Adult Learning program added back to School Board budget

The Wilson County Board of Education held a special called meeting on May 28 to discuss the budget for fiscal year 2020-2021. In the meeting, the board approved Elizabeth Mills has been named the new principal of West Wilson Middle School. She most recently served as assistant principal at WWMS.

“Elizabeth Mills is an incredible leader that will continue to guide West Wilson in a very positive direction,” said Director of Schools Dr. Donna Wright. “She has already established valuable relationships with students and staff at West Wilson. As they transition into Mt. Juliet High School next school year, while their school is being repaired, she will work very closely with Mrs. [Beverly] Sharpe and have that added guidance from a person that she’s already very familiar with. We are thrilled to have Liz taking over that position.”

Beverly Sharpe was recently named principal of Mt. Juliet High School. Sharpe was previously the principal of West Wilson Middle. West Wilson’s 7th and 8th grade arrival to Mt. Juliet High School next school year will partially reunite the two administrators and provide a natural fit in the temporary dual housing plan. West Wilson 6th grade students will attend Mt. Juliet Middle School along with MJMS 6th

City commission repeals zoning ordinances

The Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners held a special called meeting on May 29 for the board’s final vote to repeal two zoning ordinances.

The two zoning ordinances, 2019-16 and 2020-08, limited the areas within city limits where surgical abortions services could be performed.

Carafem Health Center, an organization that provides abortion services that opened a location in Mt. Juliet in 2019, brought a complaint against the city.

Last month, a federal judge issued a preliminary injunction that barred Mt. Juliet officials from enforcing the ordinances, saying it placed “undue burden” and a “substantial obstacle” in the

Students named Merit Scholarship winners

Today, National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced over 3,300 winners of National Merit Scholarships financed by U.S. colleges and universities, including two students from Wilson County.

Charles Hopper of Lebanon High School received a National Merit Vanderbilt University Scholarship, and hopes for a probable career field in cell biology.

Navaneeth Shibu of Wilson Central High School received a National Merit University of Alabama at Birmingham Scholarship, and hopes for a probable career field in oncology. Officials of each sponsor college selected their scholarship winners from among the Finalists in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program who plan to attend their institution. These awards provide between $500 and $2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study at the institution financing the scholarship.

This year, 167 higher education institutions are

Mills named West Wilson principal

Elizabet Mills

Photo courtesy of WCS

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

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Thank you to all of Mt. Juliet’s First Responders

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By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

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Granville to hold fourth annual Cornbread and Moonshine Festival

The 4th Annual Granville Cornbread and Moonshine Festival, sponsored by the Tennessee Whiskey Trail, will occur on June 13.

The Moonshine Festival will have eight Tennessee Distillers participating: Short Mountain Distillery, Old Smoky Distillery, Tennessee Legend, Old Forge Distillery, Old Glory Distillery, Old Tennessee Distillery, Post Modern Spirits and Chattanooga Distillery.

The Moonshine Festival will be from 12-4 p.m. Admission for tasting is $5 and attendees must be age 21 to enter tasting area.

The festival will feature Cornbread Whiskey Band to perform at 12 and 3 p.m. Moonshine storytelling will be done by Leon Jean, who will tell Mayberry Moonshine stories, and Arno Hatcher, who will tell stories of Moonshiners of the past.

The 6th annual Granville Cornbread Festival will accept entries from 8:30-9:30 a.m. on June 13 at the Pioneer Village. The categories are traditional cornbread, non-traditional cornbread, cornbread/TN Spirits Dish, Aunt Bee’s Hoe Cakes, and hushpuppies. Visit www.granvilleetn.com for rules of the contest.

The prizes for each category are $25 for first place, $15 for second, and $10 for third. All participants will receive a bag of Eller’s Grist Mill cornmeal and a free Cornbread and Moonshine T-shirt.

