Fair opens Friday

The 2019 Wilson County Fair, presented by Middle Tennessee Ford dealers, will open at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16, and run through Saturday, Aug. 24. The popular Fair includes so many events and activities that it can’t be seen in just one visit. In fact there will be something new and exciting every day of the Fair. New and improved parking and traffic flow will ensure a smooth entry to the Fairgrounds.

Milele named city commissioner

Milele replaces Brian Abston who resigned in May

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

Jennifer Milele was selected to fill the District 4 seat on the Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners on Monday. The seat has been vacant since former commissioner Brian Abston resigned May 24, 2019.

Mayor Ed Hagerty nominated Milele during the meeting, and the board voted 3-1 to appoint her. Other nominations included Gerard Bullock and James Bradshaw.

Over the past few meetings, the board has had difficulty in coming up with a majority vote to fill the vacant seat. During the last meeting, held July 22, the board was split between wanting to defer a vote and wanting to make an appointment. The standoff ended when Hagerty and District 3 Commissioner Art Giles left the meeting, thereby halting any business as a quorum was no longer present.

This unfinished business was picked back up at the meeting Monday night.

Two identity theft suspects arrested

Staff Reports

Two out-of-state suspects remain in custody after Mt. Juliet officers responded to a report of one using a false ID during a phone purchase.

On Monday, Aug. 12, 2019, around 5:55 p.m., officers responded to Sprint, at 600 S. Mt. Juliet Road, to investigate a report of someone inside using a false ID. Upon arrival, the suspect using a fake ID, 22-year-old Juan Bradley of Florida, ran from officers.

Further investigation revealed that Bradley and Hudson were involved in fraudulently obtaining cell phones by using other individuals' stolen identity. They were traveling from

Safety a priority at Wilson Co. Fair

Staff Reports

Starting Friday, Aug. 16, and running through Saturday, Aug. 24, the 2019 Wilson County Fair will be at the Fairgrounds in Lebanon.

Since 1853, the Wilson County Fair has been a fun and exciting event for all. As the fair has evolved, it is now a destination for not only local and state attendees, but visitors from across the nation and even the world. Attendance numbers have surpassed half a million people over the course of the nine-day event.

Food, entertainment, competitions and showcases make this an event for all ages. One of the greatest assets that the fair has to offer is the dedicated volunteers, board and committee members, law enforcement, and emergency management entities, that provide for a safe and enjoyable experience.

“Over the years, we’ve had to put a lot of things in place for the protection of the people coming to the Wilson County Fair,” said Wilson County Fair Board.
The Mt. Juliet Center for Hyperbaric Medicine is home to the only multiplace chamber in Middle Tennessee. Hyperbaric oxygen therapy is a well established treatment for serious infections, wounds that won’t heal as a result of diabetes and radiation injury after cancer treatments, among many other indications.

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Nashville man charged with murder in overdose death

A Wilson County Grand Jury has indicted a Nashville man with murder for providing drugs which resulted in the overdose death of a minor. Antwan Jacques Whitehead, 28, was charged with murder for the distribution of drugs to a Wilson County teen in February of this year.

In 2018, the Tennessee General Assembly passed Public Chapter 995, a new law stating that those who sell, deliver, or administer a drug containing fentanyl commits the offense of Second Degree Murder if a person dies from the use of that drug. This bill added to the previous law, which stated that a person commits Second Degree Murder if the person sells a schedule 1 or schedule 2 drug and the user dies from an overdose of that drug. Schedule 1 and schedule 2 drugs include cocaine, heroin, LSD, hydrocodone, methamphetamine, and a number of other drugs.

“Overdoses are a tremendous problem in the communities of every district in Tennessee, including the 15th Judicial District,” said Jason Lawson, the prosecutor on the case. “We are definitely interested in charging people who sell, deliver, or administer illegal drugs with murder if another person overdoses and dies from those drugs.”

“One of the true dangers of illegal drugs today is that a drug called fentanyl is being placed into a number of substances by criminals and sold as other drugs,” said Lawson. “Drug users believe that they are ingesting heroin, xanax, methamphetamine, cocaine, or pills — when in fact the substance they are putting into their bodies is fentanyl. Fentanyl is many times more powerful than the other drug, and people don’t realize the degree to which they are overdosing themselves.”

Fentanyl is a chemical that can be put into any form — a powder, a crystal, or even pressed into counterfeit pills.

“It simply isn’t worth the risk — a person never knows what they are actually putting into their body,” said Lawson.

“We are grateful for the new tool the legislature has given to us, and intend to use it in all appropriate cases,” Lawson promises.

Antwan Whitehead remains jailed on a $250,000 bond.

