MJPD, ATF investigate possible stolen charges

Staff Reports

Mt. Juliet Police launched an investigation last Wednesday about a possible theft at a construction site off Volunteer Boulevard after some explosive booster charges went missing.

The boosters are used during the excavation process.

“It is our goal to locate the missing explosives and determine how the went missing,” MJPD published on Twitter. “This will also include an in-depth review of paperwork to determine if a theft actually occurred.”

Captain Tyler Chandler said it is possible the boosters may have been considered missing due to a clerical error, but investigators want to make sure that is the case and that they were not locked.

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Fair honors Old Timers of the Year

Staff Reports

Each year, the Wilson County Fair honors an Old Timer who has made an impact on the community. This event is sponsored by Cracker Barrel and Wilson County Promotions. Clayton and Robbie Gray, Geneva and Carlton Thomas were selected as the Old Timers for the 2018 Wilson County Fair.

Clayton and Robbie were both raised on farms. Both attended Lebanon High School. They have been married for 63 years. Clayton met Robbie at church. The minute he saw her it was love at first sight. He knew that she was the girl for him. Together they raised two children, Terry and Pam. They have six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. They attend Victory Baptist Church in Mt. Juliet. They spend a lot of their time helping at their church. They helped establish Webb's Chapel in Laguardo. Later they were asked to help start a church on Hobson Pike. Clayton has been on several Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief missions. God has always come first in their lives.

During their marriage they have worn many hats. Besides raising two children and taking care of her home, Robbie also worked outside her home. She worked in County government for 30 years. She served in the tax assessor office and the trustee office. Later she owned and operated a clothing store called Robbie’s Fashion World.

When Clayton bought his farm, he had a goal of owning 80 acres. In 1965 he started a farm, he had a goal of owning 80 acres. In 1965 he started a farm, and Carlton Thomas was selected as the Old Timers for the 2018 Wilson County Fair.

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Groundbreaking to be held for new school

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

Wilson County Schools will host a groundbreaking ceremony for the district’s fifth high school, Green Hill High School. The Wilson County Commission voted last week to fund the project.

The school will be located near the corner of Lebanon Road and Greenhill Road in Mt. Juliet. Signs for the groundbreaking will be posted at the intersection to direct the public to where the event will take place.

The plan for the school proposes using a nearly 80-acre lot that will have access points on Lebanon Road and North Greenhill Road.

More information about the new high school can be found on the district’s website at www.wcschools.com.

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Thieves target unlocked cars in MJ neighborhood

Staff Reports

Mt. Juliet Police continue to urge residents to remove their valuables and lock their cars after burglaries occurred to four unlocked cars in the Cambridge Crossing neighborhood last Wednesday.

Under the cover of darkness and during the early morning hours, around 2:30 a.m., burglars searched for unlocked cars in neighborhoods off North Greenhill Road. The thieves directly checked doors, car-to-car, to find any that are not locked.

The unknown burglars took a digital tablet, cash and coins. In one particular incident, the suspects entered an open garage and burglarized both vehicles inside. The specific streets affected by the burglaries inside the city limits were McNairy and Pisgah Drive. The residents are urged to re- move all valuables, including any vehicle titles, from their cars and ensure doors are locked. Each of these crimes could have been prevented by just locking the car. Also, homeowners are asked to check their outdoor照明.
Ally Miller, 15, will represent Mt. Juliet as a State Finalist in the National American Miss Tennessee Pageant which will be held Aug. 31 through Sept. 2 at Cool Springs Marriott in Franklin. The pageant is held for girls ages 4 through 18 in five different age divisions. Ally’s activities include singing, piano, riding 4-wheelers, driving the Jeep every chance she gets, deer hunting and spending time with friends. She also enjoys the awesome opportunity to represent Mt. Juliet in National American Miss Pageant.

Ally is the daughter of Larry and Amy Miller and granddaughter to Karen Miller and Patricia and Tommy Wey. She is currently a student at Mt. Juliet High School. She is very honored to represent Mt. Juliet in the upcoming Pageant.

The newly crowned Miss TN Junior Teen will receive a $1,000 cash award, the official crown and banner, a bouquet of roses, and air transportation to compete in the national pageant at Disneyland in California. She will also tour Hollywood. She has the chance to represent Tennessee for the entire year.

Contestants will compete in four overall categories including Formal Wear Modeling, Personal Introduction, Interview, and Community Service Project. National American Miss also offers optional contests such as the Top Model Search, Talent, Actress, and more.

National American Miss is dedicated to celebrating America’s greatness and encouraging its future leaders. Each year, the pageant awards thousands in cash and prizes to recognize and assist in the development of young ladies nationwide. All activities are age-appropriate and family-oriented.

