Suspect threatens others with knife

Leads to officer-involved shooting, TBI investigating

Staff Reports

Mt. Juliet Police Department responded Thursday to a man threatening others with a knife at the Kroger in Providence Marketplace, which lead to an officer-involved shooting.

The man was reportedly chasing others with a knife, and when the MJPD responded, the man threatened the officer. After repeated re-

Wilson County Schools students got back to the classroom Thursday. Director of Schools Jeff Luttrell said in video interview on Wilson County Schools Facebook that it was a remarkable first day, and he applauded the teachers, students and administrators. He said like any first day, there were some hiccups, particularly the traffic at some schools. Mt. Juliet Middle School’s pickup line spilled out onto N. Mt. Juliet Road, leading to issues with passing traffic. The school system is working to lessen the traffic in the area.

BOC meeting gets heated

By Kenny Howell
Managing Editor

Vice Mayor Ray Justice shared some screenshots of District 4 Commissioner Jennifer Milele’s Twitter account Monday, in which he says Milele made or retweeted racist or derogatory comments based on race or religion.

“It makes me sick in my stomach to have to do this,” said Justice.

Justice said he received the screenshots in June from

Wilson County Fair time once again

It will be the first Wilson County-Tennessee State combined fair

Staff Reports

It will be a great day Thursday for Wilson County and Tennessee as the Wilson County Fair-Tennessee State Fair kicks off.

A Grand Opening Celebration will occur on Aug. 12 at 6 p.m. in the Farm Bureau Expo Center when the entire state will come together for the special ceremony. Every county in the state will be represented for a special program where Governor Lee will be speaking. The ceremony will celebrate the State of Tennessee and the previous Tennessee State Fair
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quests by the officer for the man to stop, he advanced on the officer with the knife in his hand. The officer shot the suspect, and he was transported to the hospital. No one else was injured.

“We are grateful for our officer’s rapid response to a dangerous event in a busy shopping area and are thankful that no one was injured by the suspect,” stated Police Chief James Hambrick in a statement from MJPD. “To ensure our officer’s safety, the TBI is conducting an independent determination is moving to MJAlert, a messaging service that notifies people by text of any community alerts. It is a free service and powered by Rave/Smart911. The service will replace AtlasOne.

Sign up on the web at https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/req.action?pa=mtjuliet. Sign up by text message by texting “MJ” to the phone number 67283 for MJAlert notifications. For construction blasting notifications, community members can text “ Blast” to the phone number 67283.

You can also use the Smart911 App by downloading it. The Smart911 app provides enhanced functionality by sending targeted alerts based on the user’s location. Download the Smart911 App on the Apple Store or Google Play or text “Smart911” to phone number 67283.

The scene was processed until around noon.

MJPD IS MOVING BACK TO A TEXT-BASED MESSAGING SERVICE

Mt. Juliet Police Department is moving to MJAlert, a new messaging service that

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Board moving the location to the Wilson County Fair. Each day of the fair will honor 95 Hometown Heroes with Books From Birth County Directors from across the state being honored by Governor Lee at the opening ceremony. Following the ceremony will be a military fly over followed by a Parade Honoring Hometown Heroes.

The Parade will be led by Governor Lee in a mule drawn wagon followed by Commissioner of Agriculture Dr. Charles Hatcher in an antique truck and Commissioner of Tourism Mark Ezell on a Tennessee Walking Horse. This will commemorate the Wilson County Fair - Tennessee State Fair strong agricultural roots.

The parade will feature representatives from all the 95 counties of Tennessee, floats honoring Hometown Heroes, bands and much more. The Tennessee Farm Bureau, which has offices in all 95 counties, will have representatives from each county at the program, in parade and will be part of Thursday night’s fair. All 95 counties of Tennessee have been asked to exhibit two items in the Farm Bureau Expo Center showcasing the assets of their county and representing their county pick Tennessee Products.

