Three dead after house fire, suspected murder

Firefighters responding to a blaze at 4924 Leesa Ann Lane, Hermitage, at 12:13 a.m. June 23, found Suzanne Daugherty, 48, deceased in an upstairs bedroom. She had suffered blunt force trauma to her head and a puncture wound to her back. Her husband, Gary Daugherty, 55, and their daughter, Crystal Daugherty, 9, were found on a bed in another upstairs bedroom. They suffered severe injuries from the fire.

Gary Daugherty died around 11 p.m. Friday, June 23. Saturday afternoon, Nashville Metro Police confirmed 9-year-old Crystal had also died, at Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital.

The fire was started with an accellerant. Smoke detectors in the residence had been taken down.

Continuing investigation shows that while the MNPD’s Domestic Violence Division had no prior contact with Suzanne and Gary Daugherty, Suzanne met with a Hermitage Precinct officer June 18, at a friend’s residence concerning sugar being placed in her gas tank several days earlier.

Suzanne Daugherty told the officer that she and her husband were going through a divorce and had a verbal argument on Monday, June 12. She said on Tuesday morning, June 13, detectives discovered surveillance video that captures five different suspects with two stolen cars at a car wash. During the early morning hours of Friday, June 16, an unlocked Kia Sorrento SUV was stolen from a driveway on Stone Hill Road in the Bellinda City area of Mt. Juliet. Then, during the early morning hours of Monday, June 19, an unlocked Ford Fusion sedan was stolen from a driveway on Barr Drive in the Nonaville Road area of Mt. Juliet. Since the recent unlocked car burglaries and vehicle thefts, detectives with Mt. Juliet’s Criminal Investigative Division have been working to develop leads. Recently, surveillance video was discovered of both stolen cars at a Hermitage car wash, where five suspects were captured on camera.

In observance of Independence Day, The Chronicle will be distributed on Thursday, July 6. Have a safe and happy holiday!

Teens crash stolen vehicle

After a short pursuit, four of five teens were captured after crashing a car into a tree on Belinda Pkwy, near Providence Trail. After the crash, the teens fled the scene on foot. There were no injuries reported. No active search is being performed for the fifth teen. Officers have developed information on their identity. It appears the group took a parent’s car for a joyride.

Seven choices for the 2017 Great Give-A-Way

Officials of the Wilson County Fair announced the 2017 Wilson County Fair Great Giveaway. Fair goers will have the opportunity to win $1000 in cash, five nights of the fair. On Tuesday, July 4th, 2017, at 7 p.m., there will be a live drawing for the new space. The winners of the Great Giveaway will be announced during the Wilson County Fair Opening Night.

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MJPD reminds residents to use safety measures when using fireworks this Independence Day

Staff Reports

The Mt. Juliet Police Department is reminding residents to be careful while discharging fireworks in order to avoid injuries and noise violations as Independence Day approaches.

Fireworks are beautiful, but they can be very dangerous if they are not used safely. It is imperative that fireworks be handled with care to avoid serious burns, eye damage, and even life-threatening injuries. Premature denotation and misuse of fireworks are responsible for many burn injuries every year, which all could be avoided with proper and safe handling. Safety should be everyone’s priority, and parents should always supervise juveniles who are using fireworks. The Mt. Juliet Police Department urges residents to be careful while using fireworks this Independence Day.

The Mt. Juliet Police Department is reminding residents to use safety measures when using fireworks. In Mt. Juliet, it is unlawful to sell or use fireworks in the city limits except from June 20 through July 5, and December 10 through January 2. During this holiday season, fireworks cannot be discharged or used between the hours of 10 p.m. and 10 a.m. In addition, fireworks cannot be sold or given to any person under the age of 18. It is permissible for juveniles to use fireworks only if a parent is supervising the activity. Failure to comply with Mt. Juliet’s City Code regulating fireworks could result in a $188 fine.

The National Council on Fireworks Safety offers these common sense safety tips for using consumer fireworks in the hopes that injuries can be greatly reduced. Parents and caretakers should always supervise juveniles if they are using fireworks; parents should not allow young children to handle or use fireworks; fireworks should only be used outdoors; always have water ready if you are shooting fireworks; know your fireworks. Read the caution label before igniting; alcohol and fireworks do not mix; wear safety glasses whenever using fireworks; never re-light a “dud” firework. Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water; soak spent fireworks with water before placing them in an outdoor garbage can; avoid using homemade fireworks or illegal explosives: They can be deadly; report illegal explosives, like M-80s and quarter sticks, to the fire or police department. Also, note these special safety tips, if using sparklers: always remain standing while using sparklers; never hold a child in your arms while using sparklers; never hold, or light, more than one sparkler at a time; never throw sparklers; sparkler wire and stick remain hot long after the flame has gone out. Be sure to drop spent sparklers in a bucket of water; teach children not to wave sparklers, or run, while holding sparklers.

