Mt. Juliet celebrated the rare total solar eclipse at Charlie Daniels Park

The community came together to share a once in a lifetime event, the total solar eclipse. The City of Mt Juliet TN, along with the Mt Juliet Chamber hosted a “Solar Eclipse Viewing Event” August 21, 2017. The event was at Charlie Daniels Park from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

There were activities for the whole family, including live music, food trucks, vendors, face painting, field day activities, inflatables and much more.

The event was free but Eclipse Survival Kits were on sale and all proceeds went to the local nonprofit, Friends of Mt Juliet Parks and Greenways.

The eclipse carved a narrow path from west to east, across 14 U.S. states. Being in the path of totality is the only way to experience the phase of totality for the eclipse.

Luckily for Mt. Juliet residents, the city is right on that path.

There were two minutes

See ECLIPSE, PAGE 2

Habitual offender arrested for DUI following crash on I-40

By Kimberly Allen
Managing Editor

After rear-ending a large truck travelling down Interstate 40 and flipping his SUV, a man was arrested for DUI and other charges. On Tuesday, August 15, 2017 around 3:15 p.m., emergency responders were summoned to Interstate 40 East near the 225 mile-marker after a report of a flipped SUV. Officers arrived to find that a small SUV, operated by 52-year-old Virgil Tidwell of Gallatin, was upside down. Tidwell was already out of the vehicle.

Tidwell exhibited signs of impairment, and officers determined he was impaired at the time of the crash. No one was seriously injured nor required medical transport as a result of the crash.

Tidwell was arrested and booked into the Wilson County Jail, charged with Driving Under the Influence, Habitual Offender, and Driving on a Revoked Drivers License.

Commission stands firm on decision for Greenway expansion

By Kimberly Allen
Managing Editor

There will be an opportunity for community members to meet the new city planning director, Larry Mizell, August 30, at 11:30 a.m. at the City Court Building.

The Mt. Juliet Planning Commission held its monthly meeting, Thursday, August 17.

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MJCA Saints top Donelson Christian Academy in season opener

By Kimberly Allen
Managing Editor

Staff Reports

Mt. Juliet Christian Academy’s middle-school football team opened their season Tuesday night, August 15, at Donelson.

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and twenty-four seconds of totality in Mt. Juliet. From the Kentucky-Tennessee border the moon’s shadow traveled approximately 188 miles along the centerline in about seven minutes, with an average speed of 1,611 miles-per-hour.

From **ECLIPSE**, PAGE 1

Christian Academy with a win over the Wildcats.

The Saints rolled to a 26-6 win having led the entire game.

MJCA Quarterback Shawn Link was 6 of 8 for 135 yards and two touchdowns. He found receiver Eli Wilson on both touchdowns, the first of which covered 40 yards. Link also rushed for 81 yards on 11 attempts, including two rushing touchdowns. Wilson added another 72 yards rushing on three attempts.

DCA made a defensive stand in the third quarter, holding the Saints scoreless, but the Saints added a touchdown in the fourth. The Wildcats finally found the end zone on the last play of the game on a run from scrimmage that covered 50 yards.

Defensive standouts for the Saints included Free Safety Braxton Lambeth, who had the game’s only interception and tacked on 17 yards after the pick. Defensive End Levi Irby finished with four tackles and an assist to lead the Saints. Mt. Juliet plays their home opener against Goodpasture next Thursday night, August 24, at 6:30 p.m. Donelson Christian Academy had Holy Rosary Academy Tuesday, August 22.
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Diamond Academy of Dance honored with proclamation from city of Mt. Juliet


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The celebration continues for Diamond Academy of Dance as the Mt. Juliet Mayor’s office and Commissioner Ray Justice surprised the team with a proclamation of August 15, 2017 as Diamond Academy of Dance Team Day. This proclamation was in celebration of their recent “National Grand Champion" title from the Rainbow Dance Competition in Panama City, Florida, July 2.

“The girls were extremely honored and humbled by this experience,” said Diamond Academy of Dance owner, Taylor Corlew Jenkins. “It’s amazing to have their hometown and city officials recognize their hard work and achievements. We’re so proud!”