The National American Miss Pageant System is the largest in the nation. The focus of this organization is to create future leaders and to equip them with real-world skills to make their dreams a reality. The program is based on inner beauty, as well as poise and presentation, and offers an “All-American spirit of fun for family and friends.” Emphasis is placed on the importance of gaining self-confidence and learning new skills, such as good attitudes about competition, as well as setting and achieving personal goals.

Ally’s sponsors include Phoenix Commercial Builders, Amy Miller, Rodan & Fields Consultant, Donnie Arvin Construction, and Mamaw Miller.

MJHS student to compete as state finalist in national pageant

Photo submitted

Ally Miller was second runner up in the Fair Princess Division for the 14/15 age group at the Wilson County Fair on Aug. 22. She will compete this weekend in the National American Miss Tennessee Pageant.
MJ pitches another shutout, beat Overton 35-0

By Kenny Howell
The Chronicle Contributor

Things got a little tougher, but Mt. Juliet was more than up to the task in a 35-0 victory over Overton Friday.

It was the second straight shutout to start the season for the Bears, who have outscored their opponents 98-0. The Bears had a run of six straight shutouts to start the season last year.

The Bears got the ball first and were efficient in marching down the field, converting two third downs. The second of those was a 16-yard pass from Alvin Mixon to Michael Ruttlen, setting the Bears up at the 15-yard line. The Bears came up with a special teams play of their own as Ruttlen blocked a field goal attempt and kept the zero on the scoreboard.

Neither team could get much going on the next couple of drives, and it wasn’t until late in the half that the Bears got another score. Mixon capped off a 6-play drive with a 20-yard touchdown run, making it 15-0. After the Bears got the Bobcats to go three-and-out, they drove the ball down the field again thanks to a 27-yard reception by Ruttlen. Robbie Brewington hit a 27-yard field goal as time expired on the half to make it 18-0 at the break.

The Bears came out fired up in the second half, forcing a three-and-out then getting on the board again. Mt. Juliet went 65 yards in nine plays, with Ruttlen once again making the big play, a 23-yard touchdown run.

Mt. Juliet was able to get two more scores in the second half to close out the game. Harrigan got his second touchdown of the game on an 8-yard run, and Brewington added his second field goal, this time from 20 yards, to lead to the 35-0 final.

Mt. Juliet looks to keep it going Friday against Wilson County rival Lebanon. Kickoff is in Mt. Juliet at 7 p.m.
On Aug. 24, 2018, Wilson Central High School played against Smyrna High School in the first home game of the season. The Bulldogs started off the game with an 11-yard touchdown run with 4:38 left in the quarter by Blake Watkins (21), his first of three touchdowns on the night. Approximately 3 minutes later, Watkins added his second touchdown on an 80-yard sprint, ending the first quarter 14-0 in favor of Smyrna. Both PAT’s were good by Jose Baeza (12).

Beginning the second quarter, Bulldog quarterback Alex Bannister connected on a 47-yard touchdown pass to Telvin Shipp (33). The PAT was scored by Baeza. Smyrna finished the half by scoring three more touchdowns. The first was a 2-yard run by Mikel Hartfield (6), with a PAT by Baeza while the second touchdown was a 64-yard run by Watkins. The PAT was deemed no good. The last touchdown was created by a punt that was blocked by the Bulldogs. Luis Walker picked up the loose ball and raced down the sidelines to pay dirt, making the half-time score 41-0.

In the third quarter, Bannister once again found a teammate for a 65-yard touchdown reception to Tyler Landsen (11). Noah Shalz kicked the PAT making the score 48-0 Bulldogs. One of the few bright spots on the night for the Wildcats was the play of sophomore quarterback Tristan Lewis (10) who found an open CJ Hatchett for a 65-yard pass and catch for the lone touchdown of the night for Wilson Central. Luca Janasen kicked the extra point, making the score 48-7.

As the night came to an end, the Smyrna Bulldogs left the Glade with the victory. The Wildcats’ next game will be at home against the Rossview Red Hawks on Aug. 31. The game will begin at 7 p.m.

By Cate Franklin
The Chronicle Contributor

West Wilson Middle School defeated Mt. Juliet Christian Academy 24-0 on Thursday evening. MJCA opened the game with a 64-yard, 11-play drive to the 1-yard line, but a fumble ended the scoring threat. The game remained scoreless until the Wildcats broke loose with a 65-yard touchdown run on the final play of the first half.

The Saints opened the second half by recovering an onside kick but again failed to capitalize. The score was 16-0 headed into the final quarter before WWMS pulled away for good.

The Saints were paced by Drake Staggs who hauled in four receptions for 61 yards while adding 18 yards on the ground. Braxton Lamberth also recorded three catches on the night.

