State Senator Mae Beavers plans to announce campaign for Governor

State Senator Mae Beavers (R-Mt. Juliet) intends to formally announce a campaign for Governor of Tennessee at Charlie Daniels Park in Mt. Juliet at 1 p.m., Saturday, June 3, 2017. Further details for the campaign kickoff will be announced later this week.

“Over the past several weeks, it has become increasingly clear that conservatives in Tennessee are looking for bold leadership that will not shrink from standing up and speaking up on the key issues facing our state,” Beavers said in announcing her intentions.

“Family values is an issue that Republican candidates often talk about during campaigns but then gets tossed away like leftover campaign signs after the election is over,” Beavers pointed out. “As Governor, I will make sure that Tennessee focuses on protecting children before

Suspects distract victim and steal wallet while she shops

A 2-car, rollover crash occurred, Wednesday, May 24, on Mt. Juliet Rd near Old Lebanon Dirt Rd. Only minor injuries have been reported.

Officials from law enforcement agencies, emergency services and the Wilson County School System are preparing to hold a full-scale active shooter exercise on June 1, at Wa-

Full-scale active shooter exercise to prepare emergency response team

While shopping, a woman’s wallet was stolen out of her purse when she became distracted, and now police are seeking the identity of suspects caught on surveillance camera. On Wednesday, May 16, 2017 an officer responded to TJ Maxx, located at 401 S. Mt. Juliet Road, to investigate a theft of a wallet.

The investigation revealed that a female victim was distracted by a woman, who asked questions about clothing, while shopping. During the distraction, it is believed that another suspect stole the victim’s wallet from her purse. Shortly after the theft, the suspects went to a nearby Best Buy and charged nearly $2,500 on the victim’s credit card.

Detectives tracked down surveillance images of a male and three female suspects, who are believed to be responsible for this crime. Detectives hope someone in the community may have information about the suspects. Anyone with any information regarding this crime 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.

Community Calendar

JUNE 1

Glen Leven Farm
4000 Franklin Pike,
Nashville

JUNE 2

Free Clothes
3688 Highway 109 Lebanon,

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they are born and then providing them a safe and secure environment to grow up in after they are born.” That safety and security extends to making sure that men don’t go into the bathrooms and locker rooms of little girls, Beavers said.

“I will also devote my effort and assurance that Tennessee taxpayers will get the biggest bang possible for their tax dollars, with spending focused on results rather than catering to special interest cronies and big corporate donors,” Beavers promised.

“And that means a full effort to repeal the gas tax increase that the legislature just passed and Governor Haslam just signed into law.” I didn’t lead the fight against a state income tax and spend the last several decades in public office working against tax increases in order to have a Republican majority legislature impose a tax increase on fuel while we have a $2 billion dollar surplus,” Beavers pointed out. “Punishing working men and women in Tennessee with a big increase at the gas pumps when we have other revenue available to build and repair our roads is completely unacceptable and we should make repeal of that tax a priority.”

“Over the next year leading to the GOP Primary in August, 2018 I will talk in more detail about other issues that deserve our attention and which will be my focus as Governor,” Beavers promised. “But those who have been wanting a clear, consistent conservative to lead the way should join us Saturday to find out how they can help move Tennessee in the right direction!”

Conservative Republican State Senator Mae Beavers represents the Seventeenth Senatorial District and was the Chair of the Tennessee Republican Delegation to the Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio in 2016…the first female to chair the Tennessee delegation. She was a Trump delegate to the convention and received the most votes of any candidate running for a statewide GOP delegate position. She and her husband Jerry live in Mt. Juliet.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE 1

Glen Leven Farm

Grab your blanket and favorite picnic snack and join us for a special early evening event on Thursday, June 1, at Glen Leven Farm, a historic 65-acre oasis, located four miles from downtown Nashville. From 5 to 7 p.m., relax on the lawn, plant a Tennessee wildflower and more during your visit to this one-of-a-kind working landscape, which is not regularly open to the public.

JUNE 2

Free Clothes

The Free Clothing store will be open this Friday, June 2, from 9 a.m. until noon. It is open to everyone. There are clothes for men, women, and children. Life Church 3688 Highway 109 Lebanon, 37087 www.LifeChurchFamily.com.

JUNE 11

Sunday Mornin’ Country

The Music City Christian Fellowship (MCCF) has announced that the 37th Annual Sunday Mornin’ Country Celebration will be held in Nashville, Tennessee at the Grand Ole Opry House on Sunday, June 11, starting at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are available through the Opry Box Office (1-800-733-6779) and Ticketmaster.

JUNE 17

Mt. Juliet High School Class of 1987 - 30 Year Reunion

We will gather at the new Mt. Juliet Courthouse by Marriot July 17, at 7 p.m.

