Detectives seek identity of fraud suspects

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

Mt. Juliet Police are searching for two men suspected of using cloned debit cards around the city.

According to MJPD, detectives hope the public can help identify the two suspects who fraudulently used the cards and withdrew cash from multiple ATMs.

The suspects were caught on surveillance video at one bank where they used around 20 different cloned cards.

“Detectives believe the suspects are capturing debit card transactions, including the PIN, and transferring the card data onto fake cards,” said MJPD Captain Tyler Chandler. “The suspects were caught on surveillance video at one bank where they used around 20 different cloned cards.”

Maristone certified StormReady

Maristone of Providence Assisted Living and Memory Care in Mt. Juliet became one of only two StormReady senior living communities in Middle Tennessee on Tuesday, June 12.

“Being StormReady means that all residents and staff have been trained and have gone through scenarios and drills to be ready whenever a weather emergency occurs in the area. "We are honored that our community has received the StormReady designation from the National Weather Service,” said Amy Boggess, Life Enrichment coordinator at Maristone.

“Our incredible residents and staff are now prepared in the event of an unfortunate weather event. At Maristone, we are here to provide safety at all times for those who have joined our community. We hope to bring residents and their families even more peace of mind no matter the situation.”

Maristone of Providence is located at 140 Providence Trail in Mt. Juliet. To learn more about Maristone, visit maristoneofprovidence.com.

To learn more about StormReady certification, visit www.weather.gov/StormReady.

Community Calendar

JUNE 21
Planning Commission
Mt. Juliet City Hall

JULY 9-11
Camp Confidence
Keith Edmonds Foundation

JULY 12
Work Session
Board of Education

Education Department announces TNReady changes

Staff Reports

Education Commissioner Candice McQueen announced several new steps last week to improve the state’s TNReady student assessment, including recompeting the state's current testing vendor contract. These improvements are being made after ongoing conversations with teachers, parents, education leaders, and policy-makers over the past several weeks and are aimed at addressing a number of areas of concern.

The multi-faceted changes announced June 14 will immediately improve the state assessment — TNReady — and establish a longer-term framework for success. The steps being taken to improve TNReady include:

• Releasing a new Request for Proposals (RFP) to identify the assessment vendor or vendors that can successfully administer the state test in 2019-20 and beyond
• Amending the state’s current contract and relationship with Questar to improve the assessment experience in 2018-19
• Adjusting the pace of the state’s transition to online testing

These steps complement and establish a longer-term framework for success. The steps being taken to improve TNReady include:

County Fair honors dairy farmers with new theme

Staff Reports

There are moments that make up a life, some simple, others extraordinary. It is these moments that transcend the ordinary to touch our hearts. They bring us together - It’s mAGic!

When everyone gets together at the Wilson County Fair - It’s mAGic!

The food, rides, pageants, exhibits, tractor pulls, showing livestock, music and entertainment - It’s mAGic!

Winning that blue ribbon for the first time - It’s mAGic!

Agriculture— It feeds us, clothes us, shelters us. What would life be like without agriculture?

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JUNE 21

Planning Commission
The Mt. Juliet Planning Commission will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 21, at City Hall. A Public Hearing will be held before the meeting at 6:15.

JUNE 24

Triumphant Quartet
Victory Baptist Church is hosting an evening of uplifting, inspirational music featuring Dove Award-winning and Grammy nominated southern gospel group Triumphant Quartet. Sunday, June 24 at 5 p.m. There is no charge for admission, but a love offering will be taken. Located at 1777 Tate Lane.

JUNE 25

Board of Commissioners
The Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 25, at City Hall. A Public Hearing will be held before the meeting at 6:15.

JUNE 26

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 26

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.

JULY 4

Fireworks Celebration
The Mt. Juliet Fireworks Celebration will start at 9 p.m. July 4. The best view will be from areas surrounding the Paddocks of Mt. Juliet shopping center traffic plan will be published in next week’s edition of The Chronicle, or it can be viewed at mjpdnews.org.

JULY 9-11

Camp Confidence
Keith Edmonds Foundation is hosting Camp Confidence at Cumberland University, a three-day camp where children ages 8-12 in state custody can let go of their stress and just be kids while enjoying indoor and outdoor activities, team building, food and more. The Free event is July 9-11 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day. To register, contact Keith Edmonds Foundation at 615-651-0714 or ElaineKeithEdmondsFoundation.org.

JULY 12

Work Session
The Wilson County Board of Education will meet in a Work Session Thursday, July 12, at 3 p.m., followed by a regular Board Meeting at 6 p.m. at the Wilson County Board of Education Administrative and Training Complex, 415 Harding Dr. in Lebanon.

JULY 20

Shoe Giveaway
The Annual Salvation Army/Dewaal Shoe Giveaway will be held from 4-6 p.m. July 20 at Mary Chaffin Chapel-The Salvation Army Church, located at 715 Lake St. in Lebanon.
Tennesseans struggle to get and stay healthy

By Frank Daniels III
Guest Contributor

Despite having some of the best health care companies in world, the people who live and work in Tennessee are not healthy.

Bad habits

Too many of us are too fat. Tennessee has the worst childhood obesity rate in the USA, and the fifth worst adult obesity rate.

There are only seven states where residents smoke more cigarettes.

Tennesseans have more opioid prescriptions that all but one other state. (All rankings from Think Tennessee's State of Our State: http://thinktennessee.org/research/state-state-2018/)

And, compared to other states, Tennesseans don't like to exercise, ranking sixth from the bottom in the percentage of adults who exercise regularly (according to a recent Gallup poll.)

