Sheriff’s Office seizes 216 kilos of cocaine

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

A vigilant officer led to the apprehension of three armed robbery suspects from Wilson County. On Sunday, June 9, 2019, around 7:10 p.m., the Mt. Juliet Police Department was notified by the Wilson County Sheriff’s Office (WCSO) to be on the lookout for a suspect vehicle that was just allegedly involved in an armed robbery on Short Drive, in an unincorporated area of Mt. Juliet, off of Benders Ferry Road.

Officer Neal spotted the suspect vehicle near Lebanon Road and North Mt. Juliet Road, and with the assistance of fellow officers and WCSO deputies, three juvenile suspects were apprehended.

“We are thankful that an officer spotted these suspects shortly after they just committed a violent crime,” said Chief James Hambrick. “Good communication between different police agencies, great vigilance on behalf of Officer Neal, and a strong commitment to keeping our community safe led to a successful apprehension.”

WCSO deputies and detectives took over the investigation due to the incident occurring in their jurisdiction.

“The victim in the case reported that an online purchase of electronics was never received,” said WCSO Narcotics Detective David Jenkins. “The victim also reported that the suspect vehicle was seen in the area. We took the victim’s statements and began looking for the suspect vehicle.”

Officer Neal, who had just finished his shift, spotted the vehicle, and WCSO deputies and detectives located and arrested the three suspects.

“We are blessed to be working with such great officers,” said Chief Hambrick. “Officer Neal is no exception. He does our community proud.”

The investigation is ongoing, and the three suspects are scheduled to be arraigned in court on Monday, June 10.

“Thank you to Officer Neal and WCSO deputies for their efforts in apprehending these suspects,” said Chief Hambrick. “We are blessed to have such a great team working for us.”

Officer stops armed robbery suspects

Commission fails to approve budget

Staff Reports

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

The Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners failed to approve the annual budget at a meeting Monday night at City Hall.

The first reading of an ordinance that would adopt the budget, property tax rate and sewer rates for the next fiscal year, beginning July 1, died on the table due to a lack of a motion to move forward with discussion or vote.

A resolution to settle the City’s lawsuit with the Wilson County Board of Education also failed with a 2-2 vote. Mayor Ed Hagerty said he would not vote for the resolution if it meant city dollars would go toward the Lebanon Special School District.

Staff Reports

On May 30, 2019, the Wilson County Sheriff’s Office and Lebanon Police Department Narcotic Detectives seized more than 475 pounds of cocaine. Detectives were notified of an online purchase of electronics that was never received.

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National Merit Scholarship winners announced

On June 5, National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced over 3,500 winners of National Merit Scholarships financed by U.S. colleges and universities. Three scholarship winners include Wilson County students.

Isabella N. Kinsey, of Mt. Juliet High School, received the National Merit University of Tennessee Scholarship. Her probable career field is computer science.

Benjamin F. Pham, of Mt. Juliet High School, received the National Merit University of Tennessee Scholarship. His probable career field is aerospace engineering.

John J. Anderson, of Lebanon High School, received the National Merit University of Tennessee Scholarship. His career field is undecided.

Officials of each sponsor college selected their scholarship winners from among the finalists in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program who plan to attend their institutions. These awards provide between $500 and $2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the scholarship. An additional group of Scholars will be announced in July, bringing the total number of college-sponsored Merit Scholarship recipients in the 2019 competition to about 4,100.

This year, 173 higher education institutions are underwriting Merit Scholarship awards through the National Merit Scholarship Program. Sponsor colleges and universities include 95 private and 78 public institutions located in 43 states and the District of Columbia. College-sponsored Merit Scholarship winners announced today are a part of the distinguished group of about 7,600 high school seniors who will receive National Merit Scholarships for college undergraduate study worth over $31 million. Earlier this spring, NMSC announced winners of corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards and National Merit $2500 Scholarships. Over 1.6 million juniors in approximately 22,000 high schools entered the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program when they took the 2017 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which served as an initial screen of program entrants. Last fall, approximately 16,000 semifinalists were named on a state-representational basis in numbers proportional to each state’s percentage of the national total of graduating high school seniors. Semifinalists were the highest-scoring program entrants in each state and represented less than one percent of the nation’s seniors.

To compete for Merit Scholarship awards, semifinalists first had to advance to the finalist level of the competition by fulfilling additional requirements. Each semifinalist was asked to submit a detailed scholarship application, which included writing an essay and providing information about extracurricular activities, awards and leadership positions.

