Mt. Juliet ceases construction on new Starbucks and Moe’s

By Staff Reports

Construction has been halted for the new Starbucks and Moe’s, which is supposed to be located in the new retail center in Providence, right off of South Mt. Juliet Road. The delay is due to a continuous disagreement over an access road between the corporations’ property management constructors and the developer, Boyle Investment Company.

Mt. Juliet Commissioner Brian Abston stated, “We are disappointed that Boyle Investments continued to avoid doing what was on the original approved plans and that it had to get to this point. The city went above and beyond in its effort to keep the project out of court but we feel confident in our stance and that this will turn out the right way.”

Plans for the access road were taken out of the original approval process years ago during the planning phases, causing the ongoing dispute, but apparently the investment company had originally agreed with the city to construct an access road for Publix due to traffic possibilities and safety concerns throughout the busy retail center area.

The retail center is currently home to Edible Arrangements and future home to China One and Supercuts.

Cumberland University’s 26th President, Paul C. Stumb

By Parker Minor

An inauguration ceremony took place Friday, in front of Cumberland University’s Memorial Hall, before the commencement of Paul C. Stumb becoming the 26th President of Cumberland University in Lebanon.

Many of his eminent colleagues and faculty from Cumberland and other universities were of attendance, as well as local dignitaries, state officials, and national dignitaries at the ceremony.

“Auburn (is the place) where I feel confident in our future,” concluded Stumb. Following the inauguration ceremony was a reception, inside of Baird Chapel, where the celebration was concluded.

Stephen Goodall announces candidacy for Wilson County Assessor of Property

By Staff Reports

Wilson County resident, Stephen Goodall, announced candidacy for election of Wilson County Assessor of Property.

Goodall is a life-long resident of Wilson County, an alumnus of Lebanon High School and the Tennessee Law Enforcement Training Academy.

Wilson County detectives discover large marijuana-growing operation during domestic dispute

By Staff Reports

Wilson County detectives discovered a large marijuana-growing operation during domestic dispute.

Deputies responded to the home for a domestic assault report early Wednesday and arrested John Clark Woods for Aggravated Assault with a $2,000 bond. During the assault investigation, Deputies found an amount of marijuana inside the home. Narcotic detectives obtained a search warrant for the property and discovered 141 marijuana plants growing inside the garage.
Letter to the editor

I have followed with much interest, and concern, the recent events involving the Wilson County 911 Board. It is very disappointing that the highly-experienced, and professionally-recognized Director, Mr. J. R. Kelley, has resigned. It is disturbing that the 911 Board has deliberately delayed improvements to the 911 dispatch process in Wilson County, putting at higher risk every citizen requiring emergency assistance.

Before moving to Mount Juliet in 2007, I was a member of the Cumberland County 911 Board. The first one takes the snap, then hands it off to the second one, who then decides which hand to give the ball. Every exchange involves a role of humble, and delay. It is amazing that the 911 Administrators did not see this system by saying there have been no slowdowns. I wonder how long that will last, now that the public knows the inherent delays the 911 Board has created, in the life-and-death business of 911?

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Governor’s Foundation Recognizes the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce as a Healthier Tennessee Workplace

The Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon-cutting event for Jewell Fashion Obsession in Mt. Juliet, located at 1400 North Mt. Juliet Road, Suite 105, in the Robinson Crossing retail center.

Optoro creates 300 new jobs in Wilson County

Optoro, the online leading platform for returned and excess inventory, celebrated its grand opening in Wilson County with a ribbon cutting last Thursday. The 300,000 square foot facility, located on Eastgate’s industrial boulevard, is partnered with large retailers, such as Amazon, and will be used for storing extra excess inventory. The new Southeast hub intends to make the sort and sell of returned and excess inventory more cost effective and environmentally friendly.
Margin: Creating Space to Really Live

By Dr. Richard Swenson

“Is your page full? Are you a good person if you have too much to take in? Are you a good person if you have people punishing you for speaking up? Are you a good person if you can help you with that. It takes quite a few things to classify as a good person. You need to have good moral and ethical character. It’s easy being a liar, cheat or backstabber. But it’s tough being a person a good person? It takes quite a few things to classify as a good person. You need to have good moral and ethical character. It’s easy being a liar, cheat or backstabber. But it’s tough being a person a good person? It takes quite a few things to classify as a good person. You need to have good moral and ethical character. It’s easy being a liar, cheat or backstabber. But it’s tough being.
Mt. Juliet’s Charlie Daniels and wife, Hazel, named for MTSU’s Veterans and Military Family Center

By Staff Reports

MTSU’s President Sidney A. McPhee announced that the new Veterans and Military Family Center will be named for legendary country music entertainer Charlie Daniels and his wife, Hazel. At the dinner presentation, Daniels presented an additional $70,000 donation from The Journey Home Project to the center.

“We are deeply touched and deeply honored,” said Daniels. “I’ve been blessed to be inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame and now, having a veterans center named after me.”

“This is truly special,” exclaimed Hazel Daniels. McPhee said, “The support by the Journey Home Project creates a legacy for you and your family, where veterans and their families will have the benefit of having such incredible services offered.”

