Luttrell contract approved

By Kenny Howell
Managing Editor

The Wilson County School Board approved the contract for new Director of Schools Jeff Luttrell and said goodbye to Dr. Donna Wright at the board meeting Monday.

“We look forward to your time at Wilson County Schools,” said Board Chair Larry Tomlinson after approving the contract for

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Cook named GES Principal

Staff Reports

Rachel Cook has been named as the new principal for Gladeville Elementary.

Cook is a former teacher at GES, and has been Assistant Principal at West Elementary the last few years. She is replacing Monica Fox who is retiring after 30 years at the school.

“I am so excited to be back in 'The Glade!' said Cook in

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W.P. Bone III of Wilson County Motors and Bob McDonald of Cedar Stone Bank presented Katie Ingram with the Wilson County Teacher of the Year Award Friday night at Baird Chapel on the campus of Cumberland University.

BEST OF THE BEST

Ingram named Wilson County Teacher of the Year

By Kenny Howell
Managing Editor

Barry Tatum Academy’s Katie Ingram was named Wilson County Teacher of the Year at the annual banquet Friday night.

The event was held at the Baird Chapel on the campus of Cumberland University and was sponsored like every year by Wilson County Motors and Cedar Stone Bank.

“I’m very honored to be here,” said Ingram after accepting her award. She has taught at several schools, and was shocked when someone suggested she should be a teacher at Barry Tatum Academy. The Academy, formerly known as M.A.P. Academy is Wilson County School’s Alternative Learning Program for students in grades 6-12.

“I said y’all are crazy, there is no

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Old Friends ready to move to their new home

By Kenny Howell
Managing Editor

In just under 10 years, Old Friends Senior Dog Sanctuary has gone from a labor of love in one couple’s home, to a state-of-the-art facility taking care of hundreds of dogs.

“We thought we would be in our house forever,” said Co-Founder Zina Goodin, who runs the facility with her husband Michael Goodin.

The couple started the rescue out of their home in Wilson County, which ended up not being enough. The house next to them went up for sale, and they bought that, but it was still wasn’t enough. Plus, the Zoning Board in their area said they couldn’t run the rescue out of their homes any longer.

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WCSO looking for info on Maddox Road incident

Staff Reports

Wilson County Sheriff’s Office Detectives are looking for more information regarding an incident that occurred Sunday night on Maddox Road involving a possible domestic situation.

According to the WCSO, an unidentified female was forced back into a vehicle, which is believed to be a blue Jeep Grand Cherokee, by an unknown black male driver.

The two subjects arrived at the location together a little after 9 p.m. as the female briefly exited the vehicle while vomiting on the ground. Witnesses near the scene could hear the two arguing. The male subject then forcefully placed the female back inside the vehicle before leaving the scene.

Anyone with information of this incident is urged to call Detective Justin Eagle at (615)290-2679.

WCSO warns of ‘garage hopping’ crimes

The WCSO put out an alert Friday that they are seeing an increase in garage hopping crimes.

Detectives are investigating several reports of criminals driving through subdivisions looking for garages or side doors they can access to steal home-owners items. Some items that have been stolen are power tools, leaf blowers and chainsaws.

WCSO urged residents to secure their garages to protect their possessions. If you see suspicious activity, please call our office and speak with a dispatcher at (615)444-1412, extension 0. If it’s an emergency, please dial 911.

Old Friends Senior Dog Sanctuary

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“That was the push we needed,” said Zina to get their own facility. She said zoning originally gave them two months, but once they got a plan in place, they let them operate until they got their own location, which happened nine months later.

Since 2017, they have been in their current facility on Lebanon Road, but that location became hard to maintain. The floors were degrading, and if you put epoxy floors down, no pets can be on it for three days. Also, their veterinarian is working out of two tiny offices. That obviously didn’t work for their operation, so they started looking into building their own facility.

What Zina turned into was a multi-million dollar facility that can house over 100 dogs, and allow the medical staff to treat them, as well as the several hundred more that are fostered in the area.

How they got to that dollar amount is donations and word of mouth, mostly by Facebook. Old Friends Senior Dog Sanctuary has 1.8 million followers on Facebook and another 157,000 on Instagram. People from all over the world follow their social media to get updates on the dogs that live in the facility, the many others that come through and are at their foster homes.

