BOC passes budget, lowers property tax rate

**Tax rate lowered to 15 cents**

By Kenny Howell
Managing Editor

The Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners approved the budget and lowered the property tax rate in the Monday meeting. The total budget, which exceeds $60 million, was approved unanimously with a few changes. "You deserve a standing ovation," said City Manager Kenny Martin to the Board of Commissioners after the budget passed. "It’s very monumental what you’ve done with this budget." One of the big changes was to lower the property tax rates from 16.64 cents to 15 cents per $100 of the assessed value. Mt. Juliet’s property tax only goes to emergency services, specifically the Fire Department of Mt. Juliet. The Board of Commissioners also approved many raises for city employees to get them more in line with cities in the area. Some positions were drastically lower, and they were some of the lowest in the area. Commissioner Scott Hefner asked City Staff to do a pay study, and

Suspect sought by MJ Police

Staff Reports

The Mt. Juliet Police Department is seeking information on a man who exposed himself at the Mt. Vernon Estates Community Pool. The incident happened Friday where a teenager or

I-40 bridge demo starts

Staff Reports

The bridge over I-40 began its phase one demolition Monday. That process will take two to three weeks to complete, which will lead to some lane closures in the

One Year In

New school, pandemic, construction, extra students made for an interesting inaugural year on ‘The Hill’

By Kenny Howell
Managing Editor

Opening a new school is hard enough. But like everything else in 2020, Green Hill High School had a little bit more thrown on their plate. A devastating tornado as the school year was being planned that added students from Mt. Juliet Middle School, a pandemic that raged before and during the school year, and construction that wasn’t quite finished made things more difficult. A school trying to establish its own identity as any first-year school does, now had a lot more to deal with to make it a successful learning experience for the students.

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Photo courtesy of Wilson County Schools

Green Hill High School had an adventurous first year with a pandemic, construction and students from Mt. Juliet Middle School attending.
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This year’s show will be shot from Circle P Ranch property. There is no parking available at Circle P. Parking is available at several local churches, schools and businesses along Mt. Juliet Road from Mt. Juliet Middle School to Cheddars and everywhere in between!

This will be the biggest fireworks show in Wilson County’s history!

In order to fund the 2021 Fireworks Blast, we need your help! Needham’s Nursery and Circle P Ranch have deposited $10,000 each into an account at CedarStone Bank to get things started off. If you would like to help fund the fireworks show you can make a deposit directly at any CedarStone Bank locations. Just tell them it’s for Needham’s Nursery’s Fireworks account or use www.GoFundMe.com and search “Citizen’s of Mt. Juliet Fireworks Blast.”

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A young adult male exited a vehicle at the corner at the intersection of West Wilson Boulevard and Sheila Ann Drive, and screamed to the individuals at the pool to look in his direction. The suspect was allegedly nude, and when confronted by an adult, got back into the car and sped away.

“You’ve been some comments that this was just a teenage prank,” said MJPD Captain Tyler Chandler. “However, when the victims are young children, it deserves our efforts to identify a suspect.”

The suspect was described as a white male, approximately 16-24 years old, and the vehicle was described as a silver or gray 4-door car.

MJPD is seeking anyone who might have camera footage from their home surveillance systems that could help in the investigation. The best time range to check would be around 9:36 p.m. on June 11.

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/.

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Staff Reports

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Board of Commissioners

The meeting that they are currently at 115 percent capacity in the existing facility. Justice Martin said before the beginning of the meeting that they are currently at 115 percent capacity in the existing facility. The Board of Commissioners approved $250,000 for short term flooding assistance on Old Lebanon Dirt Road near Jackson Hollow and Page Drive. With the eventual widening, there are some long-term solutions that will help with the flooding. In the meantime, Public Works Director Andy Barlow said some property owners have agreed to allow the creation of flood storage to help alleviate the damage done by flooding to the roads and homes.

“It will create a short-term solution until we can get the long-term fix,” said Barlow.

One of the major projects approved in the budget would be a new City Hall. Martin said before the meeting that they are currently at 115 percent capacity in the existing facility.

“Currently there are two possibilities,” said Martin. “One would be to expand the current city hall and the second would be a new free-standing location.”