Enjoy your time with your friends and loved ones. Everyone at the Mt. Juliet Police Department wishes you a happy and safe Independence Day.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 28
Chamber Event
Good Morning, Wilson County at the Chamber Office, 8:30-10 a.m. Chat with County Officials over a cup of coffee and see what’s new in Wilson County! This is a FREE event, and appointments are not necessary.

June 29
Rock Block
The local businesses on the Square are hosting Rock The Block Thursday, June 29, from 6-9 p.m. There will be food trucks, Kona Ice, shopping and games. Also, Tall Paul will be performing for free, make sure to bring your lawn chairs to enjoy the music. There will also be shirts for sale, for $20 (Cash Only) all proceeds from the shirts will go to the Lebanon Special School District Neon Bus Summer Food Program.

July 1
BBQ Fundraiser
Mt. Juliet Lodge #642 is having its Fifty-fourth Annual BBQ Fundraiser, Saturday July 1. Starting 7 a.m. until sold out. Come pick up your BBQ pork butts or pulled pork to kick off your Fourth of July festivities! Whole butts or pulled portions available. Shin will be ready for pick up! 279 Tate Lane, Mt. Juliet TN. $7.50/lb whole, $8.50/lb pulled.

Benefit Auction
West Middle School Hundreds of items Amazon Returns 10:00 AM Saturday July 1st West Middle School 925 N. Mt. Juliet Rd. Bobby Colson Auctioneer Bill Colson Auction and Realty Co. Inc. All proceeds go to Big Brothers of Mt. Juliet

July 5
Chamber Event
Good Morning, Wilson County at the Chamber Office, 8:30-10 a.m. Chat with City Officials over a cup of coffee and see what’s new in Mt. Juliet! This is a FREE event, and appointments are not necessary. This program is sponsored by Primary Residential Mortgage.

July 6
JECDB
The Joint Economic & Community Development Board Executive Committee will meet at 7:45 AM on Thursday, July 6, 2017 at the JECDB office located at 115 N Castle Heights Ave, Suite 102, Lebanon.

July 8
Big Truck Day
Job Fair and Safety Awareness Event will be Saturday, July 8 at the Al Menah Shriners Temple, 1354 Brick Church Drive, Nashville. Events include: Job fair, door prizes, kids’ activities. For more information, visit LockhartTruckingAcademy.com.
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City budget approved at Commissioner Meeting

By Kimberly Allen
Managing Editor

The Board of Commissioners held its regular meeting on Monday, June 26. There was only one item on the agenda for the evening, an ordinance to adopt the annual budget, property tax rate and sewer rates, for the city of Mt. Juliet for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

Commissioner Art Giles motioned to add an amendment that would increase the budget for the parks department that would allow for the addition of an employee to manage the greenway. Management would include lawn care and trash removal. This will be a year-round position with various town beautification projects being assigned.

Commissioner Brian Abston proposed an amendment to increase the budget for Mt. Juliet Police Officers. The first level of pay is to be removed to allow for new hires to start at a higher rate of pay. The budget will be increased by $55,000 to allow for officers currently at a level one to obtain raises, taking them to the former level two tier.

The ordinance was passed with three amendments added.

Commissioner Ray Justice announced at the meeting, that the Diamond Academy of Dance of Mt. Juliet, is competing in the Nationals at Panama City.

A new turn lane being installed on Providence way will be underway this week, with groundbreaking next week. City Manager, Kenny Martin is pleased with the progress of the anti-littering campaign that has been taking place in the town clean and beautiful.

Mt. Juliet. He reminds everyone to do their part in keeping the town clean and beautiful. Martin also urges citizens to be aware of the increasing temperatures outside. Do not leave animals or children in hot vehicles, as it can become dangerously hot. Martin encourages checking on anyone who is house bound for proper cooling systems in their homes.

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her car would not start and that she had it towed for repair. She said sugar had been put in the gas tank.

Mrs. Daugherty told the officer she did not see anyone tamper with her car, nor did her husband threaten to do anything to it. She did, however, believe he was responsible in whatever he did from visiting her lawyer. The officer offered Mrs. Daugherty the services of a domestic counselor, assistance with an order of protection, and shelter. She declined.

Daugherty had worked for Wilson County Schools since 2011. During the school year, she served as a teacher at the TLC center, at West Elementary. While that center was closed for the summer, Daugherty had been working with children in the Kids Club program. Counselors are being made available to students and staff, who are naturally distraught over this news.

"It is with much sadness that we announce that one of our employees was killed in a house fire overnight, and her daughter, who is a student in our district, had also been injured. Within a matter of hours, that sadness turned to shock, as police announced they're investigating Suzanne Daugherty's death as a murder," stated the press release from Wilson County Schools.

