Three shoplifters were apprehended after they attempted to steal an air pistol and four drones. On Sunday, July 2, 2017 around 7:30 p.m., officers were summoned to Walmart, located at 300 Pleasant Grove Road, in regards to a shoplifting in progress by three individuals.

As officers arrived on the scene, two of the three had fled. 22-year-old Tristan Steib remained at Walmart, and he was placed into custody. A short time later, 21-year-old Gregory Holt was located walking nearby, and he was placed into custody. Officers caught up to 22-year-old Breon Nicholson as well, and he attempted to flee and resisted arrest prior to officers taking him into custody.

All were arrested and booked into the Wilson County Jail.

Photos courtesy of Mt. Juliet Police Department.

Mt. Juliet Police officers are now equipped with opioid overdose kits to administer to people or fellow officers. The kit includes a tool designed to save lives—a nasal spray that can be administered to a person overdosing on opioids. The spray is designed to reverse an opiate overdose within minutes. “Nationwide, we are losing too many individuals from the opioid epidemic,” stated Chief James Hambrick. “Our goal with the kits are to ensure officers are better prepared to respond to overdose incidents and have the tools they need to save another officer’s life if they become exposed to dangerous substances, like fentanyl.”

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Officers were trained on how to identify the signs of an opioid overdose and properly administer the nasal form of naloxone by personnel from Wilson County Emergency Management Agency.

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The Wilson County Sheriff’s Office Criminal Investigations Division is seeking the public’s assistance in identifying the person(s) responsible for a recent number of thefts.

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Everyone knows the largest event in Wilson County happens in August, but just a few weeks later the second largest event in Wilson County is taking place and making a big impact for those battling cancer.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**JULY 14**

*5 Year Anniversary Celebration*

Southern Bank of Tennessee is celebrating its fifth year anniversary with a celebration on Friday, July 14 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Mt. Juliet branch located at 1499 N. Mt. Juliet Road. Stop by for free burgers and hot dogs and to learn more about our **NEW building**.

**Neddy Jacob Days**

Friday, July 14 from 12 p.m. - 8 p.m. and Saturday, July 15 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Fiddler’s Grove. Americana Music, artisan crafts, children’s activities and food and drinks. 945 E. Baddour Parkway, Lebanon. For more information, 615-547-6111.

**JULY 15**

*Mt. Juliet League*

Onsite registration for the Fall 2017 Mt. Juliet League season will take place on Saturday, July 15, 2017 at the park office from 10-2. Candidates may also register online at www.mjleague.org through June 16. For additional information, email Robin Speight at mjleague@tds.net.

**JULY 17**

*Bible School*

Hickory Hills Baptist Church is having its Vacation Bible School July 17 - 21 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. For more information call, 615-754-2575.

**JULY 21**

*Coffee with a Cop*

Mt. Juliet Police will be having Coffee With a Cop Friday, July 21, 2017 at Starbucks, at 11309 Lebanon Road. The public is invited and encouraged to attend between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Coffee With a Cop is an opportunity for the public to meet with officers in a relaxed environment and talk about anything and they get a free cup of coffee.

**JULY 22**

*Wilson County Democratic Party Summer Pool Party & Cookout*

Join the Wilson County Democratic Party for a late summer pool party and cookout! The party is on July 22 from 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the Jimmy Floyd Center.

They have reserved the entire outdoor pool of the Jimmy Floyd Center, which includes lifeguards for up to 100 swimmers.

For those who do not wish to swim, there will be a spacious area with food, music, and fellowship with like-minded democrats!

Families with children are encouraged to attend. Tickets may be purchased from a WCDP officer, Executive Committee Member, or online at https://www.wilsoncountydemocrats.org/donate.
Pre-school prepares children for next step in education

By Kimberly Allen
Managing Editor

There are now openings available at House of Kids Preschool, located on Lebanon Road. House of Kids owner and operator, Nancy Bishop, studied child psychology and child development at Texas Tech University and has been running the preschool for 20 years. The property sits on three acres of land, which provides a beautiful landscape for outdoor activities.

The facility features pre-school classes and activities, including kindergarten entrance exam preparation. Bishop even has a graduation ceremony for children when they complete pre-school and are ready to move on to grade-school. No expense is spared as she provides a cap and gown and even takes graduation photos of the children, which are included in the price of admission.