Shawn Link completed seven of 12 pass attempts for 76 yards, but it wasn’t enough for the Saints to overcome three turnovers.

The Saints (1-3) will be home again Thursday to face Southside Middle School.

By Cate Franklin
The Chronicle Contributor

MJCA volleyball pulled out a non district win over Hendersonville Christian Academy Monday night.

Their current record within the district is 2-3, and their overall record is 3-3.

Davey Slaughter had 19 attack attempts with 16 kills, Madi Stone had 14 attack attempts with six kills, and Megan Blackwell had nine attack attempts with four kills.

Davey Slaughter had 19 digs, while Madi Stone and Kayla Thomas had 10 digs.

Madi Stone had 1 block and Megan Blackwell had 2 blocks.

Taylor Wilson had 32 assists.

Madi Stone had 10 serves with two aces.

Davey Slaughter had nine serves with three aces and Kayla Thomas had eight serves with one ace.

The scores were 25-22,25-17, and 25-19.

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REFLECTIONS FROM AN OLD FRIEND

Smell the roses

Do you remember the saying “You’ve got to slow down in order to smell the roses”? How true. For example, have you ever had someone race past you on the road, only to find yourself right beside him/her at the next traffic light. Admit it, you take personal satisfaction in the fact that the same speed demon who just passed you several miles back accomplished nothing with his/her speeding and reckless driving. It’s all you can do to contain the laughter. You almost feel like looking over at the driver and rubbing it in, but thankfully you contain yourself.

So I ask, does a speeding driver really make up much time by speeding? A speeding vehicle will not normally make up any real noticeable time by traveling in excess of the posted speed limit. Don’t get me wrong: Two vehicles traveling on a deserted straight road without traffic and traffic obstructions will not arrive at the same time, the faster vehicle will of course arrive sooner. However, that’s not the real world in everyday driving. Everyday driving consists of many traffic variables. We have other vehicles, and traffic obstructions to contend with which change things.

Speed limits are usually set by engineers and safety advisors who have determined that vehicles should travel at certain speeds on certain roads in order to assure their safe operation and handling. Many factors are considered when evaluating roadway speed limits. You have to consider roadway design, grade, slope, elevation, weather conditions, density and the material the roadway is made of.

Traveling in excess of the posted speed limit on any given road is a dangerous practice that usually only leads to traffic citations, accidents, higher stress levels, higher insurance premiums, higher medical costs and far too often serious injury or death. So ask yourself, is speeding or committing traffic violations really worth the effort or time? Please slow down and take time to smell the roses!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUG 31
Basketball registration
West Wilson Basketball Association registration for the 2018-2019 season is happening now! Visit our website for more information or to register before Aug. 31 at www.wavabasketball.com

SEPT 2
Blood Drive
The American Red Cross and Celebration Lutheran Church are teaming up to host a blood drive Sept. 2, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Located at 3425 N. Mt. Juliet Rd. Food will also be served. To schedule an appointment, log onto redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: MtJuliet

SEPT 2
Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
Sunday Service will be 10:30 a.m. at 1500 Hickory Ridge Rd., Lebanon, with the Reverend Peter Whalen presenting the sermon. All are welcome.

SEPT 3
Labor Day
Mt. Juliet City Hall will be closed for the Labor Day holiday. All offices will reopen Tuesday, Sept. 4.

SEPT 4
Lions Club
Mt. Juliet/West Wilson Lions Club Meeting at Courtney’s Restaurant at 4066 N. Mt. Juliet Rd., every first and third Tuesday of the month. For more information, contact President Ken Thomas 615-470-5252.

SEPT 4
Free Fitness Class
Free Fitness Class every Tuesday evening 6:30 p.m. at Life Church in the youth center. Life Church is located at 3688 Highway 109 Lebanon, Tn. Right across the street from The Dollar General Store. This is a great class for all ages and all fitness levels. For more information you can email info@LifeChurchFamily.com

SEPT 6
JECDB
The Joint Economic & Community Development Board Executive Committee will meet at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 6, 2018, at the JECDB office located at 200 Aviation Way, Suite 202, Lebanon.

SEPT 13
Board of Education
The Wilson County Board of Education will meet in a work session on Thursday, Sept. 13 at 4 p.m., followed by a regular Board Meeting at 6 p.m. at the Wilson County BOE Administrative & Training Complex, 415 Harding Dr. in Lebanon. Requests to “Appear Before the Board” and other “Agenda” items must be submitted no later than noon on Wednesday Aug. 29.

SEPT 15
Pop-up Market
The Basement Marketplace is hosting the 2nd Annual Fall Pop-up Market benefiting the Mt. Juliet Help Center on Sept. 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will feature vendors, artisans, crafters, and food trucks. Located at 14625 Lebanon Rd., Old Hickory.