The proclamation read in part: “Payton Hartnett, Camryn Hartnett, Alexis Dockman, Sydney McPherson, Sydney Agnew, Amira Doss, Megan Hawkins, and Bailey Rollins are recognized for their outstanding achievements and efforts, along with their teachers, Justin and Taylor Jenkins. We are extremely proud of their accomplishments. Diamond Academy of Dance began their seventh season, August 7 and will soon begin training for a new competitive season. The academy was voted “Best Dance Studio” by The Chronicle of Mt. Juliet for three consecutive years and again in 2017.

For information, DiamondAcademyOfDance@gmail.com or visit diamondacademyofdance.com.

Community Calendar

AUG 16 - SEPT 5
Basketball Registration
West Wilson Basketball Association registration for the 2017-2018 season is happening now. Visit their website for more information or to register before September 5, at www.wwba-basketball.com.

AUG 24
Annual Century Farm Luncheon
The Wilson County Fair is having its twenty-third annual Century Farm Luncheon, Thursday, August 24, 11:30 a.m. at the James E. Ward Ag Center. Limited seating, RSVP by August 17, 615-444-0614.

AUG 30
Benefit Concert
Charis Health Center is going to celebrate 10 years in the community. August 30, at 7 p.m., at the Capitol Theater in Lebanon, a We Are Messengers Benefit Concert will be hosted by Charis. For sponsorship info or to purchase group tickets, contact Lea Rowe at 615.773.5785, General Admission tickets are $15.00 each and can be purchased by calling Charis Health Center 615.773.5785 or www.charishealthcenter.org.

SEPT 5
Lions Club
Lions Club meeting at Courtney’s Restaurant at 4066 N. Mt. Juliet Rd., every first and third Tuesday of the month. For more information, contact Ken Thomas 615-470-5252 kennethlorina@gmail.com.

SEPT 11
The Threat in our Backyard
Mt. Juliet Republican Women present Cathy Hinner’s “The Threat in our Backyard.” Retired police officer, author and public speaker on the Muslim brotherhood in America, Monday, September 11, at Courtney’s Restaurant 4066 N. Mt. Juliet Rd. Dinner at 6 p.m. speaker at 7 p.m. Free event.

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REFLECTIONS FROM AN OLD FRIEND

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Not sure it will help in any way at all, but I’m hopeful it will.

As I have mentioned many times before, there are plenty of other people and countries that either do not wish us well or that actually wish us harm. Since I have been a little skinny guy most of my life and not a really good fighter, I learned early on that I needed to use my brain and heart over fighting and fussing. As a result, I guess you could say I became a bit of a peacekeeper and not a fighter.

This mindset caused certain sayings to appeal to me. For example, I’d rather have love in my heart than hate, or give peace a chance, or do unto others, as you would have them do unto you. We must respect one another. 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 or needs help, respect is when you don’t endanger the lives of others. 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, sorrow, worries, high, lows, concerns, deadlines, aggravations and feelings that can be offended, hurt or damaged. With that being the case, let’s start being more civil, kind, understanding, forgiving, helpful and loving to one another. This does not mean that we can’t or won’t disagree, it only means that we should do so peacefully and with an open heart and open mind.

Agreeing to disagree is ok, and we will never all agree on everything, but we should be civil and understanding about it. We are supposed to be positive role models and good examples for our children and grandchildren and that starts with an open mind, open heart and tolerance.

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.

Mike Baker award presented at Wilson County Fair

Wilson County Promotions presented Billy Mullinax with the 2017 Mike Baker Friend and Supporter of the Fair Award. The award was given Tuesday, August 22, prior to the Great Give-Away at the Wilson County Fair.

The annual award recognizes business professionals in Wilson County who have gone above and beyond in their support of the annual Fair and service to the community.

The award is given in memory of Mike Baker, longtime chairman of the Fair’s Great Give-Away Committee.

Mullinax is currently the general manager of Rockie Williams Dodge Chrysler Jeep and Ram in Mt. Juliet, where he has been employed since May of 2012.

Rockie Williams employs approximately 72 people at their two locations in Lebanon and Mt. Juliet. Before transitioning into the automotive industry, he started working in the restaurant business, at age 16. He began with Bonanza in 1983 and moved into management in 1985.

Over his 29 year career with Bonanza (later Ponderosa) he served as assistant manager, area supervisor, store manager and in 2007 became the owner of the Lebanon store, which closed in 2012. In 2000 he received a national award from Metro Media, franchisee for Ponderosa and Bonanza. He served as treasurer, Franchisee Associates for Ponderosa from 2008 to 2012.

