No mask mandate
Mayor Hutto announces masks will not be mandated in Wilson County

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor
Wilson County Mayor Randall Hutto announced last week that he will not issue a mandate requiring the public to wear masks. The decision comes after Governor Bill Lee signed an executive order giving county mayors the authority to issue mask mandates. In June, Hutto attempted to wear masks. The decision

Staff Reports
Don Weathers is seeking the Zone 3 seat for the Wilson County Board of Education. He has extensive experience in the “teaching/learning” environment that he has acquired during his career. “I began my working career as a classroom teacher at a small school in Elkmont, Alabama, and spent two years teaching and coaching at the K-12 school,” said Weathers. “I also spent two years teaching and coaching at Mt. Juliet Junior High (now West Wilson Middle School) and one year teaching and coaching at Mt. Juliet High School where I started the first personal computer class in the Wilson County School System. I understand the significance of the relationship between teachers and students and parents and will strive, if elected, to make that my focus for the next four years. I have been encouraged by parents and teachers to get involved again and will do my best to help make the school system better if the voters of Zone 3 support me.”

Community leaders join forces in new initiative

Early voting begins this week

Staff Reports
Early voting for the Tennessee State and Federal Primary and County General Election begins Friday, July 17, and runs Monday to Saturday until Saturday, Aug. 1. Election Day is Thursday, Aug. 6.

“The safety of voters and poll officials are our top priority,” said Secretary of State Tre Hargett. “With social distancing measures and many other safety precautions in place for this election, I urge voters to take advantage of Tennessee’s generous early voting period.”

Early voting provides Tennesseans the opportunity to avoid Election Day crowds and can shorten your wait time. Early voting also offers the flexibility of evenings and Saturdays along with multiple polling locations in many counties. During early voting and on Election Day, Tennesseans are encouraged to do their part. This includes wearing a face covering and maintaining a 6-foot distance from poll officials and other voters. Voters should expect to see signs with further safety instructions at their polling locations. All poll officials will be wearing face coverings and will be trained to social distancing measures.

“County election commissions have been planning for a safe and secure election for months,” said Coordinator of Elections Mark Goins. “As part of our commitment to safety, the state is providing masks, social distancing resources, gloves, gowns and face shields for poll officials.”

Tennesseans can find early voting and Election Day polling locations, view and mark sample ballots and

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Local community banks, the campaign will have an online base at tenncommunit y.com. Its mission includes providing advertising and marketing efforts for local businesses, contributed by the network of partners.

“Our small businesses are the heartbeat of each city in Wilson County. As your Chamber, we are asking our communities to support their businesses — all day, every day. They have given us the quality of life that makes Wilson County such a wonderful place to live, work and play,” said
Rollins running for School Board Zone 1

Staff Reports

Mitch Rollins has announced his campaign for the Zone 1 seat on the Wilson County School Board. “My reason for running for the Wilson County School Board is to bring back a common sense approach to education,” he said.

Rollins has over 25 years experience in the law enforcement and security industry, 15 years experience as an owner and operator of a national franchise business and 18 years experience as a professor and instructor of psychology with MTSU, APSU and NSCC. He is currently with Nashville State and has served on the faculty senate for a second term as well as served on various committees.

“Understanding behavioral and mental processes allows me to communicate effectively and better understand the relationship building that must exist between the school board, community, teachers, students, parents and other government identities,” he said. “In addition, I have never run for political office and will bring a fresh perspective to this position with no hidden agenda which will enable me to make decisions without any biased influence. We

Lebanon Wilson County Chamber President Melanie Minter. “Thank you to the community banks in their unified effort to make this initiative possible. We love and appreciate all local businesses in Wilson County. Together we will rise and be stronger than ever.”

The Mt Juliet Chamber is proud to support the TennCommUNITY initiative in support of local businesses. “These are extraordinarily challenging times for our businesses,” said Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce President Mark Hinesley. “As a community, we often ask our small businesses to support our volunteer and fundraising efforts. By shopping local, TennCommUNITY is a chance to show our support for all they have done for our communities. Now more than ever, please shop local.”