Zina originally did all the posting, but Michael wasn’t convinced social media was going to make that big of a difference.

“I was completely wrong about that,” said Michael.

Many, many donations later, the Goodins and their staff have a state-of-the-art facility with all the bells and whistles to help take care of the dogs. They have a complete medical wing, different suites for dogs based on their needs that will allow them to come in and out as they need, and tons of outdoor space for the dogs. The outdoor space even includes a splash pad for the dogs that love the water. Inside, there is a full-service kitchen, interactive boards so the staff can know what the dogs need for the day, full laundry facilities, conference rooms, and food storage for the hundreds of pounds of food they go through in a week. The building is fitted with many features that will help keep the facility clean and safe for the dogs.

The community will get their first look at the new Old Friends Senior Dog Sanctuary Saturday when they will hold a dog parade to transfer the animals to the new place. It will begin at 11 a.m. and will travel from the old facility at 12110 Lebanon Road, to their new place on Nonaville Road near the Windtree Trace neighborhood. The Mt. Juliet Police Department will escort the dogs to their new home.

For more information on Old Friends Senior Dog Sanctuary, visit www.ofsds.org, or find them on Facebook or Instagram.

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From Wilson County Sheriff’s Office Facebook
New Director at Life Recovery

By Kenny Howell
Managing Editor

Sometimes things just work out for the best. That is definitely the case for James Parenteau, the new Director at Life Recovery in Mt. Juliet.

Before and during the pandemic, Parenteau was living in Los Angeles, Calif. He had moved there years earlier with his employer Cathay Pacific, an airline based out of Hong Kong. He ended up meeting his wife there, where they had two children to add to the daughter she had from a previous marriage. While working, he would be in the cockpit for flights from L.A. to Hong Kong.

But things started to turn for him just before the pandemic. They lived in a nice neighborhood, but a truck was stolen right in front of his house one night. Then he had some other items stolen out of storage. Then some of his neighbors had items stolen. He didn’t want to raise his family there.

“I was like oh man, we got to get out of here,” said Parenteau. “I just kept getting worse and worse and worse.”

His wife’s first reaction to moving was absolutely not. But over time, she saw that it would be a good opportunity for them. They looked in Texas and Idaho, and eventually Knoxville. They couldn’t find the right place, but they liked Tennessee. Knoxville didn’t have a direct flight to Los Angeles for when he needed to work, but Nashville did. They looked around the middle Tennessee area and eventually landed in Mt. Juliet.

“I fell in love with it,” said Parenteau. Parenteau said you don’t get to meet your neighbors before you move in, but he looked out because everyone has been amazing. He found a church, and that is where he learned about Life Recovery, a non-profit organization run by Bill and Dean Jackson that is a Biblical approach to those fighting addiction. Parenteau was 11 years sober, and wanted to see if he could help. After talking with the Jacksons, Parenteau was asked to come on as the Director.

Parenteau learned about the Jacksons approach, which is a Christ-centered 12 steps program. Parenteau had worked the traditional 12 steps, and liked the method which he said “took the 12 steps and removed the ambiguity around God.”

Parenteau has now started meetings based on this method, which started at Life Recovery May 24. Meetings are five days a week, and have a different focus each day. Monday is Bible Study, followed by Newcomers Tuesday, then Open Discussion Wednesday, Book Study Thursday and Life Recovery 11th Step Friday. All meetings are at 7 p.m.

Parenteau believes it is important to have many meetings because people battling addiction need “constant reminders” through recovery. He hopes these meetings will help Life Recovery grow until they can eventually realize the Jackson’s dream of opening up their own facility, which would include in-patient programs.

For more information on Life Recovery, you can visit liferecoverytn.com, email help@liferecoverytn.com or call it (615)754-7111.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 12
WCSO BADGES GIVE BACK FOOD DRIVE
Wilson County Sheriff’s Office Badges Give Back Food Drive to benefit Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee is June 12, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wilson County Sheriff’s Office on 105 East High Street in Lebanon. Most needed items are peanut butter, canned fruit, canned meat (chicken or tuna), pasta, cereal and canned vegetables. on day, June 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 2425 N. Mt. Juliet Road. You can watch the meeting through the City’s YouTube page or at the website at mjt juliet-tn.gov.