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Asking a better question

“What are you going to do with your life?” That is the question graduates have been hearing for months now, if not years. Even very young kids are interrogated, “What are you going to be when you grow up?”

The question often seeks to inspire greatness. “Maybe you could be a doctor or a fireman or an astronaut!” The expectation is either wealth or nobility, and if we’re lucky, both. Recent studies show, however, that most graduates will stay in their first job less than two years, and that they will have ten jobs before they’re 40 and 12-15 jobs over their working career. “What are you going to do with your life?” may not be the most important question to ask the graduate this year.

Famed runner who inspired the movie “Chariots of Fire,” Eric Liddell was born in 1902 to Scottish parents who were missionaries to China. He’s known for being fast. On one occasion he said, “God made me fast. When I run, I feel His pleasure.” Liddell broke world records at the 1924 Olympic games to win the gold, but his speed was not his story. Following the Olympic games he walked away from running to be a missionary in China. Few understood how he could trade a promising and prominent career for a life of obscurity that didn’t in-
Tickets still available for Stars Go Dim

Staff Reports

Tickets are still available for the Stars Go Dim concert on Sunday, Sept. 16, at the Capitol Theatre in Lebanon. Charlie Brooks of State Farm and Zaxby’s of Lebanon are sponsors of the event, and all proceeds will benefit Charis Health Center.

“We can still accommodate group seating for church groups if they call us,” said John Arredondo, Charis Health Center’s Executive Director. “Last year’s fundraising concert was a sellout, so we encourage everyone to get their tickets now.”

Tickets are $15 each and can be purchased by contacting Charis Health Center at 615-773-5785, or online at Eventbrite.

The Stars Go Dim fund-raising concert will be featured on one of the most visible billboards in Music City for a week leading up to the event. The concert will be promoted on the billboard at the Broadway/West End split starting on Monday, Aug. 27 through Sunday, Sept. 2, courtesy of Blackbird Media, LLC.

This is the second year Word Entertainment has partnered with Charis Health Center to bring a popular Contemporary Christian act to the Capitol Theatre. In 2017, We Are Messengers played to a standing room only crowd, and this year’s concert featuring Stars Go Dim promises to be an equally memorable event. Formed in 2007 as a mainstream pop band, today Stars Go Dim is the moniker for Christian pop artist and songwrit-er Chris Cleveland. After years at the helm of an ac-claimed independent sec-ular band and more than a decade leading worship at Tulsa’s Asbury Unit-ed Methodist Church — one of America’s largest congregations — Cleveland found success in the Christian format with his self-titled debut album.

The singer has garnered three Top 5 hits and a massive No. 1 radio smash with “You Are Loved.” In addition, Stars Go Dim has toured with for KING & COUNTRY, Lauren Daigle and Phil Wickham, among others, and has been featured on the Winter Jam Tour Spectac-ular. Poised to release new music throughout 2018, Stars Go Dim’s latest sin-gle, “Heaven On Earth,” is available now at all digital service providers.

Charis Health Center is a nonprofit faith-based primary care clinic with no political affiliation that provides primary health care to uninsured resi-dents in Middle Tennes-see. Many hard working people in our communi-ty cannot afford health insurance, and Charis serves these individuals and families in the cover-

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surveillance video footage to see if any suspects were caught on camera operat-ing in the area.

A $500 cash reward is being offered to anyone who can provide information that leads to the conviction of the offenders responsible for these crimes.

Anyone with any infor-mation regarding the bur-glaries is encouraged to call the Mt. Juliet Police Depart-ment at (615) 754-2550. In-formation can also be giv-en anonymously by calling (615) 754-TIPS (8477) or via the Mt. Juliet Police Depart-ment website at http://www.mjpd.org/.

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Local rescue farm takes in 10 horses in 11 days

Staff Reports

Hickory Hill Farm, a foster-based equine and livestock rescue farm that also provides programs for adults and children, recently took in 10 horses in 11 days.

“We had a fairly quiet summer until the last two weeks,” said Shea Hut senpiller, rescue director for Hickory Hill Farm. “It started with one call to assist with an out of state neglect case, which we committed to. After that, the flood gates opened. We then assisted in direct placement of two other horses, and then got the call to help with seven more. We may not be the largest equine rescue in our area, but I’m proud to say we were able to answer these calls because of our amazing and dedicated team here at Hickory Hill Farm.”

On July 31, Hickory Hill Farm, based in Wilson County, took in seven large ponies at the request of the Robertson County Sheriff’s Office. The ponies were found running at large and deemed strays. This is a notable intake due to the fact that five of the seven are stallions, two are mares, and the five mares are untouchable, two are pregnant, one is in stallions, the five mares are untouchable, two are pregnant, one is in

Bryson honored at Sherry’s Run

Staff Reports

The faithful support of many community businesses is the backbone of a local faith-based organization called Sherry’s Run.