Watertown is also part of the movement. “Small businesses are so much more than just a place for goods and services, they are places where relationships are developed and friends are made,” said Becky Dungy, president of Watertown Chamber of Commerce. “As Chamber President and a small business owner of a flower shop, I see people at their worse and best. Many times I feel like I need a degree in psychology to help, but my helping comes from the services I provide on a personal level. These relationships and bonds that we develop sustain small businesses. I receive referrals and repeat customers through these relationships. Without the support of their customers, small businesses would not exist. Please share our enthusiasm as we kick off this initiative to keep the American spirit alive. Shopping local businesses is a way to support the lifestyle we all appreciate.”

The TennCommUNITY campaign will continue through the end of 2020. The local banks that have signed on as support partners are Bank of Tennessee, CedarStone Bank, F&M Bank, First Freedom Bank, Liberty State Bank, Pinnacle Financial Partners, Southern Bank of Tennessee and Wilson Bank & Trust.

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Karl announces reelection campaign for school board

Staff Reports

Chad Karl is running for reelection to the Wilson County School Board, Zone 7.

Karl is 52 years old, has been married for 23 years and has two daughters, who recently graduated from Wilson Central and are studying chemical engineering at Tennessee Tech. He presently works as the Technical Sales Manager for Graphic Packaging, a leading manufacturer of paper air filter frames.

He was previously the Plant Manager of their Lebanon plant.

After attending Georgia Tech as a student-athlete, where he wrestled, met his wife and graduated with a Bachelor of Engineering, Karl has worked in various aspects of the manufacturing industry. He additionally holds the PMP designation from the Project Management Institute as well as several other industry certifications.

Since taking office, Karl has put in hundreds of hours into research, classes, meetings, conventions and events. Additionally, he has taught STEM classes, coached wrestling practice, rode an elementary bus, eaten lunch with students in the school cafeteria and attended numerous school presentations.

“Besides working with other elected officials, I have developed strong relationships with many principals and teachers,” said Karl. “I have made efforts to keep the public informed, share what I learn and be accessible to anyone wishing to contact me. I do not just show up to vote but work to fully understand issues and how they will affect our students.”

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to mandate masks in Wilson County, only to realize he did not have the authority to do so. Instead, he strongly encouraged residents to wear masks when in public spaces. After Gov. Lee’s announcement and mask thoughts, Hutto decided to continue encouraging the public to wear masks rather than making it a requirement.

While testing and case numbers have increased, so has the percentage rate for positive results. From June 7 to July 7, case numbers more than doubled from 475 to 999. On June 15, the percentage of positive tests was 5.7%. On July 7, 7% of those tested in Wilson County were positive.

According to the Tennessee Department of Health, Wilson County has 1,275 cases as of July 14, ranking in the top 10 counties in terms of total case numbers. At least 17 people in the county have died as a result of COVID-19.

In a press conference held July 8, Mayor Hutto said the community should pull together to do what it takes to stop the spread of coronavirus.

“We want you to decide to do what’s right,” said Hutto. “Even if it’s an inconvenience for you, we promise you will never go wrong putting others first. Make a difference today for somebody you don’t even know by doing what you think is best for them.”

Many local and county officials and members of the unified taskforce joined Hutto in his announcement and showed their support.

Lebanon Mayor Bernie Ashe, also in support of Hutto’s decision, urged residents to continue washing their hands and following distancing guidelines to help avoid another shutdown as it could be disastrous for small businesses.

In addition to following guidelines, county officials encourage the community to tested, especially if they feel ill. Testing is being done in Wilson County Fairgrounds Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Chandler

Chandler is a 2-month-old male kitten who is looking for his forever home. Chandler is not yet altered so his adoption fee is $25 + the cost of his neuter at a local vet in Wilson County. If you are interested in meeting Chandler, give us a call at 615-773-5533 to schedule an appointment. Mt. Juliet Animal Care & Control

115 Industrial Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JULY 16

BOE Special Meeting

The Wilson County Board of Education will have a special called meeting on July 16, 2020, at 5 p.m. at the Wilson County BOE Administrative and Training Complex, 415 Harding Dr., Lebanon. The purpose of the meeting will be for the Director of Schools to offer clarifications on the district 2020-21 re-entry plan. The Board will be asked to approve whether to require face masks for all students and staff, excluding those with documented medical conditions, and to approve in-service staff days.