Equal poor health

It's no surprise that our bad habits contribute to some disappointing health statistics.

Tennesseans suffer from heart disease and diabetes, ranking sixth worst in those measurements.

The state ranks near the bottom in the number of babies born with low birth weight and in infant mortality.

What can we do?

There are many factors that impact whether Tennesseans can improve their overall health. Adequate health insurance is a significant factor. Tennessee ranks 40th on the number people who do not have health insurance. However, the state does a much better job of making sure its children have health insurance, ranking 22nd.

Being able to access health care is also crucial, and some parts of Tennessees have watched their local hospitals close. Nine hospitals have closed in rural Tennessee counties, which is the second highest rate in the nation. According to the Tennessee Hospital Association, another six rural hospitals are likely to close in the near future.

The challenges to improve the physical well-being of Tennesseans belie the regular good news headlines that tout the state's economic well-being.

As voters prepare to vote in the August primaries, the 124-member newspapers of the Tennessee Press Association are working together to present a forum for the major candidates in the gubernatorial and senate races to address challenges. This month, the TPA asked candidates about their ideas to make Tennessee a healthier state.

You can read their answers in the accompanying story on page 8.

Incentives

“One of the most important things our elected leaders can do is to make sure the incentives are there along with the flexibility to address these challenges,” said Craig Becker, president and CEO of the 136-member Tennessee Hospital Association.

“The business models for hospitals and health care providers is changing, but the regulations and incentives have not,” Becker said.

Local hospitals have long been economic engines for their communities, but how health care delivery, technology and the cost of health care are forcing many changes.

“Smaller communities are going to have to adjust,” Becker said. “And that is where government can help.”

Instead of incentives that focus on taking care of sick people, smaller communities should be encouraged to focus on improving health in their community. It is an effort, he said, that requires a lot of coordination. Getting schools involved to help children, and their parents, make healthy lifestyle choices – eating better, exercising more, and smoking less – is just one example.

But to make that work, the financial incentives have to be there.

Insurance

One of the most debated solutions to improving Tennesseans health is expanding the number of people who are insured by TennCare, the state's Medicaid insurance program.

In 2015, the Tennessee General Assembly rejected a proposed plan from Gov. Bill Haslam to expand TennCare using federal funds authorized under the Affordable Care Act that would have insured about 200,000 Tennesseans who were not eligible for TennCare.

The Affordable Care Act, which was President Barack Obama's signature legislation to expand health insurance coverage (hence the popular name, Obamacare), faces challenges too as President Donald Trump's Department of Justice has decided not to defend the act in lawsuits filed by many states.

With or without Obamacare, Tennessee must address the challenges that make its people among the least healthy in the United States.

Frank Daniels is a writer living in Clarksville. A former editor, columnist and business executive, he is a member of the N.C. Journalism Hall of Fame. You reach him at fdanielsiii@mac.com.
**ASK AN EXPERT**

**What are the benefits of a Spring Tune-Up?**

Spring is around the corner and your HVAC system is due for a cleaning. After a long winter, your system needs to be maintained to prepare you for the upcoming season. A Spring Tune-Up consists of an inspection of all functioning parts and thorough cleaning. First, this will inform you of any repairs that need to be currently made and this will also let you know of any repairs that could possibly happen in the future. Next, a thorough cleaning will help your system run more efficiently and cut down on energy costs. We recommend a Spring Tune-Up to give you, as the customer, peace of mind that your system is running properly and to keep you in the loop on the future of your HVAC system. Below is how we can be of service to you this Spring!

**I've been hearing a lot of celebrities talk about microneedling and how they love it. What is it all about?**

Believe it or not, microneedling is a decades-old treatment! The method induces controlled wounding, which in turn creates collagen. It ultimately increases your collagen production between 200% and 1,000%, depending on the serum used. Microneedling addresses fine lines and wrinkles, scars, stretch marks, pigments (brown spots and red/pink spots) and texture. I advise my patients to do a series of three to six treatments to achieve optimal results and perform the treatments four to six weeks apart. It is virtually pain free, a topical numbing cream is applied beforehand and requires very little downtime. Your skin may have a sunburn look and feel, along with dryness or tightness that can last one to three days. Start correcting damage, while providing your skin the rejuvenation it craves with microneedling!
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 where you adjust it. Bring your water by for a free test and feel free to email your questions to: davidcowan@poolkrafters.com

From READY, PAGE 1

additional actions already in the works, including elimi-

nating two TNReady end-of-
course exams, eliminating the March stand-alone field
test for the next two years, simplifying and streamlining
test administration, bringing in a third party to perform an

independent review of Que-

star’s technological capabil-

ities, improving customer

service, and engaging doz-

zens of additional Tennessee
teachers, content experts,

and testing coordinators to

look at every part of our state
testing program.

“Teachers, students and

families deserve a testing

process they can have con-

fidence in, and we are doing

everything possible to meet

that responsibility,” Commis-
sioner McQueen said. “We

are always committed to lis-
tening and improving, and

we’ll continue to do just that.”

TNReady is a high-quality assessment that is aligned to Tennessee’s rigorous aca-
demic expectations. In May, a national study recognized
Tennessee as the No. 1 state
in the country for improve-
ment in the quality of its
academic standards, going
from an “F” rating in 2007 to
an “A” in 2017. TNReady
is designed to measure those
standards, and it has a vari-
dety of different types of ques-
tions to look for the depth of
students’ knowledge. All of
those aspects of the test will
not change, but the RFP pro-
cess will better ensure that
students can take TNReady
seamlessly and without dis-
ruption.

