Vote at a standstill
Commissioners couldn’t agree on vacant seat

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

After voting five times to replace the District 4 seat, the Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners were at an impasse. The appointment to the vacant seat previously had been deferred twice since former Commissioner Brian Abston resigned in May.

Three candidates received nominations from members of the commission: Jim Bradshaw was nominated by District 3 Commissioner Art

Planning commission elects chair, vice chair

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

The Mt. Juliet Planning Commission met Thursday night, July 18, to conduct regular business and elect a chairperson and vice chairperson for the commission.

Luke Winchester was selected to continue as chairman, while Chuck Turner was selected as vice chairman. Kelly Morgan, who was the previous vice chairwoman, is moving out of Mt. Juliet and can no longer serve on the commission. Rebecca Christenson, a Mt. Juliet resident since 2004, also joined the commission as its newest member.

During the meeting, the commission unanimously approved the preliminary plat for the West Division subdivision located on the south side of West Division Street and Tate Lane. The subdivision would have seven single-family residential lots but only one access point to avoid adding driveways along West Division Street.

The development would also install a 6-foot-wide sidewalk along its West Division Street frontage as well as a 10-foot-wide striped crosswalk across Division.

The commission also voted 7-0-2 in favor of a positive recommendation to the Board of Commissioners regarding the comprehensive transportation plan.

Community Calendar

Staff Reports

July 29
Special Called Meeting
BOE office

August 1
JECD
Lebanon Office

August 5
BOE Meeting
Lebanon Office

New rides announced for Wilson Co. Fair

Staff Reports

The Wilson County Fair midway is expanding this year with more spectacular rides and has been redesigned to create an even larger Kiddie Land area.

The carnival provider, Reithoffer Shows, is regarded as one of the top carnivals to have spectacular rides. There will be more than 50 rides including two rollercoasters and the Euro Slide, which is 65 feet tall and seven lanes of fun. It is the largest portable slide in the United States.

The new rides that Reithoffer Shows will be adding include Zero Gravity, Flying Tigers, Tea Cups, Mini Carousel, Boot Camp Challenge, Delta Force and Super Slide. Reithoffer has also completely refurbished their Zipper ride with new graphics, new paint, new LED lights and all new padding and hardware.

The Fair is also adding a whole new section of Kiddie Land for smaller children who are not quite big enough for many of the rides. The minimum height requirement will be 30" and the maximum being 36" tall. It will be 5 tickets or a wristband on the child to enjoy

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Applications accepted for Election Institute

Staff Reports

Applications are now being accepted for the Wilson County Election Institute. The Institute is a one-day behind the scenes of elections learning experience.

"Elections are the culmination of actions taken each and every day in preparation for that one big day," said Phillip Warren, administrator of elections. "The Election Institute is an opportunity for voters to gain first-hand knowledge about the procedures and details that are involved in holding elections in Wilson County."

The first Election Institute was held over a four-week period in April 2019. To compensate for busy schedules and to make the class more accessible, the one-day course is being offered. The class will include presentations and hands-on activities designed to give a behind the scenes look at the preparation that goes into elections in Wilson County. Participants will gain knowledge about voter registration, ballot and
Goodall Homes celebrated its new Mt. Juliet subdivision, Oakvale, with a ribbon cutting with the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce. The new development can be found at 501 Oakvale Lane, off of Stewarts Ferry Pike. | Photo submitted

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this new area which will include four kiddie Bounces: Princess Castle, Big Tractor, Rocket Ship and Crayon Canyon. This area will be circled with benches so the adults can rest while the kids bounce from place to place. Wilson County Fair will be the exclusive place to host this new area.

Reithoffer Shows will be bringing 25 Kiddie Rides, 19 Major Rides, and 12 Spectacular Rides with eight being Super Spectacular Rides.

Visitors can also purchase the Mega Ticket for $25 good for admission to the Fair and a ride armband, which will be good any of the nine days of the Fair. These tickets must be purchased online, at local banks or at the Fair Office by Thursday, Aug. 15, 2019.

The Euro Slide is a separate ticketed ride for $5 (or 3 rides for $10) and can be purchased online or during the Fair. This ride is not included with the armband rides.

A carnival ride special will be available on the opening night of the Fair, Aug. 16, and will allow visitors to purchase $1 tickets per ride, with a minimum purchase of a $10 sheet of tickets.

For more information and discounts that will be offered all nine days of the Fair, Aug. 16-24, visit wilsoncountyfair.net.

Police seek identity of person-of-interest

Mt. Juliet detectives are looking to identify a man who may have information in regards to an assault investigation.