Bishop limits television and computer time for the children to special occasions relating to an activity. She believes that a hands-on approach works best. The children get to work with their hands making and building things. Improving hand-eye coordination, not being “babysat” by a television screen. “If you really listen to them and pay attention to them, you will realize that they are so ingenious,” Bishop said.

Bishop works 12 hours a day to provide the children with the stability of having the same caregiver all day. This is especially important for younger children who often times have difficulty being away from their parents. She also likes being there to speak with the parents when children are being dropped off and picked up at the end of the day, to ensure that any information gets properly relayed. “We’re such a small intimate group, we’re like a family,” said Bishop.

She uses a mixture of new and old in her teaching. She utilizes the tried and true elements, such as teaching children to have good manners and be respectful, while also keeping up with the advancements in teaching styles and curriculum requirements.

Bishop focuses on keeping the children interested by utilizing interactive methods. When they learned about the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, they grew green beans to incorporate a hands-on approach to learning. “They get a chance to really build relationships, learn how to work with one another,” Bishop said.

She updates decorations in the facility for each holiday and season, and provides activities and crafts in each theme. “I have always been very creative,” Bishop said, “I just love making things.” She even makes cakes for the children on their birthday, which she sends home with them, to share with their families. Bishop often gets compliments on how well-behaved the children are. She attributes this to the fact that she speaks calmly to the children and it encourages them to remain calm in turn. “You can’t teach something that you won’t do yourself,” Bishop said. She believes strongly in teaching the children to have respect for each other and to practice good manners.

“I love it, it’s my calling, my career,” Bishop said, “I’m so blessed to be able to do something that I love to do.”

House of Kids is state licensed and accepts children ages three to five. Children are served breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack. For more information visit Houseofkidspreschool.com or call 615-754-7360.
Orientation sessions remain for MTSU’s new transfer students

By Kimberly Allen
Managing Editor

The Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners held its regular meeting Monday, July 10. During the citizen comment portion of the meeting, several community members took the podium to speak out about controversy over a tattoo shop opening in Mt. Juliet. Business owner, Michael Lanning is in the process of opening a tattoo shop called Division Street Tattoo, at 2176 N. Mt. Juliet Road. The city of Mt. Juliet has an ordinance in place that allows businesses classified as “adult entertainment” to only be established in a limited area of the town, on Industrial Drive. Lanning and other community members feel that tattoo parlors do not belong in the adult entertainment classification of businesses, feeling that they should alternatively be classed along with beauty parlors and things of that nature. They feel that this classification only hurts their business because of location restrictions, but also gives people a biased view of definition of the type of business that the tattoo industry is. Unfortunately, the ordinance in question was not among the items on the agenda for the Monday meeting, therefore it was not discussed at length by the board. Commissioner Abston only had this comment, “We have zoning in the city of Mt. Juliet where that is allowed.” The commissioners stated that the tattoo parlor was allowed in the city, but had to be restricted to the zoned area.

Commissioner Abston announced at the meeting that eclipse kits are now available for purchase at Charlie Daniels Park. As most people know, there will be a total solar eclipse August 20, with Mt. Juliet being a prime location for viewing. The eclipse kits are $22 and include a t-shirt, special glasses for viewing the eclipse, frisbee and other items. Nearly all of the rooms in local hotels have been sold out for the upcoming eclipse.

The second reading of an ordinance to amend the Mt. Juliet City codes chapter 12 fire prevention and protection was approved by the board. The ordinance requires monitored fire alarm systems in new commercial construction and existing renovated structures, to help protect the occupants and prevent loss of property.

The agenda had unfinished business of the second reading of an ordinance to annex, rezone and adopt the Griffin property PUD, and preliminary master development plan. The ordinance was deferred until the August 14 meeting. Ryan Lovelace of Civil Site Design Group, requested this item be deferred to a later date to allow the developers time to speak with community members about the project, explaining benefits and addressing any concerns.