Semifinalists also had to have an outstanding academic record, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, and earn SAT scores that confirmed the qualifying test performance. From the semifinalist group, some 15,000 met requirements. Each semifinalist was asked to submit a detailed scholarship application, which included writing an essay and providing information about extracurricular activities, awards and leadership positions.

NMSC, a not-for-profit corporation that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 to conduct the National Merit Scholarship Program. The majority of National Merit Scholarships provided each year are made possible by the support of approximately 400 independent corporate and college sponsors. These sponsors join NMSC in its efforts to enhance educational opportunities for America’s scientifically talented youth and to encourage the pursuit of academic excellence.

Join us for this free IDIOPATHIC PULMONARY FIBROSIS (IPF) educational event!

**WHEN:**
Tuesday, June 25, 2019
Registration: 5:30 PM
Start Time: 6:00 PM

**WHERE:**
Franklin Marriott Cool Springs
700 Cool Springs Boulevard
Franklin, TN 37067

Register for this live event by calling 1-866-281-3501

Bring a friend or family member!
Complimentary parking and light refreshments provided.
Rooms To Go to open in Wilson County

Staff Reports

Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee, Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bob Rolfe and Rooms To Go officials announced last week that the company will locate its new warehouse and retail outlet store in Wilson County.

The furniture company will invest $69 million and create 200 new jobs in Middle Tennessee.

"I am proud to welcome a company of Rooms To Go’s caliber to Wilson County," said Wilson County Mayor Randall Hutto. "The project not only provides career employment opportunities, but also accelerates retail growth along Interstate 840. Wilson County and its citizens look forward to a long and productive partnership."

Founded in 1990, Rooms To Go is one of the nation’s top selling furniture retailers. The company’s designers coordinate complete room sets, choosing colors, fabrics, styles and furniture groupings, which are priced at a significant discount when purchased as a package, which are

Pody (R-Lebanon). “This is a huge investment and we appreciate their confidence in our local workforce, which is among the best in the nation. I congratulate Rooms To Go as well as our local officials, Gov. Lee, Commissioner Rolfe and all who helped secure these jobs. I look forward to continuing to partner with them in our efforts to bring new and better paying jobs to Tennesseans.”

Rooms To Go will locate its new facility in Lebanon’s Cedar Farms, an industrial building developed by Al. Neyer and New York Life Real Estate Investors, an investment division within NYL Investors, a wholly-owned subsidiary of New York Life Insurance Company.

Rooms To Go will utilize the 902,000-square-foot facility as a furniture warehouse and will add an additional 40,000 square feet, which will serve as a retail outlet. The Wilson County facility will be the company’s first outlet store in Tennessee and will give Rooms To Go easy access to three interstates and convenient delivery to 39 million people within 300 miles of Nashville.

"Tennessee’s central location and easy access to eight interstates make it a perfect location for Rooms To Go to locate its new warehouse and retail outlet," said Gov. Lee. "I appreciate their commitment to our state by creating 200 new jobs in Wilson County and I look forward to seeing the company continue to grow and succeed.”

Since 2013, TNECD has supported 29 projects in Wilson County, resulting in the creation of more than 4,000 new jobs and approximately $752 million in capital investment.

“This is great news for Wilson County," said Rep. Clark Boyd (R-Lebanon). "Wilson County has a very business-friendly environment, and I am excited to see this investment that will result in 200 new jobs. I was proud to support the efforts of our local leaders who worked tirelessly to secure these high-quality jobs, and I appreciate Rooms To Go for its commitment to our community.”

“We are extremely excited about our new distribution center and outlet store in Wilson County, and we really appreciate the help and support of the state and county economic development officials who made this possible,” said Rooms To Go CEO Jeffrey Seaman. "The visibility and access of our new facility to a major Interstate are tremendous benefits to Rooms To Go and to our customers. This location will not only help us speed up deliveries and better serve our customers in Greater Nashville, it also will serve as a hub for our expansion in the mid-south.”

JUNE 13

JECDB

The June 6 Joint Economic and Community Development Board Executive Committee was re-scheduled for 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at the JECDB office located at 200 Aviation Way, Suite 202, Lebanon.

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 dklai@tds.net or 508-776-1580.

JUNE 15

Free Groceries

Free Grocery Giveaway this Saturday, June 15, at 3 p.m. in the parking lot of Life Church, located at 3688 Highway 109, Lebanon. This event is open to everyone. Groceries will be given away as long as they last.

JUNE 18

Free Fitness Class

Free Fitness Class every Tuesday evening 6:30 p.m. at Life Church in the youth center. Life Church is located at 3688 Highway 109, Lebanon. Tn. Right across the street from The Dollar General Store. This is a great class for all ages and all fitness levels. For more information you can email info@LifeChurchFamily.com.