From BUSH, PAGE 2

first Chairman of the Coun-
ty Ethics Committee and the first Chair of the Coun-
ty Audit Committee,” said Bush. “I have fought against the conflicts of interest that erode trust in government; this persistence leading to the State government re-

response of tighter restric-
tions on conflicts.”

“I have always been inde-

pendent throughout my 10-

year tenure as Commissioner.

This permits objectivity in decisions affecting our community,” Bush said.

“I advocate balanced

budgets and will fight to im-

prove the budgeting and fi-
nancial planning functions of the county. Against my counsel and corresponding vote, the commission vot-
ed to increase the property tax on every home two years ago. This was unnecessary and put unused funds into the county bank account at the expense of our senior citizens who are on a fixed income,” Bush said.

“In the final analysis, I

believe elected officials must be objective and without conflicts of interest; must be fiscally conservative and spend citizens’ money more carefully than even their own; and be fair to all their constituents,” Bush said.

“I understand business

and cost control, the benefit

of 10 years as a banker and

20 years as a CFO for mul-
tiple international software

companies,” said Bush. “As

a successful leader I cre-

ated my own travel service

company and built it for 10

years, ultimately selling it

to a publicly-traded compa-

ny.”

Bush has earned mul-
tiple awards and licenses
during his public and pri-

career including the 2014 Freedom Award for

conservative local leader-

ship. As a financial profes-

sional he earned the Series

7 and 66 securities licenses and has advised many fam-

ilies on financial planning.

Bush attended Yale Uni-

versity where he earned a

BA in Psychology and Stan-

ford Graduate School of

Business where he earned an

MBA in Finance. As a

young man he was active in

the Boy Scout Program and

earned the highest honor of

Eagle Scout.

“Carol and I have lived in

District 8 for 18 years,” said

Bush. “I believe in the high

calling of public service

and voting. I look forward to

continue serving the cit-

izens of Wilson County for

the next four years.”

LIFE RECOVERY

would like to thank all of the local businesses that sponsored the FREE CAR WASH FOR FATHERS last weekend:

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**Father or Dad?**

Are you a father or a dad? There is a difference! Father is a title that shows a family relationship. Dad reveals involvement with his children. Father is a biological expression. Dad is a loving expression.

The name dad speaks of love and protection. Daddy says, “To get to my child you have to come though me!” Anyone can be a father. But only a father that is involved with their children can be called a dad.

In Mark the 5th chapter, we read about a father who was in dire straits. His daughter was sick and in need of a healing. Look at what he does.

Mark: 5:21-24

“When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. 22 Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. 23 He pleaded earnestly with him, ‘My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.’ 24 So Jesus went with him.”

Jairus was helpless. He was a man of prestige and popularity as he was one of the synagogue leaders. No doubt he had heard about Jesus and the healings he had performed. Unashamed he falls down on his knees and pleads for Jesus to heal his daughter.

What can we learn from Jairus? Dads are unashamed to call on the name of Jesus. Jairus needed Jesus’ power in his life groups and worship.

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**Assembly of God**
- Lighthouse Church
  - Baptist
- Baker’s Grove Baptist
- Beckwith Baptist
- Cedar Grove Baptist
- Corona Baptist Church
- Faith Church
- Fellowship Baptist
- Fellowship at Mt. Juliet
- Fellowship Baptist
- Faith Church
- Corona Baptist Church
- Cedar Grove Baptist
- Beckwith Baptist
- Baker’s Grove Baptist
- Assembly of God
- Lighthouse Fellowship

**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**
- Mt. Juliet African Methodist Episcopal Church
- Williamson Chapel CME Church
- Covenant Fellowship Church of the Nazarene
- Pentecostal Church Alive

**Presbyterian**
- Glory United Methodist Church
- Gladeville United Methodist Church
- Mt. Juliet Church of Christ

**SUNDAY 9 & 11 AT WILSON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**
- 8:00 - 9:15
- 10:45

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Reflections from an Old Friend

Smiling and Laughing is Good for Your Health

Do you remember the old song “When you’re smiling, the whole world smiles with you”? If you have then you know it’s true. If you haven’t tried this try it.

Try walking into any business or workplace while smiling the whole time you’re there. As you continue to smile watch the faces of other people around you. They will all begin to smile as well. And if you really want other people to smile, and maybe even laugh, try going around with a very, very exaggerated smile on your face.

As humans we just can’t help smiling when others are smiling. Don’t get me wrong, there will be some that are having a bad day that may not be able to smile because of a serious situation going on in their lives, but they will appreciate that you tried to help them smile.

Studies prove that people are much healthier when they smile often. When you smile, natural chemical endorphins are released in the body. And what’s really cool is that we sometimes put on a fake smile and the brain doesn’t know the difference.

Here’s how it works:

When you smile, you use muscles in your face that trigger or trick your brain into producing endorphins. These endorphins then travel through your body and make you feel better. It’s sort of a free vitamin H pick me up. Cool, huh? And by the way, H is the chemical sign for happy.

We all know that life gives us lots of reason to frown. Frowning actually creates as many wrinkles as smiling but without the fun. So you tell me which one is the best for you from a vanity standpoint.

For example, you need help and don’t know who to turn to, who are you more likely to ask for help? Another example, you enter a retail store to do some shopping and two sales people approach you and one is smiling and the other is frowning. Which one are you most likely to ask for help?

The answer is clear because a smiling person will always seem more helpful, sympathetic, sincere, knowledgeable and healthy.