The first reading of an ordinance amending resolution number 2016-16, adopted April 11, 2016, as amended, by changing the zoning classification of approximately 1.3 acres of land known as the Irene Bates property, located at 300+ N. Mt. Juliet Rd. from single family residential to commercial town center was approved.
Mt. Juliet’s new Police dog, Majlo, trained and ready to serve

Majlo is a “dual purpose” dog that has the capabilities of performing building searches, tracking missing persons/suspects, article searches, narcotics detection, and criminal apprehensions. Cpl. Owens and Majlo will work a flexible shift, designed to cover peak activity times within the city. They will patrol in a specially equipped SUV, outfitted with equipment to ensure Majlo is comfortable during his work day.

“Our police officers deserve the best possible tools to help them in their efforts to keep Mt. Juliet safe,” stated Chief James Hambrick. “Adding Majlo to our ranks improves our response capabilities and allows our officers to more effectively serve the community.”

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Have you ever found yourself stuck in rut? Do you keep cycling through the same mundane day over and over again (à la Groundhog Day)? If we’re not careful, we can separate the lives we’re leading from the life we are currently living. Somehow, we shirk the responsibility of leading our lives to the mindset that life just happens to us. When in reality, our lives are the sum total of the decisions we make every day. And those decisions are determined by our priorities.

Galatians 6:7 says, “Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.” In other words, don’t fool yourself. You will always harvest what you plant. This applies to every aspect of our lives, with no exceptions – it is a spiritual law. Actually, it’s a law of nature. I have yet to see ears of corn growing on an apple tree. The fruit produced is directly correlated to what is revealed are the seeds that were produced in your life. What you fill your mind and spirit with will eventually come out – especially in times of testing. Never forget: Small seeds make really big trees. What kind of trees do you have in your life? They are a result of what you’ve sown. So we can’t complain about the forest we live in – we planted it! Whether you realize it or not, you did plant seed
REFLECTIONS FROM AN OLD FRIEND

Be Happy, Don’t Worry

Have you ever wondered why we as humans act the way we do sometimes? Why do we worry so much about how other people perceive or think of us? Why are we bothered when people see us not made up, our hair a mess, non-shaven, the lack of makeup and so on? Why do we apologize about our home not being neat and clean when someone shows up unexpectedly or without notice?

It’s odd how the human mind works at times. For example, say you go dancing, you have some people that won’t dance because they feel they can’t dance well and don’t want to embarrass themselves in front of others, while other people that also know they can’t dance well don’t care and have fun dancing anyway.

It seems that we as a society are always apologizing about something we shouldn’t. Some of us even apologize and feel bad when we refuse to buy something someone is attempting to sell us that we don’t need or want. While some of us just get it over with quick and state, I’m not interested.

The undue stress we cause ourselves is overwhelming at times. But it is odd how some people are affected more than others. Some people seem to go stress free and worry about nothing, while others worry about everything.

It’s amazing how the human mind works. I guess that’s what makes each person special and unique. We should all be a little easier on ourselves. Saying I’m not interested, but thanks anyway. Having to worry about what someone might think about your clothes, car, home or hair is undue stress you shouldn’t burden yourself with. We can’t always be princes and princesses all the time. Just be a good person, that’s what really matters.

In closing, important issues to worry about are health, safety and welfare, not, should I wear this shirt with these pants, or keeping up with the Jones’. Be happy, don’t worry!

this past week. You contributed to today what you planted last week. You are planting seeds today. And you will plant seeds tomorrow. What are you actually planting? Seeds of laziness? Seeds of indifference?

The level at which you sow determines the level you will reap. Sow a little, and you will reap a little. Sow a lot, and you will reap a lot. Sow inconsistently, and you will reap inconsistently. Sow regularly, and you will reap regularly. Sow love, reap love. Sow kindness, reap kindness. Sow bitterness, reap bitterness. Sow strife, reap strife.

Think about that in the context of the words that you have spoken this week. What have you sown? Words of encouragement and life? Or words that have torn down and belittled? Not just to others, but what words have you spoken over your own life? How you see yourself is, quite often, a result of the thoughts you have towards yourself and the words you have spoken in your head about yourself.

So if you’re going to reap what you sow – and you are – maybe you ought to figure out what you want to reap. Sit down and determine what type of harvest you want in every area of your life – your relationships, your health, your finances, etc. Make the choice today: Start sowing seeds that lead you to a life worth living – a life that makes a difference and represents the Christ of Christianity. Happy planting, my friends...