Mt. Juliet High School seniors Hayden Pierce and Hope Sloan attended the Future Leaders in American Government conference at Rhodes College in July. Future Leaders in American Government, or FLAG, is a three-day, two-night political debate conference for high school students in the Tennessee area co-hosted by Memphis University School and Rhodes College. Their goal is to bring together a diverse group of outstanding high school students who wish to engage in thoughtful and interesting debate on important political issues that affect Tennessee and the nation. | Photo submitted

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Wilson County Fair to celebrate Lamb Festival

Staff Reports

In the Spring of 1941, war raged around the world, and, with an unemployment rate of 10%, the United States was slowly dragging itself out of the depression. While the citizens of Lebanon discussed those issues and many others, they were also pre-paring for what would be “the biggest and longest show ever held in Lebanon” — the Lamb Festival, an event that local leaders had devised to create a lo-cal celebration and to im-prove the local economy with more agricultural rev-ene.

Since the opening of the Lebanon Woolen Mills in 1909, Wilson County had become known for its sheep production, and, with an estimated 40,000 animals, promotional efforts heralded that “Wilson County has more sheep than any coun-ty in Tennessee.” The hope was that the Lamb Festival would double that number.

Richard Hawkins chaired the Festival Com-mitee and, assisted by many others, created a multi-event extravaganza. Bill Clay served as program chair and organized the pet lamb show and wool demonstrations on the town square. Jim John-son was in charge of the mammoth lamb sale held at the county fairgrounds on Coles Ferry Pike. In addi-tion, they promoted the event throughout Middle Tennessee, which included entering a float in the Co-lumbia Mule Day parade.

In the weeks leading to the Lamb Festival, organ-izers worked tirelessly, and the community ral-lied with its support. Local merchants decorated their storefronts with banners and signs and sold memo-rabilia such as mutton buttons. Local restaurants ordered lamb meat to serve special dishes on the day of the Festival. Many of those recipes were prepared by Claire Gilbert, the County Home Demonstration Agent.

On May 29, 1941, the celebration began with a beauty pageant at Lebanon High School. Six hundred people packed the school to see Wylene Philpot, a sopho-more at Cumberland Uni-versity, named Queen of the Lebanon Lamb Festival. Betty Hatfield, Lou Doug-las Fisher, Dorothy Oakley and Evelyn Young were se-lected as the Queen’s At-tendants.

The pet lamb show run by Marion Claudine at Custom Color Photo

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Board of Education
The Wilson County Board of Education will meet in a work session on Monday, Aug. 29, 2019, at 4:30 p.m. followed by a regular scheduled board meeting at 6 p.m., at the Wilson County BOE Ad-ministrative and Training Complex, 415 Harding Drive, Lebanon.

Community Calendar

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ALEXANDER, Herman Eugene

Herman Eugene Alexander, age 89, passed away on Aug. 12, 2019. He was born on May 16, 1930, in Jackson, Tennessee. He was a beloved father and husband to his wife, Joita, for 67 years. He was a member of Parkview Baptist Church for over 70 years where he served as a deacon. He retired from McCow- at-McCutcher Press after 50 years where he was vice president of the lithographic department.


Mr. Alexander was preceded in death by his wife Joita Alexander, his parents Samuel and Mamie Alexander, son Joe Alexander, and son-in-law Ike Conner.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, Aug. 14 from 5-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service at the George A Smith & Sons, South Chapel. The services will be held Thursday, Aug. 15 at 11 a.m. at George A. Smith & Sons, South Chapel in Jackson, Tennessee. Burial will be at Hollywood Cemetery. Pallbearers are Chris Robinson, Michael Robinson, Lee Conner, Matthew Conner, Bill Robinson and Matt Brown.

SUMMERS, Patricia Marlene Harden


Patricia is the second daughter of the Reverend John and Ferne Kuhn, who preceded her to heaven along with her oldest son, James Shon Harden, and oldest sister, Judy Lou Glasgow.

In addition to her husband, William, she is survived by her siblings John Glenn (Susan) Kuhn, Hope (Brett) Valentini, Doris Davis and Kathy Wheeler; children: William Shane (Kate) Harden, Patricia Dawn (Johnathan) Crumpton; step-children: Michael (Marian) Summers, Mark (Barbara) Summers, daughter-in-law Sandy (Matt) Cashion; grandchildren: Gabriel, Isaac and Eden Harden, Victoria (Frank Traugh- ber), Alexandria, Colby and Zachary Crumpton; step-grandchildren: Crystal (Zach) Rhome, Matthew Summers, Christine and Kevin Summers. In addition, she has three great-grandchildren: Roxy Rose Traughber, and Josiah and Elijah Rhome.