Life is much too short to spend any more time than necessary frowning or sad. The whole point of this article is to help you be more healthy and happy because when you are happy, more people around you are happy. And when this happens life is better for everyone. When you are happy at home, you are more likely to be happy while driving, while out and about or while at work.

You see there isn’t much of anything wrong with smiling other than making frowning people jealous.

We all strive to be happy and healthy. Smiling is the very first step in that process. So please smile every chance you get and live a happier and healthier life. Smiling is indeed good for your health.

And by the way, laughing is a great way to build muscle, especially in the stomach area. Think about it. Every time you laugh, certain parts of your body tighten. The more you laugh the more you tighten. You now have a whole new set of exercises to perform that include nothing more than smiling and laughing all while improving both internal and external health and fitness. Who ever thought exercise could be so much fun?

Keep on smiling and laughing for good health and happiness.

From FAIR, PAGE 1

The 2018 Wilson County Fair will be honoring dairy farms and families as they celebrate “Year of Milk” as the agriculture commodity and making more mAGic memories.

A life of early mornings, long days of hard work and braving the elements day in and day out 365 days a year may not sound appealing to everyone, but for Wilson County’s dairy farmers, this is the lifestyle they have happily chosen.

Magic memories are abundant on a dairy farm. Looking out over the farm, raising children and grandchildren to experience morning and afternoon milking, bottle feeding baby calves, harvesting crops, baling hay – the many chores involved with stewardship of the land and cattle bring families closer together.

“Watching three little boys grow up and have the whole farm experience: playing in the creek, showing calves, seeing the natural life and death experience and growing up to be good people” are the magic memories for Roy Major, patriarch of Major Dairy Farm, where he and wife, Diane, raised sons Josh, Seth and Jared. Grandchildren Carter and Addison are now experiencing that same magic. Major Dairy Farm was established in 1979.

“It’s a good way of life,” echoed Larry Eastes of Eastes Dairy Farm. “A dairy farm is a good place to raise a family, to get to be with them every day and see them grow.” Eastes’ farm will reach Century Farm status in 2019 – with 100 years of continuous dairy operation. Established by his grandparents, Ernest and Allie Driver, the farm was then operated by his parents John D. and Ernestine Eastes before Larry took the reins.

His son, Kirk, helps daily on the farm, while daughter Lora Eastes Stutts is a 5th grade teacher in Watertown. Both live on the farm with their own families, and Larry’s grandchildren are growing up steeped in farm life just as their parents were.

Brothers Jeffrey, Justin and Jason Turner grew up milking cows, and Jeffrey and Justin decided to open their own dairy on their family farm, milking their first Holsteins on Dec. 9, 2015. Their parents, Tommy and Jackie Turner, got out of the dairy business in the early 2000s, but Jeffrey has fond memories of going to the barn with his dad to milk, or when he was too small to help, waiting for his dad to come in from milking so the family could sit down together for the evening meal. It’s all about family. And even though Jason isn’t a partner in the new dairy, he helps out too.

While dairy farming is a beloved way of life, it’s one that today is more challenging than ever before. Roy Major hopes to see market corrections bring some stability in the future so his farm can continue to provide the dairy farming opportunity for his grandchildren. The Eastes family already has diversified by building up their herd of beef cattle. Larry’s dream is to at least keep operating the dairy through the 100-year anniversary in 2019, but without market changes, they may transition completely to beef. As the youngest dairy farm in Wilson County, the Turner Dairy Farm would like to expand and is exploring options to eliminate the market volatility they face today.

Through it all, they pull together as strong families rooted to the land and cattle they care so deeply for, making more mAGic Memories as the days pass by.
What do statewide candidates say about health care in Tennessee?

**Gubernatorial candidates**

**Republican Diane Black**

As a career nurse, health care has been a passion of mine for my entire life. Our current system is broken. I have the right experience to fix it.

The next Governor must have a plan for rural healthcare. I propose making our county health departments the hub of care for rural Tennessee and the access point to telehealth. Our county health departments should function as a primary care provider with a system that provides health care based on ability to pay.

In addition, rural counties need more doctors. I propose Fast-Track MD programs with reduced tuition in exchange for a commitment of becoming a doctor in a rural county. In the recent past, Tennessee had a much better healthcare system. But we were the first state in the nation to have Obamacare — it was an older version of TennCare, which was designed by Hillary Clinton and it destroyed our system. Before TennCare, we had a system that was much more efficient at meeting the needs of our communities. We can bring it back and improve upon it.

**Republican Randy Boyd**

There are several key opportunities we have to improve the health of our citizens. First, on day one I will begin negotiations with the federal government for a block grant to our Medicaid program. We need a program for Tennesseans designed by Tennesseans, and we can do better than a one size fits all mandate from Washington.

I also believe there is too much discussion about what to do when we are sick, and not enough focus on getting healthier. With Tennessee ranking in the bottom of nearly every health metric — while remaining low in income levels — we simply cannot afford the health we have.

However, we can fix this. At my company, after eight years of comprehensive health programs, health insurance claims were reduced by 19 percent last year - it can be done. In our schools, we can increase exercise opportunities for students and provide education opportunities about good health.

There is also a need for more primary care doctors in our rural communities. We can solve this by partnering with medical schools to offer greater residency programs in rural, underserved areas.

Additionally, we must also be better consumers of healthcare. Imagine a marketplace where no consumer ever asks the price, and no provider knows the price they are charging. By bringing more accountability, transparency and consumerism into the market, we can maintain quality and reduce costs.

Finally, we must bring a heightened focus on mental health and addiction. These are often the roots of many problems. We must make smart investments in treatment and recovery centers, appropriate mental health centers, and in-school counselors.