Director of Schools, Dr. Donna Wright says, "It's always a sad day when something happens to a member of our school family, and the circumstances surrounding this situation have made it even more difficult. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Suzanne's extended family, as they process this horrible tragedy."

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Meharry doctors MTSU partner to produce more care physicians in the underserved areas statewide

Leaders from Meharry Medical College and Middle Tennessee State University signed an agreement Thursday, June 22, to develop an accelerated pathway for talented students to graduate as physicians to serve in rural areas of the state.

Meharry President James Hildreth and MTSU President Sidney A. McPhee launched the partnership at a State Capitol signing ceremony that highlighted the unique collaboration between the private and public institutions that was brokered by state officials.

State Sen. Bill Ketron, R-Murfreesboro, a graduate of MTSU, and Mike Krause, executive director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, helped bring the agreement to the table after Hildreth first proposed the accelerated pathway for those who are sick.

The agreement, McPhee said, will help accelerate the production of physicians by creating a six-year pathway for selected high-ability students to attain a bachelor’s degree at Meharry.

MTSU and Meharry will develop a three-plus-three-year program that will allow students to enter MTSU as undergraduates, then matriculate at Meharry for a medical education, earning degrees from both entities.

McPhee and Hildreth said officials from both entities are already working to develop a joint admissions process and criteria for selection into the program. They hope the program will be able to accept students at MTSU by the Fall 2018 semester.

Students selected for the program would be eligible for financial aid from a $750,000 commitment put forward by the state — if they commit to working in underserved areas of Tennessee for a specific duration to be determined.

Krause said THEC was “particularly excited about the possibility for graduates of this joint program to serve as health care providers in our most needy areas.”

He also said the partnership was “exactly the kind of collaboration we need to reach our state’s Drive to 55 goal,” which calls for 55 percent of adult Tennesseans to receive a post-secondary credential by the year 2025.

“Innovative, collaborative approaches like this partnership are exactly what we hope will materialize across this state as we try to increase the number of Tennesseans with a college degree,” Krause said.

Ketron said the arrangement may be the first partnership of its kind between a private college and a public university.

“To my knowledge, this is the only partnership of this magnitude anywhere in the country,” he said. “When I mention this partnership to people, it becomes a ‘wow’ moment, because it is such a game changer.”

“This will benefit the entire state,” said House Speaker Beth Harwell, who was among several lawmakers in attendance at Thursday’s signing ceremony. “It is innovative, and I applaud the leadership here today for working on this endeavor for quite some time.”

Located in Nashville, Meharry is one of the nation’s oldest and largest historically black academic health science centers dedicated to educating physicians, dentists, researchers, and health policy experts.

Founded in 1876 as the Medical Department of Central Tennessee College, Meharry was the first medical school in the South for African-Americans. It was chartered separately in 1915.

Hildreth said Meharry “has a strong, enduring legacy of training primary care physicians who practice in underserved areas throughout the country and Tennessee. Of the Tennessee students enrolled in our schools, about half stay in Tennessee to practice medicine or dentistry.”

Hildreth said MTSU’s reputation and results as one of the state’s leaders in undergraduate education and a top choice for students from Tennessee made the institution a great choice for the collaboration.

MTSU, founded in 1911, is a Carnegie Research Doctoral University composed of eight undergraduate colleges, offering more than 40 departments and more than 140 degree programs. Its College of Graduate Studies offers more than 100 degree programs.

McPhee pointed to MTSU’s newly built and renovated Science Corridor of Innovation, which houses state-of-the-art equipment and laboratories for its College of Basic and Applied Sciences, as a key asset in the collaboration.

MTSU’s $147 million Science Building, which opened in 2014, is among the most advanced undergraduate science research and teaching facilities in the nation. It is the largest single investment by the state of Tennessee on a higher education campus.

“MTSU is the number one producer of college graduates in the Greater Nashville region and boasts some of the most innovative partnerships in Tennessee higher education,” McPhee said.
Wilson County Schools names two new Principals

Both Dunn and Price have been instrumental leaders in the district for a number of years. Prior to being named as the Assistant Principal at Carroll-Oakland, Dunn worked as a teacher at MAP Academy, where he was often praised for going above and beyond for students who are most “at risk” of failure. Since assuming the role of Assistant Principal at Carroll-Oakland, Dunn has demonstrated his strong work-ethic among peers and parents alike.

During her 16 years with the district, Price has also made a name for herself because of her willingness to tackle some of the district's tougher projects. Prior to her appointment as the Assistant Principal for Watertown Middle School, Price spent 10 years working as an elementary teacher in and around the same community she still calls home.

Please join us in congratulating Dunn and Price as they assume their new roles!

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day, August 22, one lucky winner will choose between a record of seven different prizes.