Patricia was a mentor mother to many and developed a mother-daugh-ter relationship with Nallely (Silvestre) Rodriguez and was a Mimi to Junior, Manuel, Berenice, Nataly, and Rarely. In addition she has many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. Aug. 17 at Old Hickory Church of the Nazarene. Visitation will begin an hour prior to the service. As an alternative to flowers, a contribution to Nazarene Missions International via the Old Hickory Church of the Nazarene, would be appreciated. 605 Jones Street, Old Hickory, TN, 37138.

Buckeye Drugs donates to Sherry’s Run

Buckeye Drugs in Lebanon recently presented a $5,000 check to the Sherry's Run organization as part of their sponsorship for the upcoming Sherry's Run 5K Run/Walk.

“We see firsthand the impact a cancer diagnosis has on someone,” said Cory McDonald, pharmacist and owner of Buckeye Drugs. “Sherry’s Run organization is a tremendous resource for anyone in our community who is battling cancer. We have been a Sherry’s Run sponsor since 2010 because we know so many people affected by cancer and we know the great work Sherry’s Run does to help people in our community. Our sponsorship is one way we give back and help others.”

“With the support of so many great businesses like Buckeye Drugs, we are able to help so many people in Wilson County and surrounding communities who are facing a financial hardship due to a cancer diagnosis and treatment,” said Pat Lawson, executive director of the Sherry’s Run organization. “We are so thankful for Cory and his amazing staff at Buckeye Drugs. We greatly appreciate their continued sponsorship of the Sherry’s Run 5K Run/Walk.”

Sherry’s Run, Wilson County’s largest grassroots cancer fundraising effort, is a non-profit, Christian organization that has helped hundreds of individuals and their families during some of the hardest times of their lives. With community support and involvement, Sherry’s Run helps members of our community year round through support groups; assistance with utilities, housing, prescriptions, medical bills, gas and groceries; and colonoscopy assistance.

To learn more about the Sherry’s Run organization, call 615-925-2592. To refer someone for assistance, please call 615-925-9932 or visit www.sherrysrun.org. To make a donation to Sherry’s Run, visit www.sherrysrun.org or mail donations to Sherry’s Run, P.O. Box 8, Lebanon, TN 37088-0008.

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when the board came to a majority vote on Milele. Milele said she was caught off guard when the board voted to appoint her, but she is excited for the opportunity to serve as the voice for her district, which includes Providence and South Mt. Juliet.

Milele will be sworn in as the District 4 commis-sioner at the next meeting on Aug. 26. She will serve as commissioner from the date of her swearing in until the next city election in November 2020.
Remembering women’s suffrage movement

By Robin Smith
Guest Contributor

August 1920. In world news, Ethelda Bleibtrey became the first woman to medal at the Olympics setting the women’s 100m freestyle world record. In the U.S. — just 48 states at the time — the first commercial radio station began daily broadcast in Detroit - 8MK (WWJ) as the printed news of newspapers was the near-exclusive method of mass media of the day. No, TV was not yet available. Sirloin steak cost about 48 cents per pound, milk was 17 cents per quart and gasoline was about 30 cents per gallon to fuel the Model T Ford, invented just 12 years earlier.

And, women were given the right to vote in federal and presidential elections via the 19th Amendment. This month, August 2019, Tennessee launch the Centennial celebration of a year to learn and appreciate the history and civic value of women’s suffrage and our state’s pivotal role cast on the canvas of appreciation of the value of mass communication in this achievement.

Why August and why Tennessee? Back in June 1919, the key legislative domino fell in the nation’s Capital that put into motion a months-long battle with Suffragists (be sure not to say Suffragettes) and anti-Suffragists mobilizing a state-by-state movement to ratify the U.S. Constitution as required by law, to add the necessary amendment which declares, simply: “The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex...”

Thirty-six of the 48 United States would each now need to ratify the amendment to make it the law of the land.

The women’s suffrage effort started back in 1848 at a convention held in Seneca Falls, New York, hosting around 300 women. Quite a feat with the few newspapers of the day, letters and word of mouth serving as the operational method for communications.

Two national organizations formed after the ravages of the Civil War to fight for women’s suffrage — the National Woman Suffrage Association (NWSA) worked the halls of the U.S. Congress with its key figureheads Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and the American Woman Suffrage Association, led by Lucy Stone, lobbied state legislatures to pass laws permitting women to vote. Their original goal was that women’s suffrage be included in the Reconstruction Amendments (the 13th, 14th and 15th) that established a protection of voting regardless of race, color, or previous status of servitude.

Just as today, political cartoons and opinions were written, submitted and published in efforts to make a public point for or against women’s right to vote, most often from a reasoned stance. Yet, some dared sensation-al arguments that even equated women having a voice with the disruption of the home.