**Beth Harwell**

I think the two biggest keys to improving our population’s health from the government’s standpoint are education and personal responsibility. It is not the role of the government to police things that people are eating or drinking on a daily basis, but what we can do is make sure that we are giving people the information they need to make healthy choices.

We must make sure we are starting young and are working to increase awareness about these issues among our students. There are ample opportunities in our schools to educate our kids about nutrition, healthy habits, regular activity and exercise. Often, what is taught to our children in school comes home to the parents as well.

We need to also raise awareness about preventative care. Chronic conditions like heart disease and
life. He needed the type of power that only comes from Jesus.

Dads pray for their children! There is power in the prayer of a Dad.

A good daddy sets a spiritual foundation for his child.

A good daddy prays for their children.

A good daddy sets an example of what it means to have faith.

A good daddy talks about what God is doing in his life.

A good daddy tells their children about Jesus.

A good daddy helps their children seek Jesus.

A good daddy prays that their children will be in God’s will.

A good daddy is unashamed to say that Jesus is my Lord and my Savior.

A good daddy never stops praying for his children.

A good daddy remains a good daddy no matter how old his children are.

A good dad leads his child to Jesus.

Are you a father or a dad?
GRAY, Weston Royce


Weston was a member of The Church at Pleasant Grove in Mt. Juliet and was a graduate of Cumberland University in Lebanon. He enjoyed camping, loved automobiles, and had a passion for country music. He also loved anything involving UT and the NRA. He leaves behind his sweet dog, Barrett, whom he adored.

A Celebration of Life service was held June 16 at The Church at Pleasant Grove. Interment followed at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens.

Weston is survived by his loving mother, Robin E. Gray; father, Royce B. Gray; grandparents, Carol and Robert Sullender of Anderson, Indiana and Pat “Memaw” Clark; Jann Saulsbury (Mama); the love of his life, Bethany Hauth; uncle, WH “Bill” Gray of Lumberton, Texas; cousins, Sheridan Johnson of Tyler, Texas; Brandon Gray of Lovelady, Texas; several extended family, friends, and loved ones also survive. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, William H. and Loyal J. Gray and Harold “Grandpa” Clark.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to be made to the Tennessee Chapter of Pathfinders Missions in honor of Weston.


HAFNER, Robert

Robert “Shane” Hafner, age 55 of Mt. Juliet, went home to be with the Lord on June 17, 2018. Robert loved the color blue and enjoyed fishing, bowling, throwing darts and playing pool.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Thursday, June 21, at 11 a.m. in the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet. Interment will follow in Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends on Wednesday from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. and on Thursday from 10 a.m. until service time.

He is survived by his loving parents, Bob and Marjorie Hafner; sister, Vonda (Keith) Curley; nephew, Steven Curley; special spouse, Alicia “Lisa” Tabor; second special parents, Michael and Janet Tabor; uncle, D.D. (Willette) Deason; numerous cousins, friends, and loved ones also survive. He is preceded in death by grandparents, William and Melvia Rose Hafner, Paul W. Gilbert, Drane Deason, and Viverine Deason.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorial contributions be made to Alive Hospice in honor of Shane. Alive Hospice: 1718 Patterson Street, Nashville, TN 37203.


LITCHFORD, Dorothy Jean

Dorothy Litchford passed away on June 17, 2018 at age 83. A funeral service was held June 20 at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon, and interment followed at Wilson County Memorial.

She is preceded in death by her parents Bertha Collins Parks and Elmer Parks, Sr., sons Teddy Doyle Roberts and Anthony Foster “Tony” Roberts, daughter Susan Diane North, sisters Irene Wells and Thelma Litchford, brothers Elmer Parks, Jr. and Delvin Parks, and father-in-law and mother-in-law Johnnie and Bonnie Litchford.

Survivors include husband Grady Litchford; daughter Bobby (Joel) Speck; sister Mary Sisco; grandchildren Hailey Speck, Dylan Speck, Riley Laster, Gavin Roberts, Isabella Roberts, Gabriel Jackson, Grace Jackson, Ada Jane Walker, Ariel Walker; brother-in-law Don (Patsy) Litchford; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank Kindred Hospice and devoted caregivers Melissa Reeves, Belinda Brooks, Deann Parks, Dana Moore, Sara McClellan, and Denise Chumney. Please make memorial donations to Dorothy’s name to the Alzheimer’s Association (478 Craighead St, Ste 200, Nashville TN 37204/ alz.org) and the American Cancer Society (200 Charlotte Ave, Nashville TN 37203/615.327.099). Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.

OBITUARIES
diabetes are much more treatable when caught early. It is extremely important that our population understands the importance of regular check-ups and preventative care. We need to embrace new innovative technologies like telemedicine to ensure that more people have access to healthcare before these problems arise.

Finally, we can look to other states, as well as the private market, to see what types of programs are working to improve these outcomes. Many health insurance companies have been exploring incentives for their customers to make sure they are taking advantage of preventative care options. Our own state employee insurance program has long offered lower premiums for making healthy choices, and hopefully the Trump administration will give us more flexibility with our TennCare program to explore these options as well.

Bill Lee

There’s no doubt that we face a tsunami of lifestyle diseases in Tennessee. This includes issues such as heart disease, obesity and side effects related to smoking. It is a growing epidemic in Tennessee, and across the country as well. Thirty years ago, no state had more than 20 percent of its population that was overweight or obese. Today, no state is below 20 percent, and some are over 30 percent and inching up to 40 percent.

