Hutto happy with county progress
By Kenny Howell
Managing Editor

Wilson County Mayor Randall Hutto spoke to Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce members Wednesday to give the annual State of the County address.

“It is a great time to be your mayor,” said Hutto.

Hutto applauded all the growth in business, and many other positive things that have been going on in the county. He also praised

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Chewy, 1,200 jobs coming to Mt. Juliet

Chewy is bringing 1,200 jobs to Mt. Juliet.

Tennessee Governor Bill Lee, Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bob Rolfe and Chewy, Inc. officials announced Tuesday, July 20 that the company will establish a new regional e-commerce fulfillment center in Mt. Juliet. Chewy is a leading

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END OF AN ERA, START OF A NEW ONE

SCE’s ‘The West Wing’ about ready to open
By Kenny Howell
Managing Editor

It has been a long road for Stoner Creek Elementary, and there is still a long road ahead.

But some sense of normalcy will be back when the students get their own home at the saved portion of West Wilson Middle School. Wilson County Schools, as well as staff and teachers at SCE, have been working hard to give the students a good

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Stoner Creek Elementary Principal Amanda Smith shows off the fourth and fifth grade hallway of SCE’s temporary home.

Photo by Kenny Howell

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MJPD seeking suspect who assaulted and held two women against their will

**Staff Reports**

Mt. Juliet Police are looking for a man after he held two women against their will and assaulted them Friday.

MJPD Dispatch received a call around 6:35 a.m. from a distraught female stating she was being held against her will by an ex-boyfriend while traveling in a vehicle on I-40 West through Mt. Juliet. She said her life was in danger and a struggle was heard. Her phone was taken and thrown out the car window.

Through investigation, it was determined that two adult females met 43-year-old Randall Wayne Brewer at the Amazon facility on Golden Bear Gateway to pick him up. Instead, Brewer got into the driver’s seat and began recklessly driving down I-40. Brewer assaulted both victims, threatened their lives and refused to let them out of the car. Once in Nashville, both were able to jump out of the car and escape.

Brewer is now on the run and wanted for two counts of Aggravated Kidnapping, two counts of Aggravated Assault, Interference with an Emergency Phone Call and Vandalism.

Eleven is known to drive a gold/silver GMC Envoy SUV and was spotted in La Vergne the afternoon of the incident, fleeing before the officers’ arrest attempt. Brewer frequents Metro-Nashville, Rutherford, Wilson, Montgomery, and Putnam counties.

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the resilience of the county who has been through a tornado and pandemic in the last year and a half.

“[Resilient] is what you have been through all of this,” said Hutto. Hutto briefly spoke on many topics throughout his speech. He touched on emissions testing and the possibility of it no longer being a requirement for Tennesseans. The EPA has until Aug. 27 to make a decision whether Tennessee can drop it as a requirement, and then it would be another 120 days after because the county will have to notify the company that handles the testing.

He gave an update on Stoner Creek Elementary and West Wilson Middle School as well. Stoner Creek Elementary is down, and West Wilson Middle School began demolition last week. Bids will be in for Stoner Creek on Aug. 5. He said that the county is looking into allotting an extra $10 million for West Wilson Middle School to make it a bit larger to handle growth.

Hutto said that Wilson County Promotions received $5 million for the Wilson County Fair-Tennessee State Fair so there could be improvements to the facilities at the Ag Center. He said he hopes in the coming years they will be able to make road and traffic improvements so it grows with the Tennessee State Fair it will alleviate some of the traffic.

Hutto said he had to make a lot of hard decisions this year because of the pandemic, and not everyone was always happy with him. He said he had mad people at him when he made the mask mandate, and some people were happy with him, but then had the opposite when he lifted it.

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Hutto praised the County Commission and County Government for once again passing a balanced budget and ending the year $7,000,000 to the good. That was a substantial increase over the previous year which was around $1,000,000. He said some of that had to do with COVID-19 relief money, but the county does a good job being conservative with their money.

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BOC approves new membership for use of MJCC gymnasium

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The Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners approved a new membership Monday to use the Mt. Juliet Community Center gymnasium.