At 8 p.m. a groundbreaking ceremony will be conducted of the Made In Tennessee Building where Governor Lee and other leaders will participate. This new building will be finished for the 2022 Wilson County Fair - Tennessee State Fair.

The new building will be the home of competition from the 2021 County Fairs and County Events in some 40 categories where they bring their first place or best of show winners to compete. The building will also feature displays to showcase each of our 95 counties in the State of Tennessee. On Wednesday, Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. will be the groundbreaking of the new Agricultural Learning Center which will be constructed in the Livestock Area.

This year’s fair will also celebrate the 225 Years of Tennessee Statehood with Untold Stories of Tennessee being told by storytellers each day in the Pioneer Village Fiddlers Grove.

“We are very excited about the future of the Tennessee State Fair as our entire state comes together for ten great days of celebration. We want this fair to showcase agriculture of our entire state as well as the assets of all 95 counties,” said Randall Clemons, President of Wilson County Fair-Tennessee State Fair. “Our fair has been made possible for the last 42 years by 1,600 volunteers and we hope the future will involve volunteers from all counties of our great state. We are very thankful for the support we have received from everyone in making this new fair possible.”

VACCINES TO BE OFFERED AT FAIR

Wilson County Fair-Tennessee State Fair is partnering with Vanderbilt Wilson County Hospital to provide vaccines to fairgoers. The shots will be available at the first aid station in the Farm Bureau Expo Center and will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis.
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Find unique, ethically made gift items at Nook

By Kenny Howell
Managing Editor

There are a lot of stories to be told in Nook, the modern living store just opened in Mt. Juliet.
All of the items have been hand-selected by the owners Marc Vera and Rick Reiter to bring to the people of Mt. Juliet. Vera and Reiter, married since 2014, have traveled the world and when they come across the product they like, they start their research.
“We are all about supporting the designers that are making the products,” said Vera.
But it’s not just whether they would like to be in Nook, it is how their product is made. Many of the items in Nook are GOTS certified or Care and Fair approved, which means the process of making the product was not only ecologically friendly, but also socially responsible.
The people that make the products are treated and compensated fairly. When you walk into Nook, you can tell the care that was put into the selection of products

Nook is filled with items hand-picked by the owners, much of which you cannot find in the Nashville area.

Nook is for sale,” said Marc Vera. “The response has been overwhelmingly positive.”
Nook holds a special place in Vera’s life. He opened the original store with then longtime partner Jeff over a decade ago. Tragically, Jeff got very sick and passed away from cancer. Vera always wanted to reopen Nook and was able to 10 years to the day of Jeff’s passing.
“It was really amazing,” said Vera.
Jeff’s passing led Marc to become a hospice nurse, a job he still holds and does while not at Nook. Reiter is an attorney and real estate agent. In addition to all the amazing pieces in the store, Nook holds art shows as well. Nook will be hosting the art of Pittsburgh, Penn. Artist Robert Phillips titled “New Work”. Phillips works includes ceramics, photography and painting and it will run from Aug. 14 to Sept. 30. The opening reception will be Saturday, Aug. 14 from 6-9 p.m. at Nook.
Vera said Nook has been embraced by the community for bringing products to Mt. Juliet that you can’t find in the Nashville area. He said people have really responded to the unique gifts and items Nook has in their store.
“It has exceeded our expectations,” said Marc Vera. “We are still kind of pinching ourselves.”

Aug. 16
MT. JULIET MONDAY
Mt. Juliet Monday with City Manager Kenny Martin is Aug. 16 at 10 a.m. Save your seat at mjchamber.org.

Aug. 17
MT. JULIET-WEST WILSON LIONS CLUB MEETING
Mt. Juliet-West Wilson Lions Club meeting is Tuesday, Aug. 17, 7 p.m. at Courtney’s Restaurant.