We are seeing this growth in part because our entire health care system is broken. We see skyrocketing costs every year for patients, providers and payers because there are no financial incentives to control them. The system does not provide options for patients to take stock of their healthcare and know how much it costs, and providers are not rewarded for addressing prevention and wellness. We have to fundamentally break through that mindset to focus less on just delivering healthcare and more on our overall health.

We’re doing this in my company. Health care premiums have gone up 9 percent and 29 percent in the last two years, and we decided we would institute some incentives for wellness, and costs are going down for those who participate because health care is not just for when we are sick. Health care includes daily choices in prevention as well.

As governor, I will lead an effort to promote smarter engagement in the health system that doesn’t focus on a top-down, government-first approach. Throughout this campaign, I have talked about the need to engage more in public-private partnerships with faith-based and non-profit communities. These organizations have their finger firmly on the pulse of what’s going on locally, and they often provide better solutions than creating another government program.

I chaired the YMCA of Middle Tennessee, and they have been aggressively trailblazing wellness innovations, providing opportunities for smoking cessation, obesity and diet management, and they have developed a major program in diabetes prevention. In Tennessee, we have an amazing natural resource in the form of our non-profit and faith community partners. Working with them more effectively is a great place to start in improving health in our state.

Democrat

Karl Dean

I firmly believe that our overall quality of life is directly linked to health. It plays a role in our state’s economic viability, productivity and educational outcomes.

We simply cannot afford the health we have. As Mayor of Nashville, we made the goal of improved health a focus of my administration. We championed healthy living by expanding access to parks, greenways and community centers. We also built a state-of-the-art public health facility.

We created the “Walk 100 Mile” challenge, the Mayor’s 5k, the Mayor’s Field Day, invested sidewalks, bike paths, established a new bicycle program, and added more parks, greenways and community centers.

As adults we know the results of unhealthy behaviors, but children do not. We need to equip our schools and teachers with the resources they need to teach our kids how to live healthy lifestyles.

Encouraging preventative care is one of the smartest, most cost-effective things we can do as a government to improve the health of our community.

Additionally, one of my top priorities as governor will be to make sure every Tennessean has access to affordable healthcare. Those who do not have insurance generally will not get check-ups, so it is that much harder for physicians to advise on healthy choices and catch illnesses early.

Craig Fitzhugh

As the numbers show, Tennessee has a long way to go to improve our individual and collective health. This has not been a sudden occurrence, and while personal responsibility plays a large role in health, political leaders and policymakers have a part to play. The first thing — as I have stated constantly in my legislative career and in my campaign for governor — is that we need to expand Medicaid. It is a must. By expanding Medicaid, we could keep our hospitals open, allowing people to see a doctor on a consistent basis, instead of health issues becoming an emergency.

Screenings for blood pressure, cancer and diabetes would go a long way toward curbing our mortality numbers. Testing for and educating people on their health (and teaching them how to prevent, control and treat chronic ailments) leads to longer lives and a better quality of life, and is also cost effective for individual Tennesseans and our communities.

We have to educate our citizens on good food choices, curbing/eliminating tobacco use and making time for exercise. A great number of low-income areas are food deserts, where nutritious meal choices are very difficult or impossible to access, and in rural/suburban areas that are spread out and there are few public transportation options, they may not be able to get to grocery stores and doctors appointments. Multiple studies have shown that food and medicine are areas that families and individuals cut back on when money is tight. They may turn to lower cost fast food and cut medication in half or not fill prescriptions, thus making health issues worse. We as policymakers must make sure we make healthy infrastructure choices — such as sidewalks, playgrounds and ball fields — available.

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The Board of Commissioners of the City of Mt. Juliet will have a Public Hearing on Monday, June 25, 2018 at 6:15 p.m. to hear comments on the following items to be considered on 2nd and final reading:

- Adopt the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 Budget

The public is invited to attend and comment.

Kenny Martin, City Manager
City of Mt. Juliet

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- Amend City ordinance 2016-30, section 11.108(C) (3)(a)(b) permitted signs, temporary real estate.
- Amend City Codes Chapter 12 Fire Prevention & Protection, to add "Section 12-28 – Adequate Emergency Services Fee" to create fee based on the square footage of new construction (single-family dwellings are exempt) to go to the Mt. Juliet Emergency Services
- Ament Personnel Manual Section 8.3 Training, B. Higher education tuition reimbursement

The public is invited to attend and comment.

Kenny Martin, City Manager
City of Mt. Juliet

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City of Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners and City Staff will have a Work Session on Monday, June 25, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. to hear a presentation from Regal Cinemas concerning their request to allow Alcohol being served at the theaters. The work session will be held in the large conference room in City Hall, 2425 N. Mt. Juliet Road.

The public is invited to attend.

Kenny Martin, City Manager
City of Mt. Juliet

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*Land Use Amendment for Devonshire Townhomes, Map 052, Parcel 018.00 located on Lebanon Rd.

Additional information may be obtained by calling the phone number below. Once prepared, draft copies of the amendments may be viewed at City Hall in the Planning & Zoning Department. The public is invited to attend/comment. For more information, please call 615-773-6283.
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Founder’s descendant visits CU Law School

Preview of portraits opened to public prior to Symphony on the Lawn

Staff Reports

A direct descendant of the founder of the Cumberland University Law School visited Lebanon for the first time this month. Julia Bradford, great-great-granddaughter of Abram Caruthers, from New York City, attended the public preview of the restoration of eight of the portraits hanging in Memorial Hall prior to Symphony on the Lawn on Friday, June 8.