“Many of our corporate sponsors have been with us for 5, 10 or even 15 years,” said Jane Hay, executive board member. “So many of the business owners give because they care and want to give back to their community.”

One such faithful sponsor is Absolute Kubota co-owner, Matt Bryson. Bryson, born and raised in Wilson County, cares very much for the community and for that reason has been a dedicated sponsor of Sherry’s Run for many years. This year, however, the Sherry’s Run event takes on a whole new meaning for the Bryson family because this year Matt’s wife, BJ, will be participating as a cancer survivor.

In October 2017, the Brysons had just returned from a fall break vacation with their two daughters. BJ noticed that she had not been feeling well for several weeks, but she soon received the happy news that she was pregnant and assumed that she was experiencing normal pregnancy symptoms.

Just a few days after visiting her OB/GYN, BJ received an unexpected call. A young mom, otherwise healthy and happy, got the devastating news that she was facing a cancer diagnosis. It was a rare form of cancer called Trophoblastic Disease, and it was aggressive.

“I remember sitting in the restaurant just after leaving the doctor’s office,” said BJ. “I was watching everyone around me going about their lives and thinking, ‘My world has stopped.’

Soon after, she began a grueling six-month battle, with chemo treatments every week. There were some scary moments, including a collapsed lung and weeks when her body stopped responding to the chemo.

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Urban Blush Boutique had its ribbon cutting with the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce on Aug. 24. They are located at 13670 Lebanon Rd., in Mt. Juliet.

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TDCI warns of new scam that promises quick, easy money

Staff Reports

The offer sounds simple, lucrative, and fun: Get paid to advertise a well-known company or product just by adding a decal to your vehicle. Unfortunately, consumers are the ones being left in the dust by scammers who eventually drive away with the profits.

The auto decal scam targets consumers who are contacted by an individual posing as an advertising or promotional company looking for people interested in earning weekly income of $500-$700 by simply placing an advertisement decal or “wrap” on their vehicle. If the consumer agrees, they’ll receive a check, often instructing the consumer to keep a portion of the money and send the rest to be paid to the wrap or decal installer via bank or wire transfer or reloadable gift cards.

After sending money to the “installer,” no one ever shows up to install the wrap on the vehicle. Meanwhile, the check sent on behalf of the advertising company turns out to be fraudulent, leaving the consumer on the hook.

Banks must make funds from deposited checks available within days, but it may take weeks to uncover a fake check. Unfortunately for the scammers’ victims, it’s the consumer (not the scammer) who is ultimately held accountable for the entire amount of the fake check.

“Never fall for a promise of easy money,” the TDCI’s Division of Consumer Affairs encourages consumers to review this helpful list of tips compiled by the American Bankers Association that could prevent you from falling victim to a car decal scam or other fake check or money order scams:

• Never fall for a promise of "easy money." The promise of easy money can end up costing you. Scammers offer a decal advertisement, work-from-home job, or a prize you have to pay for from a well-known company. If you call the company, though, they will likely tell you they don’t pay individuals to promote their products—only employees.

• Even if a check “clears,” you may not be in the clear. Banks must make deposited funds available quickly. Just because you can withdraw the funds doesn’t mean the check has cleared—even if it’s a cashier’s check or money order. If you have questions about whether a check is legitimate, talk with your banker. Be sure to explain the check’s source, the reason it was sent to you, and whether you are being asked to wire or send money back.

• Never send money to someone you don’t know. Bank transfers, wire transfers, and reloadable gift cards are all quick ways for scammer to take off with your money. If a company is looking to employ you, request that they make the payment for installation or equipment.

• If you think you’ve been the victim of fraud, speak up. A stronger Tennessee starts with you. If you think you’ve been the victim of fraud or a scam, tell someone. Talk with bank staff if you suspect a fake check. Report scams or fraud to the Federal Trade Commission, Better Business Bureau, and TDCI to ensure others don’t fall victim to the same tactics.

Bredesen agrees to senate debate in Wilson County

Staff Reports

Phil Bredesen, U.S. Senate candidate, has agreed to participate in a debate hosted by Cumberland University and organized by the League of Women Voters of Tennessee, Nashville Public Television, WTVF-TV, and USA Today Network—Tennessee, which includes the Tennessee.

“Middle Tennessee deserves a debate that brings attention to the issues that matter most to those communities,” said Governor Bredesen. “I’m looking forward to participating in this debate to offer ideas about how we can work together to get things done for not just the urban core like Nashville, but growing communities like Wilson County.”