Mullinax has been a business sponsor and supporter of the Wilson County Fair’s Great Give-Away since it started over thirty years ago. Giving back to the community has always been an important part of his personal and business philosophy. As owner/manager of Ponderosa, he regularly donated dinners to the Senior Citizens Center in Lebanon and to the American Gold Star Mothers organization.

Mullinax is a life-long resident of Wilson County, Tennessee. He graduated from Lebanon High School with the class of 1985. He and his wife Martha live in Lebanon, where they attend Hosanna Fellowship Church and he is a Sunday School teacher of the adult group.
Fellowship Ministries (a predominantly African American church) and Director of the Wilson County PCA. Hopefully, our conversation will help all of us.

Q: You grew up in Mt. Juliet. How would you describe the racial climate in our community?
A: There may be some pockets of racism, but we are generally a strong, unified city. There is an openness to all kinds of people, and leadership in government, schools, and business is growing more diverse. It’s easy to coexist with people from different backgrounds without really working together. So it’s important that we keep making progress. As our city grows, we want newcomers to move here to help us get even better.

Q: When you hear and see the behavior of white supremacists, what goes through your mind?
A: There was a time many years ago that I would get sad more than anything else. As Christians, we are one in Christ Jesus. There is “neither Jew, nor Greek, neither slave, nor free.” If we are a follower of Jesus, and we have hatred toward someone else, there’s something wrong.

Q: How does Jesus change the way you think about race relations?
A: It’s okay to love our neighbors as ourselves, and we should love each other in the same way. As Wilson County FCA. Hopeful-life Director of the Fellowship Ministries (a predominantly African American church) and Director of the Wilson County PCA. Hopefully, our conversation will help all of us.

In light of recent events in Mt. Juliet, I caught up with my friend and fellow pastor, Tim Bryant, to ask him a few questions. Tim is a native of Mt. Juliet, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, and business is growing more.

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First game of the season Wilson Central vs Beech Buccaneers.

By Victoria Vita

MJCA Women’s Soccer wins first game of the season against MTC

Staff Reports

Mt. Juliet Christian Academy Women’s Soccer played against Middle Tennessee Christian School Thursday, August 17.

MJCA scored their first goal at 11:00, by senior Aspen Lewis, assisted by senior Marcella Gallione. At 59:00 the second goal was scored by Gallione, assisted by freshman Amelia Lyons. At 60:00 senior Carly Keith scored their final goal, assisted by freshman Mallie Foutch.

MTC came back with a late goal in the sixty-eighth minute. It was a big game from goalkeeper freshman Amelia Lyons, with 16 saves and one assist. Center back senior Caitlyn Smith led the defense with 18 defensive won balls.

“It was a great team effort overall for our first game of the season,” said coach Justin Berry.

The final score was MJCA 3 MTC 1.

Charity Glow Golf Tournament to benefit Starfish

Staff Reports

Edwards Porter Mattes Wealth Management, a financial planning and investment advisory firm, announced it will host its Third Annual Charity Glow Golf Tournament benefiting Starfish Infertility Foundation Friday, September 8, at Windtree Golf Course in Mt. Juliet.

Starfish Infertility Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit organization that awards grants to individuals and couples struggling with infertility who do not have provisions through their insurance.

“Golfing during the day is fun but at night it’s a whole different level of entertainment," says Brandon Edwards, managing partner, Edwards Porter Mattes Wealth Management. "This is the most fun you’ll have on a golf course while raising funds for Starfish and infertility awareness.”

The entry fee is $125 per person and $500 per team.

The weather was perfect to kick off the Wilson Central Wildcats 2017-2018 football season. The stands were packed with fans for both the Wildcats and the Buccaneers. The game was expected to be close, and close it was.

Beech brought their “A Game” scoring a 58 yard touchdown with 4:09 left in the first quarter, making it a 7-0 lead. In the second quarter, the Wildcats senior quarterback Aaron Hubble threw an interception, which Beech turned into a 14-0 lead. Then, Buccaneer Kameon Dunlap, ran a 43-yard touchdown with 5:35 left until halftime.

With Wilson Central having graduated nearly 30 seniors last season, the 2017 Wildcats were tasked with re-building this year. Returning to the field for the third and fourth quarter, the Wildcats refused to have nothing on the scoreboard. Senior Dalton King, was true to form, scoring the first touchdown for the Wildcats at an attempt for a comeback. The Wildcats were determined not to go down without a fight.