The CU Portrait Restoration Committee invited the community to preview the portraits of Cumberland’s early leaders on display in Baird Chapel and Memorial Hall prior to the Nashville Symphony on the Lawn performance.

Bradford is a friend of Lebanon resident Judy Sullivan, who is on the Cumberland University Portrait Restoration committee and Regent of the Margaret Gaston Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Bradford and Sullivan met in Bahrain in 1980 attending the same American Women’s Auxiliary playgroup with their toddler sons. They re-connected on social media years later and met in New York about five years ago and discovered this “small world” connection to Lebanon’s history.

Cumberland University’s Law School held its first class in 1847 and was sold to Samford University in 1961. The first graduate, Payne Prim, became chief justice of the Oregon Supreme Court. Along with Prim, the Law School graduated governors, senators, state and U.S. Supreme Court Justices Horace Lurton and Howell Jackson, and Cordell Hull, secretary of state and Nobel Peace laureate.

The CU Restoration project has restored eight portraits to date including the portraits of Thomas C. Anderson, Judge Abram Caruthers, Winstead Paine Bone, Bob Clement, John Royall Harris, Dr. Charlene McCoin Johnson Kozy, Dr. Claire Eugene Martin, and Dr. Ray Phillips. Future restoration portraits include Andrew Buchanan, Robert Caruthers, Nathan Green, Cordell Hull, Andrew Martin, Dr. Earnest L. Stockton and Imogene Ahles.

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TELLING TALES

Hoarders

By Angel Kane
Wilson Living Magazine

I love to watch the television show “Hoarders.” I’ll usually watch it in the early morning hours, on a Saturday, when all my family is fast asleep.

I’ll grab a warm cup of coffee, get under a cozy blanket and watch as many hours as I can before one of my crew wakes up to start their day.

Then I quickly turn it off. It’s my guilty pleasure. I can watch for hours, and go room to room, with these folks as they clutter one space and then the next with books, papers, boxes and tubes filled with mementos, baby clothes, and knick knacks from years gone by.

And just the fact my husband can’t stand “stuff,” I’d be a hoarder.

You see, I totally respect a hoarder’s reasoning behind holding onto mounds of “important papers” because who knows when one might get audited! And if I ever do, I plan to use that faded, paper receipt as a business tax deduction because every dollar counts.

Not to mention, somewhere in one of those boxes, I’ve got that piece of paper that I once got when I once bought that thing that came with a warranty. Because if it ever breaks, and I remember I bought a warranty, I’m going to need that paperwork.

And like any good mother, I’ve got every handcrafted art project that my children have ever made. I’ve got macaroni glued necklaces, ornaments made from popsicle sticks and more Thanksgiving Turkeys made out of handprints than anybody could possibly need. But just in case, I’ve kept them all!

Our attic is filled with computer monitors from the 90s, printers that no longer work, boxes that the old televisions came in and every book I’ve ever read because how can one possibly throw away books?! Not to mention, a Christmas tree we no longer use because the stand is broken and someone’s bassinet that, to this day, we can’t figure out who it belongs to. Both of which, might come in handy at some point.

It’s enough to drive a good man crazy. And, every year, it just about does! Right about the time when he can’t take it any more, my clutter-free hushband will arrive home with large, black garbage bags.

The garbage bags are large enough to fit a full-sized wire in, so I immediately catch his drift. He then demands that “the drawers be cleaned out, that the tubs be gone through and that everyone go through their closets because we are donating to Goodwill!”

Only to be driven more insane when we each return a limp, barely-filled bag with a few scraps of paper and one pair of shoes that the dog chewed on.

He, on the other hand, has filled his garbage bag to the brim.

Thankfully, when he isn’t looking, I’ll go through his bag and save his stuff.

One day, when he is sitting in that audit, dressed in that tangerine colored tie that was always just a little too short, and I bring out that faded receipt (the one I saved), he will thank me!

To read more of Angel and Becky’s columns go to www.wilsonlivingmagazine.com.

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REYNOLDS, Steven Wayne Jr.

Steven “Steve-O” Reynolds, Jr. passed away on June 17, 2018 at age 27. The Funeral Service is 3 p.m. Thursday, June 21, in the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN. Visitation at the funeral home on Thursday is for one hour prior to the service. En-castment in Wilson Coun-ty Memorial Mausoleum will follow the service.

Steven is survived by his wife Sarah Reynolds; father Steven (Joyce) Reynolds Sr.; mother Rachel (Albert) Mosqueda; siblings Niko-las Reynolds, Levi Reyn-old, Kristen (Adam) Nib-bett, Kristina Kemp, and Mariah Mosqueda; moth-er-in-law Leanne Rogers; grandmother Renate Poss; grandparents Terry and Joyce Reynolds; special devoted aunt Teresa York; faithful companion Moon Pie; and various aunts, un-cles and cousins.

Steven continued his life of giving by literally helping up to 35 people through Tennessee Donor Services. Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.

SHAIFER, Debra Ann

Debra Ann Shaifer, age 51 of Gallatin, died June 13, 2018. Debra was the daughter of the late Paul Leonard and Shirley Mae Miller Shaifer.

She is survived by: Brother – Craig (Lisa) Wood; Sister – Jan (Joe) Trippi; Nephew – Chris Trippi.

No services are planned.

In lieu of flowers, memori-als may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, PO Box 14301, Cincinn-ati, OH 45250-0301.

continue to improve prenatal education plus access to drug treatment and recovery programs for expectant mothers and babies born with addiction to ensure that mothers and children can stay in treatment and recovery programs. The Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act 2.0, which I introduced, along with Senator Portman, will also provide necessary resources.