JUNE 20

Planning Commission

The Mt. Juliet Planning Commission will meet at City Hall on Thursday, June 20, at 6:30 p.m.

JUNE 24

Board of Commissioners

The Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners will meet at City Hall on Monday, June 24, at 6:30 p.m. A public hearing will be held before the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

JUNE 25

Free Dance Class

Free Dance Exercise Class called Refit every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the youth center of Life Church, located at 3688 Highway 109, Lebanon. This class is for all ages and fitness levels. LifeChurchFamily.com.
BRADSHAW, Judy Ann

Judy Ann Bradshaw, age 76 of Lebanon, died June 7, 2019. Judy was the daughter of the late Willie Russell and Elsie Lorraine Williams Gilbert. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Linda Sue Leaver.

She is survived by: Husband of 60 years – Vester E. Bradshaw; Chil-

dren – Lori Ann (Michael) Chambers, Vester (Melis-
sa) Bradshaw, Jr., Rusty Bradshaw and Susie (Su-

zanne) Bradshaw; Sister – Cindy (Roy) Williams; Grandchil-

dren – Shelby (Brian) Bennett, Hunter Bradshaw, Hardie (Laura) Chivvis, Cordelia Chambers, Jesse Bradshaw, Anna Bradshaw, Makayla Bradshaw, Shaylene Ken-

dy and Jonathan Gray; Great-grandchildren – Jackson Bradshaw, Way-

lon Bradshaw, Camden Bennett, Hayden Kenne-
dy, Brodyck Kennedy and Jonah Hall.

The family is espe-

cially grateful to Debbie Tay-
lor, J.K. Ramon, Charity

Helson, Ann Phillips and

Paulette Burnell.

A funeral service was

held June 11 at Bond Me-

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terment followed at Leveille

Cemetery.

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BROOKS, Larry Vin-

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Larry Vinson Brooks, age 69 of Mt. Juliet, died June 7, 2019. Larry was the son of the late Alfred Brooks and Willie Mae Saddler. He was also pre-
ceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Jamie Carv-

er Brooks; grandmother, Maude “Granny” Saddler; sister, Mccie Threlk-

ill; and brothers, Allen Brooks, Walter Brooks, Tony Saddler and Jeffrey Saddler.

He leaves to mourn his passing: Brother – James (Maxine) Brooks; Loving Mother-in-law – Grace Carver; Sisters-in-law – Jackie Carver, Thomessa Saddler and Fatima Ev-

ans; Special nephews – Anthony Saddler, Tristan Alexander and Aiden Evans; Uncles – James (Mae) Oldham and Curry Oldham; Aunt – Katherine Garrett; Several addition-

al nieces and nephews; Devoted Cousins – Audrey Joyner and Joann Gaines (sitter); Many other cousins and friends; Beloved pets – Neicy and Daisy.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. Wednesday, June 12, at Bond Memorial Chapel.

Interment will follow at Rutland Community Cem-

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el, N. Mt. Juliet Road and


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FERRELL, Jean Wat-

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Jean Watkins Ferrell, age 84 of Lebanon, passed away June 8, 2019. A fu-
neral service was held June 10 at Sellars Funeral Home in Mt. Juliet, and interment followed at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens.

Preceded in death by husband, James Watkins; parents, Wirt and Ola Mae Paty; sister, Dorothy Jones; and step-son, Jackie Ferrell. Survived by husband, Charles Fer-

rell; (sitter); Many other cousi-

n (Larry) Garrett, Diane (Au-
gie) Vastola and James A. (Sheila) Watkins; broth-

er, Jimmy (Glenna) Paty; grandchildren, Jerry W. (Michelle) Garrett, Callie (David) Shields, Stepha-

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nina (James) Williams and Titus (Joni) Vasto-

la; great-grandchildren, Joseph Garrett, Nella Garrett, Maci Garrett, Samuel (Ashley) Shields, Nathan Shields, Kimberly Shields, Larry James Shields, Simon Donnell, Silas Donnell, Sidney Donnell, Stone Williams, Emma Williams, Colton Williams, Lillian Rose Will-

iams, Hayden Vastola and Roman Vastola; step-

son, Mike (Nancy) Ferrell; step-daughter-in-law, Lisa Ferrell; step-grand-

children, Cassie Ferrell, Coy Ferrell, Chase (Kelley) Ferrell and Tanner Fer-

rell and step-great-grand-

children, Kelley Ferrell.

Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet, 2229 N. Mt. Juliet Road, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122, 615-758-5459, obituary line 615-758-8818, www.sellarsfuner-

alservices.com.