Martin said that he is currently looking for possible sites and proposals. Once he compiles a list of viable options, he will submit it to the Board of Commissioners, and they will have workshops to study them. Once they pick a proposal, then the process would start. The Board of Commissioners have earmarked $10 million for the project. The commission also approved a resolution authorizing the execution of a contract between the City of Mt. Juliet and Bo- ger Construction LLC for construction of Fire Station North. The new fire station will be located across from Green Hill High School.

Justice and Commissioner Bill Trivett were concerned that there was no end date on the contract, and there were no penalties for not meeting the deadline.

“We’ve got caught in that before,” said Justice. After much searching, City Attorney Gino Mar-chetti found the necessary passages in the contract.

“Sorry, this is near and dear to my heart,” said Justice of the Fire Station North.

“Of course,” said Mayor James Maness. “This is the missing piece completing our coverage in the city.”

The project is set to take 250 days unless weather and supply chain problems slow it down.

The Commissioners also approved a new entertainment venue permit, that would allow for businesses that are entertainment oriented to sell alcoholic beverages without having to meet the 5-to-1 food to alcoholic beverages ratio the city requires for restaurants. This would cover places like Dave & Buster’s, Top Golf, places that have live music multiple times a week and many others. An existing business that was following the 5-to-1 that has live music can apply for this license. Another ordinance to reduce the 5-to-1 was deferred indefinitely after lack of support and need for more research.

Commissioners also approved an ordinance that would stop commercial contractors from doing work inside or outside the home on Sundays. It was previously not allowed to do outside work, but contractors would move indoors. However, they were still using loud tools and generating noise complaints. Commissioner Jennifer Milele clarified that this is only for commercial contractors. Individual homeowners can work on their homes.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 17
MT. JULIET PLANNING COMMISSION

The Mt. Juliet Planning Commission will meet Thursday, June 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 2425 N. Mt. Juliet Road. You can watch the meeting through the City’s YouTube page or at the website at mtju-liet-tn.gov.

July 6
MT. JULIET-WEST WILSON LIONS CLUB MEETING

Mt. Juliet-West Wilson Lions Club meeting is Tuesday, July 6, 7 p.m. at Courtney’s Restaurant.

July 12
MT. JULIET BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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July 15
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July 20
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Mt. Juliet-West Wilson Lions Club meeting is Tuesday, July 20, 7 p.m. at Courtney’s Restaurant.

If you have a calendar event, send it to editor@tcomj.com
Daniel Darling
Green Hill Church

When we first moved to Tennessee almost eight years ago, one of our first priorities was to find a piano and voice teacher for our children, who love music. My son had taken piano and voice lessons since the age of four and we were determined to find the best teacher in Mt. Juliet. Through connections at First Baptist Church, where we attended at the time, we heard about a sweet lady who, trained in classical music, was teaching students across Mt. Juliet. Her name: Amy McAllister.

For seven years our children would make weekly pilgrimages to her home in Mt. Juliet, a place where they not only learned music, but found a warm, caring and comforting friend, someone who would listen to them after a hard week, who would give them treats for practicing their piano, and who would, in her kind way, reinforce the values we teach our kids at home. The last time I drove over there, I took my son after trying out for the school basketball team and not making it and feeling very discouraged. He didn’t want to go, but I made him and after he got back in the car, after the lesson, he was a different person. “Dad thanks for making me go to Miss Amy’s.”

We got a text one Saturday from Amy in which she said, “I have to cancel the lesson today and I got COVID.” We canceled, thinking it would be a few weeks before we’d see hear cheerful face. But alas, a week later, when we texted again, we received a shocking message that Amy had passed away from COVID-19. So quickly this mysterious virus entered her system and so quickly she found her way into the hospital and then so quickly succumbed to the virus. Our family was devastated. Still, months later, we are processing through our grief. Amy meant so much to our family. Our children have years of memories. Every time they play the piano. Every time we go to a recital. We think of her. And her profound impact on our lives.

We know we are not alone in losing a treasured friend to this deadly disease. So many have been taken from us too early. As a Christian, I both lament death and yet find hope. Like Jesus, who wept and expressed anger at the untimely passing of his friend Lazarus, we too can rage at death. Death is an intrusion on God’s creation. Yet the Christian faith also tells the story of the One who rose from the dead.

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REFLECTIONS FROM AN OLD FRIEND - Be A Real Life Superhero

Kenny Martin
City Manager

When you where a kid did you have a favorite superhero? Did you ever wish you had superhero powers or the ability to change lives for the better and even save lives? I did and my favorite superhero as a kid was Spiderman.