The debate is scheduled to take place at 6 p.m. Sept. 25 at Cumberland University in Lebanon. Bredesen for Senate campaign officials are actively working with debate sponsors on details.

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OBITUARIES

BRYAN, Rachel Ann

Rachel Bryan passed away on Aug. 27, 2018, at age 90. The Funeral Service is 1 p.m. Aug. 30, in the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon. The family will be receiving friends at the funeral home on Thursday from 11 a.m. until the service. Interment in Wilson County Memorial.

She is survived by her son Ed (Stephanie) Bryan of Brentwood TN, 2 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, sisters Lylie Tomlin, Odell Simpson, Lera Raney, Birdiemai Ambrose, and Birtha Phillips, and cousins. Several nieces, nephews and Ella Cordray Hosse; Several nieces, nephews and cousins. She is also preceded by her wife, Ruby Ann; and her brother, Barry Bryan.

DRENTHE, Marie Swearingen

Marie Swearingen Drenthe, age 63 of Mt. Juliet, passed away Aug. 4, 2018. Mrs. Drenthe was a graduate of MJHS in 1972.


FOX, Ralph Edward

Ralph Edward Fox, age 83 of Hermitage, died Aug. 24, 2018. Mr. Fox was a member of Mt. Juliet Church of Christ. Mr. Fox was the son of the late James Homer and Anna Mae Hodges Fox.

He is survived by: Wife of 58 years – Rosemary Eates Fox; Daughter – Annette Fox Moore and Amy Fox (Donald) Hosse; Twin brother – Ray Russel (Gretta) Fox; Grandchildren – Patrick Scott Moore, James Thomas Moore, Anna Mae Hosse and Ella Cordray Hosse; Several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A funeral service was held Aug. 27 at Bond Memorial Chapel, and entombment followed at Hermitage Memorial Gardens. Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to the Alive Hospice, 1715 Patterson Street, Nashville, TN 37203.

KNOWLES, Peggy June Gregory

Peggy June (Gregory) Knowles, age 78 of Mt. Juliet, passed away Aug. 22, 2018. She was a member of the Mt. Juliet Church of Christ.

A funeral service was held Aug. 25 at Sellars Funeral Home in Mt. Juliet. Interment followed at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens.

Interment in Wilson County Memorial.

LEONARD, John Edward

John Edward Leonard, age 90 of Goodlettsville, died Aug. 23, 2018. Mr. Leonard was a member of the Robertton County Church of Christ. Mr. Leonard was the son of the late, John Marvin and Lula Belle Leonard. Mr. Leonard was also preceded in death by his wife, Lela Mai Keele Leonard and Dorothy Huffines Leonard. Mr. Leonard was also preceded in death by his son, Douglas Leonard; step-daughter, Vicky Hackney; brothers, Kendall, Ray, James and Charles Leonard and sisters, Dorothy Parker, Mary Barrett, Elise Haynes, Ethyl Leonard and Grace Baird.

He is survived by: Children – Patricia Holt, Ruth Leonard, Doug Hufines and Dwight (Gigi) Hufines; Sister – Rebecca Leonard; Grandchildren – Jennifer (Jason) Bussell, Gregory (Laura) Turner, Carrie (Stephen) Fox, Kaitlyn Speers, Erin Hackney and Blair Flatt; Great-grandchildren – Jillian Bussell, Lela Fox, David Turner, Luci Fox and Rosalie Turner; Several loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to the Alive Hospice, 1715 Patterson Street, Nashville, TN 37203.

NEAL, Howard T.


He was born in Hickman County, the son of the late Herbert Haskell Neal and Tina Phillips Neal. Mr. Neal retired from the trucking industry. Mr. Neal was a devout member of First Baptist Church Mt. Juliet for 44 years.

He is survived by: Children – Jennifer (Jason) Turner, Sarah Tate, and Dwight (GiGi) Turner; Sister – Grace (Corrie) Neal, Taylor (Rachel) Cash, Nick (Katie) Neal, Josh Neal, Anthony Tate, Sarah Tate, and Megan (Nick) Spilka; 3 grandchildren, Cannon Spilka, Norah Neal, and Grayson Neal; brother – Willace (Sue) Neal, and sister, Wanda Neal.

A memorial service was held at Heritage Funeral Home on Aug. 27, and interment followed at Heritage Memorial Gardens.

Contributions in Mr. Neal’s memory may be made to First Baptist Church Mt. Juliet Building Committee, 735 N. Mt. Juliet Road, Mt. Juliet, Tennessee 37122.

SUTTON, Larry Lee

Larry Lee Sutton, age 70, passed peacefully in his sleep Aug. 20, 2018, in his home in Hickman Tennessee. He was a member of Joy Church in Mt. Juliet.