At the event, Cornbread Lane will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will feature a country lunch of pinto beans and ham, turnip greens, fried apples, cobbler, beverage, cornbread, and a chance to taste entries in contest. The Eller Grist Mill will be grinding and selling cornmeal and grits and will also serve hot water cornbread. Primitive cooking will be done in the village and they will be serving crackling cornbread. A Cornbread Lane meal cost $10.

Craftsmen of yesteryear will be operating in the village during the festival as well.

These festivals will be in conjunction with the Grand Opening of Tennessee Mayberry Town, the Grand Opening of Mayberry “I Love Lucy” Museum, a special concert of Little Ricky of “I Love Lucy.”

LeRoy Mack McNees of The Country Boys that performed on “The Andy Griffith Show,” with special performers doing Lucy, Ricky, and all the Mayberry Characters. The Victors Band will also perform two concerts. A special feature of this event will be a Mayberry Cruise In, with no entry fee.

The festival will have a $5 admission charge, with those under the age of 6 getting in free, and $5 for parking.
Rutland principal nominated for state honor

Staff Reports

Rutland Elementary Principal Cathy York has been named as the district nominee for the Tennessee Department of Education Principal of the Year honors.

Her nomination was comprised of submissions among her peers and supervisors, and then ultimately approved and submitted to the State by Director of Schools Dr. Donna Wright.

Principal York has 25 years of experience in education, with 12 of those serving as an administrator at Rutland. She has been principal at Rutland for the past seven years.

During that time, Rutland has seen continuous growth, year after year, under her leadership, which includes Reward School fund at the request of the education and budget committees.

Deputy Director of Schools Mickey Hall explained that the budget was reconfigured in a way that could fund the adult high school and GED programs for the 2020-2021 school year.

Hall said they were not recommending any cuts; rather, the budget committee’s retirement rates have changed from 13.72% to 9.15%. Hall said they budgeted for the 13.72% rate anyway, but have now adjusted it for the 2019-2020 estimates, allowing funds to roll over to the fund balance. If approved, he said, the budget would be balanced.

The budget will need to be approved by the Wilson County Commission at its June 15 meeting.

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underwriting Merit Scholarship programs through the National Merit Scholarship Program. Sponsor colleges and universities include 92 private and 75 public institutions located in 43 states and the District of Columbia.

College-sponsored Merit Scholarship winners announced today are a part of the distinguished group of about 7,600 high school seniors who will receive National Merit Scholarships for college undergraduate study worth over $30 million for college undergraduate study.

Cathy York

School status achievements.

Known as a highly energetic and charismatic leader with an infectious smile, Dr. Wright candidly recalls her first encounter with Principal York.

“Interesting to note, she leads one of the largest elementary schools in the state and ‘runs’ between two campuses,” said Wright. “The first time I met her, she was running from Building A to Building B in 100-degree heat and had a beautiful smile on her face. Everything she does and plans is in the best interest of students.”

The TDOE is expected to announce nine POY finalists in July, followed by the 2019-2020 Principal of the Year announcement this upcoming Fall.

“It was a huge surprise and I feel very honored, and I feel very honored just to be in this district,” said York. “But to get that nomination honored or meant so much to me. It was very special in so many ways. My staff even put together an incredible video that celebrated me on that nomination. They are just amazing.”

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way of women seeking abortions in Mt. Juliet.

In the meeting, Mayor Ed Hagerty addressed why he made a motion to repeal the ordinances, referring to the city’s financial challenges from storms and coronaviruses.

“As all of you know, the city is facing major financial challenges given the tornadoes which struck our city in early March and the severe impact to our economy due to the COVID-19 pandemic,” he said from a prepared statement. “Given this preliminary opinion from the court, and in light of the strains of the city’s fiscal and manpower resources in the current environment, the advice from the attorneys who have represented the city in this litigation is that ordinances 2019-16 and 2020-08 be repealed so that the city’s limited resources can be preserved and focused on other areas of concern which are needed to serve our citizens. For the purpose of respecting the city’s limited resources and focusing on other needs of our citizens, I agree and it is why I have chosen to make a motion on this agenda item.”

