Detectives continue search for Mario’s Market burglary suspect

Detectives are working to identify a suspect who busted into a market with a rock, and stole multiple cartons of cigarettes. Officers were summoned to Mario’s Market, located at 14851 Lebanon Road, after a cleaning crew noticed the front glass was busted around 6 a.m., Monday, August 14.

Officers arrived to find the glass broken, a large rock inside, and multiple cartons of cigarettes stolen. Detectives responded to the scene to collect and process evidence. Video surveillance captured the suspect in the act, who broke in earlier that morning. Additionally, another nearby market’s surveillance captured the same suspect possibly attempting to break into that store as well.

Anyone with any information regarding this crime is encouraged to call the Mt. Juliet Police Department at (615) 754-2550. Information can also be given anonymously by calling (615) 754-TIPS (8477) or via the Mt. Juliet Police Department website at http://www.mjpd.org/.

Positive impact being shown locally by use of Narcan

In May, the Wilson County Sheriff’s Office received training in administering Naloxone, commonly referred to as Narcan. Narcan is a medication used to block the effects of opioids, especially in overdose. Narcan will temporarily reverse the depression of the respiratory system and allow the person to breathe more effectively.

The use and availability of Narcan is already saving lives in Wilson County. Last week, a deputy responded to a call of a subject who had possibly overdosed on an unknown drug. Upon the arrival of the calendar realigned to provide for longer breaks, during Thanksgiving and Christmas, or a school start date after Labor Day.

To gain a clear perspective on what would best serve the long-term needs of our school families and staff, the district has partnered with an independent research and communications firm, K12 Insight, to administer the survey and compile the results. Three options will be on the table for parents to choose from. Option one provides a one-week fall break.

Wilson County Schools launch calendar survey

After Labor Day, Wilson County Schools will begin conducting a district-wide survey of parents and staff to gain input and perspective on how the annual school calendar should be organized in the years to come.

For many years, Wilson County has been one of the few school districts in Middle Tennessee to maintain a two-week fall break. While many parents and teachers have enjoyed that extended break, there are others who’ve expressed interest in seeing

Commissioners to pause new construction on Golden Bear

By Kimberly Allen
Managing Editor

The Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners held its regularly scheduled meeting, Monday, August 28. The meeting opened up with Commissioner reports. Vice Mayor James Maness
asked residents to remember the victims of Hurricane Harvey in their prayers.

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there was probably not a department in the city that was not involved one way or another."

There were people from 17 different states, including Alaska. All of the hotels were sold out for the event.

"We think there was involved just did a wonderful job arranging that." City Manager Kenny Martin welcomed new City Planner Larry Mizell who comes from Franklin, Tennessee.

"He's got an abundance of experience," said Martin. Mizell worked in development for nearly 40 years and in city government as a planner for 10 years. He hopes this experience from both sides will give him a well-rounded approach to planning in Mt. Juliet.

"I'm not a typical city planner," said Mizell. "That's the perspective that I bring. I hope that bringing that perspective helps us move forward in what we're going to do."

A resolution of the Board of Commissioners to pause new construction along Golden Bear Gateway was discussed. This resolution is sponsored by Mayor Hagerty who thinks that without further planning, the beauty of Golden Bear Gateway could be compromised by the addition of unfavorable kinds of construction.

"I don't think pausing a year here to make sure it's done right is going to hurt us any more than the road wasn't finished for another year," said Maness. The commissioners were split in their feelings on this subject.

"We've got a road that is open, and we are going to start planning after the fact," said Commissioner Ray Justice. "I think that's just sad."

Putting new construction on pause could cause issues with the growth of Mt. Juliet. According to Justice, only one residential development has been approved by the board in the last two years.

"I'm talking about the overall economic development of this city," said Justice. "I think this is dangerous."

A proposed amendment would only include the area from north of Fed Ex to Cedar Creek.

The resolution passed with the amendment.

The first reading of an ordinance to accept Culver's grant and appropriate same for public fire protection education passed first reading. Culver's restaurant has donated $500 to the education fund for the Mt. Juliet Fire Department.

An ordinance establishing and implementing a program to charge insurance providers mitigation rates for the deployment of emergency services by the fire department for provided/rendered by the Mt. Juliet Fire Department passed second reading.

The ordinance to amend the Mt. Juliet personnel manual with clarifying language regarding section 7.8, overtime pay passed second reading.

An ordinance approving the request to connect to the Mt. Juliet sewer system made by the owner of 3150 Nonaville Rd. was passed.

Under unfinished business was an ordinance to amend the Mt. Juliet personnel manual with clarifying language regarding section 5.4, retirement. After much deliberation, this item was deferred one meeting.