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The Center for Gifted Studies at WKU hosted 152 campers for its thirty-fifth annual Summer Camp for Academically Talented Middle School Students (SCATS) from June 11 to 23.

Located on the campus of Western Kentucky University, SCATS provides enhanced learning opportunities for academically talented sixth, seventh and eighth grade students. This summer, young people from 41 Kentucky school districts, six Kentucky private schools, three Kentucky Diocese, two home school, and nine states participated in 26 challenging and fun courses. Among the participants for this year, were local Mt. Juliet Middle School students, Anna Davidson and Zack Donovan.

Students chose the four classes they attended daily at the two-week camp. The Center offered a diverse curriculum encompassing music, science, art, engineering, history and acting with classes including The Civil War, The Craft of Storytelling, Clowning, Exploring the Laws of Motion, Guitar 101, Innovation Station, Making Your Mark: Watercolor Style, and more.

Outside the classroom, residential campers participated in a variety of engaging activities such as musical performances, sports matches, dances and a talent show.

The dates for the thirty-sixth year of SCATS are June 10 to June 22, 2018, and the application will be available in mid-January. To read stories about this year’s camp, go to http://gifted-studies.com/campblog/. To see pictures of SCATS, visit the Flickr link at https://www.flickr.com/photos/giftedstudieswku/sets/ For information on SCATS 2017 or to be placed on the mailing list for SCATS 2018, contact Erika Solberg at (270) 745-3015.

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Monday night, July 11, Mt. Juliet Noon Rotary had its gavel exchange and awards night, at Charlie Daniels Park. Several awards were presented, and Assistant District Governor Seth Thurman was present to conduct the gavel exchange. Jim Brownfield and John Sharpe were given special recognition for their service above self in heading up work crews at the National Jr. High School Rodeo in June; Tina Hutsenpiller, Sam Anderson, and Jeff Gannon were presented with Paul Harris Fellowships by incoming president, Toni Burton, for their generous contributions to the Paul Harris Foundation; John Sharpe was selected by the club as its Rising Star - New Rotarian of the Year; and Tina was selected by the club as Rotarian of the Year. Sam Short, last year’s Rotarian of the Year, presented Tina with her award. The 2017/2018 President, Toni Burton, presented Tina with tokens of their appreciation of her service as Club President this past year. Under Tina's leadership, their club membership grew by almost 50 percent, and they were able to perform more community services than ever before. Under Toni's leadership, they expect even more great things in the coming year.
Online college degrees create more opportunities for alternative students

Staff Reports

Thousands of students take online classes at Volunteer State Community College each semester. However, many people may not realize they can earn an entire degree without ever setting foot on campus. That’s an attractive option for adults. Online classes provide flexibility for students juggling family, work and their education.

“I’m a single parent holding down a job,” said Deborah Nunley of Lebanon. “I need college to fit into my schedule.”

Online students have assignments and deadlines, but they can do that work whenever and wherever they want, for the most part. Parents often do reading and assignments after the kids are put to bed or on a break at work.

Online classes are every bit as challenging as traditional classes, with the benefit that students are encouraged to utilize the Internet to go further with their thinking. “It made me think out of the box. It made me challenge myself. It made me go deeper, kind of like investigating each subject,” said Nunley.

Online courses are not for everyone. Students need regular access to high speed Internet. While that may seem to limit people, some students set aside time to work at their public library each week to submit work and take exams. Research and general work can often be accomplished with slower Internet speeds. The most important factor is the student themselves.

“The students who do well with online classes are self-motivated, organized and good time managers,” said Rhonda Gregory, director of Distributed Education for Vol State. “To support students we have online tutoring, online advising and online library services.”

Students may worry that they will be isolated taking an online class. But that isn’t necessarily the case. “Good students are constantly communicating with the professor and other students in each course. It’s highly interactive,” Gregory said.

Vol State has more than 25 online degree and certificate programs available, many of which can also transfer to a university for an online bachelor’s degree program. Subjects at Vol State range from teaching and sociology to math and science. University Studies is the most popular degree at the college. It is designed specifically for transfer to a university. Several programs at Vol State have been online for several years, including Fire Science. For a complete list of online programs visit www.volstate.edu/online.