HORNER, Eldon

Eldon Horner, age 82 of Lebanon, passed away June 7, 2019. A funeral service was held June 11 at Sellars Funeral Home in Mt. Juliet, and inter-

ment followed at Mt. Oliv-

t Cemetery.

He is survived by loving

wife of 57 years, Shirley Horner; sons, Dart Horner and Chad (Stacey) Horner; grandson, Chase Horner; great-grandson, Rob-

er Cade Horner; brother, Derrell (Mary) Horner; special cousin, Jubie Horner; several nieces, nephews, and many dear friends also survive. He was preceded in death by parents, Clyde J. and Christine Neely Horner; sisters, Cyldene Horner and Joann Clark.

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alservices.com.

JOHNSON, Donnie Lee

Donnie Lee Johnson, age 60 of Hermitage, died June 7, 2019. He was preceded in death by his brother, Danny Johnson, an infant sister, and sis-
ter, Debbie Morris.

He is survived by: Wife of 26 years – Lisa Whit-
tle Johnson; Children – Christopher Chase John-

son and Samantha Leigh Johnson; Brothers – Ran-
dy Johnson and Rick (Peggy) Johnson; Grand-

daughter – Ava Lee War-

ten; Faithful companion - Molly.

A funeral service was held June 11 at Bond Me-
morial Chapel, and inter-

ment followed at Jones Hill Cemetery in Water-
town.

Bond Memorial Chap-
el, N. Mt. Juliet Road and


bondmemorial.com

McNAMEE, Clara A.

Clara A. McNamee, age 83 of Hermitage, passed away peacefully on June 5, 2019. A Funeral Mass was held June 8 at St. Stephen Catholic Com-

munity.

She is survived by sons, John (Tonga) Mc-

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Namee, Joe McNamee, and Charles “Chuck” McNamee; grandchildren, Josh (Kasey) Mc-

Namee, Eric McNamee, Brett (Jaime) McNamee, Tiffany McNamee, Caleb McNamee, Joseph McNa-

me, Jordan McNamee, and Jacob McNamee; six great-grandchildren, Ad-

dison, Bryson, Owen, Liam, Ethan, and Sawyer; brother, Sonny (Shelia) Jenkins; and very special longtime friend, Ann Tipp-

ing. She was preceded in death by husband, Jose-

ph E. McNamee.

Memorial Contribu-

tions may be made to the American Diabetes Asso-
ciation; (P.O. Box 15829, Arlington, VA  22215).

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alservices.com.

MONTGOMERY, Billie Joyce

Billie Joyce Montgomery, age 81 of Mt. Juliet, died June 1, 2019. She was the daughter of the

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Prospect to hold Legacy Luau at Charlie Daniels Park

Staff Reports

Prospect is hosting a Legacy Luau on June 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Charlie Daniels Park in Mt. Juliet. This Legacy Luau is a celebration in honor of the thousands of families who Prospect has been able to provide Early Intervention Services to since 1981.

Developmental Therapist Kellie Murray has been with Prospect since 2005. “It’s hard to believe that some of the first children I worked with are old enough to get driver’s licenses,” she said. “I helped them to walk and talk.”

“This program has been a blessing to our community for decades, we have had the privilege to work with so many wonderful children and families,” said Andy White, executive director. “It is so rewarding to see the children’s development and what that means to the families that we serve.”

The program has seen many changes over the years, but the focus has always been to help the youngest children (from birth to age 3) with developmental delays and disabilities.

Originally the program was a preschool class of just 10 children with disabilities. This year, Prospect will provide more than 2,500 hours of developmental therapy to 175 families within Wilson County.

Prospect’s Developmental Therapists work with families in their natural environments, like their homes or daycare, to help children develop age-appropriate skills. Once a child turns three, they are referred to the school system to determine if they are eligible for services.

“Early Intervention brought us great blessings and caught my daughter up,” a recent Early Intervention mother shared after her daughter did not qualify for Preschool Special Education.

Families who have been part of Prospect’s Early Intervention are invited to the Legacy Luau for pizza, cupcakes and games.

“I am really looking forward to the Luau,” said Laura Harrell, Early Intervention manager. “I have been privileged to work with so many great families and I can’t wait to see how much their children have grown.”

Families who have been part of Prospect’s Early Intervention are invited to the Legacy Luau at Charlie Daniels Park in Mt. Juliet on June 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WeGo announces holiday train schedule

Staff Reports

This Independence Day, WeGo Public Transit bus service will operate on Sunday/Holiday service hours and run the Star’s annual July 4th train. These services help residents and visitors safely celebrate the “Let Freedom Sing!” Celebration.

