valid and real businesses, they have the company van or truck with the decals and tools, but their intent from the start isn’t honest hard work and customer service, it’s deception and theft. Unfortunately, these thieves, crooks, con-artists and scammers bilk honest citizens out of thousands of dollars every year with their slick talking snake oil techniques. These con-artists and scammers can also hurt the efforts of honest and legitimate business owners as well.

Therefore, I would like to encourage all residents and business owners to please ask anyone soliciting business at your home or business for references, business licenses and other information before doing business with them. An even better way to handle this situation is to not let them into your home, business or on your property at all and state that you are not interested.

Simple ways of determining a legitimate business are to contact the Better Business Bureau, your local Chamber of Commerce Office or City Hall. Once you have done this and called on a business or vendor for work, don’t be shy; always ask for references, identification, business license and proof of insurance.

Also, don’t be embarrassed if you’re not interested. Simply say no thank you or I’m not interested.

In closing, you are the customer and should be treated with respect and honesty. You should receive what you pay for.

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memorial Day.

Anderson rode in a Polaris slingshot as he made his way from Rutland Place to the celebration.

The celebration was held during a special closing ceremony for the “Honoring Our American Flag” display, organized by the local Exchange Club and American Legion at the Mt. Juliet Train Station.

During the escort, the community was encouraged to stand along the escort route in a display of patriotism, support of veterans, and appreciation for Anderson’s service. Many people showed up, lining up along the route and presenting American Flags. “We are forever grateful for his service and the service of all the men and women who are serving or have served for our freedom,” MJPD said in an online statement.

The Field of Honor flag display at the corner of Mt. Juliet Road and Division Street. | Photo by Sarah Tate
TriStar Summit opens new wound, vascular center

TriStar Summit Medical Center has opened the Advanced Wound Care and Vascular Center to provide comprehensive therapeutic options, including hyperbaric oxygen therapy, to patients suffering from chronic and hard-to-heal wounds.

Located in a newly renovated 4,687 square-foot space, the Advanced Wound Care offers services specifically aimed toward preventing limb loss and promoting healing for diabetic ulcers and the full spectrum of hard-to-heal wounds, including arterial ulcers, burns, complex soft tissue wounds, infected wounds, non-healing surgical wounds, pressure ulcers, traumatic wounds, vasculitic ulcers and venous stasis ulcers.

“Introducing the Advanced Wound Care and Vascular Center makes innovative therapy more accessible to patients who need help managing and treating chronic and non-healing wounds,” said Kevin Hamilton, MD, chief medical officer of TriStar Summit Medical Center. “Launching this service meets a growing need in our community, and we are proud to work with our physician partners to create an easily navigable network for healing.”

Under the direction of Dwayne Lett, MD, medical director of the Advanced Wound Care and Vascular Center, and Tiffany Barnett, RN, nursing director, the multidisciplinary center is fully staffed by providers who are experts in the field of wound care. Such expertise enhances patient outcomes by allowing for personalized treatment plans tailored to each patient’s needs.

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The Advanced Wound Care and Vascular Center is located on the TriStar Summit Medical Center campus at 3901 Central Pike, Suite 456, Hermitage, TN 37076.

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TDCI, FCC warn of ‘one-ring’ scams

Scammers aim to trick consumers into running up expensive toll charges

Staff Reports

The Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance (TDCI) is joining the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to help alert Tennessee consumers to increased reports of “one ring” or “Wangiri” scam robocalls targeting specific area codes in bursts, often calling multiple times in the middle of the night.

While these calls might appear as if they’re originating from the U.S., scammers use spoofing techniques to mask their locations and true identities. In reality, one-ring scammers use international numbers from regions that also begin with three-digit codes — for example, “232” goes to Sierra Leone and “809” goes to the Dominican Republic. Advances in technology allow massive amounts of calls to be made cheaply and easily.

Generally, the one-ring scams take place when a robocaller calls a number and hangs up after a ring or two. They may call repeatedly, hoping the consumer returns the call. If consumers return the calls, they risk being connected to a phone number outside the U.S. As a result, consumers may be charged a fee for connecting, along with significant per-minute fees for as long as a consumer stays on the phone. These charges may show up on a phone bill as premium services, international calling, or toll-calling. Consumers should never call these numbers back.