On Thursday, July 18, 2019, around 3:10 p.m., an adult female stated that she was inappropriately touched while inside the Speedway, at 12115 Lebanon Road. An unidentified, adult white male was determined to be a person-of-interest, and detectives want to speak with him.

Detectives hope someone in the community will recognize him from the surveillance video image.

Anyone with any information regarding this incident is encouraged to call the Mt. Juliet Police Department at (615) 754-2550. Information can also be given anonymously by calling (615) 754-TIPS (8477) or via the Mt. Juliet Police Department website at http://www.mjpd.org/.
Granville to host film screening

Staff Reports

Historic Granville recently had the commission of tourism Mark Ezell, director of outreach and development Melanie Beauchamp, and executive director of Upper Cumberland tourism Ruth Dyal for lunch at Sutton General Store to present their tourism plan for Historic Granville for 2019-2020.

The first part of the plan occurs on Aug. 3 when Granville Museum conducts a free 45-minute screening of “Country Music,” a film by Ken Burns showing the story of America, one song at a time. Show times are 3, 4 and 5 p.m. The time to stream the first show will be on Sunday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m on PBS.

WCTE TV Cookeville will also do a live taping of Sutton Ole Time Music Hour at 7 p.m. on Aug. 3 featuring Clearview Bluegrass Band. This is being done in conjunction with the WCTE TV and Tennessee Department of Tourism.

Randall Clemons, president of Historic Granville-Granville Museum, said that they are honored to have been chosen by WCTE TV to be the host of this first screening and to be taped as part of this. He also said it will be a special day and evening in Granville and invites all of Middle Tennessee to be part of this special time.

Granville has become known as A Mayberry Town with a marketing plan that will take this to the next level with the 2019 Granville Scarecrow Festival, called “A Mayberry Town in the Fall” as Clover Street and buildings will become Mayberry.

The theme of Granville for 2020 will be “Live in a Mayberry Town” as it will focus on the life and history of small towns in America.

Pictured are the Board of Directors of Historic Granville along with Tennessee Department of Tourism Commissioner Mark Ezell, Tennessee Director of Outreach and Development Melanie Beauchamp, and Executive Director of Upper Cumberland Tourism Ruth Dyal: Chris Neeley, Sam Moore, Stand Webster, Lisa Huff, Kay Loftis, Debbie Kinnaird, Randall Clemons, Commissioner Mark Ezell, Melanie Beauchamp, Liz Bennett, Carolyn Dudney, Ruth Dyal, Larry Edmondson, Brenda Curtis Manager of Historic Granville, and Ray Byrd. | Photo submitted

2019 Wilson County Fair

The Wilson County Fair is set for Aug. 16-24 at the Administrative and Training Complex, 415 Harding Drive, Lebanon. The theme of the fair is “Dance the Fair.”

Opening Day Celebration Special Good all day Friday, August 16

3/2 price off admission

$25 Mega Ticket (Includes Gate Admission and Ride Armband for one day only; any 1 day at fair. Must be purchased online, at Fair Office or Wilson Bank & Trust branches, P&M Bank, Lebanon, Bank Tennessee-Lebanon, Civil Tennessee Bank, Lebanon & Mt. Juliet) Don’t Miss These Opportunities:

Friday, August 9th from 4 to 7PM Wine & Home Brewing Entries Saturday, August 10th from 10AM to 3PM Non-Perishable Entries Taken (Adult & Youth)

- Fine Arts
- Recycled Garden Art
- Photography
- Honey Show
- Stained Glass
- Wool Show

Sunday, August 11th from 1 to 4PM In-Person Pageant Registration

- Baby Show
- Doll Parade
- Fair Princess
- Fairest of the Fair

On-line Registration Form July 1-31 @ www.wilsoncountyfair.net

Don’t Miss These Opportunities:

JULY 27

Wilson County Conservative Republicans
The Wilson County Conservative Republicans will meet Saturday, July 27, at 9 a.m. at Logan’s in Providence. The program will be presented by the Wilson County Election Commission on the latest techniques in voter registration as well as the new voting centers.

JULY 29

Special Called Board Meeting
The Wilson County Board of Education will meet in a special called board meeting on Monday, July 29, 2019, at 6 p.m. The only items on the agenda will be FY 2020 General Purpose School Fund Budget and Needs Assessment List for FY 2020. At the Administrative and Training Complex, 415 Harding Drive, Lebanon.

JULY 29

West Wilson Basketball Association

JULY 30

Free Fitness Class
Free Fitness Class every Tuesday evening 6:30 p.m. at Life Church in the youth center. Life Church is located at 3688 Highway 109 Lebanon, Tn. Right across the street from The Dollar General Store. This is a great class for all ages and all fitness levels. For more information you can email info@LifeChurchFamily.com

AUG 1

JECDB
The Joint Economic and Community Development Board Executive Committee will meet at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 1, 2019, at 200 Aviation Way, Suite 202, Lebanon.