June 14
MT. JULIET BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
The Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners will meet Monday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the City Hall Commission Chambers, 2425 N. Mt. Juliet Road. You can watch the meeting through the City’s YouTube page or at the website at mjt juliet-tn.gov.

June 15
MT. JULIET-WEST WILSON LIONS CLUB MEETING
Mt. Juliet-West Wilson Lions Club meeting is Tuesday, June 15, 7 p.m. at Courtney’s Restaurant.

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

June 28
MT. JULIET BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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July 6
MT. JULIET-WEST WILSON LIONS CLUB MEETING
Mt. Juliet-West Wilson Lions Club meeting is Tuesday, July 6, 7 p.m. at Courtney’s Restaurant.

If you have a calendar event, send it to editor@tcotmj.com
Revealing the Unknown God

The apostle Paul was walking around Athens waiting on Timothy and Silas to arrive. The Amplified Bible says, “his spirit was grieved and roused to anger as he saw that the city was full of idols.” Is your spirit grieved when you observe our country and surroundings and the condition it is devolved into? I heard a sermon one time that proposed the statement, “When God gets angry and we don’t, it is a sin.” I believe Paul and God were angry simultaneously over the barbarity in the city of Athens. Some believe that as he walked around the city, he would have observed (he probably didn’t count them) somewhere in the neighborhood of 30,000 idols.

The area was wrought with the Epicureans, who were high-minded rationalists, and whose God was their appetite. Satisfying the senses was their aim in life. Also prominent in the culture was the Stoics. These were a people group who extolled virtue, but denied human responsibility and future judgment. Does that sound familiar? Paul found himself face to face with the philosophy of Socrates and Plato. The Bible said these groups were always seeking something new. What causes a person to constantly be seeking something new? This happens in the Christian church as well, and results in the “discovering” of new, unearthed revelation no one has seen before.

What results is extrabiblical (or unbiblical) ideas that some embrace as truth, but in fact it is false truth. When what we see does not satisfy, it is because we are not seeking the truth, but something that will tickle our ears.

Have we set up idols in our society that resemble these idols in Athens? How about success, achievements, entertainment, social position, or material gain? None of these are inherently evil, but they become evil when we set them up as the end all be all for our lives. Paul discovered they had a monument to “The Unknown God.” Realizing this was the one and only true God, Paul began to proclaim a message that ran counter to that of the pluralism they embraced. He told them that God made the world and was the Giver of life and breath. He boldly proclaimed this God of whom they had no knowledge, determined the end all be all for our lives.

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TELLING TALES - Advice For My 30-Year-Old Self

Eleven years ago, I wrote a column titled “Advice for my 20-year-old self.” In it I doted out a few instructions from a much wiser standpoint to my younger, less mature, and thinner counterpart.

Since that time, so much has changed. My youngest will be a senior in high school, my oldest just graduated from college, “The Sopranos,” “Sex and the City,” and “Friends” aired series finales, Betty White is the thinner counterpart. Being there for some wants me as I edge closer to 50. It seems appropriate to create a new list for the 30-year-old me. So, here goes.

1. Wear sunscreen. Yes, I know this was on the advice list for my 20-year-old self, but it bears repeating. After the age of 30, freckles are called age spots. Trust me on this. Sunscreen is cheaper than the magical serum that promises eradicate those age spots.

2. Time flies. The hands of time move no matter what. While time is an unapologetic thief, it’s also the best teacher. A teacher that will make you wise beyond your years. Try not to wish away bad days. Bad days are part of life. And bad days make the good days even better.

3. I know you look at your post baby body and think, “there’s no way my boobs can drop any lower.” Brace yourself, my dear. They can and WILL. But understand the only thing you need to worry about when it comes to those glands is doing a self-check every month.

4. Stop apologizing for crying. Crying is good for your soul. Emotional cleansing is what mom called it. And like so many other things, she was right.

5. Speaking of mom. It’s only been a few weeks since she died. It seems like yesterday-and 100 years ago. You will always miss her, but you will be delighted in the ways she shows up in your parenting and writing.

6. Set boundaries! For everyone and everything. It’s one of the most loving things you can do for yourself. Invest in Google or Facebook, not emotional vampires.