JULY 27

Volunteers Needed

Mid-Cumberland Human Resource Agency’s Long-Term Care Ombudsman program is recruiting volunteers in the Wilson County area to advocate for the rights of thousands of residents in nursing homes, assisted-living facilities and homes for the aged. Volunteer applicants must pass a background check and attend a 16-hour in-house training. Anyone interested has until Monday, July 27 to contact the program by emailing crudolph@mchra.com or by calling 615-850-3918.

JULY 30

Work Session

The Wilson County Board of Education will hold a work session on July 30, 2020, at 5 p.m. at the Wilson County BOE Administrative and Training Complex, 415 Harding Dr., Lebanon. The work session is for informational purposes only. No actions are taken or voted on by the board at the work session.

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The Apostle Paul introduced every follower of Jesus to their purpose with these words: “For we are His creation, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time so that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10, HCSB).

How our world could benefit from a consistent dose of God inspired good works. We seem, too often today, to be overwhelmed by the reports of bad acts committed in our world.

Bill Hull in his fine book "The Complete Book of Discipleship," posed this question: “Why do we know so much but live so badly?” Indeed, as we live with the benefit of more knowledge and advancements to enhance life than at any time in the history of humanity, why is our world still hampered by bad acts? Could it be that the focus of modern living is misplaced?

Toyohiko Kagawa, a nominee for a Nobel Prize in literature wrote: “I read in a book that a man called Christ went about doing good. It is very disconcerting to me that I am so easily satisfied with just going about.” Have we become so focused on “just going about with my life” that we, especially in the church, have overlooked our responsibility to live with others in mind?

C.K. Chesterton in his book, “What’s Wrong with the World,” confronted the life some people in the community of faith live with these words: "The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried."

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Unity in the New Testament Church

Chuck Groover
Victory Baptist
REFLECTIONS FROM AN OLD FRIEND

Mastering life and happiness

I recently had the opportunity to catch up with two of our finest residents that I have known for many years for some wonderful fellowship. During this time of fellowship, I learned just how little I really knew about them.

During our fellowship I learned that they have been married for 56 years and met when they were just teenagers and have three grown daughters. Now in their late 70s it was precious to see how still in love they were and how much they truly cared about one another, their family, their community and their country.

What made the time so precious was the story of their lives. For example, I learned about their work careers, their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. I even learned about various business, personal and professional accomplishments that quite honestly were very impressive.

But what moved me the most was where one of the two had come from. As they continued to tell me about family and other things, I kept thinking about something the husband had said earlier in our fellowship and conversation. He had told me that he had grown up in foster homes and that when he turned 18 that he was timed out. For him, that meant he was now on his own. At the conclusion of our fellowship I was so moved and impressed with the story of these two precious human beings that I decided to write this article in hopes that it would help in some small way.

The story behind this article is that we never know what others have endured, are enduring, have accomplished or have overcome. Unfortunately, most of us never get to truly know people we think we really know which is very unfortunate and even sad to some degree. As such, maybe we would be well served to get to know one another much, much better.

Hopefully this would help us understand and accept one another better, be it a family member, friend, acquaintance or stranger.

Understanding as human beings that we all endure, accomplish and go through many of the same things in life would help us all better understand that we aren’t that much different after all. By getting to know, respect and understand one another better, I truly believe this would be beneficial to everyone since we are all human beings.

To my two precious friends, thanks for unknowingly moving and motivating me in such a powerful way. Let’s all do our part to make our community, our country and our world better. Let’s respect, understand and get to know one another better for we might just realize we aren’t that much different after all.
WILSON COUNTY STATE PRIMARY
August 6, 2020

### REPUBLICAN PRIMARY BALLOT

#### UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- Vote for One (1)
  - CLIFFORD ADKINS
  - NATISHA BROOKS
  - BYRON BUSH
  - ROY DALE COPE
  - TERRY DICUS
  - TOM EMERSON, JR.