AUG 5

Board of Education
The Wilson County Board of Education will meet in a Work Session on Monday, Aug. 5, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. followed by a regular scheduled Board Meeting at 6 p.m., at the Wilson County BOE Administrative and Training Complex, 415 Harding Drive, Lebanon.

AUG 6

Lions Club
Mt. Juliet/West Wilson Lions Club Meeting at Courtney’s Restaurant at 4066 N. Mt. Juliet Rd., every first and third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. For more information, contact President Ken Thomas 615-470-5252.
OBITUARIES

RICHARDS, Judith Ann
“Judy”

Judy Richards passed away, surrounded by her family, on July 8, 2019, at age 79. A memorial service was held July 20 at Sellars Funeral Home in Lebanon. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations may be made in her honor to Brooks House (219 Virginia Ave, Lebanon, TN 37087, 615.444.8882). A second Memorial Service will be held at a later date in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Judy is survived by her husband Robert, her son Zachary, her daughter-in-law Amanda, and her sisters Susan Perkins and Karen Brasile. She will be greatly missed, never forgotten, and her love endures.

STANLEY, Marie Pipkin
Stephens

Mrs. Marie Pipkin Stephens Stanley died peacefully in Cincinnati, Ohio, on July 12, 2019, at the age of 89.

Marie is survived by her son, Robert Michael Stephens; her grandson, Andrew (Heather) Stephens; her granddaughter, Rachel Stephens; her great-grandchildren Willa and Harvey Stephens; her siblings Juanita Haley, Fay Martin, Fred Pipkin, Jr., and Linda Wade; and many beloved nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband Bobbie Dowell Stephens (divorced) and William Dean Stanley; parents Fred and Euda Pipkin.

A memorial service is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 27, at Heritage Memorial Gardens. Visitation is on Friday, July 26 from 3-7 p.m. and 9 a.m. on Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the DuPont High School Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

Four TN residents to pedal in the Pan-Mass Challenge

Staff Reports

On Aug. 3 and 4, more than 6,700 riders, including four residents from Tennessee, will pedal up to 192 miles in the Pan-Mass Challenge (PMC) with the goal of raising $60 million for cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

The cyclists from Tennessee are: Leon Agusty of Brentwood, Paul Augustyniak of Mt. Juliet, Robert Van Winter of Munford and Douglas Weinstein of Nashville.

Cyclists from 43 states and 12 countries will convene in Massachusetts to participate in the PMC, which pass through 47 towns and range from 25 to 192 miles, designed to cater to all levels of cycling and fundraising ability.

Riders range in age from 13 to 88 and include everyone from seasoned triathletes to weekend warriors. Many ride to honor a family member or friend who has battled cancer, while more than 950 riders and volunteers are cancer survivors or current patients — considered Living Proof of the progress made in cancer research and treatment.

Participants are required to raise between $600 and $8,500, depending on their chosen route, though the average cyclist raises more than $8,825, which exemplifies the spirit of the PMC and has helped the organization continue to increase its gift year after year, despite declining trends in the industry. Volunteers, spectators, donors and sponsors are also part of the camaraderie on ride weekend, all working together to make a difference in the fight against cancer.

“As we prepare for our milestone 40th PMC, we are humbled by the continued support from our growing community,” said Billy Starr, founder and executive director of the PMC. “It is thanks to the unwavering passion and commitment of our riders, volunteers, donors and sponsors that the PMC has been able to make such a tangible impact on advancements in cancer research.”
NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Wilson County School System does not discriminate due to age, race, color, gender, national origin, disability, religion, creed, genetic or veteran status in the provision of services, or programs or activities, or in employment opportunities or benefits. The lack of English language skills will not be a basis for denying services. Title VI and Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, and other Federal laws prohibit discrimination on the above bases. Inquiries concerning this Section 504 or IDEA should be directed to Dr. Donna Wright at (615) 444-3282. Inquiries concerning the American with Disabilities Act should be directed to Ms. Bradley at (615) 444-3282. Any employee discrimination complaints should be directed to Rebecca Owens at (615) 657-7228. Complaint managers are available at each school location to address concerns.

NOTICE OF ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Wilson County Board of Education, in conjunction with AHERA Regulations, has on file an Asbestos Management Plan located in each Principal’s office in Wilson County School System, Wilson County School Bus Garage, and the office of the Director of Schools at 415 Hunting Drive, Lebanon, TN 37087. These documents are open to public inspection. Questions may be directed to Steve Spencer at (615) 444-3282.