Further, we should expand Medicare Advantage for seniors because it provides more choice and options.

Expanding Health Savings Accounts, Association Health Plans and Across State Line purchase will allow Tennesseans more flexibility when it comes to their health insurance. These are provisions I will continue to support as your senator to give you more choice and options for achieving better health outcomes.

If you’re like me, when you hear something repeatedly, you stop paying attention. It’s like that with statistics about the poor health of Tennesseans; we’ve all heard them enough times to block the message out. But here’s a fresh way to look at our health. The average lifespan of a Tennessean right now is 76.3 years. Imagine for a moment that Tennessee is a country instead of a state. Where would the country of Tennessee rank among all the countries in the world? The answer is 50th. That’s just a number; what does it mean?

One of the things that it means is that Mexico ranks above Tennessee in average lifespan. If you look at Mexico — with its poverty, its far more primitive health care system, its drug gangs — you can still expect to live longer on average than you will in Tennessee. The same is true in Panama. Or Costa Rica. Or Albania.

The reasons for this are not rocket science. The big three killers in Tennessee are heart disease, respiratory disease and cancer. These are deeply linked to obesity and smoking. Tennessee ranks in the US Top 10 in both our smoking and obesity rates.

Changing our smoking, eating and exercise habits will be hard, and personal responsibility will have to take the lead. Beyond personal responsibility though, there are many ways that the federal government can make a difference.

For example, the cholesterol-lowering drugs called statins (think Lipitor) are inexpensive and have proven their ability to reduce heart attacks. And yet, according to national averages, there are about 850,000 Tennesseans who would meet the standard for taking statins, but who are not doing so. An effort to increase the use of statins through strategies such as eliminating co-pays or transitioning statins to over-the-counter (non-prescription) status could save many lives and health care costs as well.

Strategies like these are ones I want to work on in the US Senate, and I’m applying for the job.

Anne Bush, of Mt. Julian, is proud to announce the engagement of her daughter, Laura, to Michael “Hardie” Chambers II, son of Mike and Lori Chambers, of Mt. Julian. Laura is the daughter of the late Robert Bush.

Laura is the grandaughter of the late Frederick and Jacqueline Bunyan of Donelson, and the late Stan and Helen Bush of Short Beach, CT.

Hardie is the grandson of Bester and Judy Bradshaw of Lebanon, and the late Raymond and JoAnne Chambers of Lebanon.

Laura and Hardie will be married June 30, 2018, at Smiley Hollow in Goodlettsville. The ceremony will be officiated by Jeff Palk.

Both Laura and Hardie graduated from Mt. Juliet High School.

Laura received her bachelor’s degree in General Management and Human Resource from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. She is currently working toward a Masters of Business Administration at UTC, and she is employed at Tennessee Valley Authority.

Hardie received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Mathematics from UTC. In the fall, he will begin working at East Ridge High School as a math teacher and will teach a statistics night class at UTC.

Laura’s bridesmaids are Natalie Ling, Shelby Isbell, Meredith Nale and Shelby Forrest, and her Maid of Honor is Melissa Bush.

Hardie’s groomsmen are KJ Braziel, Will Reynolds, MarQuais Kinsey and Austin Presley, and his Best Man is Joseph Chambers.

The couple plan to reside in Chattanooga.

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Recently, the Greater Nashville Regional Council honored State Representative Susan Lynn (R-Mt. Juliet) as its “Legislator of the Year” during its May executive board meeting. This award is given annually to one member from both the House and Senate for their work towards the legislative priorities of area mayors.

“As an organization, we are grateful to Rep. Lynn for her tireless efforts and continued leadership on behalf of Middle Tennesseans,” said City of Franklin Mayor Ken Moore, president of the Regional Council. “She has been a tremendous advocate for the citizens of her community and our state. The men, women, and families of District 57 are fortunate to have her represent them and serve as their voice in Nashville.”

“I am honored to receive this award from the Greater Nashville Regional Council,” said Rep. Lynn. “I hear the needs of our residents, and I have fought for them throughout my time in our General Assembly. Together, my colleagues and I work to create solutions that improve the health, safety and overall quality of life for our residents and those across Tennessee.”

This is Lynn’s third time being recognized as legislator of the year by the Regional Council. She received the award—in large part—for her work to help address Tennessee’s growing challenges related to maintaining and improving the state’s transportation system.

Locally, Middle Tennessee’s rapid population growth has caused traffic congestion to spike on area roadways, ushering in calls from residents and businesses for more options to move around the region.

“I held eleven town hall meetings—my district told me that they preferred the IMPROVE Act,” stated Lynn. “We have been able to fund construction on State Route 141, State Route 109, and now another widening project has been announced for Interstate 40 in Wilson County, and many other smaller projects are ongoing. These projects are the culmination of several years of hard work, and it is extremely rewarding to see them finally get underway.”

The Regional Council consists of 52 city mayors and 13 county mayors/executives. The Council, which is one of nine development districts created by the legislature in 1965, serves as the primary forum for collaboration and problem solving among mayors in Middle Tennessee.

Wilson County Mayor Randall Hutto praised Rep. Lynn for her concern for the region, and actions related to transportation, growth and development.

“Regional planning as it relates to transportation, growth and development is vitally important for the Middle Tennessee Region,” said Hutto. “I am so thankful that we have a legislator in Wilson County who takes the time to consider our future. Congrats to Representative Susan Lynn on all of her efforts to keep the GNRC and the Middle Tennessee Region moving forward.”