Adult students have many exciting opportunities coming. TN Reconnect is a state scholarship program that will provide tuition-free community college education for most adults in Tennessee. It starts in the fall of 2018. Students may be eligible for other types of Financial Aid now, if they want to start classes this coming school year. The first step is to apply to the college. That can be done online at www.volstate.edu/apply. The full semester at Vol State starts on August 28.

SharingChange donates $5,000 to High Hopes Development Center

Staff Reports

Middle Tennessee Electric Membership Corporation’s SharingChange has donated $5,000 of its funds to High Hopes Development Center.

“We are very grateful for the support of MTEMC members who participate in SharingChange,” said Guyl Powell, Executive Director for High Hopes. “This grant for therapy scholarships allows children with special needs in our community to receive vital life-changing therapies that will help them do things like walk, talk, dress and feed themselves.”

High Hopes Development Center is a local non-profit started by five area families in 1984 that provides a pediatric therapy clinic with an on-site inclusive preschool in Williamson County. The therapy clinic provides over 18,000 physical, occupational, speech and feeding therapies annually to over 540 children with special needs in our community.

In 2017, SharingChange has donated more than $410,000 to 94 organizations across MTEMC’s four-county service area. The receiving organizations use the funds to assist MTEMC members and their families during their times of need.

For more information regarding SharingChange, log on to our website at www.SharingChange.org or call 615-494-1065.
OBITUARIES

BOURGEOIS, Larry N.

Larry N. Bourgeois, age 80 of Lebanon, passed away July 1, 2017. Mr. Bourgeois was preceded in death by wife, Ruth Greenwood Bourgeois; grandchildren, Brian, Nathan, Lauren, Megan (David), David, Jodanna and Timothy; sister, in-law, Roya; and nephews, Larry Lee and Fred.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 6, at 4 p.m. at Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet. Interment will be held in Wissowtown Cemetery, Greenville, IL on Saturday, July 8.


CRAGGMILE, Betty Jean Lofis

Betty Crag姆ile, age 79, passed away on July 8, 2017. The Celebration of Life, conducted by Rusty McDonald and Trisha McCarтер, was 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, 2017 in the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home. Interment in Conatser Cemetery followed the service.


DUFFY, Carolyn Chism

Carolyn Chism Duffy, age 73, of Mt. Juliet TN, went to be with the Lord on July 4, 2017. She was surrounded by her children as she lost her fight with breast cancer and went home.

She is survived by her children – Marsha McKnight Robinson and Russell Alan McKnight, daughter-in-law Rebecca Mary Anne McKnight, her grandson Russell Easterly McKnight, as well as three step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren, and her brother Charles Murray Chism and sister-in-law Helen Geer Chism. She was preceded by her parents; William Easterly Chism and Margaret Murray Chism.

Carolyn was a pillar in the community as well as her church. She and her daughter owned and operated Attic Trinkets & Treasures; she worked as office manager (BOSS) at her church, Cedar Ridge Church, as well as Registrar at Institute of Counselor Development.

She was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. She was always willing to put others before herself and she truly showed what it meant to love Jesus unconditionally and without judgment. This world is poorer and heaven is richer.

A Celebration of Life service will be held July 22, 2017, visitation from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. with services starting at 4:00 p.m. There will be a pot luck dinner following the services.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Pearl Point Cancer Foundation.

HOBBs, Betty Ruth

Betty Ruth Hobb, age 83, passed away on July 5, 2017. The Funeral Service, conducted by Brother Chad Pinion, was 11 a.m. Friday, July 7, 2017 in the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home. Interment in Alsap Cemetery followed the service.

Mrs. Hobbs worked in the Finishing Department of Lebanon’s Woolen Mill. She is survived by husband James Ray Hobb, children Betty Linda Davis, Joyce Marie Hendricks, and Patricia Ann Locke and grandchildren Bob Davenport, Darrel Ramsey, Belinda Davis, Terry Ramsey, and Johnathan Davis, seven great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchild, Robert Estes. She is preceded in death by parents Will and Mary Lou Mount Estes, and several brothers and sisters. Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN 615.444.9393.

JORDAN, Sr., Rev. Curtis Franklin

Rev. Curtis Franklin Jordan Sr., age 78, of Mt. Juliet, TN, died July 5, 2017. Rev. Jordan was a member of Gladewater Baptist Church. He pastored for many years at Knight’s Baptist Church in Plant City, FL and Highland Baptist Church in Pine Hills, FL. “However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.”