EDUCATION – THE RIGHT OF EVERY CHILD

Every child can learn. Children with disabilities are – first and foremost – children. Therefore, they are entitled to the benefits and rights the law gives children, and local government and school districts in Tennessee will make it their special effort for children with disabilities or for children without disabilities.

Tennessee’s Individuals with Disabilities Education Act makes certain special provisions for children with disabilities. The State must provide free public education for each child age 3-21 who has a disability. All local public education systems are maintained to program to locate and identify the earliest possible age all children who need services.

Parents must be involved in decisions concerning their children.

All Tennessee School systems must evaluate the educational needs of students with disabilities in at least once a year. Selected data regarding the educational needs of children with disabilities and work with parents to determine the needs of their children.

Schools must keep parents informed of their children’s progress. Education should be provided in an unsettled setting as possible, as close to home as possible.

Public school systems shall provide or secure the regular and special education needed for children to benefit from a free public education appropriate to their needs. They must secure the informed consent of parents or guardians for all placement or changes of placement of children with disabilities.

Due process for children with disabilities and their parents entitles them to the right to an impartial hearing, and the right to appeal decisions.

The Wilson County Public School System provides appropriate educational programs for children with disabilities in Wilson County. If you have a child with a disability between the ages of three and twenty-one who needs a special program, contact the Special Education Office, 415 Hunting Drive, Lebanon, TN 37087 (615) 444-3282.

Parents may request and Wilson County Schools will provide information regarding the qualifications of professionals and paraprofessionals.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

Families and educational agencies must observe the rights of parents or eligible students. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) protects certain rights of students with regard to the release of personal information contained in their education records. The act applies to educational agencies or institutions that receive Federal funds.

The rights of parents or eligible students include:

1. The right to inspect and review the student’s education records within 45 days after the day the Wilson County Schools receives a request for access.

2. The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student’s privacy rights under FERPA.

3. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the Wilson County Schools to comply with the requirements of FERPA.

FERPA permits the disclosure of PII from students’ education records, without consent of the parent or eligible student, if the disclosure is for the health, safety, or security of the student or another individual. The act also permits disclosure of PII from students’ education records to parents or eligible students.

FERPA also applies to students who are 13 years of age and older. The act provides that a school must obtain written consent from a student who wants the right to access and review his or her education records.
Our unchangeable God

It seems that it was not that long ago that we were wondering if we would ever get out of seasonally low temperatures. I remember one April morning, I woke up to 42 degrees. And now here we are (at least in Middle Tennessee) with mid to upper 80s and some low 90s. While we might offer disdain concerning this, it is due to our unchangeable God.

There is a great exchange on “The Andy Griffith Show” when Sheriff Taylor expresses to Floyd the barber that everybody always complains about the weather, but nobody ever does anything about it. The reason? Nobody can do anything about it. (By the way, for you TAGS aficionados, that was Mark Twain, not Calvin Coolidge who said that.)

I was thinking about this, because our office computer needed refrigerant and we needed to turn it off (yes, off) on an 85 degree day recently. And then my mind was drawn to the covenant that God made with Noah, from which we all benefit today. Pleased with the sacrifice of Noah, God promises to never again curse the ground due to the wickedness of human beings, "although the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth."

He also covenants with Noah that He will never again destroy every living thing as He had in the flood. The last verse of the covenant (re-)See F & M, PAGE 16.

Larry Grainger
Abundant Life Church

Assembly of God
Lighthouse Church
Baptist
Baker's Grove Baptist
Beckwith Baptist
Cedar Grove Baptist
Corona Baptist Church
Faith Church
Fellowship Baptist
The Fellowship at Mt. Juliet
First Baptist Church of Mt. Juliet*
The Glade Church
Grace Baptist Church
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Mt. Juliet Missionary Baptist
Mt. Olivet Baptist
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Nonaville Church of Christ
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Cook’s United Methodist
Gladenville United Methodist
Grace United Methodist Church

Mt. Juliet African Methodist Episcopal Church
Pleasant Grove United Methodist
Providence United Methodist*
Scott’s Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church
Williamson Chapel CME Church

Nazarene
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Hickory Grove Church
Suggs Creek Cumberland Presbyterian

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Cross Point Church
Friendship Community Church
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Generation Changers Church
Global Vision Bible Church
Grace Bible Fellowship
Grace Fellowship Ministries
Greater True Faith Community Church
Holy Temple Church
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Do you remember the old song “When you’re smiling, the whole world smiles with you”? If you do, then you know it’s true.