By March 1920, 35 states had voted to support universal women’s suffrage, and only one more was needed for national ratification. Understanding that Tennessee was the last, best hope, our state became the epicenter of the suffrage movement with newspapers blaring the headlines of the drama ahead.

Governor Albert H. Roberts called a special session of the Tennessee General Assembly as suffragists and the “antis” descended on Nashville in the heat of August 1920. Both groups set up headquarters at the Hermitage Hotel, a popular gathering place just a block from the Capitol to intensify their lobbying efforts of a divided House, after the Tennessee Senate easily passed the ratification resolution.

A tool for vote-counting was either red or yellow-rose boutonnieres worn by legislators. Red signaled opposition while yellow stood for the approve vote. Roses and reporters were key elements of the day, but a handwritten letter from a mother forever left a mark.

On Aug. 18, 1920, suffragists and anti-suffragists packed the public galleries in the House chamber. The atmosphere was tense as House Speaker Seth Walker of Lebanon led the “antis” and Joseph Hanover of Memphis led for women. Walker unsuccessfully attempted to table the amendment, which would have effectively “killed” the bill. The vote was tied with a sec-

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God is always with you

The other day I got in my car to go pick up some coffee and saw where a band I like released a new song. I hit play. I had one of those moments with a song, you’ve had it too, where from the first note and then as the words come in you don’t listen to the song, you experience it. It speaks to your soul. It was like the words began to pour over me and spill out of my soul at the same time. The song spoke to where I feel like I am in life right now. It gave words for my soul to sing in this season. My wife and I have lived in an apartment for the six years of marriage and are getting ready to move into our first home. We just had a car break down. We are walking through family dynamics that are strenuous. Our life is full … just like yours, I’m sure. It’s full of the blessings of this life and the hardships.

I’m a Jesus guy. I believe Jesus is our savior and a savior for all people. What I love about Jesus is that from the beginning of the story in the Old Testament to the end of the book in Revelations, to where our story is today … Jesus is with us in it.

Whether you grew up in church or not, you’ve probably heard of this guy named Moses and the crossing of the Red Sea. We find the story in the book of Exodus starting in chapter 13 verse 17. Being here for Moses and the people was

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Have you ever noticed that we all seem to be more giving and kinder when we’re in a good or great mood? It’s just human nature to do more good deeds and be nicer when we’re happier.

The struggle with committing good deeds and being nice is harder to do when we’re agitated, aggravated, frustrated, mad, ill, tired, impatient, running late or distracted. Wow! There are lots of things that can distract us from being kind, nice and committing good deeds.

The problems caused from all these distractions can at times cause us to be less than nice and forget to commit good deeds ourselves. The sad thing about anyone committing fewer good deeds is that it is reciprocal. Fewer good deeds committed equals fewer good deeds received. In other words, the better we do for others the more likely we are to receive the same in return.

We should also try to be more aware and cognizant of other’s feelings as well. One way to create a happier, more giving and loving society is to start with ourselves first. If we all committed more good deeds for the right reasons it would hopefully catch on and spread.

It’s hard to be mean spirited or ill to anyone who is being good or kind to you, and, as we all know, very few disagreements have ever, if ever, been caused from someone committing good deeds or for being too kind.

As human beings, our tendency is to be nice to those who are nice to us. In traffic and driving situations, we have all found ourselves needing to enter traffic only to find that some drivers will not stop and allow us to enter traffic. We patiently wait and wait until someone kind lets us enter traffic and all is well. We might even catch ourselves saying, finally! As we enter traffic, we wave and thank the person who committed the good deed, feeling better about society.

Thank goodness for these random good deeds. If we didn’t all have a good deed thrown our way every now and then we might be less likely to commit good deeds ourselves. The morale of the story is to remember to be kind to one another for we all need to share this wonderful life and world together. As we have all been told by our parents for many years, it is always better to share than not to share. And that goes for the sharing of good deeds as well.

So please do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Commit more good deeds and you will indeed receive more good deeds in return.

Have a great day!
God split the sea water back to two sides and gave room for the people to cross. Can you imagine walking between the two walls of water? It is the epitome of walking through a blessing and a hardship at the same time. The blessings of being rescued and the difficulty of someone after you ... and let's not forget there wasn't a timer for them to see how long the water would stand. When was it coming down? It all was a reminder to the Hebrew people that God was with them in the midst of it all.

We have access to God, and God's character is the same yesterday, today, and forever more. If God was with them, he is with you today. He is with you in the full mix of blessings and hardships that you are experiencing. We can take that truth and rest in it. This truth gives us the perspective and eyes to see the blessings and how to handle the hardships of life.

I pray you can rest in that truth today. You have a God that is with you today, no matter where you are!