Aug. 23
JERRY HOUSTON MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
Jerry Houston Memorial Golf Tournament hosted by Two Rivers Ford and Mt. Juliet Breakfast Rotary is Monday, Aug. 23 with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. at the Old Hickory Country Club. For more information, email Phil Smartt at psmartt@southernbankofn.com.

If you have a calendar event, send it to editor@tcomj.com

Wilson County Fair
OFFSITE PARKING

Buses will run each day of the fair from the following locations:
• Cumberland University Football Field & Baird Ball Park- 415 Harding Drive
• First Baptist Church & Wilson County Courthouse - 227 East Main

BUSES WILL RUN:
Monday - Friday: 4-11 pm
Saturday: 10 am-11 pm
Sunday: 1-11 pm
Shuttle Buses will be marked for each location
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www.wilsoncountyfair.net

From Nook Facebook

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Aug. 27
CK SCRAPBOOKING CONVENTION
Farm Bureau Expo will be hosting a CK Scrapbooking Convention Aug. 27-29. For more information, visit Farmbureauexpo.com.

Aug. 30
EMPOWER ME CENTER GOLF CLASSIC
Empower Me Center Driving for a Dream Charity Golf Classic is Aug. 30, 11 a.m. at Pine Creek Golf Course, 1835 Logue Road. For more information, contact britney@empowermecenter.com.

Sept. 10
FIGHT LAUGH FEAST CONFERENCE
Farm Bureau Expo will be hosting a Fight Laugh Feast Conference Sept. 10-11. For more information, visit Farmbureauexpo.com.
Everyone's Wilson

Daryl Crouch
Executive Director
Everyone’s Wilson

Just the word, “preaching,” sounds archaic, a little out of touch for a modern audience. Preaching, however, remains a central part of the worship experience. Pastors prepare and deliver sermons each week trusting God to speak through them” in a way that changes lives.

So what do you look for in sermon? Deep theology or practical application? Humor or none? Do you prefer a conversational style or a more formal approach?

These questions can go on forever, but the apostle Paul wrote that he preached nothing but Jesus Christ and him crucified (1 Cor. 2). His singular focus elevated Jesus as the one and only, all-sufficient, altogether glorious Savior and Lord.

The weekly rhythms of worship shape our hearts, so consider these three questions on preaching:

(1) Is this sermon driven by Scripture?

Every word of the Bible points to Jesus, so the best way to know Jesus is to know the Bible. Faithful preaching speaks to current events and personal issues, but the chief end of preaching is to introduce us to Jesus.

(2) Does this sermon explain the redeeming work of Jesus?

The Bible is full of wisdom, but it’s not a “how-to” manual. So biblical preaching does not tell us to do better. Instead, it explains that Jesus has already satisfied the just demands of a Holy God by dying in our place and for our sins, conquering death, and is restoring all things to himself.

(3) Does this sermon invite me to follow Jesus?

Jesus’ friend, John the Baptist, prayed he would decrease that Jesus would increase. Biblical preaching says, “Come to Jesus!” So, preachers humbly decrease and invite us to look with them to Jesus, who alone rescues and reconciles broken people to God.

Both preaching and listening to preaching takes some work, but as we give ourselves to it and pray for one another in it, Jesus finds us and says, “Come, follow me.”

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Corona Baptist Church
Faith Church Fellowship Baptist
The Fellowship at Mt. Juliet
First Baptist Church of Mt. Juliet
The Glade Church
Grace Baptist Church
Green Hill Church
Hickory Hills Baptist Church
Hobson Pike Baptist Church
The LightHouse Fellowship
Mays Chapel
Mt. Juliet Missionary Baptist Church
Mt. Olivet Baptist Church
Music City Baptist Church
New Life Baptist Church
Rutland Baptist Church
Shiloh Baptist Church
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Truth and Grace Free Will Baptist Church
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Green Hill Church of Christ
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Mt. Juliet Church of Christ
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Vesta Church of Christ

CHURCH OF GOD
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Mt. Juliet Church of God
The Pointe Church

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

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Grace Fellowship Ministries
Greater True Faith Community Church
Holy Temple Church
The Journey Church
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TELLING TALES - Where Do Babies Come From?