7. While you are setting proper boundaries with some, make time for the ones you care about most. It’s in your 30s life really hits the fan. Parents get sick, a friend receives a scary diagnosis, divorces abound in this decade. Being there for someone during these times and listening without judgement is an honor and will deepen your relationships in ways you cannot yet comprehend.

8. Forgive. This is a biggie. Holding onto grudges, anger, etc. does nothing for you. Seriously, it is not productive in the least. Forgive and move on. Even if you were right. Which we both knew you were.

9. Be nice to yourself. Try to stop comparing your body today to your body in college. You are not fat. You look great. Try to tell yourself that every day. One day it will sink in. One day you will understand that beauty - real beauty - has nothing to do with a number on the scale.

10. If you think PMS is bad, wait until something called the menopause ban- shoes shows up. She is a leg- gie. Holding onto grudges, emotions, anger, etc. does nothing for you. Seriously, it is not productive in the least. Forgive and move on. Even if you were right. Which we both knew you were.

11. Be kind to yourself. Try to stop comparing your body today to your body in college. You are not fat. You look great. Try to tell yourself that every day. One day it will sink in. One day you will understand that beauty - real beauty - has nothing to do with a number on the scale.

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At the end of the meeting when she finished her last recommendation to the board, she stated that it was it for the night, and for seven years. But it wasn't the last time she would do everything she could for the school system.

“I will always advocate for Wilson County Schools,” said Dr. Wright. Dr. Wright also allowed presentations to be made about a federal grant that could be awarded to the school system, and two other that already have been. Wilson County Schools is seeking an ESSER grant, which was part of the COVID-19 Relief package signed back in March. The school system is seeking $12.5 million to address learning loss during the pandemic. The funds could be used in one-time or short-term expenditures to address issues caused by the pandemic. Wilson County Schools sent out an email to all parents Monday to get feedback on how they think the school system should use the money if received. You can take the survey at https://wcschools.com/Page/5323. The deadline to submit is Tuesday, July 6.

The school system also received $759,000 in grants to help with a program to get students ready to fill jobs that are much needed in the community. $20,000 from the State of Tennessee was also received to benefit the teaching of Civics within the school system.
The Stardust and Moondust casts of Green Hill High School performed Little Women June 4-6. If you would like to support the Green Hill High School Theater Department, you can make donations through https://wilsoncounty.schoolcahsonline.com.

Green Hill High School welcomes new Assistant Principal

Green Hill High School announced that Lee Nachand will be the school’s newest Assistant Principal.

Nachand was most recently the Assistant Principal at Riverdale High School. Before entering administration, Nachand was Dean of Students and basketball coach at Independence School, football and basketball coach at LaVergne High School, and a football coach at Gladeville. She has served the students, parents and faculty and staff of this great school. I look forward to building relationships with stakeholders and continuing the legacy Mrs. Fox has built."

"Rachel has done so many great and innovative things for our district over the years, both in the classroom and as an administrator," says Dr. Wright. "She’s a strong instructional leader and it has been evident in every position she has held. Her most recent work as assistant principal for West Elementary School has been exemplary and we know that she will do incredible things for Gladeville Elementary."

Green Hill Theater Dept. performs Little Women

SCHOOL EVENTS

June 10

TITANS YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP

Titans Youth Football Camp in Mt. Juliet is June 10 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. The Mt. Juliet High School football staff will be there to help coach the kids, as well as CPA coach/former Titans player Ingle Martin and other Titans alumni and staff. It’s a great opportunity for children to get firsthand coaching from those that know the sport best. The age range is 7-14, and camp includes a t-shirt, Titans giveaway bag, instruction from the former Titans players and local high school coaches and the option to purchase $30 tickets to the Titans vs Jaguars game on Dec. 12. The camp will be four hours long and the entry fee is $79.

June 14

MJMS GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP

MJMS Girls Basketball Camp is June 14-16, 9 a.m. – noon at Mt. Juliet Middle 3565 Mt. Juliet Road Mt. Juliet, TN 37122 (use Woodridge Place entrance near gym). Cost is $80 (includes t-shirt included). Register in advance by mail or at the door. Make checks payable to Mt. Juliet Middle. Ages are rising second graders to rising eighth graders. Bring shorts, t-shirt, basketball/tennis shoes, and water. For more information, please contact Coach DeFever at defevern@wcschools.com or (615)754-6688 Ext. 1825.