The move comes as a result of incidents that have happened over the last few years in the gymnasium. Last month, two men were arrested when an argument in the gym spilled out into the parking lot and one of the men pulled a gun from his vehicle and threatened the other.

“It gets quite a lot of use and abuse,” said Mt. Juliet City Manager Kenny Martin.

Parks Director Rocky Lee said there can be 50-70 people in the gym at a time.

“City Manager Kenny Martin had emailed about the gun,” said Mt. Juliet Managing Editor Craig Childress.

Lee said that residents often are left waiting for the opportunity to use the gym.

“It’s disappointing that our city has opened up such a great venue for everyone and unfortunately we have had some folks that took advantage of the situation,” said Commissioner Bill Trivett.

Trivett sponsored the resolution to establish a Mt. Juliet Community Center entry plan for the safety of the residents. That resolution included a membership program just for the gymnasium. It will be for Wilson County residents or City of Mt. Juliet employees only and will be a yearly membership that lasts from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. Proof of residency will be required each year.

The cost will be $20 a year person or $100 for a family of any size. There will also be a $2 charge to enter daily for all members. Membership rates will be prorated by quarter depending on when you get it during the year. Guests will be allowed with a paying member. A Code of Conduct will have to be signed by each member about receiving membership. Hardship cases are available for ages 15 and under, but will need proof of residency and hardship proof required. Observers will require a pass and pay the daily entrance fee. Exception can be made for parents of children under 12 and special needs players.

The resolution said the rules will start soon, but they will allow time for the news to get out to the public.

Photo by Craig Childress
FAITH & MESSAGE - Not the Whole Story

We are all a bit cranky these days, emerging as we have this year from a most unusual 2020, cooped up inside our homes, mourning the loss of so many good friends to an insidious virus, and wrestling with the tumult of a very divisive year.

If we are not careful, we might assume that everywhere, is the worst. We might think this if our view of the world, of our wonderful spot on this earth we call Mt. Juliet, if all we know about our community and our world is what we read in headlines and social media posts. But I am encouraged when I close the laptop or put the phone down and actually talk to people around town, when I see what good is going on in Mt. Juliet, among our churches, our civic organizations, from our local leaders, teachers and business owners. Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and whatever else the kids are using these days are good ways to stay connected, but they are not real life.

Real life is churches working to help schools get ready for another school year, painting, backpack drives, organizing meals. Real life is pastors across traditions working together to find ways to alleviate pockets of suffering. Real is ordinary people with no big platforms and few resources helping a sick neighbor, caring for a widow, tutoring a child.

Big media giants and social media companies have perverse incentives to keeping us hooked on the awfulness. And to be sure, we don’t want to stick our heads in the sand and pretend evil and injustice are not happening in the world. We don’t want to ignore issues in our own families and communities and neighborhoods. And yet we don’t have to make bad news the only news we hear. We should remember that faithfully, big-hearted neighborhoods, and friendships don’t make catchy headlines or compelling copy.

So let’s stay tuned into what’s happening, but not in a way that keeps us tuned out to the goodness around us. As a Christian pastor, I have a category for thinking this way. Our story, beginning in Genesis, tells us that the world is both good and bad, fruitful, and fallen. It tells us humans have capacity for great good and great evil. It also tells us that there is one who triumphed over evil, who defeated the poison that works its way into human hearts and has made the world hard for so many. You may be reading this and not be someone who has thought much about Jesus, but I’d love for you to consider him, to have a conversation and to engage your spiritual questions. At our church and at so many churches in our community, we are here to help point you to God through Jesus and to let the love of Jesus work its way back through us to our neighbors.

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REFLECTIONS FROM AN OLD FRIEND - Do Unto Others

One of my favorite quotes is: Do unto others, as you would have them do unto you. How true! And sense that’s the case, from this point forward, I am asking everyone to try their very best at doing unto others, as you would have them do unto you.