If you haven’t tried this, try it. Try walking into any business or workplace while smiling the whole time you’re there. As you continue to smile, watch the faces of other people around you. They will all begin to smile as well. And if you really want other people to smile, and maybe even laugh, try going around with a very, very exaggerated smile on your face.

As humans we just can’t help smiling when others are smiling. Don’t get me wrong, there will be some that are having a bad day that may not be able to smile because of a serious situation going on in their lives, but they will appreciate that you tried to help them smile.

Studies prove that people are much healthier when they smile often. When you smile, natural chemical endorphins are released in the body. And what’s really cool is that we sometimes put on a fake smile and the brain doesn’t know the difference.

Here’s how it works: When you smile, you use muscles in your face that trigger or trick your brain into producing endorphins. These endorphins then travel through your body and make you feel better. It’s sort of a free vitamin H pick me up. Cool, huh? And by the way, H is the chemical sign for happy.

We all know that life gives us lots of reason to frown. Frowning actually creates as many wrinkles as smiling but without the fun. So you tell me which one is the best for you from a vanity standpoint. For example, you need help and don’t know who to turn to, who are you more likely to ask for help? Another example, you enter a retail store to do some shopping and two sales people approach you and one is smiling and the other is frowning. Which one are you most likely to ask for help? The answer is clear because a smiling person will always seem more helpful, sympathetic, sincere, knowledgeable and healthy.

Life is much too short to spend any more time than necessary frowning or sad. The whole point of this article is to help you be more healthy and happy. Because when you are happy, more people around you are happy. And when this happens life is better for everyone. When you are happy at home, you are more likely to be happy while driving, while out and about or while at work.

You see there isn’t much of anything wrong with smiling other than making frowning people jealous. We all strive to be happy and healthy. Smiling is the very first step in that process. So please smile every chance you get and live happier and healthier for life. Smiling is indeed good for your health.

And by the way, laughing is a great way to build muscle, especially in the stomach area. Think about it. Every time you laugh certain parts of your body tighten. The more you laugh the more you tighten. You now have a whole new set of exercises to perform that include nothing more than smiling and laughing all while improving both internal and external health and fitness. Who ever thought exercise could be so much fun?

Keep on smiling and laughing for good health and happiness.
Wilson Co. auto dealer honored by state organization

Winstead Paine (W.P.) Bone III, owner of Wilson County Chevy Buick GMC and Wilson County Hyundai, was named the 2019 recipient of the Andrew Jackson Award by the Tennessee Automotive Association (TAA) at the organization’s annual meeting.

The Andrew Jackson Award is the highest honor a member of the Association can receive. Nominations are based on a dealer’s citizenship, community service, and contributions to the automotive industry. Winners are chosen by their peers in the industry.

“W.P. has left an indelible mark through his service and philanthropy,” said Bob Weaver, president of the Tennessee Automotive Association. “He represents the finest qualities a dealer should strive for and has set standards we all should try to emulate.”

Bone, a lifelong Wilson County resident, began working in the automotive business by cleaning cars at age 13. His father and an uncle started Wilson County Motors in 1927; in 1969, he was offered a partnership interest when one of his father’s partners retired.

“I still preach Dad’s wisdom, except for one thing,” Bone said. “Dad advised, ‘Don’t get into the car business.’ You can see that I didn’t take that advice, and it worked out well for me and for our employees. Our employees are loyal. I love our customers and this business. We have been blessed.”

Prior to taking ownership of Wilson County Motors, he started his business career as president of the Lebanon Wilson County Chamber of Commerce. He has remained an active supporter of the Chamber, serving on multiple committees and receiving multiple awards. He has served on the Board of Trust of Cumberland University for decades and is currently the chairman. He is a proud U.S. Army veteran who served during the Korean Conflict.

His more than 50 years of community service includes helping organize the Lebanon YMCA in 1967, helping to found the Wilson County United Way, and serving as a member of the Rotary Club of Lebanon and helping to organize three other Rotary Clubs in Wilson County. He is recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow for his long-time support of the Rotary Foundation.

Bone has been involved in the Middle Tennessee Scouting program since 1966, having been a scout master and receiving both the Long Rifle Award from the Walton Trail District and the Silver Beaver Award from the Middle Tennessee Council.

He has been a member of the First Presbyterian Church since birth and has been both a deacon and a youth Sunday School teacher. He has five children and three grandchildren.

Wilson County Motors co-sponsors the Wilson County Teacher of the Year program with CedarStone Bank, an event which Bone considers his most meaningful civic achievement. The program recognizes nominated teachers from 28 public and private schools in the county; 2019 marked its 21st year.