Angel Kane
Wilson Living Magazine

I remember my mother had a pressure cooker. She didn’t use it often but when she did we had stew.

I think it may have belonged to my grandmother. It was big and heavy with a large, black clamp that went across the top. Dad would put a large, black clamp that went across the top. Dad would use the clamp to hold down the lid when he was cooking stew.

I’m sure I used to hate it. I’m sure it was something to do with the smell. I remember my mother saying that it was the best smelling thing in the world. I remember thinking that it was disgusting. I remember thinking that it was just a way for my mother to get me to eat something that I didn’t want to eat.

I remember thinking that it was something that my mother made for special occasions. I remember thinking that it was something that my mother made for special occasions. I remember thinking that it was something that my mother made for special occasions.

As I pulled the contraption out of the box, my youngest brother decided now was the perfect time to show me photos of his Instant-Pot. He said that he had just bought a new Instant-Pot and was going to use it to make stew. He said that he had just bought a new Instant-Pot and was going to use it to make stew.

I had just purchased a dreaded Pressure Cooker!

Considering, however, that we now have self-driving cars and talking remotes, I forged ahead. Assured that that Instant-Pot was nothing like my mother’s death-trap from decades past, I decided now was the perfect time to show me photos of his Instant-Pot. He said that he had just bought a new Instant-Pot and was going to use it to make stew.

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Cut to the last year, and all I keep hearing about is Instant-Pot. Seems like everyone got one for their birthdays, except me. Since then, the whole world is slicing, dicing and cooking homemade meals for their families in a matter of minutes. Facebook groups have popped up, along with photos of all that deliciousness repeatedly appearing in my feed. I couldn’t understand why no one thought to get me one!

“Because you don’t cook,” noted my oldest.

“But I would if I had this!” I assured them.

After a few days of Pinterest perusing, I decided to invest in one myself. From the sounds of it, I’d be making my Mama’s stew in about 15 minutes flat!

As I pulled the contraption out of the box, my youngest decided now was the perfect time to show me photos of injuries related to my newly purchased miracle meal maker. Burns, scars and disfigurement were all over the internet. A class action lawsuit was in the works. Turns out the Instant-Pot was nothing other than a wolf in sheep’s clothing.

I had just purchased a dreaded Pressure Cooker!

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Call me Betty Crocker or See TALES, PAGE 7

We have very difficult and dangerous jobs. They are there to assist moms and dads in getting their children to and from school safely. I would also ask that we respect construction workers working in road construction areas. Let’s do what we can to make our roads safer. The roads are ours and must be shared safely.

In closing, we only want you to be safe, happy and healthy, for you are our most precious cargo and assets.

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REFLECTIONS FROM AN OLD FRIEND - School Zone Safety

With school now back in session I wanted to remind all motorists of the importance of obeying all rules of the road.

In other words, the utmost care must be used when in a school zone.

Human life is our most precious asset and we must do all we can to protect it. Speeding is bad enough in rural areas, but even worse in heavily populated areas like schools’ zones and residential areas. Making up a second here or a minute there just isn’t worth the price of a citation or possibly injuring or killing yourself or someone else.

I would also like to ask that all motorists support our officers and crossing guards working in school zones and assisting with traffic. They have very difficult and dangerous jobs. They are there to assist moms and dads in getting their children to and from school safely. I would also ask that we respect construction workers working in road construction areas. Let’s do what we can to make our roads safer. The roads are ours and must be shared safely.

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FirstBank mortgage bankers award 2020 scholarships

FirstBank mortgage bankers Callye Fenn and Tonya Hinesley have awarded $2,000 in scholarships to Mt. Juliet-area families as part of FirstBank’s 2020 Next Generation Mortgage Scholarship program.