One example includes littering. Littering costs everyone. It takes a toll on our resources, our property values, our wallets, and is an insult to our great community and country. Littering is simply passing the buck. When you pass the buck, the rest of us are left with the bill, the bill of cleaning up the mess left behind.

Another example is respect: Respect is when you speak kindly of others or say nothing at all, respect is when you open a door for your wife, family member or a complete stranger who has their hands full, respect is when you don’t endanger the lives of others by driving under the influence, speeding, tailgating, respect is not telling lies, cheating, hurting, murdering and so on.

Life is so very short when you really think about it. We all have hurts, sorrows, worries, highs, lows, concerns, deadlines, agitations and feelings that can be offended, hurt or damaged. With that being the case, let’s all start being more civil, kind, understanding, forgiving, helpful and loving to one another. In closing, nothing is ever accomplished without sincere effort and a positive attitude. Good will always prevail over indifference and divisiveness. Please do unto others, as you would have them do unto you.

TELLING TALES - Technology Gone Wrong

Like all things, I think there is a fine line between good and evil. And I’m here to say, that sadly, society may have just crossed it. We recently had a steam shower installed. When it came time to pick the bells and whistles, the only one I wanted was a physical on and off switch.

I don’t want a remote. I don’t want special lights. I don’t want 12 settings. I don’t want an app for my phone that controls the shower from my driveway. What I want, more than anything is to just turn it on….without having a complete meltdown.

Same goes for my television, my alarm, my bedside lamp and the list goes on and on. For the love of all things old and easy, I just want to be able to turn things on/off. During a recent conversation with our girls, their father made them promise that at least one of them would marry someone technologically savvy. We don’t care for professors, doctors or CEO’s -- all we want is for one of them to marry someone who can fix our Wifi when it’s down!

They said technology would make life simpler. They, being the 22 years old now controlling every aspect of my low-tech 50 year old life!

Last year my kids bought me an Alexa for my birthday. I used her all Christmas to play Christmas carols. Basically, Alexa is a high-priced radio, with a snarky, know it all attitude. They keep telling me, “You know Mom, Alexa, can do more than play music?”

So I hear, but the problem is, I’ve had to download the app, connect her to my Wifi, and then spend hours reading online blogs just so I can figure out how to have her tell me the weather forecast for China. It took me almost an hour to get her to recognize the words “Alexa On”, so the fact that she can play “Jingle Bells” on command, is all I need her to do.

That and lose her judgmental tone.

And it’s not just the Alexas of the world.

My car now has a keyless start button. Problem is when I get home it takes me a half hour to get into the house because I have to search for my keys between my purse, my jacket or somewhere laying on the floorboard of my car. When my car needed a key to start, then the keys were in my hands when I got to the door. Problem solved.

Every other call I get, is from someone who wants to FaceTime me. Really?


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learning experience.

Principal Amanda Smith has been talking to parents in the weeks leading up to school, and she said despite the challenges put in front of them, parents are optimistic.

“I think most people are really excited,” said SCE Principal Amanda Smith “…It’s going to be a learning experience for them as it is for us.”

SCE will be temporarily housed in the new wing of West Wilson Middle School. That wing had only cosmetic damage from the tornado and it has been maintained through all the insurance discussions that were finally settled a few months back. There are two hallways – one for K-3 and one for 4-5 – and many rooms will have two teachers in the classroom coordinating and co-teaching lesson plans.

Smith said there are 14 new teachers to the school, so it will be an excellent opportunity for some of them to be paired with an experienced teacher and learn the ropes.

“We are excited students will have two teachers to learn with,” said Smith.

Third and fourth grade will just have one teacher per classroom. Smith said they have dubbed the building “The West Wing” in honor of West Wilson Middle School.

“It’s Stoner Creek colors, it’s like it was meant to be,” said Smith.

The old SCE building is completely down except for the Phyllis Robinson Gymnasium. It was relatively untouched as well, and it will house the cafeteria and related arts. A former storage closet has been equipped with ovens, the concession stand will be a food prep area, and the cafeteria line from the old SCE was cleaned up and placed in the gymnasium. SCE will have a full-time bus dedicated for the school that will transport the children back and forth as needed.