“We are very excited about the 2017 offering for the fair,” says Julie Harrison, Co-Chairman of the fair’s Great Give-A-Way Committee. “Fairgoers will have the opportunity to choose between a selection of cars, a truck and tractors. Someone is going to drive away with one of these spectacular choices.” The Great Give-A-Way line-up includes the following 2017 models provided by the following local businesses: Chevrolet Cruze (Wilson County Motors); Dodge Ram 1500 Truck (Rockie Williams Premier Dodge); Ford Focus (Bates Ford); Hyundai Ioniq (Wilson County Hyundai); John Deere 5045E Tractor, Canopy & Loader (Tri-Green Equipment), Mahindra 4540 Tractor w/loader (#2 Agriculture & Turf) and a Kubota MX5200 DT 4WD with canopy and loader (Absolute Kubota). “These local dealerships are offering outstanding choices and record seven options for the 2017 Wilson County Fair,” says Harrison.

We have great support from our sponsors for the 2017 Great Give-A-Way. Eighty-six local businesses made the commitment to sponsor the annual event. “We are pleased by our local businesses stepping up to the plate to be part of the Great Give-A-Way,” said Harrison. “These organizations want to be part of something successful, like the fair and the Great Give-A-Way. It’s an opportunity to give back to the community. We owe a great deal of gratitude to these sponsors for making this possible again in 2017.”

Tickets will be available at these 86 businesses beginning in early July. The vehicles and tractors will be displayed at these businesses until fair time in August. A complete listing of the 86 sponsors will appear in local newspaper advertising, on the fair website at www.wilsoncountyfair.net, or one can contact the Wilson County Fair Office at 615-443-2626.
James 2:1-13 - Prejudice

“DO WHAT YOU KNOW.” Why don’t we just do what we know to do? Love your neighbor. “The way we behave toward people tells us what we really believe about God.” What if a person walked into your business and you treated them better because of the clothes they wore? It is called favoritism. Jesus didn’t look to be highly on those who had favorites. For sure, He didn’t have any. He would not have been hanging around the teachers or the law and religious people. Scripture tells us he spent his time with tax collectors and sinners. He ate with them and hung out with them. He loved them. We judge people, or pass judgement, on human standards. We are prone to judge people by their past and not their future. The value of people is God’s decision. The emphasis is on. God chooses this. There is no human merit or earned place or position in the Kingdom of God. “Love your neighbor.” God said to treat each other with kindness.

Not, who is my neighbor, but who could my neighbor be? It is not about the proximity but who I relate with. Two things destroy my perspective of people around me, at least sometimes. First, “comparison” to others will crush me if I let it. Comparison will poison the intent to love each other. Do you want others to do better than yourself? Have more? Do more? How is comparison dampening my effort to love people? Second, “backstabbing” erodes my relationships and sometimes I let others gossip too much to me and I get wrapped up in it. These two things need to be dumped from your life. Social media can be a place some of this starts. CAUTION!

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REFLECTIONS FROM AN OLD FRIEND

Full of Life

Kenny Martin
City Manager
Mt. Juliet, TN

With all the love I have for my senior citizen community I would like to remind everyone about our great senior citizens and why they are so very important in our lives. I recently had the opportunity to visit and fellowship with a group of our wonderful seniors and I just wanted to say how much I enjoyed our time together.

I found myself sitting in awe of the amount of wisdom and knowledge I was surrounded by and it made me reflect about certain life issues. It made me think about the perception of our senior citizens. Some ill-advised perceptions are that our senior citizens are old worn out people with nothing left to offer society, and I reiterate, ill-advised perceptions. As a matter of fact, nothing could be farther from the truth. There has never been a time that I didn’t learn something from my elders or a senior citizen. If we’re lucky, we’ll be senior citizens one day ourselves. But, I would seriously recommend that anyone reading this article take time to visit and speak with a senior citizen. The experience will indeed be worthwhile and educational.

Time and the environment has a way of changing our physical appearance on the outside, but minus that and medical setbacks, our minds go relatively unaffected. Many a young person has been fooled into thinking they could outsmart, outrun and even outthink a senior citizen, only to be fooled by the much wiser senior citizen. Our seniors are like fine wine, they just get better with time and age, or like an old pair of jeans or shoes, the more and longer you wear them, the better they fit.

As for the senior citizens, please know that each presents yet another day to pass on your many years of wisdom and life experiences. Your experience in life is invaluable. What makes us young at heart is our smiles, personalities, attitudes, families, friends and love. Being old in years doesn’t make you old at heart anymore than being young in years makes you young at heart. Having a positive attitude and a smile on your face will make you feel young at heart no matter how old or young you are. Get to know a senior citizen.

Spent some time this week actually doing something unexpected for a friend. Cook, clean, keep their kids one night so the parents could go out to eat together, or maybe even invite someone over. For parents, teach your child kindness to others. Respect to all. No favorites even in the family. Don’t just tell them, show them. Children emulate what they see. Most of the time Children learn the wrong things from us as parents. “What you do is so loud they can’t hear what you say.” Do what you know.