All WeGo bus routes will operate on a Sunday/Holiday schedule. Service on select routes will be extended to get customers home after the fireworks. Normal fares apply.

The WeGo Star train schedule is as follows: Lebanon 4 p.m., Hamilton Springs 4:08 p.m., Martha 4:15 p.m., Mt. Juliet 4:25 p.m., Hermitage 4:35 p.m., Donelson 4:45 p.m., Riverfront 5 p.m.

For the July 4th train, 950 tickets will be available, starting June 11. Round-trip tickets cost $15 plus a $0.88 processing fee and are available for purchase at ticketsnashville.com. Tickets will be on sale until 24 hours prior to departure or until they are sold out, whichever comes first. Tickets will not be sold at the train stations.

Customers will receive one ticket for the round-trip and must show the ticket when boarding to receive a colored wristband for return trip train ticket. Children age 4 and younger will not need a ticket to board but are required to sit in a parent or guardian’s lap.

The return train to Lebanon leaves 45 minutes after the conclusion of the Nashville fireworks.

Weekday Music City Star tickets and monthly passes are not accepted on the July 4th train. Additional information on special event train service can be found on musiccitystar.org.

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Invisalign | Root Canals | Oral Surgery
Bridges | Cosmetic Dentistry

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The power of truth

Jesus said, “You shall know the truth and the truth will set you free.” There is a power that truth provides in our Christian walk. Truth is not only something that we accept, but it actually has an effect on our lives. Jesus identified Himself as “the Truth.” There is only one way to know the truth and that is to believe in Him and obey His words. As a pastor friend of mine said, “Obedience is necessary to know the truth.” And it is the knowing of the truth that sets us free.

What is truth? The late R.C. Sproul of Ligonier Ministries said that “Truth is defined as that which corresponds to reality as perceived by God. This is because God’s perception of reality is never distorted. It is a perfect perception of reality.” Conformity to fact or reality, recognizing it as God’s fact and reality to which we conform. And because God does not change (Malachi 3:6), neither does truth. Truth cannot be fluid, but real truth is unalterable and unchangeable. In other words, we do not adjust truth to align with our desires or assumptions, but we adjust ourselves and our thinking to embrace the truth.

The unchangeable truth can be a source of power in our lives. One way has already been stated and was

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Lighthouse Church

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Baker’s Grove Baptist
Beckwith Baptist
Cedar Grove Baptist
Corona Baptist Church
Faith Church
Fellowship Baptist
The Fellowship at Mt. Juliet
First Baptist Church of Mt. Juliet*
The Glade Church
Grace Baptist Church
Green Hill Church*
Hickory Hills Baptist
The LightHouse Fellowship
Mays Chapel
Mt. Juliet Missionary Baptist
Mt. Olivet Baptist
Music City Baptist Church
New Life Baptist Church
Rutland Baptist Church
Silver Springs Baptist
Truth and Grace Free Will Baptist Church
Victory Baptist Church

Catholic
Holy Comforter Anglican (ACC)
St. Stephen Catholic Community

Church of Christ
Belinda Parkway Church of Christ
Center Chapel Church of Christ
Corinth Church of Christ
Gladeville Church of Christ
Green Hill Church of Christ
Leeville Church of Christ
Mt. Juliet Church of Christ
Nonaville Church of Christ
Vesta Church of Christ

Church of God
Living Water Fellowship
Mt. Juliet Church of God
The Pointe Church

Church of Jesus Christ
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

Episcopal
Church of the Epiphany

Jehovah’s Witness
Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses

Lutheran
Celebration Lutheran

Methodist
Cook’s United Methodist
Gladeville United Methodist
Grace United Methodist Church

Mt. Juliet African Methodist Episcopal Church
Pleasant Grove United Methodist
Providence United Methodist*
Scott’s Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church
Williamson Chapel CME Church

Nazarene
Covenant Fellowship Church of the Nazarene
Pentecostal Church Alive

Presbyterian
Clyods Cumberland Presbyterian
Hickory Grove Church
Suggs Creek Cumberland Presbyterian

Unity
Unity of Music City
Non-Denominational
Abundant Life*
The BARN Church
Bridge Fellowship Church
Cedar Ridge Church

The Church at Pleasant Grove
Connect Church
Faith is the Victory Church
Cross Point Church
Friendship Community Church
Gateway of Hope
Generation Changers Church
Global Vision Bible Church
Grace Bible Fellowship
Grace Fellowship Ministries
Greater True Faith Community Church
Holy Temple Church
The Journey Church
Joy Church International
LifeChurch of Mt. Juliet
Living Hope Church
Mending Fences Cowboy Church
New Heart Christian Church
New Tribe Church
Our Father’s House Community Church
The Rock of Nashville
Royal Life International