To this very day I still have superheroes and enjoy watching the superhero movies. As a kid I even collected the magazines and trading cards.

Well, I have super news. You can be a superhero anytime you like and already have the superpowers needed to change and save lives. That is right, you can be a superhero and will not need a cape, fancy superhero outfit or special powers and tools. As a matter of fact, you were born with all the tools and superhero powers needed to be a superhero anytime you desire.

You have a heart and as a human being you possess many superpowers like passion, compassion, forgiveness, and love. You even have healing powers. Let me explain a little further. You can make the world better for someone by simply saying I am sorry, I forgive you, I need you, I respect you, I am here for you, please forgive me or I love you. Those words can save lives and heal hearts. Sometimes all another human being desires and needs to hear is I love you or you have immense worth, you are beautiful.

Mere words coming from your heart verbally, written or signed possess far more power than you might truly realize. Saying I love you can change a life for the good and possibly even save a life or lift someone’s spirits. A phone call, text, visit, or letter letting someone know you are thinking about them changes lives.

If you do not believe me, try it for yourself. Call someone you know and just say I did not need anything, just wanted to say hi and I love you.

If you want to see how much superhuman power, you possess, try it in person. Say something nice to a co-worker or the bagger at the grocery store and watch their face. See if they do not light up, smile, or say thank you. Say I love you to a friend or loved one and you will see the same and likely hear thanks and I love you too. Your mere words can save lives and you have likely saved a life and did not even realize it.

As a human being and at any time you desire, you can call upon your superhero powers and change a life for the better with nothing more than your voice, your hugs, your passion, your compassion, your forgiveness, your support, and your love.

So, imagine what a difference we all could make in this world if we joined our superhero powers together. You are a superhero human being, and we need you and your superpowers to help change the world and lives of others for the better. Let us start changing lives for the better today!

As a fellow human being thank you in advance for being a superhero human being.

TELLING TALES - Hard Brake

Backseat 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 his 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 and just let me drive if I didn’t stop “helping” him.

But truth be told, I’m a much better co-driver than actual driver and honestly no one wants me driving. They just want me quiet!

While not amused; the hard brake quieted me down for about ten minutes and then...Cop! Slow down! You’re welcome! Rain! 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.)

And finally we made it to Memphis. All in one piece thanks to both our efforts!

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.

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who conquered death itself. Jesus, in his crucifixion and resurrection, defeated sin, death and the grave.

We will never “get over” losing our Miss Amy. Always a hole will remain where her life filled. And yet we have the sweet assurance that because Jesus rose again, we will see Amy again. One day, God will raise up everyone who believes in His Son to new life. This is the promise of the Christian gospel. This the message Amy believed with all her heart, what she spent her life telling others, what motivated her to shape young and talented musicians.

I don’t know what kind of grief you are facing as you read this article. Perhaps you have lost someone close to you, someone who gave you joy. I want to assure you that God feels your pain and the Good Shepherd is near. Call on Jesus, trust him as your Lord and Savior. Experience his grace and mercy and compassion.

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Principal Kevin Dawson speaks at the ribbon cutting for Green Hill High School back in 2020.

GREEN HILL, PAGE 1

“You have all these grand ideas of what it’s like to open a new school,” said Green Hill Principal Kevin Dawson.

Dawson said he felt confident coming into the year, but he quickly found out he underestimated the job with all the extra obstacles. He said the toughest thing was that he wasn’t able to create a relationships with the parents who were kept at a distance because of COVID-19 restrictions. They weren’t able to have a lot of community meetings, so that one-on-one connection wasn’t there.

“You want parents to trust you, but they’ve only seen you on a video screen,” said Principal Kevin Dawson. “They understood the difficulties.”

He said despite all that, the community really stepped up for the school and did what they could. Whether it was the parents or the business community, the school quickly got an identity.

“We have been able to capitalize on the culture of the school,” said Dawson.

Dawson said for a lot of the kids, they completely bought into being a Green Hill Hawk. He said that became apparent when the first football home game was played, and even though they had limited capacity, it definitely didn’t feel like it. The community was there, and it really helped build “The Hill”.

The year culminated recently when the first senior class graduated. Dawson said he was blown away with the students because of all they accomplished with the most difficult junior and senior years in memory. They were given so many roadblocks, and they still achieved at a high level. He said they had every chance to disengage, but they stayed at it until the end.