He was the much-loved and admired husband of Jeanene Speck-Sutton and Dad to children, Shau- nau Sutton Morris (Bryan), Daryl Sutton (Heidi), Matt Thompson (Angel), Jon Thompson (Chrys) and Cassie Thompson Laidlaw (Erik). He was very happy to the greatest and most precious loves of his life, his twelve grandchildren, Will Morris, Cadee Morris, Colby Sutton, Kyle Sutton, Cooper Sutton, Kaden Sutton, Caleb Thompson, Mercy Thompson, Aedyn Thompson, Kyleigh Thompson, Kinsley Thompson, and Analiase Laidlaw. Larry was big brother to and is survived by, William R. Sutton (Tamara) and Beverly Ann Sutton Jones (Alvin), along with many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Raymond L. Sutton and mother, Betty L. Barkley, along with many brothers and sisters.

A funeral service was held at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens. A memorial service was held Aug. 26 at Bond Memorial Chapel, and interment followed at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens.

Interment in Wilson County Memorial.

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WALLACE, Mason Joseph

Mason Wallace passed away on Aug. 21, 2018, at age 4 months. A Memorial Service was held Aug. 26 at Sellars Funeral Home in Lebanon.


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Saint Thomas Health has announced Pam Hess as Chief Financial Officer for Saint Thomas Midtown and West Hospitals. Saint Thomas Health is part of Ascension, the largest non-profit health system in the U.S. and the world’s largest Catholic health system.

Prior to her new role, Hess served as Chief Financial Officer of Ascension Florida for two years and brings more than 20 years of combined accounting and finance experience. Hess also previously served at Saint Thomas Health from 2011-2016 in various roles. As Chief Financial Officer, Hess will be responsible for financial operations, revenue cycle oversight, and decision support for Saint Thomas Midtown and West Hospitals.

“We are thrilled to bring Pam’s expertise, talent and leadership to support the ongoing growth of Saint Thomas Midtown & West Hospitals,” said Fahad Tahir, President & CEO, Saint Thomas Midtown & West Hospitals. “We look forward to expanding organizational success of Saint Thomas Health and supporting the populations we’re privileged to serve with the addition of experienced leaders like Pam.”

Hess’s role was effective July 1, 2018.

Hess named CFO of St. Thomas Midtown, West Hospitals

Photo submitted

Terry Morrison (66) and Ron Morrison (72) participated in the 2018 Senior Olympics State Finals for Tennessee. They finished with a gold in tennis doubles for the 65-69 age bracket. They also finished with a silver in pickle ball doubles for their age bracket. Terry got gold in tennis singles and silver in pickle ball singles for the 65-69 age bracket.
TELLING TALES

By Becky Andrews
Wilson Living Magazine

We’ve been through the sleepless nights when they were newborns. On several occasions throughout my kids’ life I remember silently repeating, “If we can just get through fill in the blank (4th grade math, tooth fairy forgetting, 7th grade math, sports tryouts), parent teacher conferences, ages 14-16, driving, ACTs, 10th grade math), this whole raising kids thing will get easier. Inevitably, we get through one growing pain, another BIGGER growing pain would emerge that would force me on my knees bargaining with God. “I’ll do 4th grade math every day for the rest of my life if you can just let us skip this I’m going to drive my parents insane’ phase.

I’ll even take back the ‘up all night newborn phase’ because staying up all night with a newborn is a cake walk compared to ‘staying up all night worried about a boy who has decided on a career that may or may not mean he could be living at home forever!’

Our oldest is getting ready to start his second year in college. I would never in one million years say, it’s so easy now. BUT, it IS different. I hesitate to say “we’re friends” for fear that I’ll be hit with a citation from the parent police that reads, “You’re not his friend. You will never be his friend. Kids are ungrateful little twits. You will never get respect if they like you, you pansy! Pay $50 and get out of my face!”

Part of that is true and will always be true. He will always have his twit moments. But he’s 19 now. The last year of his teens. And since he’s been home for the summer, there’s been a noticeable shift. He’s growing up. He’s got well informed opinions — even if some of those opinions don’t always align with his mama’s. For the most part he’s making good choices.

He even cleaned his bedroom a few times without being asked.

In just under a week, we will help him move into his dorm. I’ll have the pleasure of making sure his bed is properly made, his toilets are organized, and his desk is stocked with plenty of pencils, a calendar, and printer ink refills. The reason this is a pleasure for me is this will be the last time his bed will be made until next year at the same time. This will also be the last time his shower and sink won’t look like a science experiment gone wrong. He’ll do his best with the jumbo container of Clorox wipes I shoved under the sink, but we both know that will happen twice at best. I’ve decided not to ask him if his bathroom is clean when he comes home for a visit. It doesn’t bother him. How it doesn’t bother him is beyond me.