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Mt. Juliet, TN 37122
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Shopping center

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Sunday: 10:30 AM
Thursday: 7:00 PM

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SERVICE TIMES:
Life Groups and Worship
Sunday 9am & 10:30am
Wednesday Activities
6pm
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615-738-7238 • greenhillchurch.com

Faith is the Victory Church
1098 Weston Drive • Mt. Juliet, TN 37122
615-773-2663
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1000 Woodridge Place
Mt. Juliet, TN 37122
(across from MJ Middle School)
Sunday Morning Gathering
9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Youth Ministry
7:00 p.m.
615-754-7035
almtjuliet.com
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REFLECTIONS FROM AN OLD FRIEND

Win one for Wilson County

With e-commerce now a big part of our buying and purchasing processes, there is no better time than now to support your local businesses more than ever.

If local businesses aren’t supported, they move to other communities or go out of business. When this happens, we lose more revenues from our community and the ability to attract new businesses to offset the ones we lost. The result is we never catch up and only fall further and further behind and I know none of us want that to happen.

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Neal joins First Freedom Bank

Staff Reports

Pamela Neal has joined First Freedom Bank as a financial services representative, announced Kenny Beavers, senior vice president and director of retail banking.

“Pam is a great addition to our Main Office team,” said Beavers. “She has prior banking and retail experience, along with a track record of providing excellent customer service.”

Neal is a 1985 graduate of Hickman County High School in Centerville, Tennessee. She Graduated in May 2013 as valedictorian at New Way International Bible College. In May of 2018, she was chosen as a Woman of Wilson by the Wilson Post.

Neal lives in Mt. Juliet and is a member of the Christian Life Chapel in Lebanon where she serves as the youth pastor. She has been married nearly 29 years and has three children and one grandchild.

Kicking off the summer reading program at Mt. Juliet Library, Mr. Rich taught 400 children about space, electricity and gases. His daughter Aurora demonstrated how sound waves travel. The Mt. Juliet Library will be hosting programs every Tuesday at 10 a.m. and Thursday 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. | Photo submitted

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From ROBBERY, PAGE 1

had been arranged, and upon the suspects arriving at his home, he was robbed by the individuals who were reportedly armed with a handgun,” said WCSO Detective Sergeant Woods. “Multiple charges will be presented to the Juvenile Court of Wilson County.”
SFMO offers tips ahead of music festival season

From COCAINE, PAGE 1

"We always encourage everyone that when you see something, say something, and that’s exactly what the business owners did when they received these unlabeled packages that arrived at their facility," said Sheriff Robert Bryan. "We were able to obtain a search warrant for the packages and located approximately 216 kilos of powder cocaine. The investigation is ongoing for the suspects behind the shipment. Detectives do not believe that the business that alerted law enforcement about the packages are in any way related to the narcotics, therefore it remains anonymous.

The Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance Commissioner Julie Mix McPeak. “While Tennessee’s outdoor festival tradition of music in Tennessee,” said State Fire Marshal and Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance Commissioner Julie Mix McPeak. “When local and state officials work hard to ensure your experience is as safe as it is fun, concertgoers can take additional steps to ensure this year’s festival season is the safest yet.”

Before heading to a venue, consider these important tips to stay safe and healthy while enjoying your favorite musicians:

1. Do Your Research and Follow the Rules
   - Check the festival’s website to get an understanding of the location/layout.
   - Familiarize yourself with the locations of medical and safety tents.
   - Know what items you can and cannot bring into the venue.
   - Place your grill well away from anything that can catch fire. Do not leave an active grill unattended.

2. Avoid Dehydration
   - Drink plenty of water. Summer temperatures in Tennessee can be relentless. It is crucial to stay hydrated.
   - Familiarize yourself with the location of free water stations if they are available.
   - Try to avoid intense outdoor activity during the hottest time of day (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) Plan your schedule to incorporate rest periods.
   - Wear lightweight, light-colored layers for sun protection and ventilation.
   - Don’t forget to apply and reapply sunscreen and wear a hat and sunglasses.
   - Monitor your alcohol intake carefully. Do not use alcohol as a substitute for water.
   - Do not take drinks, drugs or food from strangers.