The final vote to repeal the ordinances was approved 3-1-1.

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JUNE 4

JECDB

The Joint Economic and Community Development Board Executive Committee will meet at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2020, at 200 Aviation Way, Suite 207, Lebanon.

JUNE 4

Meeting Notice

The Health and Educational Facilities Board will meet on Thursday, June 4, at 4 p.m. at the Joint Economic and Community Development Board office located at 200 Aviation Way, Suite 207, Lebanon.

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BOAT, RV & AUTOMOBILE STORAGE


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 through 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 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. He needed the type of power that only comes from Jesus.

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This message goes out to all the teens and pre-teens. During your pre-teen, teen years and beyond, you will face many tough decisions and an abundance of peer pressure. In order to make wise, thoughtful decisions, you will need the willpower in order to stand strong during times of temptation and tolerance in order to tolerate those who discredit your stance and beliefs.

Decisions we make today as human beings will affect the rest of our lives. That’s why we must make proper and thoughtful decisions. Don’t cave or give into peer pressure for the sake of acceptance or popularity. Be your own person and responsible for your own decisions and actions for they will follow you for the rest of your life. If you do these things you will succeed.

Each one of us is responsible for our own actions. That is why we must make proper and thoughtful decisions. Don’t cave or give into peer pressure for the sake of acceptance or popularity. Be your own person and responsible for your own decisions and actions for they will follow you for the rest of your life. If you do these things you will succeed.

Engagements

Hannah Marie Alexander and Chandler Shea Street, both originally from Jackson, Tennessee, are announcing their marriage. Hannah is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark and Debbie Alexander of Mt. Juliet, Tennessee. She earned her Bachelors of Science in nursing from Cumberland University. Chandler is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David and Deanna Street. The wedding is planned for June 13, 2020, in Mt. Juliet.

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

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grade and Stoner Creek Elementary.

Mills has been an educator since 2008. After moving from Kentucky, she taught Language Arts at Mt. Juliet Middle School and served as a pipeline assistant principal at Southside Elementary. She was appointed assistant principal at WWMS in January of 2019.

“I’m honored to be named the new principal at West Wilson Middle,” said Mills. “I’m thrilled to continue working with them in a new leadership role. I have built relationships with our feeder schools and will utilize those relationships to ensure we continue in the path of excellence that has already been established.”

Going through the March tornado disaster was an experience like none other for Mills, but she is extremely optimistic about the future of WWMS and the potential that it can ultimately reach despite these challenging times.

“West Wilson is a very special place, and the students and teachers have shown tremendous strength in joining together to remain positive in light of losing our school building,” said Mills. “We will be able to utilize this shared experience next year as we grow together as a school family even with the challenge of being in two separate buildings.”

Mills holds a Bachelor of Arts in English, a Master of Arts in English, a Master of Adolescent English Language Arts, and a Specialist Board Certification in Early Adolescent English Language Arts, and a Specialist in Education in Educational Leadership. She will officially transition into her new role on July 1.

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Group hands out meals to those in need

By Pastor Regina Girten
Providence Church

It is easy to believe that time is standing still right now. Even though our community is just starting to reopen, throughout this time of pandemic, churches have been partnering with Wilson County Schools and Lebanon Special School District to pour grace over our community. Together, these outlets have provided food for thousands of people within our community.

Principals and counselors in the county have connected with local churches to ensure everyone’s pantry is full. I have had the privilege of witnessing several heroes in our community firsthand. I have met counsellors and assistant principals – following CDC guidelines on social distancing – to pass off food to them to deliver to the doorsteps of community members. Can you imagine anything more representative of the Kingdom of God than that?