Part of that was not only the students hard work, but also the teachers who helped get them there. Dawson said he quickly learned what his group of teachers were all about this year. He said that they had so much extra piled on their plates, but they still pushed forward and made sure the kids got the learning experience they needed.

Going into the second year, Dawson said that biggest thing he hopes to improve is the communication with the community. He wants to have more events that parents can attend and be more involved in their school, something they couldn’t do as much as they would have liked in the first year. He wants to keep that momentum going and continue to build “The Hill”.

Dr. Juneau joins West Elementary

Staff Reports

Dr. Alexandra Juneau has been named the new Assistant Principal at West Elementary.

‘I’m well aware of the amazing school, staff and students that makes West Elementary what it is,” said Dr. Juneau in a press release from Wilson County Schools. “The community and family support is tremendous from everything I’ve seen. I’m really excited to get started and work with Dr. Chris Plummer (principal) in helping to make West the best it can be.”

Juneau is joining West from John Pittard Elementary in Murfreesboro City Schools. She has been an educator for 14 year, and was voted Teacher of the Year in 2017. She also served as a SCORE Tennessee Educator Fellow from 2018-19.

MJHS MCJROTC gives back at park

The Mt. Juliet High School Marine Corps Junior ROTC started their community service program this past week by helping park rangers at Long Hunter State Park with several projects.

WCS summer pick up meal program starts

Staff Reports

Wilson County Schools started it’s Summer Pick-Up Meal program this week. These free meals are available to anyone 18 years or younger in Wilson County.

Meal pick-ups will consist of a lunch for that day and a breakfast item for the following morning. You have to have your orders in by 8 a.m. on weekdays via email to the designated staff member at available meal pick-up locations.

Those contacts will be: Elzie D. Patton Elementary, Melissa Evans, evansmel100@wcschools.com; Mt. Juliet Middle School, Sonya Oliver, olivers@wcschools.com; Rutland Elementary, Calah Mullins, mullical100@wcschools.com; Watertown Elementary, Kathy Taylor, taylork@wcschools.com; Mt. Juliet High School, Shana Martin, martins@wcschools.com; Southside Elementary, Alisa Pierce, piercead@wcschools.com; Watertown Elementary, Kathy Taylor, taylork@wcschools.com.

Meals will need to be picked up between 10-10:30 a.m. each day near the cafeteria of the corresponding school.
MTSU’s Finish Now looking to help adults get their degree

Staff Reports

Adults looking to return to college to finish their degree or considering attending college for the first time will have the opportunity to have their questions answered by MTSU representatives next week at Charlie Daniels Park in Mt. Juliet.

As a part of the university’s Finish Now event series, representatives from MTSU’s University College will be on hand from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, June 17, at the Mt. Juliet Community Center inside the park. There is no cost to attend.

Degree coordinators, academic advisers and admissions counselors from MTSU will talk with attendees one-on-one to answer questions about transferring prior credits, choosing a degree program, getting admitted to MTSU, and enrolling in courses to get started. Staff from Volunteer State Community College will also be there to explain how students can start their journey to a bachelor’s degree at Vol State.

MTSU College of Graduate Studies will also be on hand in order to help those interested in furthering their education with an advanced degree.

That’s in attendance will also have the chance to win one of several partial scholarships as well.

“We are thrilled to be in Mt. Juliet for our Finish Your Degree event,” said Danielle Fowler, coordinator for recruitment and corporate outreach for University College. “This city is growing so fast and we see a lot of opportunity here to help people accomplish their educational and professional goals.”

MTSU offers several flexible degree options that are specifically designed for working adults with demanding schedules. The degrees can be completed online at the student’s pace, and students can even get college credit for some of their previous work.

Using Prior Learning Assessment, working adults may be able to earn college credit for learning acquired from work and training. In the PLA course, students create a detailed portfolio of their professional competencies, training and certifications, and other experiential learning. On average, qualifying students earn 22 hours of credit for the time and cost of a three-hour course.

“Prior Learning Assessment can be a huge advantage for our adult students,” said Cathy Delametter, PLA manager and instructor. “If a student puts in the effort and time in the PLA course, there’s no question they will find value in it and finish their degree faster because of it.”

To learn more about the event and to get updates, attendees can RSVP on the MTSU Online Facebook page. An RSVP is not required to attend but is appreciated.