In total, 160 families across Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee received $1,000 scholarships for a total of $160,000 awarded as part of the Next Generation Scholarship this year.

All FirstBank Mortgage customers who closed a mortgage loan in 2020 were automatically entered in a drawing for a $1,000 scholarship for a child, stepchild, adopted child or foster child living at home. This year’s recipients were selected by local FirstBank mortgage bankers who drew one name for every 50 loans they closed.

“Through the Next Generation Mortgage Scholarship program, we are able to provide financial support to the families of students looking to take that next step in their education,” said Wib Evans, president of FirstBank Ventures, which includes FirstBank Mortgage. “We have always been committed to serving our community and helping others meet their financial and educational goals, and this scholarship is a crucial part of investing in our community’s future leaders.”

The 2020 Mt. Juliet-area winners are Robert Campbell and Jamie Ghee.

“We recognize that 2020 has been a difficult year for students as they made the transition to virtual learning and lost valuable time in the classroom,” said Lee Townsend, director of Retail Mortgage Lending at FirstBank Mortgage. “At FirstBank, we’re dedicated to taking our work in the community beyond financial services to prioritize investing in education for future generations, and we want to continue to help students meet their educational goals.

“Vice Chairman Jim Ayers built FirstBank upon the idea of helping people get to a better place, and we’re proud of the impact the Next Generation Mortgage Scholarship program has had on members of our community, especially this year,” he said.

This year’s scholarship program is open to qualifying FirstBank Mortgage customers in Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee who close a mortgage between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31. Those customers will be entered into the following year’s drawing.

Learn more about FirstBank Mortgage at FB MortgageLoans.com.

About FirstBank
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Visit our website for more information: www.mtjuliet.b2rmusic.com. Space is limited.
Green Hill Dance helps MJPD

The Green Hill High School Dance team held a car wash in the Burger King parking lot over the weekend and Mt. Juliet Police Department officers stopped by to support the team. If you would like to support them, go over to The GHHS Dance Facebook page for a QR code to donate.

Johnson named Instructional Coach

Staff Reports

Kristy Johnson has been named as the new Instructional Coach for Wilson County’s Middle Schools. Having 13 years of teaching experience with WCS, she started her teaching career at Mt. Juliet Middle, where she taught ELA for five years and science for six.

Two years ago she made the leap over to Gladeville Middle School where she created the STEM program for sixth, seventh and eighth grade students, and learned the TechSmart platform in order to teach eighth grade coding.

“I am very excited to be starting this journey as an Instructional Coach with Wilson County’s Middle Schools,” says Mrs. Johnson. “I have a passion for teaching and the gift it provides to guide young minds towards reaching their greatest potential. I’m also excited about taking this opportunity to take what I have learned in the classroom and apply it to supporting my fellow educators. In this role, I hope to bring more opportunities for teacher collaboration, growth and long term success within their respective classrooms.”

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Super-Mom - whichever you prefer.

Seriously, though, should I not be getting a mother of the year award any day now? I was making homemade soup with a pressure cooker! Something I hoped they’d remember the next time I brought home Taco Bell for the second night in a row.

All the ingredients were in, lid was securely clamped down, I hit the “on” button and waited.

There was no rocking, spitting or hissing. Instead, I waited some more. The silence was maddening.

Finally (about ten minutes later) the time came for me to hit the release valve to let out the steam and unlock the top.

I took a deep breath. This must be what the bomb squad feels like. But worse, because I had no training. Off came the top and there below was my first batch of homemade soup. Fifteen minutes from start to finish. And no one was injured in the process.

And then I tasted it. The soup tasted fine. You know, kind of like Campbell’s chicken noodle soup from a can but without all the heroics that I had just endured. Plus after we were done, everyone was still hungry. Thankfully, this mama of the year, had thought ahead and bought a box of tacos!
CAMPBELL, Roy Lee, Jr.