Take a listen to that song that wrecked my soul sitting in traffic on Mt. Juliet Road last Friday — “Another In The Fire” by Hillsong United.

Charis announces 2019 benefit concert

Charis Health Center recently announced the return of its annual Rock for Care benefit concert. The benefit concert will be held Friday, Sept. 20 at The Capital Theatre in Lebanon. The proceeds of this event will go toward medical care for the medically vulnerable and uninsured.

Charis Health Center was founded in 2007 by the InterChurch Council of West Wilson County. Out of a biblical mandate to care for the sick, awareness grew of those who were chronically ill and without health insurance.

Charis Health Center has made Mt. Juliet its medical home for the last 10 years. The Charis Health Team has played a critical role in the community for improving health outcomes, lowering medical costs, and ensuring access to high-quality integrated care since 2008.

Executive Director Lauren Smith is looking forward to this year’s Rock for Care benefit concert and grateful for all it does for the patients they serve.

Rock for Care is a magical night to celebrate music in all its forms, and the impact music has on our lives. In our case, we are celebrating the healing power music has on patients. Studies have shown that music has the power to improve blood pressure, manage stress, alleviate pain, and improve overall mood. We want to invite the whole community to join us at our Rock for Care benefit concert as we deliver the healing power of music.”

This year’s event will feature the band Stars Go Dim. Chris Cleveland, front man for the band, is best known for the Christian radio hits “You are loved,” and “Haven on Earth.”

Charis Health Center thanks this year’s presenting sponsor Zaxby's along with all the additional sponsors and volunteers involved in putting on this fantastic event. Tickets are $15 for general admission. Sponsorships are also still available.

To purchase tickets or for more information, visit https://www.eventbrite.com or call Charis Health Center at 615-773-5785.
TN awarded grant to expand apprenticeships statewide

New strategies will increase skilled workforce pipeline to employers

Staff Reports

The U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) awarded Tennessee a grant to create and expand apprenticeship programs across the state. The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development (TDLWD) will receive $1.4 million in funding over the next three years through the USDOL Apprenticeship State Expansion grant.

“I am committed to expanding work-based learning across the state, and I’m pleased that USDOL is partnering with us in these efforts,” said Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee. Employers continue to face obstacles in attracting and retaining workers with in-demand skills. Tennessee’s challenge is to identify effective workforce solutions and collaborative approaches that benefit both job seekers and employers.

“We want to embrace the diversity of skills apprentices bring to Tennessee’s workforce,” said TDLWD Commissioner Jeff McCord. “We will partner with Tennessee Board of Regents, along with several other state agencies and educational institutions, to make apprenticeship opportunities available to as many Tennesseans as possible.”

Register apprenticeship programs are a proven strategy for developing a talent pipeline of qualified workers for employers and industries and providing opportunity and nationally recognized credentials for participants. They are created and sustained through strong partnerships.

“The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development is committed to utilizing all available resources to promote and develop apprenticeship opportunities,” McCord said. “Business and industry will be a necessary part of the initiative. By definition, apprenticeships are a public and private partnership. And, we look forward to forming the partnerships it will require to move Tennessee forward.”

A key part of the strategy will be to engage TBR institutions in forming group apprenticeship models. This approach will encourage small and medium-sized companies to partner in apprenticeship programs. By joining forces, companies would have a lower investment and still realize increased workforce outcomes.

TDLWD leadership, along with state partners, will develop a strategy in the coming weeks that will set forth a new era for apprenticeships and workforce development in Tennessee.

Nationwide, USDOL awarded $183.8 million in apprenticeship grants to states and other service entities. These grants will support training for more than 85,000 apprentices in new or expanded programs and increase apprenticeship opportunities for all Americans.

First Freedom Bank promotes Oakley

Staff Reports

Tori Oakley was recently promoted to Personal Banking at First Freedom Bank, announced Kenny Beavers, Senior Vice President and Director of Retail Banking. Oakley will be located at the Mt. Juliet Office on Lebanon Road.

“We are very pleased to have Tori as the newest member of the Mt. Juliet Office,” said Beavers. “Her excellent customer service skills and financial expertise will be well received by the customers and co-workers there.”

Oakley began working with First Freedom in January 2017 as a Financial Services Representative. Prior to her employment with the bank, she worked three years in the restaurant industry. A Lebanon native, Oakley now resides in Murfreesboro with her husband, Tyler. She volunteers with Hands on Nashville and is a member of Immanuel Baptist Church.

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MJ Chamber of Commerce donates to St. Jude

Staff Reports

A Toast to Tennessee Wine Festival made its way back to Wilson County for another great event on April 27. Many festival goers arrived at the event in style by way of the We Go Star (formerly Music City Star) in support of the children of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Sponsored by the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce, train tickets were only $12 and were donated back to the hospital.