“The logistics are a bit of a challenge, but it’s certainly something we can do,” said Smith.

The area of WWMS closest to the “The West Wing” will all be down by the time school starts. So any demolition left will be on the opposite of the building and won’t disrupt the classroom quite as much. “The Bobcat Village”, the portables that will be SCE’s next home, are hoped to be in by fall break, and the students and teachers could be able to move at that time.

Parents and students can come see “The West Wing” at the SCE Open House, Tuesday, Aug. 3, 4 to 6:30 p.m.

Photo by Kenny Howell

The serving line from the old Stoner Creek cafeteria has been fixed up and is now in the gym with a full cafeteria.
McKinney named Assistant Principal at Rutland Elementary

Staff Reports

LaConda McKinney has been named Assistant Principal at Rutland Elementary. McKinney is entering her 15th year as an employee of Wilson County Schools. She started as an English Language Arts Teacher at Watertown Elementary, and she was also an Instructional Coach at the school. More recently she was Assistant Principal at Wilson Central High School and Elzie D. Patton Elementary.

“I am excited to bring my love of students, knowledge of K-12 curriculum and teaching strategies, and experience to be a part of united school community to my new role,” McKinney said in a statement by Wilson County Schools. “We will continue to cultivate a collaborative culture to ensure the best outcomes for all students at Rutland.

Rutland Elementary Principal Cathy York is excited to have McKinney on their team.

“She is a loving and compassionate leader that truly wants the very best for each student. Through her administrative experiences, she will bring additional creative ideas and a strong knowledge base of utilizing best teaching practices to our school as we work to provide a top education for our students.”

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Director of Schools Jeff Luttrell said this is the next step to getting back to normal, but there is some sadness because of all the memories that have been made over the years in the building.

“This building is part of the community,” said Luttrell.

Luttrell said it is an important step and will give the community some closure. He is also excited to get the students back in the classroom.

Principal Elizabeth Mills sees the demolition as hope for the future.

“There is lots of excitement about new possibilities,” said Mills. “I can only see good things to come.”

Students of West Wilson Middle School have been split between Mt. Juliet Middle School and Mt. Juliet High School, while eighth graders will go to Mt. Juliet Middle School this year, while eighth graders will go to Mt. Juliet High School.

SCHOOL EVENTS

July 29

GMS BASEBALL TRYOUTS

Gladeville Middle School baseball tryouts are Thursdays, July 29 and Fridays, July 30, 3-5 p.m. Bring baseball gear and wear baseball attire, bring water and sports physicals. New players trying out must have a physical dated on or after April 15. Returning players may tryout on last year’s physical but will need to have a new one by Aug. 1, prior to the 2022 season.

Makeup tryouts will be posted at the beginning of the official baseball season, February dates to be determined.

July 31

COLLEGE HILLS ANNUAL SCHOOL STORE

College Hills Church of Christ Annual School Store is Saturday, July 31, 9-11 a.m. at the church on 1401 Leesville Pike in Lebanon. Backpacks, school supplies and back to school clothes from students prek-8 at Wilson County Schools and Lebanon Special Schools District. All items are first come, first served. Child and parent or guardian must both attend.

Aug. 2

WWMS CROSS COUNTRY TRYOUTS

West Wilson Middle School Cross Country Tryouts are Aug. 2, 4-5 p.m. at the MJHS Tennis Courts. Complete the Google form on WWMS website. A current physical is needed to try out. For more information, contact Coach Woods at Woodsken100@wc-schools.com.

WILSON COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The Wilson County School Board meeting is Monday, Aug. 2, 6 p.m. at the Wilson County BOE, Administrative & Training Complex, 415 Harding Drive, Lebanon, TN 37087.

Aug. 3

MJES OPEN HOUSE

Mt. Juliet Elementary School Open House is Tuesdays, Aug. 3 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Meet the principal, see your classroom, drop off supplies, connect with the PTO, check out school banking, set up lunch accounts, learn about kid’s clubs.