Under new business was an ordinance amending ordinance number 2012-44, adopted July 23, 2012, as amended by changing the zoning classification of 240 Fiberglass Dr. from Industrial General to Industrial General with adult entertainment district overlay.

This ordinance is regarding the tattoo and body piercing shop that moved into the area. There will be an amendment that the zoning will revert back to Industrial General without the overlay, should the shop go out of business. This will prevent the overlay zoning to allow a new business that is unfavorable to move into the building.

There was also talk of modifying the classification of tattoo and body piercing parlors for future use, so that it would not be lumped in with all other adult entertainment businesses.

"No one thinks it has anything to do with adult entertainment," said Abston, who thinks the change will prevent future confusion should a situation such as this one come up again.

The zoning overlay amendment passed first reading.

The ordinance to amend the fiscal year 2017/2018 budget to appropriate funds from the emergency services fund to fund renovations to the building purchased from Green Hills Church, for the purpose of housing Ladder 111 to maintain current ISO rating passed first reading.

The ordinance to amend the fiscal year 2017/2018 budget to appropriate funds from the sale of found property to local non-profits in pursuance of the Downs Syndrome Association and Buddy Walk was passed first reading.

The Commissioners were split on the decision about the ordinance to approve city sewer service at 1100 NW Rutland Rd., which is located outside of city limits. Mayor Hagerty voiced his concerns about granting the sewer service without an annexation.

"If we miss this chance to annex you, we will never get it back," said Hagerty.

Mayor Hagerty and Commissioner Ray Justice feel that with the growth in the area there could be a future need for annexation of the property to allow for road expansions or other projects.

The ordinance passed 3-2 on the first reading.

A resolution supporting a grant application by the city of Mt. Juliet for the Tennessee Department of Transportation’s (TDOT) upcoming congestion mitigation and air quality improvement program for intelligent signal system and signal improvement on Mt. Juliet Rd. was passed.

The last resolution on the agenda to approve the agreement between the city of Mt. Juliet and TDOT for the Woodridge Place sidewalk project and authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreements was passed.

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The Rockstar Academy of Dance in Mt. Juliet took home several trophies at Nationals. They won nine first place championships, 11 second place and seven third place in addition to numerous top 10 placements as well. Most importantly they won first and third place in the Grand National Champions at the end of the competition.

Open auditions for The Wind in the Willows


John Morley has taken the well-loved characters of Toad, Mole, Ratty and Badger from “The Wind in the Willows” and woven their exploits into an exciting adventure story for the whole family. Toad’s addiction to caravanning and later his obsession with cars, his imprisonment and escape with the aid of Jenny and her washerwoman aunts, and his fight with the Weasels and Stoats to regain Toad Hall are all included.
Wilson County 2017 Fair had sixth highest attendance in fair history

The 2017 Wilson County Fair, sponsored by Middle Tennessee Ford Dealers, was a great success. With an attendance of 488,299, it reached 21,063 more people than the fair in 2016.

It was the sixth highest attendance in fair history. The rain on Tuesday night caused numbers to be down that night by 20,945.

The Solar Eclipse Day was a great success with attendance of 12,698 before 3 p.m. There were visitors from several countries and across the United States. The top of the day was a couple from California who got engaged during the total eclipse.

The theme of the fair was “Here Comes The Fun,” and this rang true with reports from visitors that they had the most fun at the fair in its history.

The new Expo Center took the fair to another level with pageants in door, 60 new bathrooms, expanded exhibit space and the new Hometown USA exhibit.

The fair had two great concerts sponsored by Bates Ford, the largest flower show in fair history with over 800 entries, strong competitive exhibits, livestock shows, Fun on the Farm for the first time, Dairy Milking Demonstrations for the first time and Stem Science, Technology Engineering and Mathematics building for the first time.

“Ours 300 member of Board of Directors and 1,000 volunteers have put on one of the best fairs in our history. Our fair was in memory of our leader for 38 years, Hale Moss, and everyone joined together to make a great fair in his memory. Our board remembered him with a marble bench in front of our fair office, dedication of a permanent museum in his memory in Fiddlers Grove and continuing the Hale Moss Scholarship auction. Our fair is a showcase of the talents of Wilson County, and we believe this year’s fair did that in a grand fashion. We appreciate deeply all of the support from exhibitors, vendors and from the 488,299 people that visited our fair. Due to the efforts of everyone and our visitors, our profits each year go into putting on next year’s Wilson County Fair and the further development of the James E. Ward Ag Center,” said Randall Clemons, president of the Wilson County Fair.

Eddie Stubbs of WSM Radio introduces the Oak Ridge Boys at the 2017 Wilson County Fair Concert, sponsored by Bates Ford.

Ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony of Moss’ Feed & Seed, in honor of Hale Moss was Thursday, August 24.

The 2017 Fairest of the Fair is Anna Belle Gallaher. Anna Belle is the daughter of John and Ashlie Gallaher of Lebanon Tennessee. Anna Belle was also voted Miss Congeniality by her peers in the competition. Fair History was made as three generations have participated in the Wilson County Fairest of the Fair. Anna Belle’s Grandmother, Linda Johnson, was first runner up in the contest in 1961, and her mother, Ashlie Gallaher, was in the top ten in the Fairest of Fair in 1987.

Fairest of the Fair and Ms. Senior present Cracker Barrel Rockers to the 2017 Old Timers of the Year.

Pictured are Anna Belle Gallaher - 2017 Fairest of the Fair, Faye Huddleston - 2017 Old Timer Of the Year, Margorie Hoffman - 2017 Old Timer of the Year, Denise Byrd 2017 - Ms. Senior Wilson County.

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A Total Eclipse of the Heart

Jacob Armstrong
Providence Church

I was in middle school, say 1993, the first time I heard the song. It had already been blasting over FM frequencies and in roller skate rinks for a decade, but somehow I had missed it.

I heard the song in the auditorium of Mt. Juliet Jr. High during the S.T.A.R.S. presentation. Acronyms were used a lot back in those days with teenagers. It made anything cool.

S.T.A.R.S was an acronym for Students Taking a Right Stand. They spoke out against the use of alcohol, drugs, crude language, and other bad stuff. Some of my peers walked out onto the darkened stage wearing black t-shirts with white lettering emblazoned on the front. Each shirt had a different bad thing written on it. Heroin. Cocaine. LSD.

The message was clear. These things were bad, and we should turn from them. That’s how I heard the song. Total Eclipse of the Heart. This moving rock ballad repeats the phrase, “Turn Around.” And when Bonnie Tyler would sing the words Turn Around, the student wearing the Heroin t-shirt would turn around to show another word on the back of their shirt, like Hope or Promise or Love.

I learned that Bonnie Tyler sung Total Eclipse of the Heart on a cruise ship during the Total Solar Eclipse last Monday. To which I say, “Epic.”

But, it got me thinking about the song in middle school, the darkness in our country right now, and Abraham.

First, the events in Charlottesville got our attention and grieved us, and we all realized we are not as far along as many of us hoped.

I reminded our staff on...
Seniors Are Awesome

Kenny Martin
City Manager
Mt. Juliet, TN

With all the love I/we have for our senior citizens, I wanted remind everyone to please check in on our senior citizens, to make sure they are doing well. A lot of our senior citizens live alone and don’t drive any longer. Therefore, they sometimes need errands ran or items picked up.

If you know of a senior citizen, regardless of age, who is homebound, please stop by and check in on them periodically. You will sometimes find that they are in great need and simply don’t know who to turn to for help. You will more than likely find a sweet person full of life, smiles, laughter, kindness, wisdom, knowledge and even a little mischief.

Unfortunately, our senior citizen population sometimes get overlooked or forgotten about, and we cannot let that happen.

There has never been a time that I didn’t learn something from my elders or a senior citizen. They have earned and deserve our respect, attention, love and support. If we’re lucky, we’ll be senior citizens one day ourselves and get the support we need as well.

So I am asking anyone that may possibly read this article to please take time to visit and speak with a senior citizen. Please also spread the word to others. The experience will indeed be worthwhile and educational.

As we all know, time and the environment have a way of changing our physical appearance on the outside. Minus age and medical setbacks, our minds go relatively unaffected.

Many a young person has been fooled into thinking they could outsmart, outrun and even out think a senior citizen, only to be fooled by the much wiser senior citizen.

Our senior citizens are like fine wine, they just get better with time and age. They are sort of like an old pair of jeans or shoes, the more and longer you wear them, the better they fit.

As for the senior citizens, please keep this in mind, each day that you awake brings yet another day, to pass on your many years of wisdom and life experiences. Your experience in life is invaluable.

What makes us young at heart is our smiles, personalities, attitudes, families and love. Being old in years doesn’t make you old at heart anymore than being young in years makes you young at heart. Having a positive attitude and a smile on your face will make you feel young at heart. Get to know a senior citizen and please don’t forget about them.

Sunday, to keep our heads high because we are a part of pushing back the darkness, but I must admit I have had trouble keeping my head up. If you come to Providence Church, you know that for some time as a predominantly white church we have been calling out the evil of racism and seeking to build partnerships in our community to work towards racial reconciliation.