Each Christmas, the congregation of Providence Church collects an offering. One hundred percent of this offering goes to various organizations in our community. In 2018, our Christmas Eve offering funded two school buses for Wilson County Schools to be converted into mobile food panties and partial funding for one of Lebanon Special School District’s feeding vans. We have been

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You may have seen that Wilson County Schools and Lebanon Special School District have been working tirelessly to ensure that the students and families in our community continue to stay fed. Their respective nutrition departments have also been providing breakfasts and lunches for community members. Together, these outlets have provided food for thousands of people within our community.

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Gov. Lee announces TN Business Relief Program

$200 million available for small businesses affected by COVID-19

Staff Reports


The Tennessee Business Relief Program will direct approximately $200 million in federal Coronavirus Relief Funds through the Department of Revenue directly to small businesses that qualify.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has created immense economic pain across our state and especially among small businesses that faced temporary closure,” said Gov. Lee. “As we responsibly steward our federal stimulus money, we have worked to quickly prioritize our small businesses and I thank the work of the Financial Stimulus Accountability Group for their partnership in this.”

The Tennessee Business Relief Program amounts awarded will be based on the annual gross sales of the business. More details will be posted on the Department of Revenue’s website in the coming days.

“This is an undeniable crisis and we cannot rest until these small businesses are back on their feet,” said Sen. Raumesh Akbari. I am hopeful this program will quickly prioritize our small businesses and I thank the Financial Accountability Group for their hard work of the Financial Stimulus Accountability Group for their hard work in this area. More details will be posted on the Department of Revenue’s website in the coming days.

The following types of small businesses are eligible under the program:

- Barber shops, beauty shops, nail salons, tattoo parlors, spas, personal care services, gyms/fitness centers, restaurants, bars, hotels and other travel accommodations, theaters, auditoriums, performing arts centers, museums, zoos, bowling centers and arcades, marinas, amusement, sports and recreational industries, promoters of performing arts, sports and similar events, agents of managers of artists, athletes and entertainers, independent artists, writers and performers.

In addition, the following small businesses are eligible if their sales were reduced by at least 25%, as shown on their April sales tax returns (filed in May):

- Furniture, home furnishing, clothing, shoe, jewelry, luggage, leather goods, sporting goods, hobby, musical instrument, book, department, office supply, stationery, gift, used merchandise, and miscellaneous stores.

These organizations are critical to our economic revival and I look forward to seeing them included in the next phase. Our recovery from this economic disruption will be a slow process. But without small business, it doesn’t happen at all. I am grateful for this opportunity to put our most at-risk businesses on a path to stability and prosperity.

Roughly 28,000 Tennessee businesses are expected to qualify, with more than 73% of those businesses earning annual gross sales of $500,000 or less.

“Our small businesses drive our local and statewide economies, and their success is critical to our continued, swift economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Tennessee House Speaker Cameron Sexton (R-Crossville). “I am pleased to join with Rep. Marsh, Rep. Love and members of the Financial Accountability Group to support all those businesses who have been adversely affected by these extraordinary circumstances through this program so they remain successful.”

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused an unprecedented financial crisis for businesses across Tennessee. With the help of this program, we can ensure that these businesses have the resources they need to weather this difficult time.

SAN JOSE (May 12, 2020) Aviation Boatswain’s Mate (Fuels) 2nd Class Michael Gray, from Lebanon, Tenn., right, is selected for meritorious advancement to the rank of petty officer 1st class at Navy Talent Acquisition Group Golden Gate. The Meritorious Advancement Program is intended to give COs the opportunity to recognize their best Sailors by advancing them when they are ready for the next level of responsibility. [ Courtesy photo by OS1 Martin Vories]
Zooming into the future

By Angel Kane
Wilson Living Magazine

For years now, it’s been the older crew helping guide the newbies, in all the ways of running an office. You know the important stuff: how to work the fax machine, making two-sided copies, restarting the server when the power goes out.