For more information please contact one of the following classmates: Jennifer York Allison - email jennifer.allison85@gmail.com; Robert McMurry - (615) 512-0663 or email rmcmurryj@gmail.com; Susan Hurt McRay - (615) 300-8488 or email susannmcray@gmail.com; Nancy Gardner Arrington - (615) 406-2768 or email nancyarrington@comcast.net.

JULY 8

Murder Mystery Excursion Train

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Come ride the Tennessee Central Railway Museum’s Murder Mystery Excursion Train July 8, to Watertown as passengers become detectives for the evening! Passengers enjoy a progressive murder mystery play performed in each car while traveling to and from Watertown. Boarding will begin at 2:30 p.m. and the train departs at 3 p.m. To order tickets go to www.tcrm.org or 615-241-0436. Visit watertownmurdermystery.com for more information.

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Belmont graduate named Athlete of the Year

University, Bradds has taken home a laundry list of national, regional and conference honors for his achievement on the court and in the classroom.

Among a select group of student-athletes twice named Associated Press All-American and CoSIDA Academic All-American®, Bradds represented Belmont at the Final Four as part of the 2017 Reese’s College All-Star Game.

Named OVC Player of the Year in 2016 and 2017, Bradds became the fourth player this millennium to earn OVC Player of the Year honors in successive seasons, joining NBA players Isaiah Canaan, Kenneth Faried, and Lester Hudson.

Bradds led Belmont to 91 victories and four consecutive conference championships.

The 6-7 forward set Belmont’s NCAA Division I-era career scoring record (1,921 points) and ranks fourth all-time in college basketball history in field goal percentage (.667).

He tallied 98 double-figure scoring games, including 30 of his final 31 games.

Bradds, two-time All-District by the NABC and USBWA, was also a finalist for the Senior CLASS Award and Julius Erving Award.

A two-time OVC Commissioner’s Honor Roll recipient, Bradds earned placement on each of the last two NASDA DI-AAA ADA Scholar-Athlete teams.

He graduated earlier this month with honors in finance.

The Jamestown, Ohio native is the first Belmont student-athlete to be named OVC Male Athlete of the Year since the Bruins joined the League in 2012-13.

Bradds shares the honor with Jacksonville State quarterback Eli Jenkins. It marks only the second time in the history of the award (which dates back to 1977) that a pair of athletes have shared the honor. The other occurrence was in 1978 (track athletes Ray Flynn of ETSU and Rodney Moore of Tennessee Tech).

Bradds will receive his award at the League’s annual Honors Brunch on June 2, in Nashville.

The award is voted on by the Conference’s athletics directors and sports information directors.

Belmont University men’s basketball graduate Evan Bradds (17) has been named 2017 Ohio Valley Conference Male Athlete of the Year, the league office announced Thursday.

‘Evan has meant so much to our program and our university over the last four years, and few could be more deserving of such an award,’ said Rick Byrd, Belmont head coach. ‘Evan embodies the competitive spirit and respect for the game our program values. Our staff and our team thank the OVC, and congratulate Evan on such a tremendous honor.’

Among the most decorated student-athletes in the history of Belmont
Rotary Club presents bicycles to students for final school quarter

The Mt. Juliet Noon Rotary Club, under our Wheels in Motion program, gives a bicycle to a student each quarter in four local elementary schools. In the past two weeks, they presented four more students with new bicycles and helmets for the fourth and final quarter of this school year.

5/10/2017 – Gladeville Elementary
The winner was kindergartener Urijah Mitchell – Pictured with Urijah are Rotarians Larry Kernagis, Barbara Sherrell, and Kevin Pigg; Urijah’s mother, April, and his grandparents, Sammy and Theresa Mitchell.

5/18/2017 – West Elementary
The winner was fifth-grader, Taylor Washburn. Pictured with Taylor are Rotarian Jim Brownfield, Principal Chris Plummer, and Rotarians Evan Watson, Toni Burton, and Maggie Lea.

5/24/2017 – Elsie D. Patton Elementary
The winner was fifth-grader Tabby Ransom. Pictured with Tabby are Rotarians Jason Loggins, Carolyn Christoffersen, Tina Hutsenpiller, and Kevin Pigg.

Photos submitted

Christian comedians bringing positive light to dark places

As the typical comedy club act tends to get dirtier and more negative, The Christian Comedy Association prepares to hold its annual conference in June, in efforts to equip its members with specific tools for shining positive light in dark places.

The conference will attract over 150 faith based performers from around the country and Canada. During a four-day span the group will put on three comedy showcases and host over twenty keynote and breakout sessions, geared towards being more successful in blending their beliefs with their punch lines.

While some of the comedians heavily reference church culture in their act, others simply perform clean comedy shows and use their jokes to provide a night of family friendly comedy. Many members take it a step further and use their comedy for ministry.