We don’t always even know what that means or what it looks like, but we decided to try even if that meant we made some blunders. So, it did not surprise our congregation when we called out the sin and evil of the White Supremacist protests in Charlottesville.

We have also been studying Abraham. Well, really Abram. We have spent more time looking at Abram before he was Abraham.

Abraham lived so long in the gap between what God had promised and what he could currently see. What I mean is he had been told that there would be beautiful promises fulfilled in his life, but he couldn’t see it.

One such instance of this is when Abram tells God that the promise of being a father of many nations doesn’t seem like it will happen. He is quite old and doesn’t have kid one. God takes Abram outside of his tent and asks him to count the stars in the sky, if indeed he can. That’s how many descendants Abram will have.

Imagine the stretch of faith needed to count stars and believe that you will have that many descendants when you are 80 years old and don’t have one descendant yet!

And then, when you read the Scripture more closely, you realize that God took Abram outside to count stars in the middle of the day. That’s right.

Upon closer inspection of the story it is clear that God and Abram’s star gazing party took place in the afternoon.

That’s a different kind of faith altogether. That’s crazy, extravagant, bold faith in the face of circumstances that tell you the opposite of the promise must be true.

And Abram believed.

My brother, who works as a physical scientist for the National Parks service, was in town a few weeks ago visiting from Utah. He told me how he was going to drive a far distance from his home to the Tetons to witness the full totality of the Solar Eclipse. Because he knows a lot more about the heavens than I do, I asked him questions about this marvel that would be coming right through our hometown in a few days.

Andy told me several amazing things that we could expect, and then he said, “It is quite common that during a total Solar Eclipse, the sky goes completely dark and the stars come out in the middle of the day.”

“What do you mean?” I asked.

He repeated, that during a solar eclipse the stars experience out in the middle of the day. My brother studies the heavens in one way, I study the heavens in another.

I shared with him about Abram and this strange story where it seems God asks him to count stars during the day. Could it have been a solar eclipse? Andy explained that there are computer generated forecasts both into the future and into the past of when and where solar eclipses happen. You know I googled it.

There was a total solar eclipse, according to one source, on May 9, 1533 B.C. in Canaan. The precise time when a foreigner named Abram had pitched his tent in that exact place. I’m not saying that the story in Genesis 15 happened on that day. I’m just saying I was reminded we have a God who can cause stars to come out in the middle of the day. I believe that.

For that reason, I would like to invite you to Green Hill Church on Sunday September 10, at 5 p.m. It will be our desire to have a productive conversation about race, the church, and our city through a forum featuring a diverse panel from our community. Our goal is to gain understanding, build meaningful relationships, model healthy dialogue, and seek the Lord together on behalf of our city.
MJCA Saints fall to Goodpasture Christian School in home opener

The Mt. Juliet Christian Academy middle-school football team faced an impressive Goodpasture Christian Cougars squad, Thursday night, in their home opener at Ed Suey Field. Goodpasture posted a 46-12 win over the MJCA Saints with a powerful running game and a stout defense.

MJCA kept it close in the first quarter, giving up a lone touchdown on Goodpasture’s first drive. Defensive tackle Corey Hardy recovered a Goodpasture fumble but the Saints were unable to capitalize. The Cougars dominated the second quarter, scoring 22 unanswered points. The Saints came out rejuvenated in the second half and traded touchdowns evenly with Goodpasture for the final two quarters. Offensive highlights included a 38-yard return from Saint kick returner Braxton Lambert, and a 69-yard, two TD performance from RB and WR Eli Wilson. Mt. Juliet plays their next game at home on Thursday night, August 31, at 6 p.m., against Davidson County’s Holy Rosary Academy.

LOCAL RESTAURANT & DINING GUIDE

Houstons is a family owned and operated butcher shop, grill, and catering kitchen nestled in the heart of North Mt. Juliet for 25 years. We started as a butcher shop in 1993, and developed into a pre-eminent purveyor of both fresh and prepared southern delicacies. From the Meat Department: USDA Choice Beef, USDA Prime Ribeyes, Coming soon! US grown Wagyu Beef, Individually portioned Seafood, Premium Pork, Fresh, never frozen Chicken, Ground Buffalo & Elk and Buffalo Steaks.

From the Deli: Monday thru Friday, enjoy our Homemade Meat & 2, with Meatloaf Monday and Taco Salad Thursday being the favorites. 7 days a week, though, the grill is open for Houston’s made to order burgers, made from fresh ground chuck that is ground in house. Or try our Grilled Chicken Club or Grilled Pork Chop Sandwich.