MJCA CO-ED FLAG FOOTBALL SUMMER CAMP

MJCA Co-Ed Flag Football Summer Camp is June 14-16, 9 a.m. to noon, for grades first through sixth. Cost is $85. Register at mjcaevents.org.

June 21

WILSON CENTRAL GIRLS BASKETBALL YOUTH CAMP

Wilson Central Girls Basketball Youth Camp for 4th through 8th grade girls is June 21-23, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. $90 due upon entrance. Registration at cognitofroms.com/WCHS2/YouthCamp. For more information, contact Wilson Central Girls Basketball Coach DeFever at defeversn@wcschools.com.

MJCA BASEBALL SUMMER CAMP

MJCA Baseball Summer Camp is June 21-23, 1-4 p.m. for grades first through seventh. Cost is $85. Register at mjcaevents.org.

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BOYD, Kerry Wayne

Kerry Wayne Boyd, 51, Mt. Juliet, died June 2. He is survived by: Father, Wayne Boyd; Mother, Carolyn Boyd; Son, Joey Boyd; Step-sons, Chris Jones, Zack Bright and Sonny Bright; Brother, Jeff Boyd; Grandson, Ezeekiel Boyd; Several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Family and friends will gather to celebrate Kerry’s life from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, June 9 at Bond Memorial Chapel.


CLARK, Marsha

Marsha Clark (maiden Pusk), 77, Mt. Juliet, passed away June 6, after a short illness. She was preceded in death by husband, Tom Clark.

She is survived by her sisters and brothers-in-law, Sharon and Thomas Young and Sylvia and Ed Nolan; and many nieces and nephews and cherished friends everywhere she lived – Illinois, Florida, and Tennessee. A service is to be held in Illinois at a later date.


GRASSMEYER, Lynn Marie Basler

Lynn was born on January 26, 1962 in Milwaukee, Wis. She went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, on May 28, after a courageous battle with cancer. Lynn graduated High School from the Ascension Christian Academy in Paraguay where her parents served as missionaries. After high school Lynn attended and graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a B.A in Mass Communications and Radio Broadcasting, Lynn also held a degree in Advanced Studies from the Moody Bible Institute.

After college, Lynn started her career as a radio announcer with the University of Wisconsin radio station in Milwaukee. She then moved to Chicago for a position as a radio producer and announcer with the Moody Broadcasting Network.

Lynn loved to travel and spent a year teaching kindergarten at the Lincoln School in Guadalajara, Mexico. She maintained lifelong friendships with several of these students. Upon returning to the states, Lynn made the move to Nashville in the late 90s where she secured her real estate license. The highlight of her career was selling townhouses that her husband built in the Marketplace development.

Lynn’s passion was bringing love and peace to those who suffered injustice and oppression. She was involved in fundraisers, events, and rallies promoting peace throughout the world. Lynn’s work included empowering both young and old in Rwanda, Ethiopia, Paraguay, and Palestine by spreading hope to those who needed it the most - including struggling families, divided communities, orphans, widows, and prisoners. Lynn was also involved in Amnesty International, the United Nations, and Moms Demand Action. She lent her voice and unique perspective to the conflicts that plague our world.

Lynn made friends wherever she went and maintained memberships throughout her life. She was loved by her family and many friends who were a constant source of help and inspiration. This outpouring of love was especially evident this past year through the numerous cards, food, flowers, gift cards, messages, and phone calls received.

She is survived by her loving husband, Bryan Grassmeyer; her mother, Libby Basler of Mesa, Ariz.; brothers Brennan (Heather) of Mesa, Ariz. and Michael (Me-lissa) of Ludington, Mich.; sons Nathan, Kyle and Ryan; grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Richard Basler.

The funeral was Saturday, June 5 at 11 a.m. at the beautiful Christ Church Episcopal Cathedral in Downtown Nashville. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to the charity of your choice or to the Christ Church Cathedral.

Lynn will always be remembered as a champion of the underdog, a fighter for peace, justice, and humanity. She was so full of life and light – her spirit is an inspiration to us all showing us that we can come together and love each other no matter what the nationality, social status, race, or religion.

Crawford Mortuary & Crematory (615) 254-8200.