GES OPEN HOUSE

Gladeville Elementary School’s Open House is Aug. 3. K-2 is 5-6 p.m. and 3rd-5th is 6-7 p.m.

WEST ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE

West Elementary Open House is Aug. 3, 4-5 p.m. for K-2 and 5-6 p.m. for 3rd-5th.

WAW ELEMENTARY OPEN HOUSE

W.A. Wright Elementary Open House is Tuesday, Aug. 3, 5-7 p.m.

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CAIN, Gregory Allen

Gregory Allen Cain, 50, Mt. Juliet, died July 19. Greg was born in Memphis, and served in the Air National Guard for six years.

He is survived by: Wife of 21 years Kim Cain; Son Alex Cain; Parents Frank and Helen Cain; Sisters Denise Martin, Carmen Perry and Tracy (Eric) von Trotha; Mother and Father-in-law Debbie and Ray Ripple; Pastor and Mother-in-law – Kenneth and Martha Braswell; Sister-in-law and Brother-in-law Michelle and Stan Pritchard.

Several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Graveside services with military honors will be conducted 1:30 a.m. Thursday, July 29, at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will be Stan Pritchard, Spencer Pritchard, Joshua Massey, Terry Cain, Bradley Beall and Jasee Richardson.

Visitation will be 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday at Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet. (615) 773-2663. www.bondmemorial.com.

Crockett, Thomas Ray

Tommy Crockett, 75, died July 22, at his home in Lebanon.

He was born May 8, 1946, in Nashville, the son of Hinton “Hy” and Virginia (Tomlin) Crockett. Tommy graduated from Lebanon High School, Class of 1964. Following graduation, he attended Cumberland University and then served in the Tennessee National Guard. In 1967, Tommy married his high school sweetheart, Melanie Campbell. They celebrated 53 years of marriage in November. In addition to his wife, Melanie (Campbell) Crockett, are two children, Ian (Banica) Crockett of Hendersonville, and his daughter Catherine (Ollium) Dye of Lebanon; six grandchildren, Ian Thomas Crockett, Jr., Elea Rhea Crockett, Campbell Crockett, Marlee Dye, Zavien Dye and Eli Crockett; and six siblings, Annette Albright, Hinton “Buzz” Crockett and his wife Linda, Paul Crockett and his wife Carol, Tommy and his wife Linda, Paul Crockett and his wife Carol, and Mark Lynn. In addition to his parents, Tommy is preceded in death by his sister, Margie Hamilton. Tommy enjoyed a successful career in the automotive industry with almost 30 years as the general manager at Two Rivers Ford where his co-workers became like family. Tommy was a mentor to many at Two Rivers. He was known to be kind, generous and developed many lasting relationships with his customers. While Tommy looked forward to each day at Two Rivers, he enjoyed playing golf and was happiest spending time with his family, especially his wife Melanie and their beloved grandchildren.

Visitation will be Friday, July 30 from 2-5 p.m. with the service at 5 p.m. at Sellars Funeral Home, 313 W Baddour Parkway, Lebanon. A Celebration of Life will follow the service at Five Oaks Country Club, 621 Bond Memorial Chapel TN. Those who wish to remember Tommy in a special way may make gifts in his memory to The American Cancer Society at donate.org. Carries, 19, or Alice Farrel, at alivel Hospice.org. Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, (615) 444-9393.

DAILY, Lowell Robert


He was preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Daily and brother, Myron Daily. He is survived by his sons, Patrick (Sheila) Daily, Tim (Mary) Daily, Daniel (Janet) Daily and Russell Daily; nine grandchildren and many great-grand children; sister, Carolyn Lindemuth; and nieces and nephews.

Following Lowell’s wishes, there will be a private service held in Lowell, Mich.

Farrell, Carol Jean Blackford

Carol Jean Blackford Farrell, 70, of Mt. Juliet, died July 18.

She was born in Nashville and was the daughter of the late, J.C. and Marion Ayers Blackford.

She is survived by: Husband of 51 years Randy Farrell; Father, Bob Farrell; Daughter Candy (Josh) Wilson; Beloved grandchildren Carleigh Wilson, Joseph Wilson and Lucy Farrell.