While law is our business, you can’t win a case if you don’t also know how to copy your brief for the Judge. Of course, over the years we’ve gotten some pushback — like when the young ones tried to convince us no one faxes anymore.

Ha! They must think we were born yesterday!

Or there was this one time they tried to tell us servers were old school and now, everything was somewhere on a cloud. Or was it in a cloud??

Regardless, our office manager told them she didn’t have time for their nonsense, as she still had to run to the post office for stamps and then the bank to make our deposits.

So when Corona hit and life went from business as usual to going virtual and having Court hearings by Zoom … well, can you say Driving Miss Daisy?

(If you don’t know what I’m talking about, ask your parents.)

All of a sudden, some of us couldn’t practice law unless a younger one assisted us — sign in, turn video screen on, upload your documents, share screen, turn the volume as high as possible to be able to hear and remember not to put your face right up to the screen because that’s a dead giveaway that you’re old!

It was quite an adjustment, and just when I finally mastered signing in to make my deposits, I was it in a cloud??

Regardless, our office manager told them she didn’t have time for their nonsense, as she still had to run to the post office for stamps and then the bank to make our deposits.

As it turned out, they were right. We are all back in person.

But I’m definitely sensing an attitude shift from the young ones.

“Can we talk about getting rid of the fax machine now and signing up for an online fax?” one of them asked, after sauntering into my office Friday.

We locked eyes and then I handed him the office credit card.

I know when to lose gracefully.

But if they try get rid of my paper calendar, well I’m going to go full on Rambo!

(Geez! Ask your parents!)
OBITUARIES

ALLMON, Charles

Mr. Jimmy Charles Allmon, age 80, of Mt. Juliet, TN, and formerly a Smith County, TN, native died Friday, May 29, 2020, after his illness lasted over a 6-year period.

Jimmy was born Jan. 12, 1940 in New Middleton, TN, to the late Auline Wills Small, and step-daughter; Kelli Pitman. Jimmy was a charter member of the Beckwith High School for several years.

He joined the U.S. Army in 1962. He was then transferred to the Army Medical Corps where he served in Korea for several years. In 1977 he went to work for Servalon Motion and retired there from in 2003. He joined the U.S. Army in 1962.

He was preceded in death by Sister and brother-in-law; Virginia and Donald Small, and step-daughter; Kelli Pitman. Jimmy was a 1958 graduate of Gordonsville High School. He went to work for Alladin Industries after he finished high school for several years.

COUNTS, Travis Ray

Travis Counts passed away June 1, 2020, at age 47. The Graveside Service will be private.

Mr. Counts is survived by his wife of 23 years, Stephanie Nealy Counts, children Jessica (Dean) Hogan and Dakota Counts, stepson John (Kourtney) Bennett, parents Jimmy and Kathy Counts, and grandchildren Makenzie Carrigan and Madison Hogan. He is preceded in death by grand-parents Hazel and Arthur Winfree and Thomas and Daisy Counts.

SELLARS FUNERAL HOME, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.

GRIZZARD, Byron M.

Byron M. Grizzard, age 52 of Little Rock, Arkansas, and formerly of Nashville, Tennessee, passed away May 26, 2020. The funeral service was held June 2 at Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet, TN, and interment followed at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens.

He is survived by loving children, Bret (Lindsey) Grizzard, Bryana (Eric) Favre, Catherine Grizzard, and Amelia Grizzard; grandchildren, Charlotte Grizzard and Averie Favre; parents, James and Linda Grizzard and Merry Harmon; sisters, Brandi (Teri Schweiger) Grizzard-Snade and Lacy Grizzard (John) Welsh; brother, Briggs Hartrick; nieces, Megan Snade, Morgan Snade, Rowan Welsh, Alexa Welsh, Alyssa Welsh, and Alyssa Hartrick; nephews, Briggs Hartrick; aunts and uncles, Bob and Ann Rosa, Nancy Ferguson, Gayle Paul, Susan Haseman, Trina Gross, and Ron and Debbie Grizzard.