A famous pastor and author, DL Moody, once said, “Every Bible should be bound in shoe leather.” Love your neighbor. Do what you know! Love people the way you want to be treated!

Len Taylor
Mt Juliet Campus Pastor
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A new kind of child care in Mt. Juliet

By Kimberly Allen
Managing Editor

Me Time drop-in child care is now open for business in Mt. Juliet. The facility had its soft opening June 1, with plans to have a Grand Opening the first week of July.

Owner, Sara Bullock moved from Maryland in 2015, and currently lives in Providence. She wanted to keep the business local, in Mt. Juliet. “I have four kids of my own, from ages 16 to seven, and there wasn’t an option like this for my younger two,” Bullock said. “I was a stay at home mom, so sometimes there were things I needed to do when they were not in school. I wanted to have this as an option for parents who might be looking for the same thing I was looking for.”

Me Time is currently the only drop-in child care facility located in Mt. Juliet. “It’s the first location, so it’s my baby,” said Bullock.

Bullock has over 10 years experience in child care. She studied child development and previously owned a day care in Maryland. “It was a different direction,” Bullock said.

What makes this facility unique is that it offers drop-in child care. This means that a child can stay anywhere from one to seven hours, without needing to have a set schedule. “We just wanted to provide parents with a different option, where they might not need the Monday through Friday six a.m. to six p.m. care,” Bullock said. “They might need an afternoon for a doctor’s appointment, or to go downtown and just have a date night.”

The facility is state licensed and the caregivers are CPR/First Aid certified. Safety and security are among the top priorities of the staff at Me Time. The doors remain locked and require guests to ring a doorbell to be given access into the building. The windows are also tinted to provide privacy and security to the children attending.

Another great feature is the security camera viewing. Parents can download an app to their phone and view the password secured, live-streaming, video camera footage of their children in the facility. This provides complete access to their child at all times. “We had a few people try it out, they came back and said they loved it,” Bullock said, “the (internet) connection was great while they were gone.”

Me Time accepts children from ages six weeks through 12 years old. While at the facility, children are provided with meals and snacks. The menu includes macaroni and cheese, chicken nuggets and pizza. The staff provides guided activities and also allows for “free play,” where the children can explore their own interests.

Registration takes about 10 minutes. Once registered, clients can use the tablet at the front desk to check-in and out quickly during future visits. “We keep all of their information in our computer systems, that way it’s easier for them as far as dropping off,” Bullock said, “you can just focus on where you need to be and not worry about how long it will take.”

Me Time is located at 1410 N. Mt. Juliet Rd. Suite #103, next to the new Dairy Queen.

Annual Bluegrass Festival fiddle competition winner announced


Each show begins at 7:30 p.m. and is preceded by 650 AMWSM’s free showcase, Pickin’ on the Plaza, featuring regional bluegrass bands on the Ryman Plaza. Jimmy will perform just after intermission and will be right before Dailey and Vincent take the stage to perform the second half of the show.

Every summer for more than two decades, Ryman Auditorium has celebrated their distinction as the birthplace of bluegrass music with their signature Bluegrass Nights summer series. Join them for incredible performances by the biggest names in bluegrass and meet the new comers who are carrying the genre’s rich musical traditions into the future. Tickets are currently available for this show at Ryman.com.

Jimmy Bilbrey is a well known bluegrass performer with bluegrass bands in the Upper Cumberland area. He is also one of the weekly announcers of the Sutton Ole Time Music Hour Bluegrass Dinner Show at Sutton General Store, Granville. For more information on that show visit Granvilletn.com or call 931-653-4151.

Photo submitted
Neddy Jacobs Days Craft and Music Fest set for July 14 and 15

July 14 and 15 are the dates for a fun-filled two days of artisan vendors and American music in Fiddlers Grove. This will be the third year for the craft fair formerly called “Christmas in July,” but with an added two days of music by local bands and groups. There’s a long list of entertainers who will be featured on Fiddlers Grove’s Facebook page every few days. One favorite, Sugar Ridge, will be performing on Saturday. Come out and see some of Wilson County’s artists at their best. Fiddlers Grove’s Facebook page will have a complete list of entertainers by June 26.

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Friday, July 14 the event will run from noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Patrons may bring a folding chair. Stop by the artisan vendors and do a little shopping. Then, have a seat and enjoy hours of great American music. There will be many genres of good down-home singing and strumming. Musicians are welcome to bring their own instrument and jam under the shade trees with other pickers. There will be food vendors, cold beverages, and snacks. Admission is $3 ages 12 and older. Follow Fiddlers Grove’s Facebook page for more details or call the office at 615-547-6111.