News reports have indicated widespread calls across the U.S., including Tennessee where Knoxville and Memphis news stations have reported consumers complaining about being targeted by these robocalls.

If you believe you are being contacted by a one-ring scammer, remember:
  • Do not call back numbers you do not recognize, especially those appearing to originate overseas.
  • File a complaint with the FCC if you received these calls: www.fcc.gov/complaints

If you never make international calls, consider talking to your phone company about blocking outbound international calls to prevent accidental toll calls.

Check your phone bill for charges you don’t recognize.

The FCC is working to combat scam calls with enforcement actions, a strong push for caller ID authentication, and support for call blocking tools.

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. The 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.

The Joint Chiropractic had its ribbon cutting with the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce and grand opening celebration May 17. They are located in Providence at 401 S. Mt. Juliet Road, Suite 245. | Photo submitted

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Oakley joins Gladeville Middle

Staff Reports

Missi Oakley will be joining the staff of Gladeville Middle School to serve as a P.E. teacher and head girls basketball coach for the 2019-2020 school year. Oakley has served as an assistant principal at Wilson Central High School for six years and is excited to step back into a teaching and coaching role.

“Being an assistant principal has allowed me to see many aspects of education,” said Oakley. “I have been blessed and grown from this experience. I love my Wilson Central High School family and will miss them. However, I have deeply missed the reward of working with students. Outside of my parents and grandparents, the most influential people in my life were teachers and coaches. That is why I have decided to once again pursue what I love to do.”

Oakley said she is thankful to be joining Gladeville Middle School and looks forward to being a part of the community.

“I want to thank Mrs. Wilson and the administration at Gladeville Middle School for this opportunity,” said Oakley.

Dealership offers unique showroom experience

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

Brentwood Auto Brokers recently opened its doors in Mt. Juliet, providing a new car buying experience with its unique indoor showroom.

Originally opened by Sam Karaman in Brentwood in 2008, Brentwood Auto Brokers came to Mt. Juliet in January 2019. The city’s centralized location and potential for growth was a factor with relocating to the area.

In addition to Karaman, Brentwood Auto Brokers has four buyers to assist customers with their car buying needs and to help the process run smoothly.

What sets Brentwood Auto Brokers apart from other dealerships in the area is that the entire showroom is located indoors and away from any inclement weather that could tarnish the vehicles.

Customers can browse through their inventory of pre-owned vehicles or off-lease purchases. All in stock cars can also be viewed online at the company’s website brentwoodautobrokers.com. Brentwood Auto Brokers strives to provide customers with a boutique experience at wholesale prices. The dealership has a variety of cars, ranging from $4,000 to $100,000, pre-owned to luxury vehicles.

In order to ensure the best service completely focused on the customer, Brentwood Auto Brokers work by appointment only.

They also have in-house financing and will work with credit scores 520 and above. They can accept trade-ins as well, and anyone interested can visit their website to get a quote.

Brentwood Auto Brokers are located at 115 Clemmons Rd., Mt. Juliet. To learn more about the dealership, visit brentwoodautobrokers.com. They can also be found on Facebook and Instagram under Brentwood Auto Brokers.

MJHS students awarded for exam scores

Staff Reports

Mt. Juliet High School students Nicole Saul, Albert Hylmar and Addison Reiter were recently awarded the Gold Medal and a special recognition on the Presidential Honor Roll for outstanding performance on the 2019 National German Exam for High School Students.

Nicole Saul and Albert Hylmar received this award after scoring in the 94th percentile on the Level 1 2019 National German Exam sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG). Addison Reiter received this award after scoring in the 90th percentile on the Level 1 2019 National German Exam, sponsored by the same organization.

Nearly 24,900 students participated in the exam this year nationwide. In Tennessee, 173 students competed on the Level 1 Exam, and 141 students competed on the Level 2 Exam.

The National German Exam, now in its 59th year, rewards students through an extensive prize program and provide a means of comparing students in all regions of the US.

The outstanding performance of these German students in our national competition brings honor to their school, their district, and their German program,” said Susanne Rinner, associate professor of German at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and AATG president. “The AATG salutes their tremendous accomplishment and the great work their teachers do.”

Saul, Hylmar and Reiter are students of Janine Zachucky, German teacher at Mt. Juliet High School.