Mike Williams, a veteran comedian, has found a way to benefit both Pregnancy Care Centers and a poverty-stricken community in Sosua, Dominican Republic. “Life does not cease to be funny because someone dies any more than life ceases to be serious because someone laughs. I love helping people have a good time while also bringing food relief to the poorest of people around the world. I’m not trying to bring awareness, we are all aware, I am trying to use ‘Fun and Funny’ to help those in the helplessness... and it seems to be working,” Williams said.

According to current CCA president Rik Roberts, “Many of our members use their talents to raise funds or awareness for specific missions and causes. And many non-profits are realizing the impact a Christian comedian can have in regards for increasing attendance at their fund-raising events. Comedy is the flavor that helps the medicine go down.”

Tim DeTellis, President of New Missions, focuses on establishing local churches and Christian schools in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. DeTellis utilizes members of the CCA to raise funds and awareness throughout the year by putting on, Laugh All Night comedy shows at churches.

Dave Nowak, Executive Director at Laugh All Night says, “It’s such a privilege to witness how laughter brings joy into people’s lives. People need to laugh. Comedy is the perfect tool to bring cities and communities together.”

The life of a comedian can be a lonely, solo journey. The conference allows a connecting point for all the members regardless of where they are in that process. Comedian Mike Goodwin, who is preparing to take his clean comedy act to Germany to perform for the U. S. military says, “Attending the CCA is one of the antidotes I use to overcome the loneliness.”

The relationships I have been able to foster over the years in comedy are many times directly related to the CCA.”

The comedy showcases held during the conference are a way to let the public know about the group and give their comedians much desired stage time. “The members are always up for hitting the stage. It’s part of our drive and our purpose,” Roberts said.

Showcases this year include Saturday June 3 and 5, at Life Assembly in Mt. Juliet as well as Sunday night, June 4, at Oasis Church, in Nashville. All shows start at 7 p.m. and will feature at least a dozen comedians per night. More info on tickets can be found at http://bit.ly/CCA-COMEDYSHOWS.
Howard’s Hope pool partnership at MTSU needs lifeguards

MTSU’s Campus Recreation Center and Murfreesboro-based nonprofit Howard’s Hope have built a special partnership in two years’ time.

The university’s large indoor pool is perfect for Howard’s Hope, which provides swimming lessons to underserved youth in Murfreesboro, Rutherford County and other areas in Tennessee with a mission of combating accidental drowning among children and youth.

With Memorial Day, the opening of the MTSU outdoor pool and the first of three, two-week Howard’s Hope, “Flying Fish” swim lesson sessions nearing, MTSU aquatic coordinator Pam Footit acknowledges “a critical need,” to hire more American Red Cross-certified lifeguards.

“Howard’s Hope has so many great stories — from children overcoming the fear of water to learning swimming strokes and possibly becoming a member of a swim team — but we are desperate for lifeguards,” Foomit said, “we typically have 25 to 30 lifeguards by this time, but we still don’t have the numbers. If we don’t have lifeguards, we can’t offer the program.”

Foomit recognizes the shortage of lifeguards at both local and national levels. It stems from the American Red Cross implementing a more “rigorous, stringent” course nationally starting January 3, making it tougher for prospective guards to become certified.

In March, she reached out to area high schools regarding the Flying Fish program and the need for lifeguards. A current American Red Cross certification class ends May 31, with only three projected lifeguards expected to graduate.

Flying Fish summer swim lessons at MTSU are scheduled for May 30-June 9, June 12-23 and June 26-July 7, for potentially 120 children ages six to 12. The lessons are free or needs-based, depending on parents’ income. No lessons will be held Tuesday, July 4, because of the holiday.

To learn more about the Howard’s Hope swim lesson opportunities, visit http://www.howardshope.org/ or email admin@howardshope.org.

Howard’s Hope founder and executive director Steve Reeves said many people do not realize drowning is the leading cause of accidental death for children younger than five and the second leading cause of death for children younger than 14.

“Studies indicate a significant number of juvenile drowning victims, particularly those from low-income households, have never had access to safe water and have never learned how to swim,” he said.

“The partnership between Howard’s Hope and MTSU addresses both of those issues by providing organized swim lessons, in a controlled environment, for needy children in Rutherford County,” he added, “it’s a goal of both organizations to be proactive for water safety instructors,” Foomit said.

For more on MTSU’s aquatics program, including pool hours, swim lesson opportunities and more, visit http://www.mtsu.edu/campusrec/aquatics/index.php.

The Journey Home Project supports The Shepherd’s Men

Charlie Daniels and his Tennessee based non-profit, The Journey Home Project, is supporting the Shepherd’s Men. They are a 17-member team of active and former servicemen and civilian patriots, proudly dedicated to raising funds and awareness for the SHARE Military Initiative at Shepherd Center in Atlanta, Georgia. This comprehensive rehabilitation program focuses on assessment and treatment for post-9/11 military veterans who have sustained a mild to moderate Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).