Fiddlers Grove volunteers offer craft classes for rodeo families

Fiddlers Grove is blessed to have so many talented volunteers that are willing to enrich everyone’s life by sharing their expertise. During the rodeo, volunteers worked different craft stations teaching all kinds of crafts such as weaving, making a god’s eye, spinning thread, sewing, quilting, making corn husk dolls, learning about acrylic painting and jewelry making, to young and old alike. The families that participated were pleased to have their children learn something new, that they could take back with them. The participants were from many parts of the U.S. and Canada. Despite the heavy rains Mt. Juliet has had this week, the volunteers were so pleasant and fun to be around. We have made new friends and hope they return to visit in the future when they have more time to spend visiting the Grove.

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OBITUARIES

BOWSER, Richard “Dick” Archer

Richard “Dick” Bowser, age 81, formerly of Lebanon, OH, passed away peacefully on June 18, 2017 after a serious illness. He was a graduate of Twin Valley South in West Alexandria Ohio. He is preceded in death by his parents Archer and Mila Bowser. Mr. Bowser is survived by his loving wife Shirley (of New Lebanon Oh, and Alexandria Oh, Linda Bowser and Michael Bowser of West Alexandria Oh, and Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN 615.444.9393. There will be No Funeral arrangements as this is what he wanted. He will be laid to rest at Arlington Cemetery. Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN 615.444.9393.

CLIFTON, Shirley Jane

Shirley Jane Clifton, age 81, formerly of Lebanon, OH, was born January 28, 1936 and passed away on June 24, 2017 at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 24, 2017 in the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon.

Mr. Clifton loved quilting, cooking, sewing, reading, and boating, especially with his family. She is survived by her husband of 34 years, Earl “Skip” Brooks, daughter Angeline Doyle (Michael), step-son Michael Todd Brooks, grandchildren Amanda Doyle and Liam Doyle, and siblings Patricia Fuxa-Stout (Floyd) and John Stone III. She is preceded in death by her parents John and Patricia Woods Stone. Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN 615.444.9393.

BROOKS, Nita Marie

Nita Brooks, age 66, passed away on June 26, 2017.Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. until 8 p.m. and on June 27 from 4-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service on Wednesday. Interment will follow in Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens. She is preceded in death by husband, Jack Dean Clifton; sons, Jerry Dee Clifton and Joseph Dewayne Clifton. She is survived by sons, Jeffery (Donna) Clifton, James Dale Clifton, and John Dennis Clifton; grandchildren, Jason Allen Clifton, Jenna Leigh (Derick) Brooks, Danielle Lynn Clifton and husband, Kendall Ann Clifton, and Nicholas James Clifton; 12 great grandchildren also survive. The family would like to give a special thank you to the staff of Quality Care in Lebanon, TN; also to Patty and Melanie.

In lieu of flowers the family is asking donations be made to the Dementia Society of America. 1718 Church St. #330456, Nashville, TN 37203.

MARTIN, Betty Jo Carr

Betty Jo Martin passed away on June 26, 2017 at age 85. The family will be receiving friends at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN 615.444.9393.

Nita Brooks

Patricia Woods Stone. Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN 615.444.9393. Betty Jo Martin passed away on June 26, 2017 at age 85. The family will be receiving friends at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN 615.444.9393. for Mr. Martin. The family received friends at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, on June 24, 2017. Funeral services for will be held on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 1 p.m. from the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet with Minister Mike Smith officiating. Visitation with the family was held on Tuesday, June 27 from 4-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service on Wednesday. Interment will follow in the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home.

Mr. Griffin was an electrician. He is survived by daughter Crystal Griffin, spouse Cheryl McDonough Griffin, mother Glenda Fisher Van Norman, brothers Charles Garrison and Anthony Griffin (Mandie), grandmother Mary Fisher, aunt Brenda Fisher, cousin Kevin McNearney, and extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by father Richard Phillip Griffin Sr., grandfather J.C. Fisher, grandparents John Arnold Griffin and Eula Wallace Griffin, uncle Jay Fisher, and cousin “JC” Justin Fish er. Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN 615.444.9393.

If you would like to meet Riley please call the shelter at 615-773-8600 to set up an appointment or come during our open hours on Wednesdays from 11:30-3:30. (MJAAS, 115 Industrial Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN)
Wilson Habitat for Humanity hosted its seventy-first home dedication ceremony, for their Faith Build sponsored home for future Habitat homeowner Krionda Allen, June 25.

"Krionda and her daughters are amazing. They were homeless less than two years ago, and to help them achieve their dream of homeownership touches all of our hearts," said Tory Tredway, Wilson Habitat director. "Krionda has been a great fit for the Faith Build. Her journey over the past few years has been a faith-developing process. Her faith has grown deeper, and she credits the Lord for the blessings that have come her way," added Tredway.