3. Utilize the Buddy System and Set a Meeting Place
   - Identify a buddy — someone you can trust to watch out for you and vice versa.
   - Have a communication plan. Identify a relative or friend to contact in case of emergency.
   - Identify a place to meet friends in case you get separated or an emergency occurs.
   - Report any suspicious persons to a member of security at the event or to the Camp Site Assistance Team.
   - 4. Supervise and Secure Your Belongings
      - Avoid bringing jewelry and valuables to music concerts and festivals.
      - Keep cash, wallets, and credit cards out of back pockets where they can easily be taken.
      - Don’t leave valuables in the car or tent.
      - Identify items you want to have on hand (medications, snacks, water, hand sanitizer, tissues, etc.).
      - Check with the festival’s organizers to see if backpacks or large handbags are permitted to be carried into the venue and/or if storage lockers are available.

5. Dispose of Hot Coals
   - Dispose of hot coals or embers in enclosed ar-
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inator Lisa Short at 615-

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yahoo.com.

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Jared has asked for as-

sistance from COTA. The organization’s priority is to as-

sure that no child or young adult is denied a transplant or excluded from a trans-

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cent of all funds raised in honor of patients assist with transplant-related expenses for a patient’s lifetime.

For more information about contributions or Jar-

ed’s story, visit www.COTA-

forJaredB.com.

Secondly, truth con-

fronts and challenges. Yes, one aspect of the power of truth is that it does not allow us to re-

main in our folly, but will confront and challenge our perspective; and yes, even our beliefs. When Jesus asked the disciples who people were saying that He was, they replied John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah, or one of the other prophets. I’m sure these sounded like nice religious answers, but when Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God,” the false views of Christ that had been purported were confronted and chal-

lenged.

Embracing the truth also provides inoculation from the lies of our ad-

versary. My pastor friend once again said, “Disobe-

dience places me outside the realm of truth – and therefore I embrace lies.” Jesus said of the devil that “he is a liar and the father of lies.” This is the currency of the devil – lies and deceit. The only le-

gal ground the enemy has over us is when we believe his lies and act upon them. Lies are pow-

erful enough to lead us to do the most insane things. What is insanity? It is losing touch with re-

ality – believing that the lie is real. His (the devil’s) whole modus operandi to-

wards us is to alter the truth just enough that we don’t recognize it as a lie.

Truth motivates, di-

rects, and cleanses us. Let us be people of the truth in the face of rela-

tivism and a diluting of the gospel message. May the truth shape our lives.
Emily Davis, who recently finished 8th grade at MJCA, recently entered an essay contest sponsored by the Nashville VFW, called “Why I Honor the Flag.” Her essay won First Place in the city of Nashville and all of Middle Tennessee.

Emily comes from a family of veterans and is planning to join the military upon graduation.

Her essay can be read below:

“Why I Honor the American Flag” by Emily Davis

I honor the American Flag because it is a symbol of the United States of America and its unity as a country. When you see the bold and broad stripes of the American Flag it is then you know you are in America, and you are in a free country. The American Flag marks our territory, “The Home of the Brave.” It is very, very carefully put together. Every stitch and every piece of fabric that is used to make the flag means something. The white stripes and white stars represent the purity that our flag holds. The blue represents vigilance, perseverance, and justice for the battles won, and the battles lost. Red, represents the strength, valor, and bloodshed of all the men and women who risk their lives for our protection. We as Americans should take pride in such a creation that God has blessed us with. The American Flag holds memories of our country. Memories of loved ones that we have lost, memories to remind us of the darkest times. Memories that make us cry and memories that make us smile. Memories that remind us that America is a work in progress. Memories of how we got our freedom, and who died to make it happen. Memories of how the flag was still standing no matter what was in its way. The American Flag stands for a free country and all the things our nation has had to do to become what we are today. We, as Americans, will never back down. We will keep our freedom, and the American Flag will still be standing for the years and years to come. I honor the American Flag because it is a symbol of bravery. It makes me want to fight for what I have. It makes me proud to be an American. The American Flag is something that is worth our honor.


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**TELLING TALES**

**Hard brake**

By Angel Kane
Wilson Living Magazine

Back seat drivers have nothing on me.
That’s because I’m a Type A, full-on, front seat driver. Admittedly, over the years, I’ve perfected the art of telling others how to drive, while at the same time driven quite a few folks to the brink of insanity.

This weekend we drove to Memphis to visit family.

My husband drove. I was the co-driver.
If you’ve ever had a co-driver, thank your lucky stars because how would you know when to brake!!!
Stop!
Merge! ... without their help.
When our kids were younger, we’d threaten to pull over to put them out of the car for certain infractions. My husband hard braked twice on this road trip. Claiming he’d pull over to put them out of the car for certain infractions.