Twenty-two veterans commit suicide each day. Members of the Shepherd’s Men run 22 kilometers per day, wearing 22-pound flak vests, to bring awareness to the fight to end this American epidemic.

On Monday, May 22, the Shepherd’s Men began their Fourth Annual Campaign, through eight cities beginning at the Flight 93 Memorial site in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. To pay tribute to the heroes who gave their lives on that 9/11 flight, each of the members wore 71-pound packs over their 22-pound flak vests for a total of 93 pounds on the first leg of the run; in each city thereafter, two team members rotated carrying that honor until the Shepherd’s Men arrived back home to the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, May 29.

Logan is part of family of wild cats brought to the shelter shortly after their birth. The mom is still very shy and scared of human interaction, but the 3 kittens are quickly adjusting. Logan is about 9 months old. She is the friendliest of the kittens. She loves to have a good back scratch and will beg you for treats. We are so happy she has adjusted because now we can find her a forever home. She is extremely calm and mild mannered, but will need someone who understands her hesitancies while she continues to build her trust.

Her adoption fee is only $25.00. She will need to be spayed before going to a forever home which is an additional cost.

Call 615-773-5533 to make an appointment to meet this very sweet girl or come during Open Hours on Wednesday from 11:30am-3:30pm.
I was thinking recently about the old gospel song with the same title as this article. The lyrics depict someone who is in the churning waters and is rescued by the “Master of the Sea.” For those who have been redeemed from bondage to a life of sin, the allegory certainly fits. Jesus found us and rescued us from ourselves. What really struck me when I meditated on these lyrics is that it was love that reached down into the violent waters and lifted me out. As the lyricist James Rowe penned it, “now safe am I.” It was the love of God that took the initiative to provide a way for you and me to find peace and joy in this world through the salvation of Jesus Christ. Sometimes we think that Jesus came to beat us up or condemn us. The words of Jesus – “For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.” John 3:17

The apostle Paul writes that God demonstrated His love to us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Jesus did not wait for us to get our act together and deserve His sacrifice. Because of His love for the human race, He went to the cross as our substitute with no promise of reciprocity. It is important to remember that there was nothing in us that would have drawn that kind of love out of the Father. But, rather, it was His own character that presented the Son as the Lamb of God, to be sacrificed in our place. Remember, “for God so loved the world…” That is why He gave His only Son to be our scapegoat. I hope you can see it was the love of the Father that reached down into the surrounding waters and lifted us up.

What shall be our response to such a demonstration and extension of real, untainted love? James

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God is in Control

Vol State with a growing student research pipeline

The numbers are stunning. There will be a need for one million more science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) professionals than the United States will produce in the next few years. There has been a 17 percent increase in job growth for STEM fields. That’s according to a report by the President’s Council of Advisors on Science and Technology. Volunteer State Community College is teaming up with area high schools to grow a science research pipeline for students. Lebanon High School students gathered recently at Vol State to show off their laboratory skills. “The idea is to give students the ability to walk into a laboratory and know what they are doing,” said Math and Science Dean Phil Clifford. “That’s going to put them head and shoulders above other students in school.” These students will start their college career with a huge leg up,” said Lebanon High School teacher Melissa Bunch. “They’re doing molecular biology in my lab right now.” Lebanon High School is now offering dual credit courses in key research areas. The classes are taught at the college level and provide both high school and college credit. Lebanon is also leading the way as the first high school in the state to have biotechnology program. “The pathway from high school to community college to university is a big selling point,” Bunch said. The Vol State and Lebanon High School partnership also reaches out to the business community with a nine-week internship at a biotech company. “All of this gives students exposure to lab research, so they can make wise career choices down the road,” Clifford added.

First Freedom Bank welcomes Jenny Etheridge

Jenny Etheridge has joined First Freedom Bank as a Financial Services Representative, announced Mailea Oakley, Senior Vice President and Director of Human Resources. “Jenny has a genuine customer friendly attitude and desires to build financial relationships with our customers. Her accommodating, action driven approach will be an asset to our bank. We are excited to have Jenny join us at First Freedom,” said Oakley. Etheridge was previously employed with University Medical Center for more than 11 years and brings with her exceptional customer service. She is a 1984 graduate of Pioneer Christian Academy and later attended Volunteer State Community College. A native of Greenbrier, Tennessee, she lives in Mt. Juliet with her husband Kevin. Etheridge is a volunteer and member at Silver Spring Baptist Church.

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Everyone knows that life can be tough. Everyone at one time or another in their lifetime, no matter how young or how old has endured tough times, heartache and setbacks. It’s simply a part of life. How we handle those tough times and setbacks can mean the difference between success and failure, happiness and sorrow. There are many things in our lives that we can turn to when things aren’t going our way.