The score was then 21-6. Hubble focused on Garrett Todd (junior) with a completed pass to score the last touchdown of the night. Final score was 21-13 going to the Beech Buccaneers.

Games can be viewed live via the broadcast which features highlights and the game in its entirety. Visit WilsonCentralSports.com for more details.

Golden Eagles beat out six teams in tournament

Staff Reports

The Middle Tennessee Golden Eagles home school soccer team won the Wilson County Pre-season Tournament, August 12. The tournament was held at the Wilson United soccer fields, in Lebanon. The team beat out six other area high school teams. The Golden Eagles won all four games and outscored their opponents 9-0.

**FOOTBALL PREVIEW**

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BALLINGER, Linda Cofee

Linda Ballinger, age 70, passed away on August 16, 2017. The Funeral Service, conducted by Brother Gary Drennon, was held Monday, August 21, 2017 in the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home. Interment in Cedar Grove Cemetery followed the service.


Mrs. Ballinger enjoyed watching the grandchildren, camping, fishing, and watching the grandchild and Kevin Dunsavage.

Pallbearers: Eddie Ricketts Ballinger, Timmy Smith, and Apple, Rob Apple, Johnny

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Friday, August 25, 2017 at Hampton Inn and Suites in Mt. Juliet. Interment from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

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BROWN, Jr., Bill J.

Bill J. Brown Jr., age 54 of Nolensville passed away August 19, 2017. Preceded in death by mother, Brenda Ewing Brown; and grand-parents, Thomas and Ler- Line Ewing, Srs. and Wilburn and Ovie Brown. Survived by companion, Brenda Frienger; father, Billy (Linda) Brown; son, Austin Victory; daugh- ter, Hilaery Brook (Matt) Campbell; sister, Belinda (Daniel) Sullivan; brother, Brad Brown; step-brother, Kevin (Leslie) Miller; step-sis- ter, Elizabeth (Tim) Hicks; and grandchildren, Dale, Levi and Addilyn.

Funeral service will be held Wednesday, August 23, at 2 p.m. at Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet with Bro. Ron Webb officiating. Inter- ment will follow the service at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens with David May, Jeff Morris, Keith Lewis, Daniel Sullivan, Kevin Miller and Jack Hardin serving as pallbearers. Visi- tation with the family will be Wednesday, August 23, from 1 p.m. until time of service.

In lieu of flowers, the fam- ily requests donations be made toward funeral costs.


HAMMONDS, Charles E.

Charles E. Hammonds, age 71 of Mt. Juliet passed away August 21, 2017. Pre- ceeded in death by parents, Noel Pierce and Ethel Louise Hammonds; brother, Dan- iel P. Hammonds; and sis- ter, Nancy Louise Borgman. Survived by wife of 42 years, Carolyn Hammonds; sons, Shawn Michael (Kandice) Hill and Charles Edward Ham- monds, II; brothers, James (Mary) Hammonds and Noel Hammonds; sister, Patricia Ann Hicks; grand- children, Katelyn Desheby Hammonds, Chloe Renee Hammonds, Andrew Lee Hammonds, Wade Dorsey and Rowan Elise Hill; and numerous nieces and nep- hews.

No services at this time.


MANCUSO, Shirley

Shirley Mancuso, age 86, passed away on Mon- day, August 14, 2017. The Memorial Service is 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 in the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN.

The family wishes to thank all friends and famil- ies who cared for Ms. Mancuso during her time of illness.

Pallbearers: Eddie Ricketts Ballinger, Timmy Smith, and Apple, Rob Apple, Johnny

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COOK, Sr., Vernon Ellis

Vernon Ellis Cook Sr., age 84, of Mt. Juliet, TN, died Aug- ust 17, 2017. Mr. Cook was a veteran of the U.S. Army and a retired truck driver.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James E. and Fannie Mai Elizabeth Duke Cook; two brothers and his son, James Cook.

He is survived by: Wife of 41 years – Bonnie Cook; three children; four step-chil- dren; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memo- rials may be made to the St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, PO Box 1005, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908.

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more than we love God, that becomes idolatry. Diversity is great, but Jesus is Lord of all and our identity is in Him.

Q: What can white people in our community do to bridge the gap between races?