Roy was born Dec. 31, 1965 in Nashville. He worked in construction for Precision Builders. He was a Baptist. He was a big Tennessee Titans football fan and enjoyed watching NASCAR racing both in person and on TV but most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

He was predeceased by his wife Betty, his father Roy Lee Campbell Sr., his grandparents, James and Irene Cruse and Vernon and Reba Campbell and his brother-in-law Jeff Fortner.

He is survived by his mother Sara J. “Janie” Fortner; his wife, Tere; his kids beyond measure. He was a great dad who loved his family and friends.

There was a gathering of family and friends Monday July 26. Celebration of Life services were in the Tulip Grove room at Hermitage Funeral Home. Burial followed in Hermitage Memorial Gardens.

Memorial service will be Saturday, Aug. 7, at Bond Memorial Chapel with Charles Ramsey officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.


HARRIS, Rhonda Louise

Rhonda Louise Harris, 47, Mt. Juliet, died Aug. 5. Rhonda was born in Miami, Fla. She was a registered nurse at Summitt Medical Center. Rhonda enjoyed the beach, the sun, music and dancing.

She is survived by: Daughter Alison Elimore; Mother Alice Louise Newell; Father Ronald D. Evans; Sisters Lisa D. Butler and Rebecca L. Evans.

Family and friends will gather to Celebrate the Life of Rhonda Harris from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at 815 Stoneridge Court, Mt. Juliet, TN.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.


HERCHENBACH, Danny

Danny Herchenbach, 58, Lebanon, passed away Aug. 5.

Danny was an accomplished guitarist, singer and songwriter. He was a member of The Regulators and Reckless Behavior. An avid sports and football fan, he enjoyed watching his sons play sports when they were younger. He was a 1980 graduate of Mt. Juliet High School and was a member of the inaugural wrestling team. Danny will be remembered as a Master Griller and Cook and a great dad who loved his kids beyond measure.

He is survived by: Father, Edward Herchenbach; brother, Edward “Eddie” Herchenbach; and beloved pet, “Skeet”.

Memorial service will be Saturday, Aug. 7, at Bond Memorial Chapel with Bro. Mike Lamb officiating. Visitation with the family was Sunday, Aug. 8.


PINKELTON, Michael Wayne

Michael Wayne Pinkelton, 72, Mt. Juliet, died Aug. 3.

He is survived by sons, Dylan (Kaitlyn) Herchenbach, Daniel Herchenbach and Dustin Herchenbach; mother, Callie Herchenbach; sister, Jody (Michael Mobley) Herchenbach; grandchildren, Liam Herchenbach and Miles Herchenbach; mother of his children, Shannon Herchenbach; brother-in-law, Shane Hobdy; sister-in-law, Dana (Bruce) Creque; father and mother-in-law, Ronnie and Peggy Hobdy; nephews, Billy Herchenbach and Nicholas Hutton; nieces, Cristie (fiancé, Behfar Ighani) Mason, Jordan Herchenbach, Jacey (fiancé, Josh Sanders) McCoy and Erin Hutton; cousin, Rich (Lisa) Herchenbach; best friend, Jeff Eakes; and beloved pet, “Earl.”

Memorial service was Sunday, Aug. 8 at Sellers Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet with Bro. Mike Lamb officiating. Visitation with the family was Sunday, Aug. 8.


VICKERS, Kathy Lynn

Kathy Lynn Vickers, 57, of Mt. Juliet, died Aug. 5.

Kathy was born in Smithville. Kathy was preceded in death by her mother, Betty Nixon Vickers and her step-mother, Leanne Hackney Vickers.

She is survived by: Father Don Vickers; Brothers Kevin Vickers and Ryan Vickers; Nephew and nieces; Beloved dog Toby.