Some people turn to drugs, alcohol, violence and even suicide. These are all desperate actions because they feel helpless. We are humans with many options to turn to. Some turn to food for comfort. Most of us turn to pets, family and friends. But your best option in time of need is God for God has all the answers to your questions, problems and prayers. What may seem like a huge pot-hole in your life today, will seem like a mere bump in the road tomorrow if you turn to God.

Keeping priorities straight and your mind on the right track requires prayer, patience and understanding. Other options for keeping your mind on the right track are inspirational quotes. I have included a few inspirational quotes below.

A person’s true wealth is the good he or she does in the world. Mohammed

What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight – it’s the size of the fight in the dog. Dwight D. Eisenhower

If the going is real easy, beware, you may be going down hill.

When you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on. Franklin D. Roosevelt

Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising up every time we fail. Ralph Waldo Emerson

Never, never, never give up. Winston Churchill

As you can see, it’s not the getting down in life that matters. It’s how you handle adversity and setbacks that gives you the power to get up and fight harder. So please remember to hang in there and keep your chin up because God is in control!
Local UAW 342 holds elections

The Wilson County Election Commission provided voting machines and support workers for the UAW Local 342 election. Local UAW 342 members voted to elect their Chairman, President, Bargaining Committee, Skilled Trades Committee, Financial Secretary, Sergeant at Arms, Guide and second-shift Steward. The election was held at the UAW Hall on Murfreeboro Road in Lebanon. UAW Local 342 represents workers at Lebanon’s TRW Steering Services facility.

Joanne Ashworth and her election committee worked closely with the Election Commission to organize the election. Gina Badger and Pam Slaven registered eligible voters and assisted them with the proper ballot from 5 a.m. until voting ended at 5 p.m.

The International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, UAW, has more than 391,000 active members and over 580,000 retired members in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. There are currently more than 600 local unions in the UAW.

Phillip Warren, Administrator of Elections, said “The Election Commission welcomes the opportunity to work with local organizations to provide voting machines, support and a positive voting experience. Our primary responsibility is to administer elections for the federal, state, county and municipal governments, but partnering with community groups to promote voter awareness and participation is, also, an important part of our mission.”

The Election Commission strives to provide election services to any group that asks. The ability to offer election support is limited by the demands of each election cycle. Increasing voter awareness by offering presentations about voting and elections to groups, clubs and organizations is a big part of what the Election Commission does. Programs on voter registration, voter behavior and current issues related to elections and voting are available by contacting the Election Commission.

For information on the community services available through the Wilson County Election Commission and to learn more about elections, voter and how you can be involved with Wilson County elections contact the Wilson County Election Commission at 615-444-0216 or online at www.WilsonElections.com.

Thirteenth Annual Stars for Second Harvest benefit

O’Charley’s Restaurants continues its support of Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee with donation initiative and sponsorship of the Thirteenth Annual Stars for Second Harvest benefit. The benefit will take place Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. at the historic Ryman Auditorium. Starting May 1, O’Charley will encourage its guests to donate to the non-profit working to solve the hunger issues in the local community in exchange for a $5 “Thank You” voucher.

Guests dining at 23 participating O’Charley’s restaurants in the Middle Tennessee area from May 1 – May 28, will have the opportunity to donate to Second Harvest in $5 increments, in exchange they will receive a $5 O’Charley’s voucher that can be used during a future visit. The participating locations will also provide donation bins where guests can donate food to receive an O’Charley’s voucher. All proceeds raised during this fundraising initiative will go directly toward better serving the hungry in Middle Tennessee, through Second Harvest’s programs.

For the thirteenth year in a row, O’Charley’s has teamed up with Second Harvest to present the annual Stars for Second Harvest benefit, hosted by Craig Wiseman, acclaimed hit songwriter and founder of Big Loud Records and Big Loud Shirt. This popular concert at the historic Ryman Auditorium features an unplugged acoustic style performance by some of country music’s brightest stars.

To find an O’Charley’s location, view the complete menu or join the email club, visit http://www.ocharleys.com.

Concert tickets are on-sale now at Ticketmaster outlets, ticketmaster.com, Ryman box office, Ryman.com, or by calling 800-745-3000.

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OBITUARIES

GREENWOOD, Gene Leonard

Gene Leonard Greenwood, age 88, of Mt. Juliet, TN, died May 23, 2017. Mr. Greenwood was a member of First Baptist Church of Mt. Juliet for 44 years where he had served as a deacon and had taught young men in Sunday School Class. He was also a member of John B. Garrett Lodge #711 F&AM. Mr. Greenwood was retired from Western Electric. He was the son of the late, Leonard Daniel and Bessemer Conaway Greenwood. Mr. Greenwood was also preceded in death by his daughter, Pamela Greenwood; Grandchildren – Michael Salimbene and Wanalou Boggs.