Five other students were awarded certificates in the category of Achievement, signifying a score of 50% in the nation or higher: Jude DeWald (70%), Avery Clarkston (61%), Rosemary Meads (57%), Savannah Lowery (55%), and John Zimmerman (50%) out-performed half of the students in the United States in reading and listening comprehension. They also demonstrated mastery in identifying main ideas, supporting details,
Addiction, substance abuse both mental health issues

Staff Reports

Addiction and substance abuse are considered to be in the forefront of mental health issues dealt with daily in the U.S.

Nathan Miller of Cumberland Mental Health, an agency of Volunteer Behavioral Health, a nonprofit that provides mental health services in 31 counties said “problems related to addiction and substance abuse can be observed in local crime rates, in absenteeism and poor performance in the workplace, in domestic and family abuse, and in many other very prominent ways.”

Miller’s comments were made in relation to the month of May being nationally recognized as Mental Health Awareness Month.

Miller noted that in 2014, according to data provided by the National Institute of Mental Health, 20.2 million adults in the United States had a substance use disorder and 7.9 million had both a substance use disorder and another mental illness.

Tobacco, illicit drugs and alcohol are considered the most common products generally associated with substance abuse issues.

Tobacco can be smoked, chewed or sniffed. However, the most common way people consume tobacco is by smoking cigarettes.

Based on a report by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, research has shown that adults with a mental illness are more likely to smoke cigarettes than other adults. This is particularly true among people with major depression and those diagnosed with schizophrenia. It is estimated that people with psychiatric disorders purchase approximately 44 percent of all cigarettes sold in the United States.

There continues to be a growing concern about illicit drug use. Based on statistics in a 2014 report, the most recent to be filed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, some 27 million people aged 12 or older reportedly used an illicit drug in the past 30 days from when information in the report was gathered. According to the report, this percentage in 2014 was higher than those in every year from 2002 through 2013.

The illicit drug use estimate for 2014 was driven primarily by marijuana use and the nonmedical use of prescription pain relievers, with 22.2 million current marijuana users aged 12 or older and 4.3 million people aged 12 or older who reported current nonmedical use of prescription pain relievers.

Alcohol abuse and dependence affects virtually all ages with some beginning their dependency even before their teen years.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration data for 2014 related to alcohol use showed that 60.9 million Americans were binge alcohol users and 16.3 million were heavy alcohol users.

However, the report concluded underage alcohol use (ages 12 to 20) and binge and heavy use among young adults aged 18 to 25 have declined, but continue to remain a concern.

In 2014, 22.8 percent of underage people were current alcohol users; 13.8 percent were binge alcohol users; and 3.4 percent were heavy alcohol users. According to the report, these percentages were lower than the percentages in 2002 to 2012, but they were similar to the percentages in 2013.

Among young adults aged 18 to 25, the percentages who were binge or heavy alcohol users in 2014 were lower than those in 2002 to 2012. Nevertheless, more than one third of young adults in 2014 were binge alcohol users (37.7 percent), and about 1 in 10 were heavy alcohol users (10.8 percent).
The City of Mt. Juliet is developing an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan. The Transition Plan will include a ADA compliance review of City programs, services, activities, public buildings, parks, and pedestrian facilities within the Public Rights-of-Way. A public meeting will be held on June 6, 2019. Those interested persons, including individuals with disabilities or organizations representing individuals with disabilities, are requested to participate in the development of Mt. Juliet’s Transition Plan.

Date: June 6, 2019
Location: City Hall
Meeting time: 6:30 PM

City of Mt. Juliet ADA Coordinator
Att: Matt White, PE
City of Mt. Juliet ADA Coordinator
Email: mwhite@mtjuliet-tn.gov
Phone: (615) 773-7957
71 East Hill Street
Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

Residents are welcome to provide comments on the proposed Transition Plan process prior to or after the public meeting. Comments for modifications to City facilities, programs, services, and activities should be submitted to the City’s ADA Coordinator.

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An apology to my parents

By Becky Andrews
Wilson Living Magazine

Mom and Dad,

The next three words immediately following this sentence aren’t hard for me to say. YOU WERE RIGHT.

You said, “When you have children of your own, I promise you will punish them when they screw up.”