Funeral services were Thursday, July 22, at Bond Memorial Chapel with Deacon Tom Somoray officiating. Interment followed at Woodlawn Memorial Park.

Visitaton was Wednesday and prior to service time Thursday at Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Westen Drive, Mt. Juliet. (615) 773-2663. www.bondmemorial.com.

Fox, Deborah Lynn

Deborah Lynn Fox, 64, Mt. Juliet, passed away July 22.

She was preceded in death by parents, Paul and Mildred Sanilus.

Fox is survived by husband of 36 years, Wayne Fox; children, Jennifer; Wayne; Lynn; Todd; Paula; Chris; Rachel; and 13 grandchildren.

There will be no services held at this time.


Hagar-Marsalis, Mary Inita Hornberger

Mary Inita Hornberger Hagar-Marsalis, 90, Hermitage, was received by the Lord on July 23.

Inita was born on June 28, 1931 in Nashville, and was the daughter of the late, Jerry and Mary Cartwright Hornberger. Inita was also preceded in death by her daughters, Terri Ann Hagar and Kathy Hildbrand and her brother, Joe Hornberger.

She is survived by: Son Doug (Harriet) Hagar; Grandchildren Troy (April) Hagar, Tyler (Paula) Hagar, Josh (Trina) Hildbrand and Shauna (Matt) Robinson; Great-grandchildren Kati, Julie, Abi, Cally, Gabe, Reese, Bella, Cole, Cooper and Logan; Great-great-grandchildren – Every and Rhet.

Funeral services will be conducted 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 28 at Bond Memorial Chapel with Andy Connelly and Doug Ferguson officiating. Interment will follow at Spring Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Todd Hagar, Josh Hildbrand, Matt Robinson, Kyle Robinson, Jack Robinson and Tim Hildbrand.

Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to Victory Baptist Church, 1777 Tate Lane, Mt. Juliet, TN with Rev. Chuck Groover officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Family will see no viewings.

Mossa, Martha Dale

Martha Dale Moss, 92, Mt. Juliet, died July 25. Martha was born in Goodlettsville and was the daughter of the late, Andrew Cole and Mattie Collins Dale. Martha was also preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, John Morgan Moss, her son, John Dale Moss and seven siblings.

She is survived by: Sons Louis Moss, Mack (Terri) Moss and Kyle (Cheryl Lewi) Moss; Sister Joyce Varrell; Grandchildren Cody (Christy) Moss, Dale Moss, Morgan (Bill) Johnson, Hardy Moss and Nolan Moss; Great-grandchildren Elijah Moss, Kyler Johnson, Karson Moss, Kinsley Moss and Trilasan Moss; Several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted 10 a.m. Friday, July 30, at Victory Baptist Church, 1777 Tate Lane, Mt. Juliet, TN with Rev. Chuck Groover officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Family will see no viewings.

Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to Victory Baptist Church Building Fund, 1777 Tate Lane, Mt. Juliet, TN or the John Dale Moss Scholarship, UT Institute of Agriculture, c/o Tom Looney, 110 Morgan Hall, 2621 Morgan Circle,
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Knoxville, TN 37996-4502.
Visitiation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday and one hour prior to service time Friday at Victory Baptist Church.