A: People of every ethnicity need to examine our own hearts first. We should take the mote out of our own eye before trying to correct others. We must be honest about our own sin of pride, anger, and prejudice. We have to stop waiting for someone else to repent, and we should repent waiting for someone else to follow the image of God. Heaven will be filled with people from every ethnicity. So Christians must lead with people from every ethnic background.

My final thoughts

Racism is evil. Every human being is created in the image of God and possesses dignity. Heaven will be filled with people from every ethnicity. So Christians must lead with people from every ethnic background.

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McGuirt.

Funeral service was held Monday, August 21, at 6 p.m. at Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet with Rev. Danny Sellers officiating.

Arrangements by Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet.

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From MEETING, PAGE 1

Hall building at 2425 N. Mt. Juliet Rd. Mizell will be taking over August 28, after 10 years of planning for Franklin, Tennessee. Former city planner Bo Logan resigned last month.

Golden Bear Gateway is now open and community members are positive about the addition as it provides a quicker commute across town.

"I think some people haven't gotten it in their regular routine yet," said Jessica Gore Public Works Director. "I think as they do that will take some pressure off Mt. Juliet Rd."

According to Gore, the preliminary designs for the future project to widen the road to Lebanon Rd. that is planned along the next section of Tuscan Gardens is underway, and we can expect to see this coming soon.

On the consent agenda was to review the final plat for Nichols Vale located on Nichoels Vale Ln. phase four section one and review the final plat for Nichols Vale Phase four section two. Also to review the final plat for the Warner Property located at 2280 Nonaville Rd. These items were approved.

Item 6.3 review the site plan for 1010 Mebo Ct. was moved from Site Plan to the consent agenda. Shawn Henry represented the property owner and stated that his client does not agree with the condition listed as part of approval for the site plan. Staff recommended to include the construction of a greenway on the back of the property.

Henry stated that two site improvements are being made including striping of the street at the exit of Mebo Ct. onto Lebanon Pike, and the installation of a sidewalk at the entrance to the property. They do not think it is appropriate to have the condition of the greenway as there is an intervening property between Mebo Ct. and the Cedar Creek Greenway.

"It's important for conditions such as this, that there be a rational connection between what's being required and whether the property can actually provide this relative to the greenway," said Henry. "At this location the greenway is not proposed to come across this property."

Henry was asking for support on behalf of his client, of the site plan without the two conditions listed. Henry said this would be a public greenway with no public access and that someone would have to trespass to use the greenway on this property. The property owner has suggested reserving a strip of the land in the event that a greenway connection is made in the future.

"I think it is a reasonable expectation for you to construct the greenway," said commissioner Art Giles. "We know what side the greenway is going on, it's going on the south side of Cedar Creek."

Henry said that the section has no connection to the current greenway.

"For your information and anybody else out there it's those sections in our city that has connected many sections together," said Giles.

This item was approved with the current conditional items in place.

The next item up on the agenda was to review the adult overlay district for a tattoo and art studio located at 2400 Fiberglass Dr. The studio is owned by Michael Lanning who came before the board of commissioners at a meeting in July, requesting that the classification of his business be adapted from adult entertainment.

The city of Mt. Juliet has an ordinance in place that allows businesses classified as "adult entertainment" to only be established in a limited area of the town, on Industrial Drive. Lanning and other community members spoke out saying that tattoo parlors do not belong in the adult entertainment classification of businesses, feeling that they should alternatively be classed along with beauty parlors and things of that nature.

"Winning has since found an appropriate location for his business that abides by current city standards."

"We have worked very closely with this applicant to find a location that meets our ordinance, as well meets their needs too," said Jennifer Stewart, Zoning Administrator.

The commissioners addressed concerns that with this approval, the use of the space in the future could potentially be an adult bookstore or some other business in the adult entertainment industry that this shop is classified to.

A condition was added to the zoning that limits the zone only to the one unit on the property.

"We've done everything we can to comply with the city," said Lanning.

This item was given a positive recommendation with the condition stated by the board. The next item on the agenda was to review the out of city sewer request for 1100 NW Rutland Rd. The property is outside of the city limits and is requesting to have city sewer service from Mt. Juliet.

Upon receiving sewer services the owner would agree to pay a 25 percent surcharge in addition to their regular monthly bill for the access to these services. The property owner requested to obtain this sewer service without annexation. One concern was about the emergency services that would be included in this set of services provided.