Acts 20:24. Rev. Jordan was the son of the late, Johnny W. Jordan, Sr. and Effie Mae Cannon Jordan. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Emilie Jordan.


Funeral services were conducted 2:30 p.m. Sunday, July 9, 2017 at Bond Memorial Chapel with Rev. Bruce Grubbs officiating.

Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to Jack Van Impe Ministries, PO Box 7004, Troy, MI 48007-7004.


MELVIN, W.T. “Billy”

W.T. “Billy” Melvin, age 82, passed away on July 8, 2017. He is preceded in death by parents, Murray and Mary Melvin; brothers, Jack, J.C., Robert, Roy, and Rufus; sisters, Jean and Tabitha.

Survived by daughter, Stephanie (Shawn) Stockard; grandchildren, Denzy, Aimee, Tyler, and Lilly; great-granddaughter, Kyah; brother, Carl (Linda) Melvin; sister, Mary Belle Melvin; numerous nieces and nephews.

Billy proudly served in the Army National Guard as a “ground pounder”. He was dedicated to the construction profession, learning the trade from his father from the ground up, from an estimator to bid jobs and project manager.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the service time at noon on Thursday, July 13, 2017, at New Hope Baptist Church, 6010 S New Hope Road, Hermitage, TN. Interment, Melvin Graveyard.


POWERS, Patricia Evans “Tricia”

Patricia Evans “Tricia” Powers, age 64, of Nashville, TN, died July 9, 2017. Tricia was Catholic. She loved horses and was the Tennessee see Barrel Racing Champion for three years in a row. Tricia was preceded in death by her parents, John R. and Mary Curley Evans. She was also preceded in death by her great-nephew, Carey Jones.

She is survived by: Sons – Bo (Hollie) Hager and Josh (Autumn) Baber; Brother – John R. Evans, III; Sisters – Jacque Smithson and Juli (J.R.) Kelley; Grandchildren – Shelton (Karen) Hager, Megan (Ryan) Dunnwood, Carter Hager, Garrett, Hager, Ella Hager, Aiden Baber, and Nolan Baber; Several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at Bond Memorial Chapel with Pastor
Gerald Bontrager officiating. Interment will follow at Hermitage Memorial Gardens. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers. Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123-1718. Visitations will be 4-7 p.m. Tuesday and one hour prior to services Wednesday at Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. (615)773-2663. Obit Line (615)641-2663, www.bondmemorial.com.

STAFFORD, Peggy Ann


Mrs. Stafford is survived by: Husband of the late, Jeffrey Stafford; children William Lee Stafford (Cheeroke), Ashley Stafford (Curtis), and Rebecca Sue Stafford, granddaughter Rion Harper, father-in-law Elbert Stafford, mother-in-law Sue Stafford, and special friends. Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, PO Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908.

TURNER, Ruby Odell

Ruby Odell Turner, formerly Ruby Abdo, age 90, of Mt. Juliet, TN, died July 5, 2017. Ruby was born in Chickamauga, GA on March 13, 1927. She owned and operated multiple businesses including Coo Coo Ceramics in St. Clair Shores, MI and Bellevue Billiards in Bellevue, TN. Ruby was preceded in death by her father, Brackett C. Turner; mother, Katie L. Pedigo; brother, Brackett K. “Back” Turner and the love of her life, ex-husband, Donald E. Abdo. Ruby was a force of nature and will be sorely missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by: Son – Curtis K. Abdo and his wife Eve Vaupel Abdo; Grandsons – Alexander L. Abdo and Zachary T. Abdo.

The Wilson County Fair pageant committees are thrilled to announce that all pageants will be held in an air-conditioned facility this year, at the Wilson County Expo Center. Registration includes the Baby Show, Doll Parade, King of the Fair, Fair Princess Divisions 1-4, Fairest of the Fair, Miss Senior Pageant, and the Celebrating Beauty and Handsome (Special Needs Pageant). They have seen the need but have not had the opportunity to host their pageants in an air-conditioned facility before now. This is just one of the many improvements guests will have the opportunity to enjoy at the 2017 Wilson County Fair. Online registration for these pageants opened on July 1, and will close on July 31. The only in-person registration date will be on Sunday, August 13, 2017, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Wilson County Expo Center. No registrations will be accepted after 4 p.m. on August 13. Please visit www.wilsoncountyfair.net for more information and to register online. Or call the fair office at 615-443-2626 for information about the 2017 Wilson County Fair.
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By Angel Kane
Wilson Living Magazine

They say the only way to get over a fear is to face it. I don’t know who actually said that, but whoever it was, has obviously never been on a plane with me.