From the Kitchen: We have a wide selection of deli salads, including Houston’s county famous Chicken Salad and Pimento Cheese. Our customers benefit from our family recipes faithfully prepared by the staff at Houston’s. If you have been to a wedding reception, family reunion, corporate event or team banquet in the last 15 years in Middle Tennessee, chances are Houston’s has served you. From groups of 20 to over 1000, we provide home cooking, full service catering, and on site grilling for the masses. Menus are available online, call or email for a customized quote on your event.

From the Smoker: Our Traeger Smoker is ready to go, loaded with fresh mesquite and hickory smoke. From the Smoker: Fresh Grilled Burgers • Fresh Grilled Burgers • Fresh Grilled Burgers

Also prepare Pulled pork BBQ and Smokey Chopped chicken that can be purchased by the pound. Smoked Pork Loin and Sliced Beef Brisket are also available in our deli case. All smoked items are available as catering entrees.

DaVita Dialysis celebrates new Mt. Juliet location

Additionally, Rep. Susan Lyon attended the event to meet with patients and caregivers to better understand the kidney care needs of local residents. DaVita Dialysis is located at 1050 Herschel Dr., in Mt. Juliet.
Fairview Church to host third annual Missions Market

Fairview Church will host its third annual Missions Market on Friday, September 15 from 2 p.m. – 8 p.m. and Saturday, September 16 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Fairview Church is located at 1660 Leeville Pike.

Fairview Missions Market is a two-day local artisan craft and food event to support local and international missions trips through Fairview Church, while supporting the local businesses.

The event will feature live music, food trucks and 50 vendor booths from local artists and farmers selling handmade crafts, goods, or locally grown produce.

Last year’s Missions Market drew more than 1,000 attendees and raised over $6,000 which supported several ministries such as the local Backpack Ministry, Operation Christmas Child and a medical mission trip to Guatemala. This year, the Missions Market hopes to exceed those funds to benefit Fairview Church missions’ teams to Central Asia and Central America.

For more information about the Missions Market, or to reserve a vendor booth, please contact Joyce Couts at 615-556-1044 or visit Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/fairviewmissionsmarket.

Some of the vendors include: LulaRoe, Freeland Farms, Oh Crumbs Bakery, Bountiful Acres Farms, Dixie Pie, Taters, Gnash girl, Perpetua’s Treasures, Dribble and Drool, Empower Me, Turtle Dove Pottery, Giftworldz, and more.

Lochinvar continues faithful support of Sherry’s Run

Hundreds of cancer patients in the Wilson County community and surrounding areas receive support each year from Sherry’s Run, but none of this could happen without the community rallying behind the organization.

One great example of this is Lochinvar, who has faithfully supported Sherry’s Run for years. They presented a check in the amount of $15,000, which will make a great impact for those battling cancer.

Registration is now open for the Fourteenth Annual Sherry’s Run/Walk event Saturday, September 9, 2017. Support from the community allows them to assist cancer patients 52 weeks a year with gas, groceries, utility bills, hospital payments, and colonoscopy assistance.

To learn more about Sherry’s Run, please call 615-925-2592. To refer someone who might qualify for assistance, please call 615-925-9932 or visit www.sherrysrun.org.
OBITUARIES

LINZEY, Paul Scott “Snakeman”

Paul Scott “Snakeman” Linzy, age 70, of Mt. Juliet, TN, died August 24, 2017. Scott was retired from the Tennessee Department of Corrections, Lois DeBerry Special Needs Facility, and was formerly a Deputy for the Wilson County Sheriff’s Department. He enjoyed fast cars, motorcycles, reptiles and guns and when he loved, he loved with all his heart. Scott was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Geraldine Bell. He is survived by: Wife – Kimberly Mackenzie Linzy; Daughter – Janie Linzy; Son – Teamer (Rachel) LaVergne, Ian MePherson; Grandchildren – Lori Benson; Aunt – Joyce (Rachel) LaVergne, Ian MePherson; Niece – Brandie Beamer, Louis Jodi (Justin) Whittsitt; Daughters – Tasha (Bryan) Berumen, Briana (Craig) Cord; seven grandchildren: Lilian and Logan Taylor; Scott was retired from the Wilson County Sheriff’s Special Needs Facility, and people loved James. He had a special love for Odell Mangrum Sullivan. He is survived by: Wife – Donnie Lynn Taylor; Children – Bart (Heather) Odell, Brinley Welch and was known to put a smile on his face. He is also survived by his brother in law, Carl (Jo Ann) Gorday and sister in law, Emily Schlichting. Carley Schlichting and Justin Schlichting; and four great-grandchildren. Services were conduct- ed Monday in the chapel Harpeth Hills Funeral Home with burial following in Harpeth Hills Memory Gardens, with military honors provided by the United States Army.