SCHOOL EVENTS

June 21

WILSON CENTRAL GIRLS BASKETBALL YOUTH CAMP
Wilson Central Girls Basketball Youth Camp for 4th through 8th grade girls is June 21-23, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. $90 due upon entrance. Registration at cognitoforms.com/WCHS2/YouthCamp. For more information, contact wilsoer100@wcscschools.com

WILSON CENTRAL BOE, ADMINISTRATIVE & TRAINING COMPLEX, 415 Harding Drive, Lebanon, TN 37087.

Aug. 2

WEST WILSON MIDDLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY TRYOUTS
West Wilson Middle School Cross Country Tryouts are Aug. 2, 4-5 p.m. at the MJHS Tennis Courts. Complete the Google form on WWMS website. A current physical is needed to try out. For more information, contact Coach Woods at Woodsken100@wcscschools.com.

WILSON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
The Wilson County School Board meeting is Monday, Aug. 2, 6 p.m. at the Wilson County BOE, Administrative & Training Complex, 415 Harding Drive, Lebanon, TN 37087.

Aug. 5

WILSON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
First day of School

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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
First day of school, students report.

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

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**BENNETT, Tara Jeanne**

Tara Jeanne Bennett, 39, Noblesville, Ind. passed away Wednesday, June 9 at her home. She was born on May 12, 1982 in Warwick, RI.

Tara worked as a corporate accountant. She loved everything Disney, including movies, characters, and visiting the parks. Tara enjoyed scrapbooking, reading and exercising. She enjoyed watching all sports, especially baseball, hockey, and football. Most of all, Tara loved spending time with her family and gathering with them for “Football Sundays”. She graduated in 2000 from Mt. Juliet High School.

She is survived by: husband, Jeremy Bennett; father, Stephen (Christine) Larsen; mother, Patricia (Stephen) Sims; daughter, Anastasia Bennett; brothers, Christopher (Madeline) Larsen and Patrick (Jesalyn) Larsen; grandparents, Jesse and Sue Sims; niece and nephews, Kyle, Brandon and Henry; aunt, Jeanne (Tom) Soares and their children, Pamela (Justin) Bailey and Nathan (Patience) Soares; and uncle, Stan (Kathy) Sims and their children, Stephen, Michael and Danny Sims.

Visitation will be held from 2-4 p.m., with the funeral service beginning at 4 p.m., on Thursday, June 17 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road in Noblesville, Ind.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Appendix Cancer, Pseudomyxoma Peritonei Research Foundation (ACPMF), 2021 I Street NW, Suite 101-244, Washington, DC 20036-4909; or online at: https://acpmf.org/help-us/donate/.

**BLAIR, John Hart**

John Hart Blair, 83, Brush Creek passed away June 5 at St. Thomas Hospital, Murfreesboro.

Born in Torrington, Wyoming, he is preceded in death by parents, Fred and Opa Blair, Whites Creek, brother, Wesley (Frances) Blair, Winchester.

He is survived by siblings, Cyrus (Doris) Blair, Punta Gorda Fla., Mary (Alton) Elder, Joelton, Boyd (Teresa) Blair, Whites Creek, RuthAnn (Paul) Crutchfield, Nashville.

John is survived by wife of 61 yrs., Juanita Mills Blair, daughters, Tambra (Carey) Fore of Lascassas, Samantha (Ken) Blair-Nelson, Lebanon, and son, Bri (Beth) Blair, Mt. Juliet, and beloved Papa to eight grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren.

John's legacy is a devoted husband, loyal father, true friend, master storyteller, and all time hero, who could fix most anything will live on in the hearts of those who love and respect him.

There will be a Celebration of Life memorial service, July 5, at 3pm with visiting following.

Service is located at The Nelson Farm Pavilion, 801 Horn Springs Rd., Lebanon, TN. 37087, (615)584-6099, Google Maps box no. 427. You are welcome to send flowers or plant a memorial tree in his name.

**DYE, Deborah ‘Gail’**

Deborah Gail Dye, 71, Mt. Juliet, passed away June 10.

She was preceded in death by parents, Herbert and Anne Hargrove; and brother, Danny Hargrove.

Dye is survived by husband, Dan of 52 years, J.D. Dye; and Anne Hargrove; and siblings, Karen Didwell (Jim Pat), Sandra Sanders, David Rizor (Linda), Brenda Dye (John); and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

There was a Gathering of Family & Friends at Heritage Funeral Home on Monday, June 14 from noon until 2 p.m. (service to follow). An additional Celebration of Life will be held at Heritage United Methodist Church Saturday July 17, from noon until 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations be made in Joan's memory to the American Cancer Society and the Vanderbilt Oncology Department.