Rear! Construction!
Are you crazy?! Where did you learn to drive? Hard break.
Grab the invisible strap above my head.
Silence for a while. Watch out!
(Choice words … from both of us.)
They say in the next 10 years driving will become obsolete. Cars will drive themselves.

My robot car better have some tough skin because my guess is the first time we drive to Memphis her AI head may explode.

Enbridge donates $1,000 for WEMA

**Staff Reports**

Enbridge recently donated $1,000 for the Wilson County Emergency Management Agency. The donation will be utilized in preparing and protecting First Responders and the community in which they serve.

Enbridge’s donation to the Fire and Rescue First Responders will replace some outdated rescue rope equipment. The donation to the EMS First Responders will purchase an AED trainer and AED training pads for CPR classes for their personnel and the public.

Local sleep specialist named president of AASM

**Staff Reports**

Saint Thomas Midtown and Saint Thomas Medical Partners recently announced that Dr. Kelly A. Carden has been named the 34th president of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) board of directors. She will serve a one-year term leading the physicians, scientists, advanced practice providers and allied health professionals who make up the AASM’s 10,000 members.

“This is an invigorating time for the field of sleep medicine as we seize new opportunities to expand our workforce and embrace new technologies,” said Dr. Kelly A. Carden, Sleep Specialist, Saint Thomas Medical Partners. “We need to provide an opportunity for the millions of people with untreated sleep disorders to receive a diagnosis and effective treatment, as undiagnosed sleep disorders increase the risk of chronic diseases and mental health problems.”

An AASM member since 2004, Carden has served on the board of directors since 2013, was secretary/treasurer from 2015-2018, and served a one-year term as president-elect from 2018-2019. She also has lectured extensively, most recently giving a presentation at the AASM’s annual Sleep Medicine Trends course, during which she described the role of nurse practitioners and physician assistants as members of the sleep team.

“The Saint Thomas community is privileged to have a leader with Dr. Carden’s passion for researching new sleep technologies,” said Fahad Tahir, President and CEO, Saint Thomas Midtown and West. “Dr. Carden’s commitment to sleep care innovation means improved quality of life for many in Middle Tennessee and beyond.”

A practicing sleep physician with Saint Thomas Medical Partners-Sleep Specialists in Nashville, Carden earned her medical degree from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine. She completed her residency in internal medicine at Baylor College of Medicine before completing fellowships in pulmonary medicine, critical care, and sleep medicine at Harvard Medical School. She now devotes all of her clinical time to the practice of sleep medicine.

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SHELTON, Martha Hollis


A funeral service was held June 7 at Sellars Funeral Home in Mt. Juliet, and interment followed at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to: Gideon’s International www.gideons.org/donate.


THOMSON, Matthew Neil

Matthew Neil Thomson, age 47 of Lebanon, passed away June 7, 2019. Preceded in death by father, Bill Thomson; and brother, Billy Bryan Thomson. Survived by wife, Casey Madden Thomson; daughters, McKenzie Thomson and Scarlett Thomson; mother, Charlotte Page Thompson; sister, Nan Kluesser; niece and nephew, Bryan Kluesser and Toni Majors; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

A funeral service will be held Wednesday, June 12, at 1 p.m. at Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet, and interment will follow the service at Spring Hill Cemetery.


YORK, Pamela Joy Dixon

Pamela Joy Dixon York, age 58 of Mt. Juliet, died June 3, 2019. Pam was preceded in death by her father, Ben Dixon; son, Christopher Alan Denney; sister, Cathy Dixon; and grandparents, Oplis and Velma Dixon.

She is survived by: Husband – Ronnie York; Mother – Margaret Dixon; Sister – Patti (Andy) Whitaker; Brothers – Ricky Dixon and Ben (Stacey) Dixon; Niece – Annette Whitaker; Nephews – Logan Dixon, Brady Dixon, Phoenix Dixon and Presley Newberry.

A Celebration of Life service was held June 6 at Bond Memorial Chapel, and interment followed at Hollis Wright Cemetery.


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late James and Annie Gremar Davis. Mrs. Montgomery was also preceded in death by her husband, Earl Montgomery, and her sisters, Ida Goodwin and Irene Eyler.

She is survived by: Daughters – Vickie Warren and Jan Penrod; Sisters – Dorothy Glisson and Geraldine Mills; Grandchildren – Charlotte, Jeremy, Angela, Chris and Kevin; Great-grandchildren – Abigail, Alisha, Zac, Devin, Noah, Mark, Cadence, Addison, Andrew, Jace and Emery; Great-great grandchild – Emelia; Several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held June 6 at Bond Memorial Chapel, and interment followed at Mapleview Cemetery in Smyrna.

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