TAYLOR, Donnie Glynn

Donnie Glynn Taylor, age 70, of Mt. Juliet, TN, died August 27, 2017. Don attended Heritage United Methodist Church. He was a graduate of Donel- son High School. He then served in the U.S. Air Force, with service in Korea and Okinawa, prior to his grad- uation and Adjutant of the Tennessee. An avid gol- fer, Don would often play three times a week with the Del Webb Lake Providence groups. The only crowds he tolerated were those at a Vols or Titans football game. Don was preceded in death by his beloved step-father, James B. Roach. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Karen Taylor; his mother Ruth Barton Roach and twin broth- er Ron (Rosemary) Taylor; his children Bart (Heather) Taylor and Katherine (Wes- ley) Welch and was known to their children simply as “Bigg”. He dearly loved his grandchildren, Emil- yn, Liam and Logan Taylor. Community Development Board Executive Commit- tee will meet at 7:45 a.m., Thursday, September 7, at the JECDB office located at 115 N Castle Heights Ave, Suite 102, Lebanon.

SULLIVAN, James R.

Mr. James R. Sullivan, age 84 of Mt. Juliet, passed away August 24, 2017 at Quality Care Center, in Lebanon, TN. James was a native of Fairview and the son of the late Herman Sullivan and Odell Mangrum Sullivan. Prior to retirement he was a machine operator with Rocktenn Manufacturing. Following retirement he enjoyed time with friends and family, and began his many “collections.” James will be remembered for many things, but mostly by the simple phrase uttered by his fam- ily, “He was a good man.” He had a special love for his family and friends, es- pecially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Kids of all ages were drawn to him for his kindness and his willingness to spoil them, often times with trips to the candy store. He had a special talent for music and played week- ly with friends. Up until the time his health began to fail him, he enjoyed playing the bass. It will always be said that James loved people, and people loved James.

He is survived by his wife: Joann Woodard Sul- livan; daughters: Monya (Tony) Schlichting and Suz- zanne (Lee) Solis; son: Ter- rry (Micki) Enoch; brothers: G.H. Sullivan and David Sullivan; sister: Judy Mc- Cord; seven grandchildren: Bradley (Amanda) Crook, Serena Enoch, Erica Solis (Brian Ervin), Briana (Craig) Harmam, Emily Schlichting. Cleanings | Crowns | Venetian Inlay/Onlay Root Canals | Oral Surgery | Cosmetic Dentistry | Bridges Mon, Tues 7-7 | Wed 7-2 Thurs 7-3 | Fri 8-12 Walk-Ins Welcome Most insurance plans accepted! 615-754-6677

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPT 1
Free Clothes
The Free Clothing Store at Life Church will be open from 9 a.m. until Noon Fri- day, September 1. There will be free clothes and accessories for men, wom- en, and children. There will also be a chiropractor to give free adjustments.

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SEPT 3
Blood Drive
There will be a blood drive at Celebration Lu- theran Church, located in the Fellowship Hall at 3425 N. Mt. Juliet Rd., Sunday, September 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. To schedule an appointment, visit red- crossblood.org and enter sponsor code: MtJuliet. There will be food served to those who donate.

SEPT 5
Lions Club
Lions Club meeting at Country’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 kennethlorin@gmail.com.

JECDB
The Joint Economic and Community Development Board Executive Commit- tee will meet at 7:45 a.m., Thursday, September 7, at the JECDB office located at 115 N Castle Heights Ave, Suite 102, Lebanon.

SEPT 7
Community Development Meeting
There will be a Community Development Meeting at the Chamber Office, 7:45 a.m. – 9 a.m. Join us for informative updates from county and city representatives. Also hear about the new Mechatronics Program at VSCC from Guest Speaker Paige Holmes, Project Di- rector for Leap 2.0. Breakfast is free and provided by Bank of Tennessee.

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Fairview Missions Market
The Fairview Missions Market will be Septem- ber 15, from 2 p.m. - 8 p.m. and September 16, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The event takes place at Fair- view Church, located at 1660 Leeville Pike, Leba- non. There will be live en- tertainment, artisan crafts, homemade goods, food and a silent auction on Friday evening. Admission is free. For more information, call 615-444-0111.

SEPT 20
Chamber Luncheon
Chamber Connect- tion Luncheon at Rutland Place, 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. $18 early registration by noon on September 19; $23 late registration. Sara Beth Urban, Middle TN Di- vision Manager for the TN Department of Tourist De- velopment, will share what they are doing to attract over 100 million visitors to TN. Find out how you can be a part in the number two industry in the state! On- line registration required at www.mjchamber.org.

SEPT 22
Golfing for Cops
The Golfing for Cops Present and Future Golf Tournament will be held at Windtree Golf Course 810 Nonaville Rd., Friday September 22 at 1:30 p.m. Cost is $100 per player. For more information contact Cpl. Jennings Taylor at 615-754-3928.