He is survived by: Wife – Donna Greenwood; Great-grandchildren – Ryan, Bryson, Lily, Kyla and Faeryn; Several nieces and nephews.

Services will be conducted 11 a.m. Friday, May 26, 2017 at Bond Memorial Chapel with Bro. Billie Friel officiating. Graveside services will be conducted 1 p.m. EST Saturday, May 27, 2017 at Gwinnett Memorial Gardens in Lawrenceville, GA with Max Palmer officiating. Honorary pallbearers will be Herb Goodrich, Jack Garland, Ron Nokes, Fred Donaldson, Bob Bull, Benny Frank Wilson, Hubert Murrell, Max Harper, Jim Eaton and Harold McDowell.

Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to The Gideon's International, West Wilson Camp, PO Box 843, Mt. Juliet, TN 37121.

Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to services Friday at Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Westover Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. (615)773-2663. Obit Line (615)641-2663, www.bondmemorial.com.

JOHNSON, Sharon Adams

Sharon Adams Johnson, age 68 of Mt. Juliet, passed away Sunday, May 21, 2017. Sharon was born on December 22, 1948 in Lewisburg, Marshall County, TN to Daniel C. and Bessie G. Adams. She is one of six children. She lost her battle with cancer and went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, May 21, 2017. She had early education in the Lewisburg schools and graduated from MCHS in 1966. After graduation in 1966, she enrolled in the Ray Reed Beauty School in Nashville, TN to become a hairstylist. Also in 1967, she married Larry E. Ray. She was widowed in 1987. She lived in Wheel, TN at this time and operated a beauty salon from her home there. She met her husband, Paul Johnson, in 1998 and they were married in June of 1999. Following their marriage, they lived in Mt. Juliet, TN until the present. Sharon’s home church is First Baptist, Lewisburg, TN. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Char- lote Ann Adams, who passed away in 1965; brother, John- ny W. Adams, who passed away in December, 2015. She is survived by her husband, Paul Johnson; sisters, Mary Jane Kilpatrick of Franklin, TN, and Pamela J. Miller, of Belfast, TN; brother, Daniel Edward Adams, of Lewisburg, TN; step-daughter, Melissa Briney; step-grandchildren, Morgan and Krista Briney; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and good friends also survive.

Sharon loved pretty flowers, the Beach, Holiday get-togethers with her family, 1951 Restored Ford, car shows, dogs, cats, horses, mountains in Autumn, and long lunches with her sisters. She loved to laugh and loved her husband, Paul Johnson dearly.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, May 24, at 11 a.m. from the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet with Bro. Billie Friel officiating. Visitation will be held Tuesday from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will follow in Lone Oak Cemetery in Lewisburg, Tennessee.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made to the American Cancer Society.


MUIR, Donna Kaye Bennett

Donna Kaye Bennett Muir, age 45, of Mt. Juliet, TN, died May 27, 2017. She is survived by:

Husband – John Muir;
Mother – Diane; Children – Brandon Brewington, Sabastyn Brewington, Krim- syn Brewington and Kerstyn Stansberry; Brothers – John (Pam) Bennett and Robin Bennett; Grandchild – Verah Gaddies.

Funeral services will be conducted at Nashville National Cemetery at a later date.


MYCANKA, Olga

Olga Mycanka, age 90 of Hermitage passed away in May 2017. Preceded in death by parents, Kazimir and Katherine Zakaluzny; husband, Jaroslav Mycanka; sister, Irene Sadalski; brother, Walter Zakaluzny; and niece, Kathy. Survived by sons, Pe- ter Mycanka and Nicholas (Karen) Mycanka; daughter, Luba (Andrew) Kokodyn- sky; grandchildren, Michael, Mark, John, Stacey and Lisa; and nephews, Roman, Ibor, Luba, Marge and Bob.

Funeral services will be held Friday, May 26, at 5 p.m. at Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet with Deacon Tom Samory officiating. Visitation with the family will be Friday, May 26, from 12-7 p.m.


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TriStar Summit Medical Center has received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association’s Get With The Guidelines® - Stroke Silver Plus Quality Achievement Award with Target: StrokeSM Honor Roll Elite. The award recognizes the hospital’s commitment and success ensuring that stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence.

To receive the Silver Plus Quality Achievement Award, hospitals must achieve 85 percent or higher adherence to all Get With The Guidelines-Stroke achievement indicators for at least 12 consecutive months and during the same period achieve 75 percent or higher compliance with five of eight Get With The Guidelines - Stroke Quality measures.

To qualify for the Target: Stroke Honor Roll Elite, hospitals must meet quality measures developed to reduce the time between the patient’s arrival at the hospital and treatment with the clot-buster tissue plasminogen activator, or tPA, the only drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to treat ischemic stroke. If given intravenously in the first three hours after the start of stroke symptoms, tPA has been shown to significantly reduce the effects of stroke and lessen the chance of permanent disability. TriStar Summit Medical Center earned the award by meeting specific quality achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients at a set level for a designated period.