Wilson County Motors has been a member of the National Automobile Dealers Association and the Tennessee Automotive Association for 49 years. The Wilson County Motors dealerships have been recognized with multiple manufacture awards for sales and service by both GM and Hyundai.

In 2004, Wilson County Motors received the American Business Ethics Award for the State of Tennessee for its high standards of ethical behavior in business. Additionally, the company earned the 2016 BBB of Middle Tennessee Torch Award for Ethical Commerce.

Headquartered in Nashville, the Tennessee Automotive Association is made up of more than 400 member firms and includes franchised car and truck dealers, independent dealers, financial institutions, and other businesses whose products and services are allied with the automotive industry.
Near record low unemployment continues across Tennessee
June unemployment experiences uptick to 3.4%

[JUNE 2019 TENNESSEE AND UNITED STATES UNEMPLOYMENT RATES]

Staff Reports

Unemployment across Tennessee remains near its historic low, despite a slight increase to 3.4% in June, according to the latest data from the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD).

June’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate is up 0.1 of a percentage point when comparing it to the previous month.

Year-to-year, unemployment is 0.2 of a percentage point lower than the June 2018 rate.

Even with a minor uptick in unemployment, Tennessee employers continue to add thousands of new workers to their payrolls. Total nonfarm employment increased by 9,600 jobs between May and June of this year. The durable goods manufacturing, administrative/support/waste services and health care/social assistance sectors experienced the largest increases.

“Creating new jobs for Tennesseans is a top priority,” said TDLWD Commissioner Jeff McCord. “Companies continue to show they have confidence in our state’s economy and in Tennessee’s workforce by adding nearly 10,000 jobs in June and that’s impressive.”

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Across the United States, seasonally adjusted unemployment also increased in June. The national rate grew by 0.1 of a percentage point to 3.7%.

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The state of Tennessee makes a wide range of job search assistance available through its workforce development website, www.Jobs4TN.gov. Job seekers can find nearly 200,000 current job openings, free online resume assistance, job interview advice and other services when they visit the site.
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voting system preparation, what it takes to be a candidate and the importance of poll workers, the media and community outreach.

“This class will give attendees an understanding of the many aspects of preparation for elections and the everyday functions of the Election Commission,” said Assistant Administrator Tammy Smith. “We encourage anyone involved in a campaign, prospective candidates and citizens interested in becoming more civically involved to apply for the institute.”

The Election Institute will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019, from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Wilson County Election Commission Annex Training Room at 415 Harding Drive in Lebanon. The classes are free with lunch and snacks available. The class size is limited, so reserve a seat soon.

To reserve a seat and to learn more about the Election Institute information and an application are available at www.WilsonVotes.com or contact the Wilson County Election Commission at 615-444-0216.

The elections being prepared for now by the Wilson County Election Commission are the Republican and Democratic Primary and Wilson County Republican Party Primary on March 3, the Federal and State Republican and Democratic Primary and Wilson County General Election on Aug. 6, and the Federal and State General Election and Lebanon, Mt Juliet and Watertown Municipal Elections on Nov. 3.

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search and treatment since 1980. We can’t wait to see everyone on the road come August for what we hope will be a safe and enjoyable ride!”

If the PMC reaches its 2019 fundraising goal of $625 million, Overstock.com CEO Patrick Byrne, a cancer survivor and PMC rider, has committed to donate an additional $1 million to the cause. One hundred percent of every rider-raised dollar is donated directly to Dana-Farber through the its fundraising arm, the Jimmy Fund and the PMC is the institute’s largest single contributor, accounting for more than 55 percent of the Jimmy Fund’s annual revenue. In 2018, the PMC donated an unprecedented $56 million to Dana-Farber, bringing its 39-year contribution to more than $654 million.

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Giles, Gerard Bullock was nominated by Vice Mayor James Maness, and Jennifer Milele was nominated by Mayor Ed Hagerty.

Bradshaw, who had previously served on the commission, said he would like to return to the board and be conservative with taxpayers’ dollars.

Bullock said that he is a good candidate and recognizes that the board faces difficult decisions and is ready and willing to contribute.

Milele said she has lived and worked in the city since 1984 and if selected would act as a conduit between the city and the citizens of District 4, working to convey their wishes to the commission.

Because previous discussions and votes have ended in deferrals, Maness suggested ranking the candidates as a way to move the process along and eliminate any ties that may occur. He said this process has been used in other states and is similar to how Heisman Trophy candidates are selected.

Hagerty believed the ranking system could be manipulated to create ways to unfairly eliminate candidates. He also said the system is not listed in the city’s charter as an official way to vote for or select commissioners.