More

- GEORGE S. FLINN, JR.
- BILL HAGERTY
- JON HENRY
- KENT A. MORRELL
- GLEN L. NEAL, JR.
- JOHN E. OSBORNE
- AARON L. PETTIGREW

More

- DAVID SCHUSTER
- MANNY SETHI

Write-in:

Residency determines your eligibility to vote in this contest

#### UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

- Vote for One (1)
  - MARQUITA BRADSHAW
  - GARY G. DAVIS
  - ROBIN KIMBROUGH
  - JAMES MACKLER
  - MARK PICKRELL

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#### STATE HOUSE COMMITTEEWOMAN

- Vote for One (1)
  - CHRISTOPHER MARTIN FINLEY

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### DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY BALLOT

#### UNITED STATES SENATE

- Vote for One (1)
  - CLAUDIA ADKINS
  - LAUREN BURKS
  - JUDY BUSH
  - ROY DALE COPE
  - DEBBIE CLARK
  - YVONNE COLLINS
  - ANNA MARIE DENTON
  - SHERYL HALL
  - JIM HURT

More

- GEORGE S. FLINN, JR.
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#### UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 6

- Vote for One (1)
  - CHRISTOPHER MARTIN FINLEY

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#### UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 8

- Vote for One (1)
  - CHRISTOPHER MARTIN FINLEY

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### GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT

#### CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE DIVISION II

15th Judicial District
To Fill An Unexpired Term
Vote for One (1)

- MICHAEL COLLINS
- BRANDON BELLAR
- JON HENRY
- BILL HAGERTY
- GEORGE S. FLINN, JR.
- JOHN ROSE

More

- DON N. WEATHERS
- JONATHAN A. WHITE

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#### PUBLIC DEFENDER

15th Judicial District
To Fill An Unexpired Term
Vote for One (1)

- SHELLEY THOMPSON GARDNER

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#### COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICT 17

To Fill An Unexpired Term
Vote for One (1)

- JAMES (RUSTY) KEITH

Write-in:

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#### ASSESSOR OF PROPERTY

Vote for One (1)

- STEPHEN GOODALL

Write-in:

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#### GENERAL SESSIONS JUDGE DIVISION III

To Fill An Unexpired Term
Vote for One (1)

- ENSLEY HAGAN

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#### GENERAL SESSIONS JUDGE DIVISION II

To Fill An Unexpired Term
Vote for One (1)

- WAYNE MCNEESE

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#### SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ZONE 1

Vote for One (1)

- CARRIE HARTZOG PFEIFFER

More

- JOEL THACKER
- JAMIE DIANE FAROUGH
- CHAD KARL
- PHILLIP MURPHY

More

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#### SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ZONE 3

Vote for One (1)

- WAYNE MCNEESE

More

- CARRIE HARTZOG PFEIFFER
- JOEL THACKER
- JAMIE DIANE FAROUGH
- CHAD KARL
- PHILLIP MURPHY

More

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#### SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ZONE 5

Vote for One (1)

- LARRY TOMLINSON

More

- CARRIE HARTZOG PFEIFFER
- JOEL THACKER
- JAMIE DIANE FAROUGH
- CHAD KARL
- PHILLIP MURPHY

More

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#### JUDICIAL RETENTION QUESTION

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
Shall CARMA DENNIS MCGEE be retained in office as a Judge of the Court of Appeals, Western Division, or be replaced?

- CARMA DENNIS MCGEE

More

- CARRIE HARTZOG PFEIFFER
- JOEL THACKER
- JAMIE DIANE FAROUGH
- CHAD KARL
- PHILLIP MURPHY

More

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#### COURT OF APPEALS, WESTERN DIVISION

Vote for One (1)

- JONATHAN A. WHITE

More

- CARRIE HARTZOG PFEIFFER
- JOEL THACKER
- JAMIE DIANE FAROUGH
- CHAD KARL
- PHILLIP MURPHY

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### ELECTION NOTICE

FEDERAL & STATE REPUBLICAN & DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY & WILSON COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION
AUGUST 6, 2020

Remember to bring your TN state or federally issued photo ID – it is required

##### EARLY VOTING:

JULY 17TH – AUGUST 1ST AT

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me with their vote.” Weathers served on the Wilson County Board of Education from 2004-2016 and served as chairman of the board for four years. He understands the inner workings of the school system, especially the budgeting process, and will be able to have an immediate impact on the business of the board.