**RUSHLOW, Kenneth Robert**

Kenneth Robert Rushlow, 72, Hermitage, passed away June 7.

Ken was born in Saginaw, Mich. As a child growing up in a military family, he lived all over the world and was influenced by his time abroad.

In 1967, he graduated from Chamblee High School in Chamblee, Ga. and attended Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro on a football scholarship. He was a member of the Lambda Psi Fraternity (Sigma Alpha Epsilon) and served as the treasurer of his Junior Class at MTSU.

Ken received his master's degree from Clemson University in Clemson, SC and his doctorate from Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La.

He was a dedicated family man, especially his children, and always made his family feel special.

The Rushlow family will hold a Memorial Service on Saturday, June 19 (time to be announced).

Arrangements by Selma Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grace United Methodist Church Benevolence Fund.

**STURGIS, Sandra Joan**

Sandra Joan Sturgis, 74, Hermitage, died May 25.

Sturgis was born in Nashville, and was the daughter of the late, Lawrence T. and Irene Brewer Daniel.

She was graduate of Isaac Litton High School and the University of Tennessee. She was a member of the Hermitage Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses and volunteered her time as a Bible study instructor. She retired as Medicaid Director and Assistant Commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Health. Sturgis enjoyed knitting, traveling, especially to Europe and New York, fine dining, classical music, ballet and “Broadway” concerts, museums and collecting seals. She loved her dogs, Borphese and Chloe. Mrs. Sturgis was also preceded in death by her only sibling, a sister, Denise Daniel.

She is survived by: husband and best friend of 36 years, Vernon Hayward Sturgis; sisters-in-law Cheryl Sturgis, Susan Sandel, Bethea (Patrick) Folmar; nieces and nephews, Yvonne Rene Sturgis, Sean Alexander Sturgis, Brenda McClain, Tyler Reginald (Sydney), Sturgis, and Khouy Diewit Sturgis; Loving cousins and dear friends.

A virtual funeral service will be held Sunday, June 27.
Recently I have met with several individuals who have active employer coverage and enrolled in Part A and B when first eligible for Medicare. If you are still working and have active employer coverage you do not have to enroll in Part B of Medicare, the medical portion. You will just be paying extra for coverage you already have with your employer. You can go ahead and enroll in Part A when you are eligible, and benefits will be coordinated with your employer. Before you do anything, it is always a good idea to have a cost analysis of employer coverage versus Medicare as you may come out better with Medicare.

For additional information, please call us at IMS to guide you through this process at 615-831-3800.

Alicia Burns | 615-758-8100 | aburns@imsbenefits.com
2365 N. Mt. Juliet Road, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

What local Wellness Center deserves your patronage?

We all know that visiting a local Wellness Center can be a scary experience for many people, especially with high pressure, commission-like sales tactics that almost incentivize you to take your business online. Here are a few pointers to help you make the most informed decision on what Wellness Center deserves your patronage:

1. Pay close attention to whether the Wellness Center you’re visiting is truly professional. The staff at your local Wellness Center should greet you at the door, be invested in your progress, aligned with your goals, and schedule follow-ups to help with accountability.
2. Don’t be afraid to ask questions. It’s your right to ask as many questions as you deem necessary to be comfortable with the purchase of products for your health. These questions can range anywhere from the ingredients in a product to asking if the individual helping you has any professional certifications.
3. Make sure the Wellness Center you visit offers services that enhance the effectiveness of your products. Your local Wellness Center should offer services such as nutrition plans & body composition scans to ensure that you have every tool available to allow your supplements to work efficiently and to accurately track your progress. If these services aren’t offered on the front end, your Wellness Center is simply a “supplement” shop.

What should I be doing to prepare myself for the Fall?

I would suggest you examine all your maintenance equipment. Make sure your skim nets, your automatic cleaner bags, etc. are in shape to handle the coming fall leaf debris. Also, check your solar blankets. It won’t be to many more days before you need to put them on to reserve your pool heat through the cool nights.

If you keep your pool open all winter, consider a leaf net cover to make your leaf maintenance less of a nightmare! Adjust your alkalinity and your PH will stay at the levels you need them the rest of the year. Your swimming pool can remain open year-round with a little more maintenance and preparation.