I’ve been flying since I was a tiny tot because we had grandparents that lived very far away. So most summers, I was on a plane or two.

Back then, I didn’t realize there was anything to be scared of. But given a little age and awareness, at some point I figured out that I was flying 10,000 feet above the ground, in a metal tube, filled with gasoline.

My parents didn’t take my new found knowledge of the death trap we were traveling in seriously. I kept flying, and continued to do so for the rest of my summers, down south, up north, through the mountains, and across the ocean. If I remember correctly, I only started to get scared about flying when I was a teenager. I was more scared I became.

I’ve also established a few coping exercises that I’ve picked up along the way. They seem to help.

1. Every flight starts with instructions from the flight attendant about how to survive should we crash. I know them by heart but that isn’t the reason I no longer listen to them. When the attendant starts talking that is my cue to put in my earphones and listen to music. Because if I actually listened, I’d focus on the “in case of an emergency” part and how the life jacket under my seat was not going to save me as we are flying over the Appalachian mountains. If there is a fire and the plane is engulfed in smoke, I’m not going to be able to count in the dark how many rows I am away from the Exit doors. The instructions are quite unnecessary and if I ever hear the words “brace, brace”, I will simply lose my mind and can only hope that we all die so no one can ever tell the rest of the world how I acted in those final moments.  

2. The music I listen to is my 80’s playlist. Nothing calms me down like a little Spandau Ballet or Rick Astley. I don’t know why it works but give me a little ‘Never Gonna Give You Up’ and I’m instantly calmed.

3. I wear the same clothes on the flight there and back. Again, I don’t know why but it works. You can scoff but considering I’ve been on 100’s of flights, worn the same clothes and am not dead well enough said.

4. I don’t sit by my husband. Well, let me rephrase. He doesn’t sit by me. While not afraid to fly like a little Spandau Ballet he is married again. Instead, I try to make him understand why anyone does. Can you not hold it? Why would I unbuckle myself and then lock myself in a tiny room 10,000 feet above earth and begin to undress? Not happening.  

5. So instead he sits me, several rows back, with our kids. I’ve explained that is a mistake because, unlike the instructions, should the oxygen masks come down, I am not going to be able to assist our children. Instead, I’m going to start screaming and crying. He says that is a chance he will have to take. Seriously? What bad parenting.

6. If I’m sitting by an Exit door, I’m not going to be able to open the door and assist the other passengers de-plane. No way. No how. But I’m not going to raise my hand like they ask and tell them that. Instead, I try to make eye contact with my husband who, at this point, is chatting up his seat mate trying to pretend he isn’t married.

7. I’m not going to the bathroom. Seriously? I can’t understand why anyone does. Can you not hold it? Why would I unbuckle myself and then lock myself in a tiny room 10,000 feet above earth and begin to undress? Not happening.

8. If you get up to use the restroom, to stretch your legs, to get something out of your bag, I’m going to assume you are ISIS. I don’t care if you are a five-year old blonde child playing with a Barbie, if you are up and make a sudden move, I’m immediately trying to make eye contact with my husband.

9. He’s the one by now drinking a Coke, enjoying his pretzels and laughing with the people next to him from Utah. No amount of threat clearing and my shouting out ‘Brody’ gets him to turn around.

10. If we hit turbulence, since by now I know to count on my hubs, I start to look for the steward. If they continue to serve drinks, then I feel better. If they sit down and buckle themselves up, I think they should be fired. Panic sets in and I raise the volume in hopes that Rick can work his magic.

11. Finally the plane lands, I gather my belongings and walk off the plane, I profusely thank the pilot (probably a little too much) and then search for my husband who miraculously remembers he is married again.