“I believe the parents/taxpayers want their elected school board members to be actively involved in the decision making process of the school system, as they are elected to represent them in how the school system operates,” he said. “I will do my very best to listen to your thoughts and needs and make sure your voice is heard as we deal with the ever-changing conditions we are facing. I won’t be a rubber stamp for anyone.”

Weathers has been a small business owner for over 20 years since leaving the teaching profession with the primary focus of helping identify ways to improve the way companies operate, which involved teaching new ways of doing business and training the employees so the improvements were sustainable.

“I have worked with thousands of people across the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Europe to identify solutions to problems and implement better ways to do things,” he said. “I can hit the ground running on making Wilson County schools better for our students/teachers/parents and will make sure your voice is heard. I am semi-retired and have time to address the many challenges facing the school system. The business of the school system requires a lot of time for board members and I am now in a position to make that commitment.”

Don is a 40-year resident of Wilson County and is married to the former Diane Graves whose family has been residents of the same community for 11 generations.

“Our family has been involved with this community/county for over 220 years and has been instrumental in the quality of life that we enjoy,” said Weathers. “If elected, I will make sure we take those things into consideration as we go forward.”

Don and Diane have one son, Darren. Darren and his wife, Allison Thomas Weathers, have one daughter, Aubrey.

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much more with the GoVoteTN app or online at GoVoteTN.com. You can download the GoVoteTN app for free in the App Store or Google Play. Reviewing your sample ballot and deciding how you will vote will reduce your time at the polls.

Voters who have moved within the county or have had a name change since the last time they voted can update their registration online at GoVoteTN.com. By making sure your registration is up to date, you can shorten the time you will need to spend at your polling location.

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Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German Pastor executed by Hitler, challenged all believers to remember: “The church is only the church when it exists for others.” Is it possible, the reason our world is the way it is today is because the saints of God, washed in the blood of Jesus, sealed in the resurrection of Christ, have failed to move beyond their pew?

I say today is the day for all followers of Jesus to live out our purpose and do the good works created for us in Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world.

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ELECTION NOTICE
EARLY/ABSENTEE VOTING
FEDERAL/STATE REPUBLICAN & DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION
COUNTY GENERAL ELECTION
LEBANON SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION

AUGUST 6, 2020

STATE LAW REQUIRES A TENNESSEE STATE OR FEDERALLY ISSUED GOVERNMENT PHOTO ID TO VOTE

The Wilson County Election Commission will conduct Early Voting for any eligible voter to cast a ballot by personal appearance at the following locations:

JULY 17, 2020 – AUGUST 1, 2020
HOURS: MONDAY through FRIDAY - 8:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
SATURDAYS, JULY 18TH, JULY 25TH & AUGUST 1ST - 8:00 TO 1:00 P.M.

Wilson County Election Commission Office
203 East Main Street, Lebanon, TN 37087
Mt. Juliet Community Center
1075 Charlie Daniels Pkwy, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122
Gladewater Community Center
95 McCravy Rd., Lebanon, TN 37090
Lighthouse Church
6141 Saundersville Rd., Mt. Juliet, TN 37122
Jones at 5:00 pm on Wednesday
Watertown Community Center
8630 Sparta Pike, Watertown, TN 37184

NOTICE: Persons registering to vote on By-Mail forms (this includes actual By-Mail Forms or forms downloaded from the Internet) are required, by law, to vote either in person at the polls or in person during Early Voting the first time after they register to vote. You must bring proof of residency with you such as a CURRENT TN Drivers License, Voter Registration Card, Utility bill, paycheck or any other gov’t document with your name, address and signature PLUS a Photo ID.