“Being a sponsor of the Music City Star for the Wine Festival for a third year is a tremendous feeling,” said Mark Hinesley, Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce. “It’s an honor to live and work and in a county who cares so deeply for the involved parties has been just tremendous and we look forward to future events like this one.”

The Chamber donated $860 in ticket sales for this year’s event, an increase of approximately $200 from 2018.

“I appreciate Mark’s hard work as well as the staff of the chamber who continue to coordinate the wine festival with the same date as the marathon,” said Wilson County Mayor Randall Hutto. “In three years’ time, we’ve seen what a valuable service the Star provides for this event as well as St. Jude. The teamwork and partnership of all the involved parties has been just tremendous and we look forward to future events like this one.”

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Shane not running for office in 2020

Staff Reports

Conservative Republican businessman Aaron Shane recently issued a statement regarding his potential candidacy for the Tennessee Legislature in 2020. Shane previously ran against Rep. Susan Lynn in the State Representative primary last year. His statement can be read in full below:

“Over the last few months I’ve been asked by several organizations and many voters in the 57th District whether or not I will be running for State Representative again in 2020. The answer is No.

While I appreciate the encouragement and support that I have received, the timing of another campaign simply isn’t right for me and my family. My wife and I recently bought another business, which will take up a considerable amount of time over the next several years as we grow and expand it. Additionally, our kids are young, and I feel that committing to something as all-consuming and important as running for political office right now would be difficult to balance against the time I want to spend with my wife and kids during these critically important years in our lives.

It is my hope that by making my intentions clear others will have the opportunity to step up and offer themselves as an option for our community. Tennessee is enjoying great prosperity and we are making progress in improving our schools, protecting our values, cutting taxes and keeping our communities safe. But we will not continue that progress without new vision, fresh energy and dependable conservative leadership. Now, more than ever, we must have representatives who can help restore the public’s trust and confidence.

Though I will not be a candidate, I do plan to stay active and engaged with our Wilson County Republican Party and expect to support good candidates at the local, state and national level who are true and reliable conservatives.”
able Fairgoers to get into the Fair and start having fun more efficiently. Fairgoers can take advantage of opening night half-price admission and $1 ride night (with a minimum purchase of $10 in ride tickets).

Honoring the agriculture roots of the Wilson County Fair, the agriculture commodity focus for the 2019 Fair will be “Year of Wool.” The Sheep to Shawl nighttime show, featuring professional sheep shearer and."
Sealed bids for “Maintenance and Evaluation 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 10:00 AM on August 27, 2019. Details are available at http://www.mtjuliet-tn.gov/bids.aspx.

Sealed bids for “Due West Drainage Repair” 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 August 30, 2019. Details are available at http://www.mtjuliet-tn.gov/bids.aspx.

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TELLING TALES

By Angel Kane
Wilson Living Magazine

As I sit here on my porch this early Saturday morning, I’m amazed by how time flies.

Four years ago I wrote an article about our oldest child leaving for college. At the time I thought my heart would break. Dropping her off and driving away was one of my toughest days thus far. I sobbed for the first hour and for the second and third hour, my husband and I sat in almost complete silence driving home.

I was always trying to teach her to be strong and self-sufficient, but to be honest we didn’t think she was listening!

And then she was gone. Four years have passed and since then our No. 2 has followed in her sister’s footsteps and gone off to college. (A different one in a completely different direction because that’s what middle children do!)

And in that time we’ve survived. Probably because No. 3 is still here and we are completely obsessed with him. Some mornings, I literally just stare at him eating his breakfast.

“You’re doing that thing again. It’s freaky,” he used to tell me. (Apparently a completely normal phenomenon for parents trying to soak in the last few years of child rearing.) Bless his heart though, four years later, he no longer says anything and just lets me stare. And then he gives me a long hug goodbye, before he heads to school.

But next week our eldest returns. I remember the first year she was gone, I followed her every move on my Verizon App. I’d obsess if she wasn’t in her dorm by a decent hour. I’d fret over her wardrobe choices and since then our No. 2 has followed in her sister’s footsteps and gone off to college.

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I followed the first year she was gone, I followed her every move on my Verizon App. I’d obsess if she wasn’t in her dorm by a decent hour. I’d fret over her wardrobe choices and friend missteps. And if she didn’t text back for over three hours, I’d start calling her friends to look for her! (True story, and now she responds a little more quickly.)

When she was happy we were thrilled, when she was sad we were crushed. She readied, she worked, she travelled. And each time we’d see her, she was a little smarter, a little stronger and a lot more self-assured.

She returns with two degrees in hand, a job lined up an hour from home and not the little Madi we dropped off with her matching dorm room bedding and twinkly lights.