We then continue on our trip like all the other normal families, none the wiser except for the poor soul next to me who continually listened to me sing “Never gonna give you up, never gonna let you down, Never gonna run around and desert you…… To read more of Angel & Becky’s columns go to www.wilsonlivingmagazine.com
Teach A Child celebrates ten years in business

Ten years ago Teach A Child opened its doors in a small space at the Valley Center, in Mt. Juliet. Today they have a 5,500-square-foot facility with an educational supply store and a tutoring center.

Teach A Child is owned by Richard and Sonia Dorer. They live in Mt. Juliet with their son Charlie and fur baby, Daisy.

“I was substituting for a first grade class at MJCA. Several teachers and I were talking when one of them said she wished there was a ‘teacher store’ close by,” said Dorer. “On my drive home, God gave me the idea of Teach A Child.” Knowing she and her husband, Richard wanted a God honoring name for the business, they turned to the Bible and opened to Proverbs 22:6, which read “Teach a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it.”

Teach A Child opened their doors on July 15, 2007. They survived three floods at the Valley Center.

Dorer had always wanted to incorporate tutoring into the business. The chance came in December 2015. After almost giving up on finding a space large enough to have the retail store and a tutoring center, a space in the HG Hill Center opened up and it was perfect for the store and tutoring. “Tutoring offers me a chance to get to know a student, build a relationship and help them succeed! There is nothing like the smile of one of my students when they have their ‘lightbulb’ moment!”, said tutor, Michelle Isaacs.

“We have a great selection of educational supplies in our store,” said Dorer, “We love helping teachers and parents find just the right learning tool to help their children.” Dorer taught for 13 years and all of her employees are also teachers. “It helps to have a teaching background and experience, especially when we get parents in that just want to help their child succeed,” said Dorer. “Sometimes, it just takes listening to the parents and giving them suggestions of things to try, or how to use some of the materials with their child.”

The tutoring center opened February of 2015. The center started with just two students the first month and today it has over 45 students and 10 tutors. They are currently tutoring students from preschool through college. They also offer private ACT prep tutoring.

“My granddaughter started receiving tutoring from Teach A Child this summer and we are already seeing results. Not only have her math skills improved but so has her confidence. The staff members at Teach A Child are amazing. They are truly a group of people that care about children and offer a safe environment for your child to learn. Staff members tutor the child but also provide parents with resources so that they can work with the child at home on mastering skills. The time and attention that staff has put into working with my granddaughter has impressed me beyond measure. I cannot thank the staff enough for what they have done for my granddaughter. She now looks forward to tutoring and feels confident in her ability to learn,” said Beth Kelly.

All of the tutors are certified local teachers with at least five years experience. They have a large selection of tutors so they are able to match the needs of the child to the specialties of the teacher. “What makes our tutoring unique is that we customize the teaching to the student,” said Dorer. “If a student needs overall math help, then we find a starting place and work from there.” Some students just come for a few weeks to brush up on subjects and to gain confidence.

“It truly is our goal to get these children to a point where they don’t need us,” said Dorer. “I have the most dedicated teachers with such a heart for these children. They love being able to work one on one with them and see the progress.”

Teach A Child is having its Tenth Anniversary Celebration on July 14 and 15. Pete the Cat will be appearing from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Friday, and 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday, there will be sales and giveaways.

Teach A Child Educational Supplies and Tutoring is located at 4473 Lebanon Pike, Hermitage. For more information call 615-891-7016.
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men and transfers to choose and attend one of these last sessions,” said Deb Sells, vice president of Student Affairs and vice provost for Enrollment and Academic Services. “It’s an important start to their successful MTSU career, allowing them to receive advising and other important orientation information, while also getting enrolled for the fall term.”

Students who are not able to attend CUSTOMS will need to contact their academic advisers directly to schedule an individual advising meeting prior to being able to register for the fall term. Sells added. More information about advising can be found at www.mtsu.edu/advising/in dex.php.

At CUSTOMS, Sells welcomes the students and families to campus. She discusses Convocation, the Summer Reading Program and “Connection Point” process where, after the semester begins, students become more connected to MTSU.

Laurie Witherow, vice provost for Admissions and Enrollment Services, discusses the MT One Stop (a convenient way to take care of university business) in the Student Services and Admissions Center.

The students are given a variety of options through a resource fair. They can take campus and housing tours, meet with advisers, visit the MT One Stop, register for courses and more.

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