For more than seven years, Krionda and the girls lived in several different apartment complexes in Nashville. They had to keep moving because of flooding, mold and a roach infestation. Krionda was concerned about her employment schedule and the girls' schedules and felt unsafe in her current location. She says she began to sink into a depression from all the stress and struggles.

Around Thanksgiving of 2015, she moved her family to the Brooks House, a transitional non-emergency homeless shelter in Lebanon, for about six months so she could get herself and her finances in better shape. Krionda says the experience was very positive. In fact, what she learned during her stay there prepared her to qualify as a future homeowner with Habitat. Faith Build Sponsors: Middle Tennessee Electric Sharing Change, The Bridge Fellowship, College Hills Church of Christ, First United Methodist Church of Lebanon, Mt. Juliet Church of Christ, Victory Baptist Church, WestRock, Manous Design, Bob and Pam Black, and an anonymous family foundation.
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TN, on Wednesday from 4 – 8 p.m. and on Thursday from 9 a.m. until the service. The service will be conducted by Brother Kevin Medlin and Brother Rodney Haskin, is 2 p.m. Thursday, June 29, 2017 in the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home, followed by interment in Cedar Grove Cemetery. Pallbearers: Chad Cunningham, Corey Cunningham, Matt Sempsrott, Clint Sempsrott, Clay Eidson, Brian Blackburn, Jacob Willoughby and DEXTER WALKER. Honorary Pallbearers: Dr. Sam Crutcher, Dr. Roger McKinney, Amanda, and the staff of Family Medical Center, Mumie with Choices of Tennessee, Shane Irving and John Weese.

Mrs. Martin is survived by daughters Melissa D. Clements (Robert) Knight, Martha L. Sempsrott, and Meridith (Bob) Eidson; son, Joel Carr Martin, 12 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandson, and brother Crockett (Edith) Carr. She is preceded in death by husband of 64 years Herman Clay Martin and parents Albert and Emma (Kirby and Brice Martin Carr, Sr., and sisters Brice Martin Carr, Jr., Charlene Carr Swann, Billy Howard Carr, and Harry Eugene Carr, Sr. SELLARS FUNERAL HOME, LEBANON TN 615.444.9393.

Nelson, Alden Johnny “A. J.”

Alden Johnny “A.J.” Nelson, age 94 of Hendersonville passed away June 22, 2017. Mr. Nelson was the last surviving member of Johnny Acuff (Edith) and Mildred (Harry Eugene) Nelson. He was a recognized craftsman of stringent instrument repair and loved entertaining. Mr. Nelson also served in the US Navy during WWII. He loved spending time with friends and family, going to the beach and was a animal lover.

Mr. Nelson was preceded in death by parents, Hazel and Kermit White, Ray and Rita Tipton, Cheryl Kippes and Ron Kippes; cousins, Savannah Robinson, Alex Tipton, Brandon Tipton, Hayden Lusardo, Autumn Force (deceased) and Sophie White; numerous relatives and loved ones; and beloved pets, Jeter, Hank and Tiger. Funeral service were held Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 3 p.m. at Gladeville Baptist Church with Pastor Michael Eubanks and Pastor Craig Webb officiating. Interment followed the service at the family cemetery in Lebanon with Chuck Usher, Kurt Eubanks and Pastor Craig Webb officiating. Interment followed the service at the family cemetery in Lebanon with Chuck Usher, Kurt Eubanks and Pastor Craig Webb officiating. Interment followed the service at the family cemetery in Lebanon with Chuck Usher, Kurt Eubanks and Pastor Craig Webb officiating. Interment followed the service at the family cemetery in Lebanon with Chuck Usher, Kurt Eubanks and Pastor Craig Webb officiating. Interment followed the service at the family cemetery in Lebanon with Chuck Usher, Kurt Eubanks and Pastor Craig Webb officiating. Interment followed the service at the family cemetery in Lebanon with Chuck Usher, Kurt Eubanks and Pastor Craig Webb officiating. Interment followed the service at the family cemetery in Lebanon with Chuck Usher, Kurt Eubanks and Pastor Craig Webb officiating. Interment followed the service at the family cemetery in Lebanon with Chuck Usher, Kurt Eubanks and Pastor Craig Webb officiating. Interment followed the service at the family cemetery in Lebanon with Chuck Usher, Kurt Eubanks and Pastor Craig Webb officiating. Interment followed the service at the family cemetery in Lebanon with Chuck Usher, Kurt Eubanks and Pastor Craig Webb officiating. Interment followed the service at the family cemetery in Lebanon with Chuck Usher, Kurt Eubanks and Pastor Craig Webb officiating. Interment followed the service at the family cemetery in Lebanon with Chuck Usher, Kurt Eubanks and Pastor Craig Webb officiating. Interment followed the service at the family cemetery in Lebanon with Chuck Usher, Kurt Eubanks and Pastor Craig Webb officiating.
Just in Case...