SEPT 23
40 year class reunion
The Mt. Juliet High School class of 1977 is having its 40 year class reunion September 23, at Five Oaks Golf and Coun- try Club, 621 Five Oaks Boulevard Lebanon, Ten- nessee. Dinner, cash bar and DJ. Registration is at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6 p.m. Cost is $45 single and $75.00 for couples. Mail line registration required to, www.mjchamber.org.
Ramona & Co. to have Grand re-opening under new leadership

Ramona & Co. is having a Grand re-opening, September 30. Ramona & Co. has been open for 10 years, Lauren Lasko has just taken over as the new owner August 7, 2017. The Grand re-opening will be a way for guests to get to know Lasko and learn about any updates to the store.

“It’s been a pretty seam- less transition,” said Lasko, who acquired the store from previous owners Ramona Crutcher, Rita Maynard and Holly Holton.

Ramona & Co. sells women’s accessories and fashion. Some of the most popular lines carried are Brighton, Kendra Scott, Scout and Simply Southern.

Another designer in the store is Fashionable, a Nashville based company. Fashionable employs women who have overcome extraordinary circumstances, such as prostitution, homelessness, addiction or just a lack of opportunity.

“That’s kind of where my heart is, to help business- es like that,” said Lasko. “They’ve been amazing, Rita have been amazing,” said Lasko.

As owner, Lasko takes care of everything that goes on behind the scenes, including choosing which new brands and products to bring into the store.

Even though a lot of her work is not done on the sales floor, she is always involved and accessible during daily operations of the store.

“Since I live here in Mt. Juliet, I’m in the store a lot more than what you would probably expect,” said Lasko.

Lasko has lived in Wilson County since 2008, when she moved here to go to school. She met her husband, who is a teacher at West Wilson Middle School, after moving to the area. They have now been married for seven years, and have two daughters.

Lasko worked at Ramona & Co. while attending school for a master’s degree, so she was already familiar with the practices.

She had discussed her interest in one day taking over the store, when the previous owners were ready to retire.

“Little did I know that God had big plans for me,” said Lasko.

This spring, during lunch the previous owners informed Lasko that they would be selling the company. They were all ready to retire and move on.

“At first I thought, there’s no way. I can’t do it on my own, there’s three owners, I can’t do it by myself,” said Lasko.

After going home and discussing it with her husband and praying about it, she decided to go for it.

“They’ve been awesome. Ramona, Holly and Rita have been amazing,” said Lasko. “They’ve been there every step of the way. They’ve helped me transition into the role.”

Lasko worked as a teacher for Wilson County for six years before taking over Ramona & Co.

“It’s really kind of interest- ing because last year one of the classes that I taught was a business class. I remember telling my stu- dents, ‘if I wasn’t teaching, I would love to have my own business,’” said Lasko.

Lasko has been working retail since the age of 16. She started at a small family-owned store in southern Indiana, where she worked all through college.

“I always had retail in my blood,” said Lasko.

Lasko plans to keep much of the store the same, but has a few changes in mind.

“I am trying to transition us into somewhat more of a lifestyle store,” said Lasko.

The plan is to incorporate shirts, more bags and even a candle line. There will be gift items for all ages.

In an effort to create a welcoming environment for the younger crowd, Lasko is taking Ramona & Co. into the social networking world and has introduced models to the business. Many of the models for Ramona & Co. are local high school students.

“I feel like we appeal to the boho girl, the trendy girl, the classic lady,” said Lasko. “And that’s the point. I don’t want to be pinpointed (to one style).”

One to two times a month, the store will do a team up event, where they invite people with home- based businesses to set up a display in the store, showcasing their items. Companies like Rodan & Fields, LuLaRoe and Younique are some of the brands that will take part in this event.

“It helps get their name out and they can bene- fit from being here in the store,” said Lasko.

Cus- tomers come in that may not have heard of them be- fore.”

With lots of stores in the area, Lasko plans to bring something special with Ramona & Co.

“I have a lot of strings at- tached to the community. That’s definitely what sets us apart, we care about the community and we’re not a big-box company,” said Lasko.

Lasko is very positive about her decision to take over the store and the new direction she is going.

“I am a local Wilson County teacher that gets to live out her dream,” said Lasko.

Ramona & Co. is located at 401 S. Mt. Juliet Rd., Ste 535, in between Yankee Candle and Bath and Body Works.
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What Will They Be?

By Angel Kane
Wilson Living Magazine

Do you ever wonder what your child will be when they grow up?