SUTTON, Harold W.
Harold was preceded in death by wife, Beverley Sutton; parents, John B. and Grace Sutton; sons, Wayne and Ricky Sutton; foster daughter, Cindy Shaver (Auld); and brother, Johnny Sutton.
He is survived by daughter, Ramona “Mona” Sutton; brother, Herbert Taylor Sutton; sisters, Betty Barrett, Lucy (Dave) Stephens, Mary Sue Smith, Janie (Jimmy) Smith and Beverly (Eddie) Graves; grandchildren, Meredith (Bo) Jones, Marlee (Ethan) Duncan, Austin (Ali) Auld and Kendyl Shaver; seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.
Harold was a well-known member of the Mt. Juliet community whose career included working for Western Electric (AT&T) and being a Realtor for 50+ years in the Wilson County area. He was one of the founders of the first Mt. Juliet Little League field on the corner of Mt. Juliet Road and Lebanon Road. He later helped establish the current Mt. Juliet Little League front fields and helped raise money to fund the lighting on the fields. He helped in the restoration of Sutton General Store in Granville, TN and has served as the Grand Marshall of the Granville Christmas parade alongside his wife, Beverley.
His many contributions to the community are not the only way Harold will be remembered. He will be remembered for his generosity, great sense of humor and his ability to tell some of the best stories about himself and the history of Nashville. He will be greatly missed by his countless friends in the Mt. Juliet community. But mostly, he will be missed and dearly remembered by his loved ones as an awesome Dad and DeDe!
There will be visitation with the family Wednesday, July 28 at Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4-8 p.m., then again Thursday, July 29 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4-8 p.m. A private graveside service will be held at a later date with Austin Auld, Ethan Duncan, Bo Jones, Jimmy Smith, Dale Carver, Mike Barrett, Joe Barrett and Tony Malkiewicz serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers are: Herbert Taylor Sutton, Rob Campbell, Dale McCulloch, Eddie Graves and Randall Clemons.
Memorial contributions may be made in Harold’s memory to: Alive Hospice, 1718 Patterson Street, Nashville, TN 37203.
The family extends a Special Thank You to Dr. Ripley, Dr. Womack, Dr. Bushman, Dr. Petty, Centennial Hospital 9th floor staff, Centennial Hospital Case Workers and the staff at Alive Hospice for their diligent and thoughtful care.

WILSON COUNTY FAIR- TENNESSEE STATE FAIR
This year’s Fair will continue showcasing Wilson County

Staff Reports
Wilson County Promotions began the Wilson County Fair in August 1979 with a vision to showcase Wilson County and be a grand celebration for our county. A time each year when all of the county comes together as one to have days of family fun and make memories that will last a lifetime. This year’s fair will be no exception with the theme of Honoring Hometown Heroes as the fair goes to a 10-day event on Aug. 12-21. The fair will also be the Tennessee State Fair, but the things you love about the county fair will remain the same. The fair will continue to be presented by your Mid-South Ford Dealers.
Competitions that have been limited to Wilson County residents will remain just like it has been since 1979. The Farm Bureau Expo Center (which has been limited to showcasing competitions of Wilson County residents) will continue. The building will continue to be the home of Wilson County Beauty Pageants, Adult Family Consumer Sciences, Baking, Cultural Arts, Fashion, Photography, Fine Arts, Stained Glass, Etc.

Visit the Wilson County Fair August 12-21 to see the traditions of family fun and make memories that will last a lifetime.

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The Mt. Juliet Police Department will be conducting a weapons auction through GovDeals.com during August 2nd through September 3rd. The weapons will include handguns, both pistol and revolvers, rifles and shotguns of varying gauges and calibers. The weapons will be sold both individually and in lots due to some lacking adequate individual value. The weapons can be sold to FFL holders ONLY, no exceptions.

The items will be sold “as-is” without warranty as to reliability or functionality. The items are non-refundable and non-returnable. The Mt Juliet Police Department is not responsible for any damages, seen or unseen, to the items.

Contact: Sandra Dempsey – Evidence Coordinator – Mt. Juliet Police Department 615-754-3923 or sdempsey@mtjuliet-tn.gov

Sealed Bids for “Six (6) to Eight (8) 2022 Ford Police 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 10:00am on August 11, 2021. Details are available at http://www.mtjuliet-tn.gov/bids.aspx.
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innovator in pet e-commerce, offering pet parents a broad selection of more than 2,000 of the best and most trusted brands, including pet products, supplies and prescriptions.

The facility will be located at Couchville Pike and Maddox Road in Mt. Juliet and is projected to open in fall of 2022.