HEINZ, Cynthia Robson

Cynthia (Cindy) Hein passed away on Monday, May 31, at age 46. She graduated from Mt. Juliet High School.

She is survived by two daughters, Adriana and Rayna Hein; her parents, Larry and Marilyn Robson, and one sister, Missie Babb.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

MENG, Daryl

Daryl Meng, 50, Mt. Juliet, passed away June 2.

He was preceded in death by parents, Kry and Smohn Sok; and brothers, Sroy Meng; and Ngy Meng.

Daryl is survived by brothers, Paul (Rachel) Sok; and Tony (Viavari) Meng; and sisters, Linda (Long) Oug; and Jacqui (Claude) Meng.

There will be no services held at this time.


SPELTA, David “Brenden”

David “Brenden” Spelta, 17, a student at John Paul II High School, died June 5.

He was involved in Amnesty International who suffered injustice and oppression. He was a member of the Junior Honor Society. He was a 2014 graduate of Pope John Paul II High School, “JP2” where Brenden played football, basketball, lacrosse, swim team, and was a member of the Chamber Choir.

Brenden recently earned his Bachelors of Business Administration from MTSU and had just accepted an analyst position at Nashville company PROX, where he would be working with his best friend, Austin. He was an extremely talented musician with songs on iTunes and Spotify that he created under the name “Brella.” He often cooked for his family and girlfriend, and he loved gaming. He loved his girlfriend of five years, Victoria Smith, who will graduate from college this year; they had an amazing future planned together. Brenden was loyal, kind, respectful, funny, an amazing son, brother, nephew, cousin, and a great friend to many in school and at First Watch in Hermitage where he worked as a server through college. He was the friend that brought people together. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Jack Martin Woertz.

He is survived by: Parents, Jeff and Lisa Spelta; Siblings, Connor Spelta and Kate Spelta; Grandparents, Ruby Woertz, Sandy Dungan and Robert Spelta; Uncles, Jack “Billy” Woertz and Lee (Tina) Spelta; God Parents, Lee Spelta and Tammy Bolyard; Cousins, Andrew Spelta, Madison Spelta, Olivia Spelta and Peyton Woertz; Many second cousins and great grandparents and uncles; Girlfriend, Victoria Smith

Funeral mass will be conducted at 10 a.m. Friday June 11, at St. Stephen Catholic Community, 14544 Lebanon Road, Old Hickory, TN with Father Pat Kibby officiating. Interment will follow at Heritage Memorial Park, Lebanon, TN.}

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Lions Club fundraiser at Courtney’s

Staff Reports

The Mt. Juliet/West Wilson Lions Club will be holding a fundraiser at Courtney’s Restaurant Friday, June 11, 6-8 p.m.

Courtney’s Restaurant will give Mt. Juliet/West Wilson Lions Club a percentage of the meal tickets between 6 and 8 p.m. The food is regular prices, and there is no charge to enjoy the planned entertainment.

Opening Act is Steve Myatt and Friends. Closing out the night will be Rik Roberts, an entertainer you may have enjoyed on the Huckabee Show, Dry Bar Comedy, Sirius Radio or other venues. Recently, Roberts co-starred in “Mayberry Man.” The family-friendly movie was filmed in the Fall of 2019 with a release date tentatively scheduled for this year. Roberts shares the Guinness Book World Record for Longest Stand-Up Comedy Show, which lasted over seven days. He recently entertained Lions from across Tennessee at their State Convention.

Donations enable Lions to screen young children for eye problems, buy glasses for hearing aids for the needy, support needy diabetics with supplies, support local food banks, fight cancer and diabetes in children, as well as childhood diseases in impoverished nations. They also helped during the Mt. Juliet tornado through LCIF, their international organization. They support guide dog training to provide dogs and training to blind people, at no charge. The Mt. Juliet/West Wilson Lions Club is in need of willing hands to help with its work. Some never join the club, but still help in projects. But if you have a heart to serve others, in a club which returns all money raised from the public back to the community, and handles administrative costs with dues and members’ internal donations, please get more information from a Lion at the event.