“These quality measures are designed to help hospital teams follow the most up-to-date, evidence-based guidelines with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability for stroke patients.”

“A stroke patient loses 1.9 million neurons each minute stroke treatment is delayed. This recognition further demonstrates our commitment to delivering advanced stroke treatments to patients quickly and safely,” said Jackie Harper, Stroke Coordinator at TriStar Summit Medical Center. “TriStar Summit Medical Center continues to strive for excellence in the acute treatment of stroke patients. The recognition from the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association’s Get With The Guidelines-Stroke further reinforces our team’s hard work.”

“The American Heart Association and American Stroke Association recognize TriStar Summit Medical Center for its commitment to stroke care,” said Paul Heidenreich, M.D., M.S., professor of Medicine at Stanford University. “Research has shown there are benefits to patients who are treated at hospitals that have adopted the Get With The Guidelines program.”

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Andrew Jackson film and biography available at Hermitage

Staff Reports

Visitors to Andrew Jackson’s Hermitage can now enjoy an introductory film and purchase a new Andrew Jackson biography when visiting the home of the seventh U.S. president. The new film and book are a part of the Andrew Jackson’s Foundation’s yearlong commemoration of Jackson’s 250th birthday, which began March 15.

“Over the past two years, we’ve substantially revised the way we tell the Andrew Jackson story and updated it for modern audiences. The new film and book are a big part of those efforts,” said Howard Kittell, CEO and president of The Hermitage. “Their release is timely – recently there has been a great deal of interest in the Andrew Jackson story, and keeping our content fresh and relevant is just as important as preserving the home.”

Through movie-like re-enactments, interviews with historians and storytelling, the new 18-minute introductory film, “Jackson,” prepares visitors for their tour of The Hermitage mansion, grounds and exhibits. The film explores Jackson’s complex life and career and his role as “The People’s President.”

The film was produced by Cortina Productions of McLean, Va., which has also developed videos for notable institutions including the LBJ Presidential Library, the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum, and the Anne Frank House.

In addition to adding the new introductory film, The Hermitage has added its first Andrew Jackson biography, “Andrew Jackson, The People’s President,” to its online and on-site gift shop. The biography, a collaboration between The Hermitage and Beckon Books, highlights the events of Andrew Jackson’s life, from his meager beginnings to his U.S. presidential election. The book gives readers a glimpse into Jackson’s time as a Tennessean lawyer, judge, soldier, planter, politician and military hero and includes dozens of archival images and artifacts, quotes, and anecdotes.

To purchase tickets to The Hermitage, visitors can go online at thehermitage.com or go to the on-site ticket office.

Honoring America’s Flag

Staff Reports

The “Honoring America’s Flag” event sponsored by the West Wilson Exchange Club and the Tyler Cates American Legion Post 281 was a huge success. This year’s event ran from May 26th to May 29th and finished with a closing ceremony honoring veteran’s and their families.

This event is the largest patriotic event in Wilson County. The purpose is to recognize the greatest flag in the world and the freedoms that have come from the sacrifices from many, beginning with the Revolutionary War. This is the fifth year in existence and there have been over 2500 flags sold which is a major accomplishment.

On Monday, May 29 at 2:00pm there was a closing ceremony in remembrance of those who were honored by family members purchasing a flag in their honor. The closing ceremony was presided over by Donald Wright who is National Post President of the Exchange Club. Chaplain Rolus Smith from Post 281 offered up a very inspiring and heartfelt prayer in honor of our fallen service members.

District 10 County Commissioner and Post 281 member Dan Walker gave the keynote remarks. Commissioner Walker offered words of thanks from all 25 Wilson County Commissioners for the patriotic display and the dedicated efforts required to pull this off. Special recognition was given to the women of the West Wilson Exchange Club.

Pat Unger, Tyler Cates American Legion Post Commander was recognized for another fine job with this fundraiser which brings a strong sense of patriotism to our community. The veterans of American Legion Post 281 worked tirelessly though wind and rain to make this another great success. We can be truly proud of their continued sacrifices to make this small part of America a shining beacon of freedom.
Last Wednesday evening, Brody and I and the kids went out to dinner. It was one final meal before he and the girls left for Nicaragua on their mission trip. They wanted one, last, hot dinner before 7 days of warm bottled water, granola bars and raisins became their staples.

They had been before and they knew what to expect.

My youngest, Neill, would be staying home with me. He expected this might be his last, hot meal, as well.

Cooking has never been my thing. I can live on cheese, crackers, chocolate chips and coffee and be perfectly happy. A fact my children know well. A fact that caused Neill concern.

“You are going to have to feed me! Real food. Every day!” noted my 14 year old growing boy.