Registered voters who will be unable to go to their polling place on Election Day may vote by one of the following methods:

1. VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE

Beginning July 17th through August 1st, a voter desiring to vote by personal appearance shall go to one of the early voting locations mentioned above, sign an application to vote and cast their vote on a voting machine. The last day to vote by personal appearance is Saturday, August 1st at 1:00 P.M. If you are voting during the Early Voting period, remember to bring identification with you. A voter must have a government issued photo ID, Forms of acceptable identification include a TN Driver’s License with your photo, United States Passport, Department of Safety photo ID, Photo issued by the federal or TN state government, United States Military ID or Gun permit card with your photo (even if they are expired). If no photo identification is provided, the voter will be a provisional ballot voter and the ballot will be void unless the election is held on an election commission office and show an acceptable photo ID. The ballot will be rejected. The voter can sign an oath stating he/she is indigent or an oath stating a religious objection to being photographed.

2. VOTING BY MAIL

A voter must MEET CERTAIN LEGAL QUALIFICATIONS, in order to vote absentee by mail. A voter desiring to vote absentee by mail, shall be a registered voter in either in person at the Election Commission office or by-mail, request an application for an absentee ballot. The voter must make the request in writing and include their name (as registered), social security number, date of birth, residence address (911 address), mailing address (different from residence address), the election(s) they wish to vote in, the legal reason they are requesting to vote by absentee ballot and their signature. The last day to request an absentee ballot is July 30th. Requests can be mailed to The Wilson County Election Commission office, 203 East Main Street, Lebanon, TN 37087, Faxed to 615-443-2699 or emailed to absentee@wilelections.com. If you request by email, you must include a separate attached document with a scanned signature.

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Don Simpson, Commissioner—Attit: Phillip Warren, Administrator of Elections
I am paying a lot of money for my prescription drugs under my Medicare Drug Plan. I thought my plan had $0 copays?

This is a common question. Each year when deciding on a prescription drug plan, you are the one that determines what copay you will pay for your drugs, based on the plan you choose. Be diligent in looking at this each year and comparing costs if you don’t have an agent to do it for you. If you choose a plan that gives $0 copays for your generic drugs by mail order and you don’t use mail order, then you won’t get that price. Each Medicare Part D drug plan has different rules in order to obtain the cheapest pricing possible. Be sure you’re going by those rules, such as using their preferred pharmacies to get preferred pricing. If not, you’ll only get standard pricing which may be significantly higher. You may also qualify for Extra Help with your prescription drugs which is a program that will reduce the costs of your drugs considerably. Call our office at 615-831-3800 to find out what the best plan is for you and if you qualify for Extra Help. The bottom line is after you have chosen your drug plan make sure your pharmacy is Preferred so you can get the best prices for your prescriptions.

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I am constantly adjusting my PH level in my pool water. It gets low, I ad PH plus and, within a few days, my PH is low again. Why can I not keep it at the proper level?

The PH level in your water is not a stand-alone adjustment. The acidity of your water depends on a correct Alkalinity balance for stability. For this type of fluctuation, your alkalinity has to be low. The alkalinity level in your water acts as a shelf that the PH sits on. If it is low, it allows the PH to drop rapidly to that low shelf that you have provided. Many of the chemicals that you add to your water, like chlorine, have a low PH. If there is no support in your water for the PH, it will drop to meet the acidity of whatever you are adding. Rain water, at times is also acidic. Adjust your alkalinity and your PH will stay where you adjust it. Bring your water by for a free test and feel free to email your questions to:
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Worry and sleep. Sleep and worry.

By Becky Andrews
Wilson Living Magazine

It’s midnight and I can’t sleep. So instead of just enjoying the quiet hum of an otherwise bustling house, I think. And you know what that leads to, right? I start out thinking about how we are going to celebrate Jacob’s 21st birthday during a pandemic. Then I remember school is also to start soon, so I’ll need to decide if I’m going to send Jackson back to begin his junior year in high school or stay home and homeschool. Going may put his health at risk since I can barely pronounce some of the subjects he is taking. There’s pros and cons to both, I guess. The biggest con would be me attempting to teach a child who has always been smarter than me. Speaking of school, Jacob’s fall tuition was due soon. Does he need to move back to Chattanooga? Maybe he should stay here since his classes will be online? And what about Covid?! I mean why am I worrying about any of this when I can worry about catching something of which there is no cure. When thinking doesn’t lull me back to sleep, I get out of bed and shuffle to the living room to watch a little TV (if a documentary on the evolution of the cotton mill can’t put you to sleep, nothing will.) By the time the narrator begins detailing the life of Eli Whitney, I begin to take note of areas of disorder in the house. Two light bulbs need to be replaced in the living room, which will require

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ALLEN, Donald Glenn


Donnie was the son of the late James Robert and Sarah Elizabeth Grooms Allen. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Gary Allen and Tommy Allen.