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WITHERS, Ella Dawn

Ella Dawn Withers, 81, Hermitage, died June 13.

Withers was born in Hermitage and was the daughter of the late, Murry and Mary Frances Gleave Sharp. She was also preceded in death by her brother, Neil Sharp. Withers was a member of Grace Place.

She is survived by: Husband of 63 years Harold Withers; Sons, Troy (Karen) Withers and Terry (Tammy) Withers; Grandchildren, T.J. [Kel-]lie Withers, Daniel [Brook] Withers, Michael Withers and Lance Withers; Great-granddaughter, Bri Withers

Funeral services will be conduct-
ed 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 17, at Bond Memorial Chapel with Tim Sharp officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Active pallbearers will be T.J. With-
ers, Daniel Withers, Michael Withers, Lance withers, Keith Black and Shane Sharp.

Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to Alive Hospice, 1718 Patterson Street, Nashville, TN 37203.

Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Wednesday and one hour prior to service time Thursday at Bond Mem-
The Board of Commissioners of the City of Mt. Juliet will have a Work Session at 5:15 PM on June 21, 2021 at City Hall to discuss the City of Grants and Donations for FY 2021/2022 to include a donation amount per registered youth sports player. The public is invited to attend.

Kenny Martin, City Manager
City of Mt. Juliet

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

We are now accepting resumes for the CONCESSIONS MANAGER position at the Mt. Juliet League Ball Park.

The Concessions Manager will be under the general supervision of the Park Administrator and report to the Park President and concession chair, and shall be responsible for the routine manual work, paperwork, accounting of monies, training and supervision of concession workers to maintain, clean, and operate the concession facilities.

For instructions on how to apply, please visit www.mjleague.org

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Find your community at Just Love Coffee

By Kenny Howell
Managing Editor

Coffee shops are an important part of the community.

It’s not just a place to get a drink and maybe a quick snack. It’s a place to catch up with friends, do business, hold gatherings.

That is definitely true of Just Love Coffee Cafe, which has just passed its 100 day mark of being open. Tracy Vitela, who runs the 63 Bellina Parkway location with her sister Annette Vitela, said they want to play an important role in the community.

“Our biggest goal is to be a platform,” said Tracy. “I want to be able to say I can help you with that.”

Vitela said they held an art show recently for high school students, and events like that is one of their main functions within the community, especially ones that contribute something to it.

That also extends into how they choose their employees. Tracy said they often want to hire kids that have never had a job before because she wants to take what she learned in the corporate world to help others become great employees. Tracy said she had those people in her life back when she was younger working in restaurants in Northern Virginia.

Just Love Coffee Cafe has nine locations in the Middle Tennessee area. Tracy and Annette had wanted to open a place for years, and finally pulled the trigger and approached Just Love about a Mt. Juliet location. Just Love had been thinking the same thing. Both parties had wanted to be Mt. Juliet, so it was a perfect pair.

Tracy said the key to their coffee is that, hand-roasted and fair trade, meaning they do everything they can to make sure everything is environmentally sustainable, and the people that worked in the production were treated and compensated fairly. Just Love Coffee Cafe tries to only use biodegradable packaging to limit the impact on the environment.

There are several different varieties to choose from like a medium roast called Hello Sunshine or a dark roast like Total Eclipse. In addition to coffee, they also have you covered for breakfast, lunch or dinner, as well as if you just need a snack or sweet treat. You can start your day with something like a breakfast burrito, a wrap at lunch or a chicken quesadilla for dinner.

You can learn more about Just Love Coffee Cafe at www.justlovecoffeecafe.com.

CUMBERLAND UNIVERSITY

Tyler McChurch Memorial Golf Tournament set for June 18

Staff Reports

The seventh annual Tyler McChurch Memorial Golf Tournament and Auction will take place at Pine Creek Golf Course on June 18 and on the Lebanon Square on June 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This is the first year the golf tournament and auction will take place on separate dates.

The auction will take place in the town square the day after the sold-out Pine Creek Golf Tournament.

The auction is open to anyone and bidders can participate virtually or in person through the Click Bid website https://cumberlanduniversity.cbo.io from now until 3 p.m. on June 19.

Auction items from Tia’s Boutique, Juice Bar, American Jewelry Company and more will be displayed in the quad near Idy & Oscar’s.