“It is an honor today to welcome the Chewy family to our community,” said Wilson County Mayor Randall Hutto. “Wilson County residents have long recognized the many values and importance of the relationships between animals and their pet parents and partners. We appreciate Chewy’s vote of confidence in our community and look forward to developing a long-term partnership through such assets as The Wilson County Farm Bureau Expo Center and the Wilson County/Tennessee State Fair. We also want to recognize and thank our economic partners which includes the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development, the Tennessee Valley Authority and the JTC of Wilson County.”

Wilson County has attracted numerous companies in the transportation, distribution and logistics sector. Since 2020, more than 80 percent of new jobs committed in Wilson County have come from projects in this industry.

“Wilson County has seen tremendous job growth in the last few years as companies continue to relocate and expand in the region,” said Governor Lee. “Chewy’s decision to locate its newest e-fulfillment operations in Tennessee underscores our state’s pro-business climate and skilled workforce. These 1,200 new jobs will have a significant impact on Wilson County, and I appreciate Chewy for choosing Tennessee.”

Those interested in employment opportunities can go to www.chewy.com/jobs to learn more.
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Egg Contest, Fruits and Vegetables and School Exhibits. Youth exhibits will also be limited to Wilson County residents and will be located in the East West Building. The flower and rose show will be limited to Wilson County residents and will be in Building C-Arnett Education Building. The Honey Show will be limited to Wilson County residents and will be located in the Veterans Building.

Competitions that have been open will be Tennessee State Fair Events with the following competitions included: all Livestock Shows, Poultry & Rabbit, Motorsports, Horse and Mule Shows, Talent Shows, Hay & Field Crops, Cat Show, Dog Show, Apple Pie Contest, Wine Show, Arm Wrestling, Bluegrass Competition, Brick Olympics (Legos), Clogging, Big Beef Showdown (Cook-Off), Corn Hole, Crank It Up Ice Cream Contest, Ham Show, Home Brewing, Horseshoe Pitching, Square Dancing, Wool Show, Antique Car Show, Tablescaping, Stem Robotics Challenge, Rooster Crowing Contest, and Recycled Yard/Garden Art. In addition there will also be 4-H and FFA State Competitions.

For entry dates and more information visit wilsoncountyfair.net. This year’s fair will open on Thursday night for the first time with a half price ticket per ride special (must purchase $10 sheet of tickets). The Agriculture Commodity focus will be the Year of Beef with many special events and educational activities showcasing the importance of this commodity and how important agriculture is to all of our lives.

Bates Ford will continue to present a great concert on Monday night Aug. 16 at 7 p.m. featuring The Frontmen of Country - Richie McDonald formerly of Lonestar, Larry Stewart from Restless Heart and Tim Rushlow formerly of Little Texas. Opening act for The Frontmen of Country will be Janelle Arthur. Ten days of great entertainment on the Fiddlers Grove Opry Stage, Entertainment Stage, Back Porch Stage, Community Stage, Farm Bureau Expo Stage, Gallinippers Stage, Melrose Church and Fiddlers Grove Pavilion. The Car Cash Give-away that began in 1985 will continue, and you can now get your tickets at Wilson County sponsoring merchants.

All of your favorite eating places at the Wilson County Fair will be waiting to serve you with great fair food. The Wilson County Fair is known for being a great family fun event with no alcohol allowed and something offered for all ages. Randall Clemons, President of Wilson County Promotions stated that the 300 member Fair Board and over 1,000 volunteers are very honored to be able to operate your county fair. “We greatly missed having this opportunity in 2020 and made us all realize how important the fair is to us as volunteers as well as to our thousands of fairgoers. We are a fair because of our dedicated volunteers, and we are committed to making it the very best for Wilson County.”

Wilson County is honored to have been chosen to be the location and add the Tennessee State Fair to the already award winning Wilson County Fair which is now one fair. This will allow for many new opportunities and create possibilities to make the county fair even better with future plans that include new facilities, roads, parking, etc. The fair board will be releasing information in the next week regarding parking, offsite parking and plans to help improve traffic flow for this year’s fair. On behalf of their volunteer board, they thank Wilson County for their years of support that have made the fair what it is today.

For more information visit wilsoncountyfair.net or call (615)443-2626.