He is survived by: Wife of 45 years – Cathy Allen; Daughters – Devon (Rob) Tessier and Jenny (David) Pugh; Sister – Gail Mason; Donnie was affectionately known as Homer to his grandchildren – Charlie Tessier and Andy Tessier; Several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life service was held July 14 at Green Hill Church. The family requests that you please wear a mask.

Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to the Fanconi Anemia Research Fund, 1801 Willamette Street, Suite 200, Eugene, OR 97401 or at fanconi.org/donate

Arrangements by Bond Memorial Chapel, 2222 N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. (615) 773-2663. www.bondmemorial.com

BAKER, Daniel Lee

Daniel Baker passed away July 8, 2020, at age 50. The funeral service was held July 10 at Sellars Funeral Home in Lebanon, and interment followed at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Baker is survived by daughter Brianna Baker, mother Betty Kelley, siblings Debra (Kenneth) Hutchings, Brenda (Michael) Miller, and Billy Baker, and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. He is preceded in death by his brother Leonard O’Neal Baker, brother Larry Baker and sister Linda Hutchings.

Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.

BROWN, Joyce Ann

Joyce Ann Brown, age 78 of Mt. Juliet, passed away July 11, 2020. Mrs. Brown was preceded in death by parents, Marvin and Corrine Eldridge; brother, Robert Eldridge; and sister, Alice Faye Stewart. She is survived by husband of 62 years, Charles Lindell Brown; children, Terri (Harold) Berry, Johnson and Mark Damon (Darlene) Brown; brother, Joseph (Linda) Eldridge; grandchildren, Josh Madda and Bethany (Travis) Jenkins; great-grandchildren, Amelia Madden; and fur baby, Cricket.

A Funeral Service will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, July 16, at Sellars Funeral Home in Mt. Juliet. Interment will follow the service at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens. Visitation with the family will be held Thursday from 10 a.m. until time of service.

Memorial contributions may be made to: New Leash on Life at www.newleashonline.org/the-angel-fund


JENNINGS, William Robert

Robert “Cornbread” Jennings, age 36 of Lebanon, passed away July 10, 2020, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. A funeral service was held July 14 at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon, and burial followed at Bethlehem Cemetery.

Jennings is survived by his daughters Lynzey and Cierra Jennings, their mother Chasity Pegram, mother JoAnn Jennings, sisters Penny (Scott) West and Olivia (Matt) Jennings, brother Daniel Jennings, nephew Bradley Morris, nieces Jennifer Roddy, Marilyn Offenbacher, and Mattie Davis.

Mrs. Neal was a member of First Baptist Church of Mt. Juliet and the Martha McClendon Sunday School Class. She graduated at age 15 from Pick-ett County High School in Byrdstown, TN. Mrs. Neal retired from Birming- ham-Nashville Trucking Company. She enjoyed bowling and square danc- ing.

Mrs. Neal was the daughter of the late Samuel L. and Martha Ann Whittenburg Easterly. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Howard Neal, and her siblings, Leonard Whitten- burg, Dallas Easterly, Alta Easterly, and Doyle Easterly.

She is survived by: Children – Martha (David) Tate, Jimmy (Tami) Neal and David Neal; Brothers – James (Monette) Easterly and Sam (Pat) Easterly; Grandchildren – Megan (Nick) Spilka, Anthony Tate, Nick (Katie) Neal, Josh Neal, Taylor (Rachael) Cash, Jarod (Corrie) Neal and Sarah Tate; Great-grandchildren – Kirsten, Spilka, Cannon Spilka, Norah Neal, Grayson Neal, Dal- len Neal, and Payton Neal; Many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. Thursday, July 16, 2020, at Bond Memorial Chapel with Rev. Billie Friel and David Fallin officiating.

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