I like this Madi more. She survived and thrived and learned she could stand on her own two feet. That’s what we wanted after all.

Soon after I wrote my initial article, I was at the park walking. Glenda Davis was walking too. She may not remember, but she called out to me and said, “I read your article, just know it gets easier. She’ll be fine. This is what we raised them to do.”

For some reason, her words brought me the peace I’d been looking for. She had once been in my shoes and knew how the story ended.

So for all the mamas that are dropping their firstborns off this week, just know time will pass quicker than you know. They will call you heartbroken, they will call you overjoyed; each experience is a step to who they are meant to become.

And those steps will eventually lead them home.

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Democratic Women donates book to library

The Wilson County Democratic Women recently presented a book to Mt. Juliet Library to honor longtime activist Democrats Linda and Geoff Ortengren. This is a community project that donates a book each year to each of the three Wilson County Libraries.

The book presented was “Becoming Michele Obama” by former First Lady Michele Obama. The Ortengrens have lived in Mt. Juliet since 1969, when Geoff was transferred from Chicago by American Airlines. He retired after 43 years with American Airlines. During his time at AA, he was active in the Transportation Workers Union (TWU). He was a shop steward, vice chair, vice president and for 10 years the President of Local 590 of TWU. This local had been formed in 1990. He also served on the TWU International Executive Board. In addition, he served as Sergeant of Arms and Trustee of the Middle Tennessee Central Labor Council.

Linda and Geoff became active in the Wilson County Democratic Party in the late 1980s. Both have served on the Executive Committee since that time. In addition, they are both members of the Wilson County Democratic Women, where Linda has served as the Secretary. Currently, Geoff is serving as Vice Chair of the county party Executive Committee. They have both been active in numerous political campaigns over the years and help to establish the Wilson County Fair Booth for the party.

They have a daughter, Renee Hoffmeister, a retired Wilson County teacher; two grandsons, Phillip and Nathan; and two great-grandchildren, Saylor and Kitelee.

The Wilson County Democratic Women meet the second Tuesday of the month at Five Oaks Country Club at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact President Terri Stclair at 615-913-1518 or find them on Facebook.

From MJPD, PAGE 1

Michigan and stopping at various cell phone stores along their path. Early in the investigation, three fraudulently obtained cell phones were recovered, and two identify theft victims were identified.

“Our partnership with our business and retail community is strong,” said M J P D Chief James Hambrick. “I’m thankful for the vigilance of the retail staff, who recognized the suspicious activity and fake ID. Ultimately, their vigilance led to the arrest of these multi-state, identity theft suspects.”

Daniel Hudson

Bradley was arrested and booked into the Wilson County Jail, charged with Identity Theft, Criminal Simulation, and Resisting Arrest. Hudson was arrested and booked into the Wilson County Jail, charged with Identity Theft.
From SAFETY, PAGE 1

officials. “We are always concerned about the safety and security of everyone that attends. It is an unfortunate, but necessary task, that we continually strive to improve and implement security measures, considering some of the tragic events that have occurred in the recent and the not too distant past. Through countless hours of planning and preparation, the Wilson County Fair Board and its volunteers, along with the Lebanon Police Department, Wilson County Sheriff’s Office, and other emergency management agencies, do everything possible to be ready for any situation that arises. With the advent of an emergency text system, 24 hour video surveillance, 24 hour law enforcement and security personnel on the grounds, and other state of the art technology, we do our best to keep everyone safe.”

“With one of the nation’s largest Fairs … comes a lot of responsibility, given the high volume of fairgoers who attend,” said Wilson County Sheriff Robert Bryan. “We have been preparing for weeks for the Wilson County Fair in order to provide the safest environment possible through strategic planning. We look forward to once again working with the Lebanon Police Department and the Fair Board to provide a safe and exciting atmosphere for everyone who attends.”

“Once again, the Lebanon Police Department will employ all available resources to keep Fairgoers safe,” said Lebanon Police Chief Mike Justice. “Advanced Technology, ample staffing, and state-of-the-art equipment will be utilized to achieve our goal. All gates, access points and thoroughfares will be manned and monitored 24 hours a day. In addition to uniform and plain clothed officers, K9, Emergency Service Unit Officers, Reserve Officers and CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) volunteer members will all be on hand to assist. We also partner with the Wilson County Sheriff’s Office and members of the Department of Homeland Security. But most importantly, we want to remind our largest asset, the general public, that ‘if you see something, say something.’ Report any suspicious activity to the nearest law enforcement officer, fairgrounds member, volunteer, or call 615-444-2323, in non-emergency situations.”