The best way to continue the process, Hagerty said, would be through a special election in which the citizens of District 4 could elect the person they believe would represent them the best. A special election would cost the city around $20,000.

In the first vote of the night to fill the seat, Bradshaw and Milele received one vote for and three votes against. Bullock received two votes for and two against, but a tie vote is a fail. Because no candidate received a majority vote, no one was selected to fill the seat. A motion to defer the vote one meeting also failed with a two-two vote, Hagerty and Giles for and Justice and Maness against. This process was repeated four more times throughout the evening, leading to a holding pattern where no business was conducted for almost an hour.

There were two motions to adjourn the meeting without deferral for the vote, but again it failed in a two-two vote. After the last motion to adjourn failed, Hagerty and Giles left the meeting. This caused the board to no longer have a quorum, or at least three members present, which prohibits the board from conducting business.

As the vote will be considered unfinished business, it should be discussed at the beginning of the next city commission meeting in August.
PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids for “Eight 2020 Ford Interceptor Utilities” 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 2:00 pm on August 2, 2019. Details are available at http://www.mtjuliet-tn.gov/bids.aspx.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mt Juliet Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on August 8, 2019 at 6:00pm at City Hall, 2425 N Mt Juliet Rd, Mt. Juliet, to hear the following requests:

Conditional Use Permit – 4470 Old Lebanon Dirt Road, Map 77, Parcel 26.00

The public is invited to attend/comment. For more information please call the Planning & Zoning Department at 773-6283

Sealed bids for “Charlie Daniels Park Parking Lot” 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 2:00 pm on August 1, 2019. Details are available at http://www.mtjuliet-tn.gov/bids.aspx.

Sealed bids for “Parks & Recreation Basketball Floor” 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 2:00 pm on August 5, 2019. Details are available at http://www.mtjuliet-tn.gov/bids.aspx.

Sealed bids for “Basketball Goals in Mt Juliet Community Center” 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 2:30 pm on August 5, 2019. Details are available at http://www.mtjuliet-tn.gov/bids.aspx.

Sealed bids for “Planet Playground Poured in Place (PIP)” 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 2:45 pm on August 5, 2019. Details are available at http://www.mtjuliet-tn.gov/bids.aspx.

Sealed bids for “Parks & Recreation Tennis Court and Pickle Ball Resurfacing” 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 2:45 pm on August 5, 2019. Details are available at http://www.mtjuliet-tn.gov/bids.aspx.

Sealed bids for “Integrated Bill Printing, Readable PDF Imaging & Mailing Services” 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 11:00 a.m. on August 2, 2019. Details are available at http://www.mtjuliet-tn.gov/bids.aspx.

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**Home** is approximately 3,098 sq. ft. on approximately 3.03 level acres with a 3 car garage. House needs a little TLC on the inside to make it a real showplace. Lots of rooms- rec room, hobby room, several bedrooms plus 2 additional rooms and front and back porches.

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**Directions:** From I-840 and Stewarts Ferry Pike Exit 70, Go West on Couchville Pike, continue for 4.1 miles and home will be on your right.

**Equipment:** 4 wheelers, Honda 300XE and Honda Rancher, eXmark zero turn mower, John Deere walk behind with surrey,Troy-Bilt TB200 self-propelled. 2 New wrecked Husqvarna 46 inch cut riding mowers, Murray riding mower, Ford Cargo van.

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The City of Mt. Juliet is seeking candidates for the following positions: POST Certified Patrol Officer - Salary $16.71/hour, with top out in 3 years of $24.74/hour. Records Clerk Salary $14.98/hour, with top out in 3 years of $19.27. Selected candidates will be required to complete a pre-employment physical, drug screen, background check and any other testing deemed necessary. You will need to hold a valid TN driver license. Excellent benefits and TCRS pension plan. Detailed job descriptions and requirements are available online. Applicants must be filed electronically and are available at the City’s website, www.mt-Juliet-tn.gov. Closes 8/2/2019. The City of Mt. Juliet reserves the right to stop accepting applications at any time. For questions, regarding the electronic application process, please call (615) 754-2552. The City of Mt. Juliet does not discriminate based on race, color or national origin in federal or state sponsored programs, pursuant to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d). EOE/Drug-free Workplace.
I took my tech baby to the doctor where I got the standard battery of questions. There’s nothing that will make you feel inept as a human being than being questioned by an IT specialist, programmer, or a member of a “geek squad.”

By the grace of Steve Jobs I found a guy that is cool with me not worshiping at the altar of Apple to fix my super inefficient Windows-operating laptop without using inside words like “PITA” to describe me. (LOOK IT UP)

Here’s how the conversation went:

“Did you notice your processor overheating?”

“What a processor?”