Got it. Feed Neill. Yes, I knew I would have to do that because 1) I’m his mother and 2) Brody put it at the top of the list he left for me.

Followed by, 2) feed dogs, 3) feed chickens, 4) gather their eggs, 5) take Neill to football practice, 6) mow the lawn, 7) clean the pool and the list went on and on.....

So for the past week, while Brody and the girls have been sleeping outside, bathing in rivers and building wells, Neill and I have been dealing with our own first world problems.

1. The Chickens. Three of our chickens were raised by a sweet young man from baby chicks and are very tame. The other two were purchased at an outdoor flea market and I’m pretty sure were used in cock-fighting. All were fed. All were watered. We even shared their eggs with our neighbors. There was one prison break from the coop. It lasted about an hour. A battle ensued between the dogs and the chickens. I did a lot of screaming. It didn’t help. Those flea market chickens play dirty. Came in handy. Chickens 1. Dogs 0.

2. The Storm. Neill and I were thankfully home when the storm hit this past weekend. The power went out. The alarm went crazy. Lawn furniture hit our window. A small tree came down. We didn’t know where Brody put the flashlights. I made Neill sleep downstairs. I am now an official storm watcher. Neill probably has PTSD from all the weather updates I made sure to share with him.

3. The Pool. During the storm, with all the power going in and out, something happened. Loud noises ensued. Burning, smoking pump. Pool pump is no longer running. Call made to have it fixed. Will take a week. Silver lining - no point in cleaning the pool. It will be green by the time Brody gets home. Not my fault.

4. The Cows. We don’t have any. Now we do. Somehow they got loose from somewhere. They staged a sit-in on my front lawn. I wasn’t sure who to call. I made Neill and the dogs stay in. The chickens had to fend for themselves. Chickens 2. Cows 0.

5. Football practice.

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MTSU veterans’ leader gives
Memorial address in Nashville

MTSU’s Keith M. Huber was the keynote speaker for Nashville’s Memorial Day ceremony on Memorial Day weekend.

Huber, senior adviser for veterans and leadership initiatives, spoke during the ceremony Sunday, May 28, at the Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery, in Nashville.

The Memorial Day ceremony is an annual tradition in Nashville as the city recognizes those who have served their country.

Huber is a retired lieutenant general who served nearly 40 years in the U.S. Army. The Franklin, Tennessee, resident has been a guiding force behind the establishment of the Charlie and Hazel Daniels Veterans and Military Family Center at MTSU.

Huber was invited to speak by MTSU alumnus John Furgess (Class of 1965), a Nashville resident who is vice chairman of the Davidson County Veterans Coordinating Council. Furgess, who is master of ceremonies, introduced Huber.

Furgess was one of the early organizers for what has become the thirty-sixth annual MTSU Salute to Veterans and Armed Forces game, with events centered around an MTSU Blue Raiders home football game. This year’s game — MTSU against the University of Texas-El Paso — will be played Saturday, Nov. 4. All veterans, their families and current military personnel are invited.

The Nashville Memorial Day ceremony agenda included the reading of names, a wreath presentation, the firing team salute and taps, retirement of colors and more.

The Memorial Day ceremony was presented by the Davidson County Veterans Coordinating Council and Tennessee Department of Veterans Services.

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MTSU veterans leader gives Memorial address in Nashville


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Fifth Grade: Maverick Harris, Sydney Pinto, Nathan Semmes.

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Third Grade: Camden Colle, Carrie Bigham, James Newell, Aubrey Perry, Sarah Pierce, Isaiah Threats, Jackson DaBell, Mia Dedman, Isaiah Pride, Reagan Tuck, Abigail Williams, Malorie Whitaker, Madison Nuckoles and Kayla Smith.

Fourth Grade: Robert Cayler, Sarah Davis, Ava Fisher, Masin Hall, Kaido Kajandi, James T. Koon, Michael Mahan, Ambria McGregor, Megan Pollei, Brynlie Smith and Bethany Thompson.

Fifth Grade: Carlyn Brooks, Olivia Frazier, Dakota Gray, William Mahan and Evangeline Nicklaus.

There is this rule about not missing. Although Brody had limited telephone service, somehow he climbed a mountain just to get service to remind me of this fact. So, yes, Neill made all his practices. All is well with the world.

6. Feeding Neill. One warm meal was prepared by yours truly, at least once a day. Sometimes even two. I ate crackers and cheese most meals. We shared a bowl of chocolate chips, which made us both happy.

And a few times, we even did things not on the list.

We spent a whole day watching every episode of “The Office” on Netflix and laughed for hours. He walked at the park with me every day just because he didn’t think I should go by myself. I taught him how to bake a cake from scratch. He showed me how to kick a football. And each night, he hugged me goodnight before making sure all the doors were locked before we went to bed.

As memories go, I’ll always remember the week Neill and I didn’t go to Nicaragua.

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