Funeral services were
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Tuesday, Aug. 10, at Bond Memorial Chapel with Craig Evans officiating. Interment followed at Dekalb County Memorial Gardens in Smithville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Efforts.

Visitation was Tuesday at Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. (615) 773-2663. www.bondmemorial.com.

WORRELL, Sara Francis Dies

Sara Francis Dies Worrell, 86, Mt. Juliet, passed away Aug. 4. She was preceded in death by parents, Frank and Lillian Dies; husband, Glenn “Chunk” Worrell; and cousin, Dorothy Hines.

She is survived by cousins, Edward Dies; Scott (Debbie) Dennis; Stacey (Roger) Ranchio; Brad (Heather) Dennis; and Nikki (Donnie) Abercombie; and special caregivers, Lorie Currey; Pat Harris; and Stephanie Corkery.


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a constituent. He passed them on to City Attorney Gino Marchetti to see if they met the threshold for an ethics violation. Marchetti ruled they did not. Justice asked to suspend the rules during New Business to present a resolution that said the City Commission denounced racially-motivated, divisive or reprehensible comments. He said the Wilson County Commissioners had the same resolution when they dealt with something similar in 2018. The resolution did not specify any individual.

Justice made a motion to limit debate on the issue to two minutes a commissioner, citing the many items left on the agenda. Milele objected because Justice used his time during Commissioner Reports to address the issue.

“He wants to silence me, it’s clear,” said Milele.

Commissioner Bill Trivett suggested they allow for five minutes, the time allowed in Commissioner Reports, and that passed.

Milele was first to comment. She said it was a character assassination on Justice’s part because he didn’t like that she had challenged him in the past.

“These are a bunch of twitter shots, that are not racist,” said Milele. “There is nothing racist in here. You are used to getting your way, you are used to the public not knowing what you are doing. I have exposed his agendas, his personal agendas, he doesn’t like it.”

She said that the posts were opinion, and she thought any punishment could infringe on her first amendment rights. She also said the posts were taken out of context. She asked that a clause be put in the resolution that it didn’t apply to items that would infringe on things that went against a person’s first amendment rights or things that are taken out of context. It did not get a second.

“You’re low, you should be ashamed,” said Milele. “I am not a racist, I am not a hater, how dare you.”

Trivett said that he was frustrated by the situation. He said the materials that Justice handed out don’t tell the whole story, because he can’t see the full Twitter thread.

“There is a missing gap,” said Trivett. “I am not sticking up for either side. Our City is much better than this.”

Commissioner Scott Hefner and Mayor James Maness said that they are in support of the resolution. They said it doesn’t specify any individual and what is contained in it is a standard which elected officials should be held. Hefner said that they hold City Employees to that standard, so elected officials should be too.

“I thought these already applied to elected officials, forgive my ignorance on that,” said Hefner.

Maness said he didn’t see Milele’s tweets as a free speech issue.

“I know just thumbing through it, I wouldn’t have posted it for sure,” said Maness. “You are responsible for what you post on there... You can be held accountable to the voters, this is not a free speech issue.”

Justice read a few of the tweets in question in his comments. One he said says “Can a good Muslim be a good American? Can a good Muslim be a good American Soldier? Really? The answer is no.”

Justice then shared that Milele’s account had been suspended by Twitter.

“If that upsets you, I am terribly sorry, but I didn’t post these,” said Justice.

Maness asked if people could go on her Twitter account and see the full context of her tweets. She said she cannot get into the account, not even to cancel it.

The resolution passed with Milele voting against it. The resolution dealt with something similar the same resolution when they requested that any blasting could not take place within 500 feet of the entry door of any other residential home.

Since it is a PUD, the Board of Commissioners can request it. Justice said in 2005 when sewer lines were put in the north side of town, they made it so they couldn’t do any blasting. There have been many recent complaints from citizens about damage to their homes from blasting.

“I am not sure whether it is the right thing or wrong thing to do in this situation,” said Maness.