Fair officials are excited about all the amazing features of this year’s Wilson County Fair and they invite everyone to come and enjoy all it has to offer. They want the public to know that they have committed to and have planned for a safe, fun and entertaining environment for all who attend.

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Local Restaurant & Dining Guide - Pho Lee

Mike, owner of Wasabi Hibachi Steak House and Sushi Bar, brings more than 10 years experience to the Mt. Juliet restaurant scene with his newly-opened Vietnamese noodle soup shop Pho Lee. At Pho Lee, customers are important and are always taken care of. Every day, a new customer walks in to sample the selection of appetizers or pho and leaves with a smile on their face. Mike is excited to show the community how healthy and delicious Vietnamese food can be.
From LAMB, PAGE 3

tendants. On June 2, Miss Philpot and Richard Hawkins attended a ceremony at the State Capitol where Governor Prentiss Cooper declared the first week of June as Tennessee Spring Lamb Week.

On June 6, crowds lined the streets of Lebanon in anticipation. The Lamb Festival that had been months in the making would soon begin with the parade. At 10:30 a.m., Bill Clay sat in the Grand Marshall’s seat. Behind him were Governor Cooper, floats, horses, mules, truckloads of sheep and eight marching bands representing Lebanon, Dickson, Sparta, Gallatin, Carthage, Gainesboro, Columbia and Boys State. Finally, the city sirens sounded, and the procession began to move down South Main Street and onto the square, where Governor Cooper officially crowned Miss Philpot in front of the Wilson County Courthouse.

The parade commenced onto East Main Street before turning onto Cherry Street. From there, the participants turned onto East Spring Street before making their way to South College Street. After moving onto Gay Street, the parade ended on South Greenwood Street. It was closely followed by a Kiddie Parade organized and sponsored by the Business and Professional Women’s Club. Judges declared the Taylorsville Home Demonstration Club as the winner of the float competition, and the float entered by the Horn Springs Home Demonstration Club took second place. The Sirlin Float club also won a prize.

In the afternoon, sheep took center stage. Members of the Shop Springs, Tuckers Crossroads and Spring Creek Home Demonstration Clubs provided lessons on the uses of wool, and farmers, both young and old, displayed their sheep in various shows. Over 4,000 sheep were auctioned for a total of $30,000. Richard Hawkins, chair of the Festival Committee, declared, “This is the biggest lamb festival ever held in the South.”

The 1941 Lebanon Lamb Festival ended with a dance on the town square. Crowds gathered to hear the Tennessee Wild Cats and Bill Monroe and the Bluegrass Boys. As people danced until midnight, one man stated, “I never saw such doings before on the Lebanon square.” It is safe to say that the City of Lebanon had never seen “such doings” as the Lamb Festival, which drew an estimated 30,000 people, and the community looked forward to bigger festivals in the years to come.

On Dec. 7, 1941, the attack on Pearl Harbor pushed the United States into World War II. The world and the local community changed as young men throughout Wilson County entered the military. As Winter turned into Spring, local leaders felt that the show must go on, and the Lamb Festival would continue. The 1942 Festival was as extravagant as the inaugural event and included a pageant written by Virginia Golladay Lawler. Over 500 participants took the audience through the pages of the Bible and American history. With American flags flying, it was a patriotic event that stirred the spirits of Wilson Countians during a time of war. Of course, the lamb show and auction returned with over 5,000 sold.

Over the next few years, World War II continued, and more young men signed up to fight. People were eager for news from the front, and The Lebanon Democrat filled its pages with stories about battles in far away places. There are no stories of the Lamb Festival and the numbers of sheep that were sold. Through the worry for their loved ones and their concerns for the future, the citizens of Lebanon continued to live their lives. They worked, shopped, worshipped and spent time with their neighbors. They also attended the Lamb Festival, but a chronicle of those festivals cannot be found.

In 1947, the Lamb Festival returned to the news, and over 1,400 lambs were sold at the Wilson County Livestock Market. In 1948, Billy Trice showed the Grand Champion of the lamb show, which was once again held at the Wilson County Livestock Market. There is no mention of a pageant, a parade or a dance. This was simply people showing and selling their best sheep.

The Lebanon Lamb Festival was a special event in the history of Wilson County, and many people have looked upon that time with fond memories. They have talked about the pageants and the parade. They have talked about the colorful costumes and the excitement in the air. It was a simpler time when Wilson County seemed untouched by world events. However, those world events reached the community and the Lamb Festival, and neither of them would ever be the same.

The 2019 Wilson County Fair, with the theme of “A Grand Celebration,” will feature the Year of Wool. As such, it will recreate the Lamb Festival with exhibits, parades, a wool show, mutton busting (sheep races), sheep shearing exhibition, sheep dog trials, demonstrations and more. The Fair runs from Aug. 16 through Aug. 24.

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