Memorial Contributions may be addressed to the American Diabetes Association (P.O. Box 15829, Arlington, VA 22215).

SELLARS FUNERAL HOME, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.

HARRIS, Ruth Lee

Ruth Lee Harris, age 84 of Lavergne, passed away May 31, 2020. She is preceded in death by husband of 54 years, Henry D. Harris, Sr.; parents, Walter and Ida Gross; son, Glen Evans Harris; sisters, Annie Gross and Cherry Lemock. She is survived by children, Jeanette (John Tate) Arguini, Henry D. (Debra) Harris, Jr., Herman O. Harris, Joseph (Kellie) Harris and Kim Russell; brother, John Gross; grandchildren, Nina (Ahmad) Harris-Scales, Dwight Chavez Harris, Latisa Harris, Larosha Harris, Armando C. Arguini, Lenox Harris and Stokley Harris; great-grandchildren, Amir Scales and Zuri Scales; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A Memorial service will be held at a later date.

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LEGORE, Nancy Louise Lydin

Nancy Louise Lydin LeGore, age 77 of Mount Juliet, died May 21, 2020. Nancy was the daughter of the late A. Val and Opal Lydin. She is survived by: Husband of 54 years – Dick D. LeGore; Daughters – Dana R. (Dan) Rosellini, Jill M. (Dan) Srb and Holly M. (Stuart) Miller; Grandchildren – Hatcher Beau Miller and Hadley Anabelle Miller; Sister – Linda K. (Dave) Clabo; Nephews – Ryan (Amanda) Sagar; Great-niece – Serena Sager. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St.

CUNNINGHAM, Dorothy Helen

Dorothy Cunningham passed from this world to her heavenly home on May 30, 2020. The funeral service was held June 2 at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.


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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Mt. Juliet Alcoholic Beverages Board will meet in City Hall at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 to consider the following:

Request for new beer permit for: Cracker Barrel Old Country Store located at 100 Herschel Dr. Mt. Juliet

And any other topics arising therefrom or generally related thereto. The public is invited to attend and comment.

Sheila S. Luckett, MMC
Deputy City Manager

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Mt. Juliet will have a Public Hearing on June 8, 2020 at 6:15 PM on the following items to be considered on 2nd and Final Reading:

- Annex and approve the Plan of Services for the Hale Property being 13.48 acres located at 8370 Saundersville Road - Map 32, Parcel 037.01, the Rommell Property being 5.01 acres located 8400 Saundersville Road – Map 32 Part of Parcel 038.03 and the Thomas Property being 7.0 acres located at 8520 Saundersville Road – Map 32, Part of Parcel 38.08.
- Amend Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Budget for the Police Department grant from the Conover Foundation.
- Adopt Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget for the City of Mt. Juliet
- Rezone Legacy Pointe at Golden Bear, Map 078, Parcels 10.09, 12.00, 13.02, 13.03, 13.04, 13.05, 13.06, 13.07, 13.08, 13.09, 13.10, 13.11 and 13.12 from Residential RS-40 and Office Professional Services (OPS) to Commercial Interchange (CI)

Social distance guidelines will be followed. The meeting may be viewed at: http://tiny.cc/CMJVT. The Public is Invited to Comment to: sluckett@mtjuliet-tn.gov or thru the agenda portal on the cities webpage www.mtjuliet-tn.gov / Go to Government / Agendas and Minutes then log into the agenda portal in the upper right hand corner or by calling 615-754-2552. Please submit all comments by 4 PM on Monday, June 8th and provide your address so it can be forwarded to the Commissioner representing your district.