Maness said that if they aren’t blasting, builders will have to resort to jackhammering or drilling. Both have their negatives and positives.

“There are other alternatives to blasting, granted they are going to be noisy,” said Hefner.

Hefner said it was better than someone having their foundation cracked, pool damaged, or any of the other issues that have happened in the past.

The ordinance passed unanimously.

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Sealed Bids for “Maintenance of City HVAC Units and Dehumidifiers” 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 September 1, 2021. 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 June 10, 2021 at 6:00pm at City Hall, 2425 N Mt Juliet Rd, Mt Juliet, to hear the following requests. Conditional Use Permit, Major Home Occupation for the following applicants: Emad Abraham 2863 Park Knoll Dr. Mt. Juliet TN 37122 Map 054J, Parcel 012.00

The public is invited to attend/comment. For more information please call the Planning & Zoning Department at 615-881-6501.

Wanted: Information please call the Planning & Zoning Department at 615-754-6111.
Crye-Leike Real Estate Services hosting blood drive

Give the gift of life at Crye-Leike Real Estate Services’ blood drive in Hermitage Aug. 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hosted by Blood Assurance, the drive will take place at the Crye-Leike Hermitage branch office, located at 4723 Andrew Jackson Parkway, Hermitage, TN 37076. Approximately 800 pints of blood are needed each day in the Greater Nashville area, with each pint of blood saving as many as three lives. Because of this, Crye-Leike Realtor and Blood Drive Coordinator Joyce Friedman have teamed up with Blood Assurance to organize a drive at each of the 22 Crye-Leike offices in the Middle Tennessee region throughout the coming year.

“Crye-Leike believes in giving back to the communities that give so much to us,” said Friedman, a Crye-Leike real estate agent who has served her community for 27 years with various community initiatives throughout the years. On Aug. 14, Blood Assurance will have a bloodmobile parked outside of the Crye-Leike Hermitage office with fully trained technicians to assist donors. On behalf of Blood Assurance, donors at this drive will receive an “Adventure Begins” cooler bag, and those who donate twice in 2021 will be entered into a giveaway for a side-by-side.

To schedule an appointment time, please visit https://donor.bloodassurance.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/133793, or contact Crye-Leike Hermitage office with 754-2019. It’s crying out to provide new options.

LOCAL RESTAURANT & DINING GUIDE - SWEET CECE’S

Sweet Cece’s opened in Mt. Juliet in January 2019, offering a variety of frozen yogurt and sweet treats. Come try our new Cyclone! Choose your favorite flavor of yogurt and all toppings desired and we mix them for you in our Cyclone mixer.

We use premium Dannon yogurt and have a variety of toppings. There are eight flavors to choose from and they are regularly switched out to provide new options. “The children just absolutely love fixing their own yogurt cup and putting all the toppings on it,” “It’s just a great experience for every customer.”

However, the new store offers more than just frozen yogurt. The Mt. Juliet location is the first to have a full bakery case, which has an assortment of Christie’s cookies, cakes and more. Customers can also choose from hand-dipped ice cream, and we make Milk Shakes and ice cream cookies and brownie sandwiches. The store also offers Italian espresso drinks and if you like coffee you need to try the Double Espresso Coffee Milk Shake, everyone raves about how great it is. “That’s our main goal, to have something for everybody, more than just yogurt.”

Besides the frozen yogurt, one of the store’s best sellers is a salted caramel white chocolate chunk cookie, these cookies are huge and so delicious.
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Valley Center businesses cut the ribbons on their locations reopening Friday after long closures due to flooding in March. AM Asian Cuisine, Deaton Karate Studio, Memo’s Mexican Kitchen, Calabria Pizzeria, H&R Block, Mutts & Meows Natural Pet Market, Crye-Leike Realtors and Luxury Nails all cut their ribbons. Not all businesses in the Valley Center are back open, as some still are in remodels or assessing their future.

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