I thought, “Pfft. Whatevs!”

You said, “I distinctly remember I didn’t believe any of it. I thought, ‘Whatevs!’”

At the time, my immediate thought was, “ME TOO! I’m FABULOUS!” Then I became a mom to two boys. I love them. They make me laugh, cry and think. They are both kind, smart, and hard working. They’re also the reason I’ve never regretted being a tough parent.

At the end of the day, I can’t tell me what to do. I just code for “I’m 20. You can stay out as late as you want without worrying about a pesky curfew. Bad grades? No problem. You just do you, sweet child. I’ll sit back and watch you grow. Job? Are you kidding? You’ve got the rest of your life to work. It’s not like working hard as a child/teen will make you a more responsible, harder worker as an adult. And I will be the cool mom/friend. Friend will come later, I promise.”

I thought, “Uh-oh. Are those uncomfortable conversations the topic might be. (P.S. I spared you on those uncomfortable conversations. You’re welcome.) As it turns out, I wasn’t the idiot, not you two. And I’m sorry… for everything. And thank you… for everything. P.S. Dad, you were right! Paybacks ARE hell!”

Love from your eternally grateful daughter,
Becky
Goodwill, Google expand program providing digital skills training

Staff Reports

Goodwill Industries International and Google.org, Google’s philanthropic arm, are expanding a successful program that provides digital skills training to U.S. workers.

The Goodwill Digital Career Accelerator is designed to meet a range of needs — from basic keyboarding to advanced computer programming — to sharpen the digital skills of today’s workers and provide the necessary training that is specific to entry- and mid-level occupations.

First announced in October 2017, the program is part of the Grow with Google initiative to create economic opportunities for all Americans.

In the next year, the joint program will grow from 93 locations in 34 states to 126 locations nationwide. Goodwill Industries of Middle Tennessee started the program in 2018 in Nashville as a means to provide digital skills to open the doors for job seekers. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, there are more than 7 million job openings in the United States, and advanced skills such as computer support or programming are increasingly essential for well-paying, in-demand careers for diverse populations across the country.

One year into a three-year, $10 million commitment from Google.org, the Goodwill Digital Career Accelerator has already helped more than a quarter million job-seekers improve their digital skills awareness and connected nearly 30,000 job seekers and career advancers with employment.

Goodwill Industries of Middle Tennessee has reshaped how it responds to the digital economy with support from Google’s tools, resources, and talent.

The program trains workers in a variety of skills relevant in today’s digital workplace, from basic digital literacy and productivity skills to information technology training, so that workers can keep their skills current in today’s rapidly shifting labor market.

“Many current employees and job-seekers lack digital confidence. The inability to complete an online application or to create a spreadsheet are barriers to employment or advancement within a company,” said Goodwill Industries of Middle Tennessee President and CEO Matthew Bourliakas. “Goodwill believes that all people should have the opportunity to reach their fullest potential through the power of work. Grow with Google and the Goodwill Digital Career Accelerator are helping people build their digital confidence, which is why we are so excited to bring these services to the region.”

The Goodwill Digital Career Accelerator trains workers in four digital skill levels:

- Digital Skills Awareness — Introduction to computers and information about digital skills
- Basic Digital Skills Training — Computer skills such as keyboarding, email, and social media
- Productivity Software Skills — Productivity tools such as word processors and spreadsheets
- Entry-Level Digital Skills — Training includes computer and network support and basic programming

“The Goodwill Digital Career Accelerator helps job-seekers and mid-career professionals attain the skills they need to find work and enhance their earnings potential,” said Steven C. Preston, president, and CEO of Goodwill Industries International. “Thanks to the early success of this program, Goodwill and Google.org are extending its reach to workers across the country as we aim to train more than 1.25 million workers with the digital skills needed to succeed in today’s job market and prepare for the changing workforce.”

Part of the success of the Goodwill Digital Career Accelerator is fueled by Google.org’s commitment to provide 1,000 Google volunteers as trainers and mentors. To date, 200 volunteers have already helped to build workers’ digital skills. Additionally, seven Google.org Fellows are embedded full-time at Goodwill locations across the country.