Senior Center accepting new memberships

Staff Reports

The Mt. Juliet Senior Activity Center is accepting new and renewal membership applications for their 2021/2022 year, which begins July 1. The Center is located at 2034 N. Mt. Juliet Road, and their current hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The membership fee is $50/year. All normal daily activities are included free with your membership. Some of these activities are Tai-Chi, yoga and other exercise classes, ballroom and line dancing classes, needlework and art sessions, a music jam and ukulele and dulcimer classes, birthday parties and special events, bingo, card games, dominos and other games. The Center also sponsors day trips and two to four day trips, at an additional cost. One upcoming trip is to Branson, Mo., from Sept. 20-24. For more information, contact the Center at (615)758-9114, or stop in for a tour of the facility.

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appointed times and habitations for all mankind. He declared that we should seek this God, as He is not far from us and accessible. He then quoted one of their own poets when he told them, “In Him we live and move and have our being.” This eliminates room for pluralism, as there is only One in whom we live and only One in whom we exist.

What does this mean to us? There is a whole generation of people out there who don’t really know God. They may have heard about Him, but to them, He is still the Unknown God. How do we reach these people? We relate to them where they are and contextualize our message to their culture. Paul quoted one of the poets of Athens, because it fit into their context. We proclaim the Sovereign God, whom all and made all. He is not made with hands, but rather He made the hands. He proclaimed Jesus the Son of God and in Him only can salvation be found. Let’s spread out into the community and address this “Unknown God” by proclaiming the truth about Him. Jesus prayed, “This is eternal life, that they know the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.”

WYLEMANS, Connie Fay

Connie Fay Wylemans, 71, Lebanon, passed away June 5. She was preceded in death by parents, Robert and Audrey Stokes; son, Mike Perry; and step-son, Kevin Wylemans.

Wylemans was survived by her husband of 40 years, Jack Wylemans; daughters, Robin (Billy) Garvin; Linda Perry; and Brenda (Fiancé Travis Hogg) Desimone; sister, Vickie (Joe) Roman; daughter-in-law Lori Perry; grandchildren, Ashlea Garvin; Paige Garvin; Austin Tipton; Paula (Jessie) Owens; Brittany (Financier Gerald Hawn) Hawn; Lisa (Jennifer) Hawn; Nicole Wylemans; Justina Desimone; Audrey Desimone; Jerrah Perry; Adrienne Perry; Jerry Perry; and Justin Perry; and 27 great-grandchildren.

Memorial Service will be held Wednesday, June 16, at 6 p.m. in the chapel of Sellers Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet. Memorial Visitation will be held Wednesday, June 16 from 5-6 p.m. in the chapel of Sellers Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet.


TURNER, Dianne

Dianne Turner, 72, Mt. Juliet, passed away May 28. She was preceded in death by husband, Albert Turner; and father, William Saul. Dianne is survived by mother, Mary Saul; and brother, Robert Saul. There will be no service held at this time.


PERRY, Wylemans, Connie Fay

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Gardens. Active pallbearers will be Connor Spelta, Austin Cooley, Lee Spelta, Dante Garcia, Chad Rutledge, Jacob Polman, Andrew Spelta, and David Campeotto. Honorary pallbearers will be Jack “Billy” Woertz, Shaina Lane-Reese, and Gabe Hill.

Visitation will be from 4:30-7:30 pm Thursday (Vigil at 7:30pm) and from 9-10 am Friday at St. Stephen Catholic Community.


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The Board of Commissioners of the City of Mt. Juliet will have a Public Hearing at 6:15 PM on June 14, 2021 at City Hall to consider the following on 2nd and Final Reading:

- Amend the Zoning Ordinance/Land Development Code Article 6 – Commercial District Regulations, Section 6-102 Uses and Structures, to require Mixed Use Buildings and Mixed Use Sites to meet the Requirements for Residential Development as set forth in Article 8, Overlay Districts, Section 8-207 Residential Development Standards
- Rezone from Commercial Retail Center (CRC) to Commercial Retail Center Planned Unit Development (CRC-PUD), and adopt the Preliminary Master Development Plan for Golden Bear Commercial, located at 10000 Lebanon Road, Map 054, Parcel 097.00
- Adopt the City of Mt. Juliet FY 2021/2022 Budget

The public is invited to attend and comment.