I'm getting ready to board a plane and just in case anything happens, I know my family will be fine. This is the first time I've left my boys (children and husband respectively) for purely selfish reasons. Without giving you the long drawn out story, I was given the opportunity to go to New York City in December. The best part, the trip is free. Who could say no to that? I'll tell you who. Andrew could. He said while I was free to take a bite out of the Big Apple he doesn't have the appetite for something so busy. I understood and didn't have the heart to tell him he wasn't invited anyway.

Preparing for a trip like this involved a lot of planning. Not for weather. Not for shopping or sightseeing. I couldn't just pack a bag. I had to prepare my home for the worst. What if mommy didn’t make it home? I can’t help it. Anytime I step on a plane without my family I’m filled with the inevitable “ifs.” Not the sentimental “ifs.” More like, What if Jay invites people back to our house after my very extravagant memorial service and they see how messy my closet is? What if they decide to use my guest bathroom? I haven’t cleaned that toilet lately. What if someone sees my programmable scale, hacks into it and finds out how much I really weigh? What if people see the Tupperware container in the back of the fridge my youngest named ‘Harry.’ What if Jay is able to pull himself out of a horrible state of mourning long enough to try and find my life insurance policy and instead finds out how much I really paid for the living room furniture? So, just in case, I prepared. I cleaned every room in the house. Except my closet because, seriously there just wasn’t enough time. I cleaned out the fridge, laundry is folded and put away, dishes washed, scale thrown out and all incriminating receipts put into an envelope labeled, “Property of Angel Kane.”

I did all this so people would remember me as that incredibly witty, thin, organized and frugal woman named Becky Andrews. No one wants to be remembered as the chubby girl with messy closets and expired dairy products in her fridge.

I even went the extra mile for Angel. To prepare her for the visit she’ll make to my house, I cleaned out my utility room. She’s always complaining about that room. I’ve never seen the importance in cleaning -much less decorating- a room that houses all the dirty underwear. That’s what kind of friend I am. So when she comes to “visit” or take back all the gifts she’s given me over the years, I know she’ll leave my house happy. Not just happy because she took back that flower arrangement she’d wanted since she gave it to me for my birthday a few years ago. But happy that I finally listened to her and put an armoire in my laundry room.

Post Script: Good News! I made it home safe and sound. The bad news, the house is now back to its normal state of messiness (much to Angel’s chagrin). It may be time to go out of town again.

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Fiddlers Grove offers final Kidz Kamp for the summer

Fiddlers Grove has very talented artists and artisans who are willing to share their time and knowledge with the youth of the area. There will be another set of Kidz Kamp classes, July 7, at 10 a.m. The classes offered are: woodburning, beginner sewing, beginner quilting, fiber arts, corn husk dolls, acrylic painting and jewelry making.

Call the Fiddlers Grove office at 615-547-6111 to make a reservation. Payments are made at the General Store, on July 7. The cost is $25 and the children will be able to take home a quality craft they have made with their own hands.

Staff Reports

Photos submitted
A grand Fourth of July Celebration is planned, and Mt. Juliet's Fireworks will launch at 9 p.m. from The Paddocks of Mt. Juliet shopping center. To ensure the event is safe and enjoyable for everyone, Mt. Juliet Police and Fire will be onsite. The firework presentation, presented by local nursery owner Tom Needham, will begin around 9 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4. The fireworks will launch from the field between Academy Sports and Culver’s restaurant. The firework show can be visible along all parking lots connected to Mt. Juliet Road between Weston Driver and Providence Parkway; however, the best viewing area will be in The Paddocks of Mt. Juliet shopping center and surrounding area.

Mt. Juliet’s public safety teams are expecting large attendance and increased traffic. Safety is always a top priority, and many police officers will be present during the event for patrols and traffic control. With any large event, attendees should always be vigilant for suspicious activity. If anything suspicious is spotted, attendees are encouraged to say something and call police. To contact the police department’s non-emergency line, attendees can simply dial 311. In addition, the Fire Department of Mt. Juliet will have extra firefighters on hand near the firework launch site.

The firework show should end around 9:45 p.m., and a large amount of traffic will begin to exit out of parking lots along Mt. Juliet Road near the Interstate 40 interchange. A traffic plan has been established, and advanced traffic signals will adapt to the increased traffic.

The following roadways will have the traffic pattern adjusted during & after the firework show: Pleasant Grove Road will be CLOSED at Old Pleasant Grove Road to westbound traffic only. Residents and visitors will be allowed access so they can get to neighborhoods along Pleasant Grove Road. Traffic will not be allowed to access Central Pike from Pleasant Grove Road.

Please remember, during this event, our roadways will see a major increase in traffic, so delays should be expected. Personal fireworks, alcoholic beverages, barbecue grills, and parking on roadway medians are prohibited.

**Mt. Juliet Fireworks Celebration traffic plan**

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