Kenny Martin, City Manager
City of Mt. Juliet

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MALONE, Jerry Carroll

Jerry Carroll Malone, age 83 of Mt. Juliet, died May 25, 2020. Mr. Malone was the son of the late James Edward and Irene Taylor Malone. He was also preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, Judith Anne “Judy” Malone, and his siblings, Don Malone and Carol Duncan.


Funeral services were held May 30 at Bond Memorial Chapel, and interment followed at Salem Cemetery in Liberty, Tennessee. Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to the Alzheimer’s Foundation. Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. (615) 773-2663. www.bondmemorial.com

RAINES, Jimmy Ray

Jimmy Raines passed away May 29, 2020 at age 82. The family will be receiving friends at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon, on Wednesday from noon until the service. The Funeral Service is 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 3 in the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home with interment following in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Mr. Raines is survived by ex-wife and best friend Brenda Burkett, daughter Justine Harmon, sister Louise Otto, eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and special friends Paul and Melanie McFarlin. He is preceded in death by son Jimmy Vernon Raines, parents Alex and Emily Key Raines, three brothers and five sisters.

Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.

RUBBERT, Cecelia

Cecelia Rubbert, affectionately known as Cece, passed away May 22, 2020, at age 58. The Memorial Service will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 6, 2020, in the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet. The family will receive friends on Saturday from noon until service time at 3 p.m.

She is survived by husband, Guy Rubbert; children, Tina (Mike) Dowell, Brad (Angella) Rubbert, Chad Rubbert and Tiffany Rubbert; grandchildren, Blake Dowell, Kayla (Kimbery) Ziemann, Triston Evetts, Brianna Dowell, Dustin Rubbert, Hailey Watts, Abigail Dowell, Joseph Watts, Jr., and Anna Joor; great-grandchild, Vannadey Evetts; sisters, Denise Wheeler and Andrea (Randy) McKinley; sister-in-law, Peggy (Raymond) Tillett; brother-in-law, Kelly Ziemann; as well as many other extended family members and friends that she considered family.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests in memory of Cece, memorial contributions be addressed to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital (501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105).

Unemployment rates reach historic highs across TN

Statistics released May 28, 2020, by the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development show a staggering increase in unemployment for each of Tennessee’s 95 counties in April as many businesses closed to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

The unprecedented and historic spike in unemployment impacted some counties more drastically than others, but no area of Tennessee escaped the pandemic’s effect on the state’s workforce.

Fayette County had Tennessee’s lowest unemployment rate in April. At 9.4%, the county’s rate increased by 6.1 percentage points when compared to its revised March rate of 3.3%.

Weakley County had the second-lowest unemployment rate for the month at 9.6%, followed by Hardeman County at 9.7%.

Fayette, Weakley and Hardeman were the only counties in the state with unemployment rates below 10% in April.

Sevier County recorded Tennessee’s highest unemployment rate for the month. The county’s new jobless figure of 29.5% represents a staggering spike of 26 percentage points when compared to its revised March rate of 3.5%.

Neighboring Cocke County had the second-highest jobless rate in April at 25.6%, a 20.9 percentage point increase from the previous month. Grundy County ranked third-highest with a rate of 25.3%, which is a 21.1 percentage point spike when compared to March’s rate.

When comparing Tennessee’s three largest cities, Nashville had the highest unemployment rate in April. The city’s rate of 15.9% is a 13.5 percentage point increase over its revised March rate of 2.4%.

Memphis recorded a rate of 14.3%, a spike of 10.1 percentage points from the previous month, and Knoxville’s April rate of 14.7% is an 11.8 percentage point jump.

Statewide, unemployment reached a historic high in April. The seasonally adjusted rate of 14.7% surpassed the previous all-time high figure of 12.9% in January 1983.

Unlike the statewide unemployment rate, county unemployment statistics are not seasonally adjusted. Tennesseans can currently find over 175,000 new employment opportunities on the state’s workforce development website, www.Jobs4TN.gov. They will also find information about job training, resume writing, and a variety of other job search assistance available at no cost.

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