Kenny Martin, City Manager
City of Mt. Juliet

Sealed Bids for “Central Pike Pump Station VFD Upgrade” will be received at the office of the City of Mt Juliet Finance Department at 2425 N Mt Juliet Rd., Mt Juliet, TN on or before 2:00pm on June 29, 2021. Details are available at http://www.mt juliet-tn.gov/bids.aspx.
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Sweet Cece’s opened in Mt. Juliet in January 2019, offering a variety of frozen yogurt and sweet treats. Come try our new Cyclone! Choose your favorite flavor of yogurt and all toppings desired and we mix them for you in our Cyclone mixer.

We use premium Dannon yogurt and have a variety of toppings. There are eight flavors to choose from and they are regularly switched out to provide new options.

“The children just absolutely love fixing their own yogurt cup and putting all the toppings on it,” “It’s just a great experience for every customer.”

However, the new store offers more than just frozen yogurt. The Mt. Juliet location is the first to have a full bakery case, which has an assortment of Christie’s cookies, cakes and more. Customers can also choose from hand-dipped ice cream, and we make Milk Shakes and ice cream cookies and brownie sandwiches.

The store also offers Italian espresso drinks and if you like coffee you need to try the Double Espresso Coffee Milk Shake, everyone raves about how great it is.

“That’s our main goal, to have something for everybody, more than just yoyurt,”

Besides the frozen yogurt, one of the store’s best sellers is a salted caramel white chocolate chunk cookie, these cookies are huge and so delicious.
Uncle Nearest named promotional partner with Superspeedway

Tennessee-based Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey, the fastest-growing American whiskey brand of all time and the most awarded American whiskey or bourbon of the last two years, is a promotional partner of Nashville Superspeedway, track officials announced today.

Uncle Nearest’s award-winning whiskeys will be available for sampling in Nashville Superspeedway’s Premium Plus locations during the June 18-20 NASCAR tripleheader weekend, which includes the sold-out, inaugural, “Ally 400” NASCAR Cup Series race on Sunday, June 20 (2:30 p.m. CT, NBCSN), the first Cup Series race in Middle Tennessee in 37 years.

Headquartered in Shelbyville, Uncle Nearest’s whiskeys have dominated spirit awards in 2019, 2020 and 2021, including winning Wine Enthusiast’s Spirit Brand of the Year, and being named World’s Best American Whiskey and World’s Best American Bourbon by Whisky Magazine in 2020. Uncle Nearest whiskeys also earned Double Gold honors two years in a row at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition and the Bourbon Trophy at the International Wine & Spirits Competition.

Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey is inspired by the first known African American master distiller, Nearest Green. Nearest helped perfect the famed Lincoln County Process that distinguishes Tennessee whiskey from bourbon.

On Saturday, June 19, Uncle Nearest is re-opening its Shelbyville distillery to guests for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic struck last spring and unveiling Phase Two of its $50 million upgrading project, including the Master Blender House, a 20,000-square-foot Welcome Center, Single Barrel Rickhouse and Philo & Frank, the world’s first non-alcoholic speakeasy.

“Uncle Nearest is proud to partner with Nashville Superspeedway to help bring the story of American history and our great master distiller, Nearest Green, to NASCAR fans this Father’s Day,” said Katharine Jerkens, senior vice president of global sales and marketing for Uncle Nearest.

“Uncle Nearest’s story and whiskey are a unique link to American history and are part of the cultural fabric of Middle Tennessee,” said Erik Moses, Nashville Superspeedway’s president. “As NASCAR brings America’s best drivers back to Nashville, our fans will no doubt enjoy Uncle Nearest’s premium whiskey as part of an unforgettable Father’s Day Weekend at Nashville Superspeedway.”

Tickets are available for Nashville Superspeedway’s first two races on its Father’s Day weekend slate, including the “Tennessee Lottery 250” NASCAR Xfinity Series race on Saturday, June 19 (2:30 p.m. CT, NBCSN) and the “Rackley Roofing 200” NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race under the lights on Friday, June 18 (7 p.m. CT, FS1).

Fans can order tickets for the June 18-19 events by visiting NashvilleSuperSpeedway.com or calling 866-RACE-TIX.

Keep track of Nashville Superspeedway’s latest news and updates at NashvilleSuperSpeedway.com via social media at Facebook.com/NashvilleSuperSpeedway, on Twitter at @nashvillesupers and Instagram @nashvillesuper_speedway.

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