“It’s the brain of your computer; the memory, everything. When it overheats for an extended amount of time, it will completely shut down and take everything with it.”

“It sounds just like perimenopause; which I’m in. Only I overheat, totally shutdown and take all of the snacks and empty carbs with me.”

I knew from the look he gave me that indeed he did think I was a PITA.

Hesoftened and acted like my computer problem was no big deal. So, I didn’t worry. I felt super smart. We were getting each other. For a moment, I felt technically superior, even thinking that I may adopt a flannel shirt, tattered jeans, beanie, flip flop wardrobe to match my new computer friend. But then, he continued.

“Since everybody backs up these days, it’s not that big of a deal to lose your information.”

“Right. Wait, what? I’ve lost everything on my computer?”

“Probably, but as long as you saved it on an external hard drive or backed up, don’t worry about it.”

“My what? Is that another name for a thumb drive?”

He looked over the top of his reading glasses as if he was trying to decide if I was joking or a complete moron. That’s when he realized that, yes, I am a complete moron and not really that funny. In fact, it was just a few months ago I learned that Google is considered a verb.

This is probably where my children, my husband, gluten or the fact that I was a Jehovah’s Witness as a child.

I would like to say this is NOT how it happened. But, because this person recovered all of that very valuable information, I’m not going to call him a liar. I’m not even going to blame it on perimenopause. I will just say this: I may be an idiot. I may not know the difference between MB and RAM. I may have outdated software, still use Internet Explorer, and prefer Facebook to Instagram. HOWEVER, I do know the computer I just ordered is already obsolete, techie people are 21st century mechanics spouting off a dialect mere mortals can’t understand, and the next time someone asks about backing up, I’ll know they are not talking about a person’s driving abilities or dance moves.

Email any comments to becky@wilsonlivingmagazine.com because luckily she knows how to check email.
Vol State launches IT Academy for adult students

Tech skills are in demand by employers and many people are trying to enhance their current jobs or start a new career with IT education. Volunteer State Community College is responding with a new program for adults called IT Academy.

The program is a series of non-credit courses outside the normal academic system, designed to teach people basic tech skills and also provide people who already have an IT background with ways to advance their career. The message from the program organizers is that you don’t have to be a tech whiz to learn tech skills.

The first offering is “Basic Coding for Beginners.” The course is a mini-camp that starts with a refresher of general computer skills and continues with an introduction to Python, a popular general-purpose programming language. Participants will learn how to build a website and be introduced to some advanced web development skills. It will be held in a two-day session on Aug. 15 and 16. The cost is $79.

“We want to make sure things are approachable in this basic coding class,” said course instructor Austin Tice. “I’m designing the course considering the struggles that I went through when I first learned coding. We want to make sure the classroom is a place where it’s OK to ask questions.”

The second course is designed for people who already have basic IT knowledge. “CISCO Certification” is the CCNA 1 Class for people who want to become a Certified Cisco Networking Associate. Students will need to contact the instructor to determine if they have the necessary basic networking skills to enroll in the class. The course is offered on Thursday evenings from 6-9 p.m. beginning Aug. 26 and ending Dec. 12. The cost is $504.

Because these are non-credit classes and outside of Vol State academic offerings, TN Reconnect does not apply to the IT Academy. However, the courses offered would be a strong accompaniment to a college degree or as part of college degree pathway. IT Academy courses can show employers that adults have the skills needed to be effective in the workplace.

For more information about the IT Academy at Vol State, and to register, visit www.volstate.edu/it-academy.
Calabria temporarily closes for renovation

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

Calabria Brickoven Pizzeria recently closed for remodeling, with demolition beginning last week. The complete remodel will introduce a more modern, intimate environment for patrons to enjoy authentic Italian cuisine.

The bar area will be moved up front and have direct access to a new outdoor patio with seating.

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The menu will most likely remain the same, with some minor changes to perfect what they do. They will add paninis and other affordable, authentic Italian lunch specials, as well as lighter menu items for those looking for healthier options.

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One major change to the restaurant is the addition of a second wood fire brick oven which will allow them to better serve and meet the demands of customers.

The dining room will also be redone, adding more seating while still affording customers the opportunity to still enjoy their conversations in a private setting.

The private dining area will also be completely redone and will be able to accommodate up to 40 people. The separate room is a perfect space for businesses and organizations to hold meetings or for large parties to enjoy a private setting away from the rest of the customers.

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Calabria plans to reopen the newly-renovated pizzeria in late August.

The menu will most likely remain the same, with some minor changes to perfect what they do. They will add paninis and other affordable, authentic Italian lunch specials, as well as lighter menu items for those looking for healthier options.

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