Mayor Ed Hagerty voiced concerns that once the option to annex the property has been lost that it will no longer be an option in the future and that this may need to be done in order to connect to an overpass, stating that it was the "most obvious place to connect." This item received a positive recommendation from the board.

The next item was to review the site plan for Providence Commons lot seven, located at 607 Providence Parkway. The land is currently vacant and has been utilized for overflow parking for Jonathan's for several years.

The lot does not meet current regulations and has been requested by staff to bring the lot up to code. The developer has submitted the site plan to bring the lot into compliance.

The owner's intention is to provide shared parking for Jonathan's on this new development. The proposed development includes a 6,347-square-foot building to be used general retail, banking, or office space allowed in the Commercial Interchange zoning.

The plan proposes 72 parking spaces, only 32 are required. Access to the site will be via a private drive in the Providence Commons Development on Providence Parkway. A five foot sidewalk has been included along the frontage of Providence Parkway as well as pedestrian connectivity from Providence Parkway to the sidewalk located in front of the building and connectivity to Jonathan's. This site plan has been approved.

The last item on the agenda was a discussion item proposed by Mayor Hagerty. This was regarding a proposal for the Golden Bear Gateway land use amendment.

The land is zoned mixed use and Hagerty voiced concerns that the current beauty of the area could be negatively impacted with the addition of many industrial buildings. Along with the aesthetic impact, there were concerns about the roadways being negatively affected by the large trucks that would be using the roadway as a result of these industrial buildings being added.

This item will be considered
Lions Club members presented with Melvin Jones Awards

By Kimberly Allen
Managing Editor

A special meeting and award ceremony was held by the Lions Club Tuesday, July 18. The past international president, Chancellor Robert Corlew was set to return to Mt. Juliet to present Melvin Jones awards to two members.

Unfortunately, Corlew was stranded in Washington D.C. due to a flight delay and was unable to attend. However, Corlew’s wife, Diane Corlew, presented the awards on his behalf.

Only a few days earlier, the Corlews had been involved in the Centennial Convention of Chicago, which marked the end of Corlew’s presidential year and the inauguration of Narwash Aggarwal of India.

Robert Corlew, along with his wife, has visited 110 countries since becoming President of the Lions Club. His goal was to have the largest number of Lions on the membership rolls, as well as the highest ending number.

The largest previous record membership was in 1998, with 1,448,590 members. The end year record was set in 1996 with 1,425,308 members.

In 2016 - 2017 year, the high membership hit a new record of 1,449,987.

The end of the year record was also broken, with 1,426,795 members.

These numbers are significant, because it is estimated that each Lion impacts the lives of 70 people on average.

The Melvin Jones awards are given when $1000 is donated to LCIF and designated for these awards. The awards are given in honor of Lions founder Melvin Jones.

Melvin Jones was a businessman who initiated the idea of a service club that could improve the lives of others.

The recipients of the Melvin Jones awards were Larry Capps and Kitty Woodson.

Tennessee is the best known area of service for the Lions. They have funded a signature project that is visited by Lions from around the world. The project is with the Vanderbilt Eye Clinic, and specializes in detecting and correcting eye problems for children.

In addition, Lions have provided recycled glasses primarily for use in countries around the world that are in need and for those in need in the United States.

The Lions are also involved in efforts to eradicate measles and river blindness outside the U.S., diabetes education, community youth programs, anti-drug abuse essay contests, disaster relief and many other causes.

The members’ funds are the only source of administrative costs of operation. Every cent collected from the community is used for projects that help the local community. That is the policy that permeates Lionism along with the motto, “we serve.”

The Lions Club always welcomes new members. Anyone interested in becoming a Lion should contact President Ken Thomas, at 615-470-5252 or kennethlorin@gmail.com.
Man proposes during eclipse at Wilson County Fair

The eclipse event at the Wilson County Fair had an attendance of 12,698. It was a great event for the whole family to spend time together, while watching the eclipse.

Among the guests were Brooke Newton and Ajay Chanayil from Studio City, California. They flew in to Nashville just for this event.

Brooke is an actress and Ajay is a lawyer with Netflix. Brooke went to Space Camp as a kid and was looking forward to the eclipse event.

What Brooke didn’t know was that Ajay was going to propose to her just after the totality. The ring he proposed with was his mother’s.

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