The neighborhood restaurant Town Square Social will be open during the auction as well as the food trucks: Fried Green Tomatoes, Kona Ice and Yia-Ghee’s Tea Party.

Live music from local musician Lain Tomlinson will begin at 10 a.m. and Nashville singer-songwriter Jordan Umbach will begin at 12:30 p.m.

Created in memory of Cumberland Alum Tyler McChurch who lost his life in a tragic car accident at age 29, the Tyler McChurch Memorial Auction and Golf Tournament raises vital funds to support Cumberland University athletics, youth sports programs throughout Wilson County, Empower Me and the Tyler McChurch Memorial Scholarship at Cumberland University.

The McChurch family watched their son’s character and skills develop throughout his time in athletic programs and hope to make the same possible for other students through the memorial endowment fund.

To learn more about the Tyler McChurch Memorial Scholarship, visit https://www.tmacmemorialscholarship.com/.

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Duke is a 5-year-old Pittbull who came to our shelter as an owner surrender. Duke does not do well with other dogs or children, but he is a very sweet guy. Duke loves playing outside, and he loves water! He is already neutered. His adoption fee is $75. Please call the shelter at 615-773-5533 to schedule an appointment to meet Duke, or come during OPEN HOURS Monday – Friday from 11:30-5:30.

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Republican Party files for primary

The Wilson County Republican Party Executive Committee filed their letter with the Election Commission calling for a Republican Party Primary to be held May 3, 2022. The deadline for the Republican and Democratic parties of Wilson County to give notice to the Election Commission of their intention to hold a county primary is Aug. 23. The Democratic Party, also, has the option of holding a caucus to select Democratic candidates for eligible offices.

The Republican Executive Committee communicated the decision to hold a Republican Primary for all county offices eligible for a primary election. Offices eligible are Circuit Court Judge Division I, Circuit Court Judge Division II, Chancellor, Criminal Court Judge, District Attorney, Public Defender, County Mayor, County Commissioners - All 25 Districts, County Trustee, General Sessions Judge Division I, General Sessions Judge Division II, General Sessions Judge Division III, Sheriff, Circuit Court Clerk, County Clerk, Register of Deeds and Constables - All 5 Zones.

Candidates for any eligible office who run as a member of the Republican party or as an Independent will all qualify by Feb. 17, 2022 at noon. The only candidates included on the May 3, 2022 county primary ballot will be those seeking the nomination of the political party that have requested a primary election. The winners of the May 3, 2022 county primary and any caucus nominated candidates will appear on the Aug. 4, 2022 Wilson County General Election ballot as their party nominee along with any Independent candidates that qualified on Feb. 17, 2022.

Three of the seven Wilson County School Board members will be on the Wilson County General Election ballot on Aug. 4, 2022. School Board candidates are non-partisan offices. The qualifying deadline for these offices will be April 7, 2022 at noon. The deadline to qualify for Governor, U.S. Congress, Tennessee State Senate, Tennessee House of Representatives, and Republican and Democratic State Executive Committee Members will also be April 7, 2022 at noon.

Primary elections are for nominating the political party candidate. Voters that participate in primary elections consider themselves affiliated with one of the two major parties in Tennessee. There is no primary for Independent candidates. The winner of the party primary goes on to represent their party in the general election. The general election is the election where all voters make the final choice between the party and Independent candidates for a specific office.

To learn more about primaries and general elections, qualifications for offices and other elections related information visit www.WilsonVotes.com and download the 2021-2022 Voter Handbook. The Election Commission offers programs about elections and voting for any interested group. To schedule your group presentation, ask questions about election related issues or learn how you can be involved contact the Wilson County Election Commission by calling (615)444-0216, emailing info@WilsonElections.com, online at www.WilsonVotes.com or in person at 203 East Main St in Lebanon.

WB&T wins Gene Duke Friend of the Museum Award

The Granville Museum established the Gene Duke Friend of the Museum award many years ago in memory of one of Museum Founders Gene Duke. Eugene Duke son of Gene Duke presents the 2021 Award to Wilson Bank & Trust President John Foster. Wilson Bank & Trust has been a business sponsor since 1999 and has been a great supporter of the of the Granville Festivals as well as the Sutton Ole Time Music Hour.

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Harmony offers residents an unparalleled living experience: a senior living community that feels like home. Where the apartments are spacious and inviting, the days are filled with engaging activities, and the staff is supportive and compassionate. At Harmony, we care for your loved ones like they cared for you.