“This effort was made possible by the strong collaboration we’ve formed with Goodwill Industries International, building on the good work they do every day to help extend opportunity,” said Sundar Pichai, CEO of Google. “We are proud of the work we’ve done together through the Goodwill Digital Career Accelerator and look forward to continuing our work with them to equip more Americans with the digital skills they need to succeed.”

For more than 60 years, Goodwill Industries of Middle Tennessee has provided job training and job placement free of charge to people with disabilities or other barriers to employment through the sale of donated items. Goodwill’s vision is that all people will have the opportunity to reach their fullest potential through the power of work.

Google’s mission is to organize the world’s information and make it universally accessible and useful. Through products and platforms like Search, Maps, Gmail, Android, Google Play, Chrome and YouTube, Google plays a meaningful role in the daily lives of billions of people and has become one of the most widely-known companies in the world.
The national anti-hunger campaign No Kid Hungry has selected Tennessee as one of six states that will participate in its 2019 School Breakfast Leadership Institute. Teams from Georgia, Maryland, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Utah and Wyoming will attend an in-person convening in New Orleans, Louisiana, June 11-12, and receive a $50,000 grant from No Kid Hungry to implement a comprehensive action plan to expand access to school breakfast in their state. States were selected through a competitive proposal process.

No Kid Hungry’s School Breakfast Leadership Institute brings together national, state and local leaders to develop new and better ways to connect kids with school breakfast. Tennessee’s state team is composed of stakeholders who can influence school breakfast practice and policy from the Tennessee Department of Education, first lady’s office, Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents (TOSS), State Board of Education, and Knox County Schools.

“We are excited about this unique opportunity to bring our team together to identify the most effective ways to ensure Tennessee students have access to school breakfast,” said Lori Paisley, executive director of healthy schools at the Tennessee Department of Education. “We believe that healthy students learn better, and a healthy breakfast sets our students up for success. The support we will receive will allow us to establish goals and to develop key strategies to strengthen school breakfast across the state.”

One out of every five kids in Tennessee is growing up in a family that struggles with hunger; school breakfast only reaches 65 percent of students who may need it.

School breakfast is an energy source for kids across the nation. Research shows that hunger has long-term ramifications on children, including lower test scores, weaker attendance rates, and a higher risk of hospitalizations and chronic diseases. No Kid Hungry and its partners focus on school breakfast as a critical way to end childhood hunger.

Accessing traditional cafeteria breakfast service can be challenging for many kids. Breakfast after the bell provides breakfast in a way that is more convenient and accessible to students, resulting in more kids starting the day ready to learn.

No Kid Hungry believes that no child should go hungry in America, but one in six kids will face hunger this year.

No Kid Hungry attempts to end childhood hunger through effective programs that provide kids with the food they need. To learn more, visit NoKidHungry.org.
Unemployment drops in nearly all TN counties

Several Mid-TN counties mark record low unemployment

Unemployment rates for 94 of Tennessee’s 95 counties dropped in April 2019, according to data released Thursday by the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD).

The unemployment rate in Maury County remained unchanged for the month.

Ninety-four counties have rates lower than 5 percent and only one county’s rate is higher than 5 percent.

Unemployment in Williamson County dipped below 2 percent in April. The county’s current rate of 1.9 percent marks a 0.5 of a percentage point drop from the previous month.

Davidson County’s unemployment rate hit a record low during April; it dropped by 0.5 of a percentage point and now sits at 2 percent. Rutherford County followed at 2.1 percent, while Cheatham, Wilson, Moore and Sumner counties each recorded a rate of 2.2 percent in April.

Along with Davidson County, Wilson, Sumner, Smith, and Hickman counties marked record low unemployment. Rutherford County tied its all-time low rate.

“County unemployment rates continue to be extraordinarily positive,” said TDWLD Commissioner Jeff McCord. “Across our state we are now seeing unemployment rates at or below 5 percent become the norm.”

Clay County has the state’s highest rate in April at 5.6 percent, which is a 0.4 of a percentage point decrease from the previous month. Hancock and Rhea counties have the next highest rates at 4.9 percent. Those rates represent a 0.9 of a percentage point drop for Hancock County and the rate is 0.8 of a percentage point lower in Rhea County when compared to the previous month.

Statewide, unemployment remains at Tennessee’s historic low of 3.2 percent. It is the third consecutive month the rate has been at the record level.

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