Our youngest started high school this year and thanks to his big brother we kind of know what to expect. He paved the way. He gave me my reference point. He set the example. He paved the way. He showed me what to expect. He gave me my reference point for dealing with teenage boy issues of which there aren’t many, but man the ones they have can be doozies.

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“There were times when I felt like I simply couldn’t take another one,” said BJ, “but Matt never left my side and my friends and family rallied around me. You don’t really understand how much you are loved until you go through something like this.”

Matt even sought after a shared community for his wife and found other women in this region who had walked through her same journey. They became an invaluable support for BJ.

“I understand why Sherry’s Run is so needed in our community,” said BJ. “It’s not just about the financial support … it’s about having someone to walk through it with you.”

BJ is now almost three months cancer free and is gearing up to have a big team for this year’s Sherry’s Run 5K Run/Walk event.

“This experience has changed me from the inside out,” said BJ. “I know God has a plan for me and I am ready to use this for His glory. We were so overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness of this community, and we just want to pay that forward any way we can.”

“Each year we select a cancer survivor to honor at the run, and it was such an easy decision this year,” said Hay. “Matt and BJ are such a blessing to our community, and we are grateful for the opportunity to honor them in this way.”

Registration is open for the 15th annual Sherry’s Run 5K Run/Walk scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018, at 8 a.m. Register today or join a team at www.sherrysrun.org.

Community support allows the organization to assist cancer patients 52 weeks a year with gas, groceries, utility bills, housing payments, prescription assistance, health insurance premiums, medical bills, and colonoscopy assistance.
A Farmers Appreciation Breakfast was held at the fairgrounds Aug. 22, as part of the 2018 Wilson County Fair celebrations.

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ing 100 beef cows. He met that goal but it was hard working a public job and trying to run a farm. He fi-
nally sold everything and moved to town. He worked for Ross Gear for 34 years. He has also served on several
boards including Wilson Bank and Trust Commu-
nity Board, Farm Bureau, Wilson County Promotions
and the Laguardo Utili-
ty Water and Wastewater
Authority. Both of them
worked at the polls for the
Election Commission for
32 years. Clayton said his
fondest memory of the fair
would be the time he spent
working in Fiddlers Grove.
He took care of the Grove
during the fair, opening all
the buildings, closing them
at night and helping the
volunteers in the Grove.

Carlton Thomas was
raised in Whiteville, Ten-
nessee. His father ran the
local movie theater where
Carlton, his twin sister, and
older brother ran the pro-
jector and the concession
stand. After the death of his
father, his mother moved
the family to Nashville to be
close to her brother.

Geneva was raised on
a cotton farm in Red Bay,
Alabama, along with six
siblings. After high school,
she came to Nashville and
lived with her brother while
attending business school.
Geneva’s friend was dating
Carlton. She fixed Geneva
up with a blind date. Af-
ter the boys took the girls
home, Carlton went to Ge-
neva’s house and asked her
out. The sparks flew. One
year later they were mar-
ried.

Since the beginning of
their marriage they have
had a passion for buying
and restoring furniture.
They have bought, restored
and sold several homes.
They have two children,
Lisa and Carlton Thomas
III. In 1976, they bought an
old home in Lebanon. They
lived in a mobile home for
seven years while they re-
constructed the log home.
They did all of this while
raising their family and
working full time jobs for
Tennessee Department of
Transportation. They both
 worked there for 30 years
until they retired in the ear-
ly ‘90s.

After Carlton and Gene-
va joined the Fair Board,
they met with Rondal
Clemons and discussed the
possibility of constructing
a historical village for the
fairgrounds. They were in-
strumental in making that
come true. Geneva met
with Dr. G. Frank Burns
about the history of Wilson
County. He told her Neddy
Jacobs was the first set-
tler. He also mentioned he
played the fiddle. It was
decided the Village should
called Fiddlers Grove.
Geneva drew all the plans
for the Grove. She took
tree limbs and branch-
es and laid out the streets
and buildings that would
be constructed. She found
many of the buildings and
got them donated to Fid-
dlers Grove. She wrote the
history of each of the build-
ings. She was always avail-
able to give walking tours.

On April 17, 1991, the
groundbreaking ceremony
was held for Fiddlers Grove.
The first building was the
Cartmel Cabin. Soon to
follow was the Forbes Cab-
in, the kitchen behind the
Fiddle Cabin and Dr. Fish-
er’s Office. Today there are
more than 50 buildings in
the Grove.

Wilson County Promos-
tions is truly grateful for
everything Carlton and Ge-
neva have done for Fiddlers
Grove.