Daniels, 40th Charlie Daniels Volunteer Jam, held at the Bridgestone Arena last August, raised funds for the Journey Home Project.

Daniels helped open the 2,600-square-foot center last November, located on the first floor of the Keathley University Center. For years, Daniels has had a close relationship with MTSU. The second Volunteer Jam was held at MTSU’s Murphy Center in 1975. In 2009, the university presented Daniels with the Joe M. Rodgers Spirit of America Award, an honor presented to a businessperson who has demonstrated the best of the spirit of America through significant contributions in government, education, charitable organizations.

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WCHS Principal named administrator of the year by SkillsUSA

Principal Travis Mayfield of Wilson Central High School was named the Administrator of the Year by Tennessee SkillsUSA at the State Conference. His award was presented by WCHS senior and SkillsUSA State Vice President Rachel Burkett.

Joseph Evans, drafting instructor at WCHS, accepted the award for Mayfield and was asked to cut the ribbon to officially start the 51st Annual SkillsUSA Tennessee State Conference.

By Staff Reports

Historic Granville will have the second annual Cornbread & Moonshine Bash on May 7th with a special appearance of the Dukes of Hazard General Lee and Patrol Dukes of Hazard Moonshine General Lee and Patrol will have the second annual Cornbread & Moonshine Bash on May 7th with a special appearance of the Dukes of Hazard General Lee and Patrol

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as the public. He has been asked by many to speak on the role of Officers and safety in our schools.

Goodall has been active in various sports throughout Wilson County his entire life. He participated first as a youth and later as a coach. Goodall is currently a baseball coach in the Lebanon Rotary Dixie Youth league.

“I am excited to announce my candidacy for Wilson County Assessor of Property. My family and I have deep roots in Wilson County. I was raised on my family’s farm in the Tucker’s Crossroads Community. I experienced the value of hard work, and was taught that you are to take care of your family and your neighbors. Taking this to heart, I started working as a Deputy for the Wilson County Sheriff’s Office. When the opportunity was given, I went to work as a School Resource Officer in Wilson County Schools. I am a product of Wilson County Schools, starting at Tucker’s Crossroads Elementary and graduating from Lebanon High School. I wanted to serve and do what I could to ensure that the schools were a safe place for teachers, students and be a positive influence for the children. I sincerely ask for your vote and support. I will be someone that will do what I can for the future of Wilson County. I will be accessible and my office will be an open door if selected.”

Goodall and his wife Brandi have been married for 15 years. Brandi is the Solid Gold Coordinator for Wilson Bank and Trust. They have two children, Crockett (12), and AnnaBel (7). They are both students at Tucker’s Crossroads Elementary School.

“Goodall is the son of Marcia and long-time Wilson County Clerk Jim Goodall. Goodall has 3 siblings. Stacie Wahl, Stephanie (Mikel) Morgan, and Scott Goodall.”

two hand guns, a shotgun, and several pounds of marijuana. Detectives estimated the street value of the marijuana to be over $400,000. They also seized almost $2,000 from the suspect that detectives believed was from the sale of marijuana.

Pending a grand jury investigation, one adult is expected to be charged in the case. Potential charges include Possession with Intent for Resale of Schedule VI (marijuana), Manufacture of Schedule VI (Marijuana), Possession of Firearms during the Commission of a Dangerous Felony and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

“This was great work by our detectives and the alert patrol officers who noticed the illegal substances during their investigation,” said Sheriff Robert Bryan. “Drug activity generally goes hand-in-hand with violence. We applaud them for their hard work toward stopping at least one drug operation location and getting these potentially dangerous items off the streets.”

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John Lancaster, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of First Freedom Bancshares, Inc., announced that the Board of Directors has approved a 25 cent per share dividend payable to shareholders of record on April 15, with a payment date of April 29, 2016.

“We are pleased to announce our fourth consecutive dividend,” stated Lancaster. “2013 was the first year our bank was old enough to pay a dividend. This year’s dividend reflects a 25% increase over last year and a 150% increase over the original 2013 dividend,” he concluded.

First Freedom’s 2015 earnings per share increased 14.7% year-over-year fueled by strong margins, operating efficiency and solid loan growth. First quarter of 2016 earnings are not yet available, but loan growth has continued to be strong as evidenced by $15 million growth in the loan portfolio. First Freedom is preparing for a mid-May purchase of three offices in Putnam and Jackson counties that are expected to add in excess of $100 million to the bank’s balance sheet.

“We continue to be very pleased with our financial performance and look forward to integrating these three offices into the First Freedom family,” stated Lancaster. “We are pleased to be able to reward our shareholders with this dividend and remain optimistic about the future of First Freedom.”

First Freedom Bancshares, Inc. is based in Wilson County and was established in 2006. A full service, community bank, First Freedom offers personal and commercial banking services from three locations in Wilson County and employs more than 50 people. First Freedom Bank is a EOE/AA/Veterans/Disabled employer. First Freedom Bank has assets in excess of $300 million and is a member of the Better Business Bureau, an Equal Housing Lender and Member FDIC. First Freedom Bancshares, Inc. is owned by more than 1,100 shareholders from Wilson and surrounding counties.

First Freedom Bank Increases Dividend By 25%