When I was young I wanted to be either an actress or an archeologist. Considering I never once performed in my school play, I can’t say that I’m completely devastated that Clooney and Pitt are not, today, part of my inner circle. (I mean, I am, but not because I’m not a starlet.)

Archaeology, now that makes me laugh out loud. I distinctly remember telling my parents that no matter what, one day I would travel to the deserts of Egypt to study the pyramids...and they couldn’t stop me!

My parents nodded and told me they wholeheartedly supported my endeavor. The reason for their unwavering support, of course, was because they knew the only way I’d be digging in the sand, in the middle of a desert, was if someone kidnapped me and then promptly threw me out of a plane while flying over King Tut’s final resting place. No doubt, digging would promptly ensue the moment my practically lifeless body hit the ground, as I would immediately commence tunneling back to America - home of air conditioning, ice and all things new!

So when my own children tell me what they want to be when they grow up, I try not to take it to heart.

You want to join the Coast Guard so you can fly helicopters above the ocean and be that guy that slowly gets hoisted down into the water to save that other guy in the raft?

On the inside, I want to yell out, “No you’re not, that’s stupid, you’re going to be an accountant!” but since I’m an actress...I nod, smile and instead offer words of encouragement.

“No you’re not, that’s stupid, you’re going to be an engineer!” (Apparently, acting really wasn’t my calling.)

But with our oldest in college and our second child soon on her way, ‘what are you going to be?’ has suddenly become more urgent. Unlike when I was in school and had to wing it, kids these days have a plethora of online tests and tools that help them determine the perfect career choice.

Chances are you’ll probably end up being a risk-adverse accountant (or so your mother hopes and prays) but until then there is nothing better than the dream of visiting far away pyramids or diving into crashing waves to have you believing you can be anything your heart desires!

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Fine Arts Committee is excited to introduce this year’s artist for its ninth annual Commmemorative Print contest. Mr. Richard “Dick” Cleveland is an amateur artist living in Lebanon with his wonderful wife, Nancy. The piece he submitted for the contest was inspired by his daughter and son-in-law’s little garden. Their grandchildren had planted sunflower seeds that their grandson’s girlfriend had brought over. This being the “Year of the Sunflower” at the fair, he decided to take a picture of the garden and the piece he submitted was the result. You can see the original on display in the fine arts area during the fair.

Mr. Cleveland is a retired Human Resources Manager. He and Nancy moved to Wilson County 24 years ago. They have two children, also living in Wilson County: their son Tim and wife Jan and children, and their daughter, Gwen and husband, Jim and children. Dick and Nancy have been married 53 years.

Dick says that he cannot remember a time before drawing. At nine, he was drawing Disney characters off of bread wrappers that featured a different character on each loaf. At 13, he entered a Veteran’s Day art contest in his hometown of Princeton, Indiana, where he placed second. His only art instruction was his four years of high school art classes. In high school he had two passions, football and drawing. He went on after high school to play football at the Citadel Military Academy in Charleston, SC. There was no time for art at that time, but four years later, during his military service, he was painting again. At this time, he met Nancy while serving at Fort Campbell. She remembers thinking what an interesting guy he was being a football player, soldier and artist.

Over the years he has been involved in art guilds in Nashville and Columbia, and has exhibited art in the Parthenon, Centennial Park, Natchez Trace, Audubon Park in Kentucky among many others. He painted several pre-Civil War homes and historical churches while living in Columbia.

Since moving to Lebanon, he has really appreciated the Wilson County Fair’s interest in art and the opportunity this gives for artists to display their art and compete. He says it is the best organized art show he has ever seen. He has won several blue ribbons over the years, but the honor of winning the Commemorative Print Contest was a wonderful surprise to him. He con-

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Volunteer State Community College student Evan Guin has been awarded his third Law Enforcement/Public Safety Education Program (LEEP) Dream Scholarship, which is double the amount awarded to recipients in previous years. He is among 27 top students who will receive the $2,000 award for pursuing an associate's degree in Fire Science. Guin also is a Volunteer Firefighter for Mt. Juliet Fire Department and was an Advanced EMT at Life-care EMS in Mt. Juliet. His initial career goal is to be an EMT and Firefighter.

Guin earned his Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) license and is using his award to pursue an associate's degree in Fire Science. He's an EMT in the Emergency Room at St. Thomas Midtown Hospital in Nashville.

Guin is also a Volunteer Firefighter for Mt. Juliet Fire Department and was an Advanced EMT at Life-care EMS in Mt. Juliet. His initial career goal is to be an EMT and Firefighter. He would eventually like to pursue a bachelor's degree in Fire Science or Emergency Management. "I want to open more doors and opportunities later on," he said, referring to fire investigation.

Guin is following in the footsteps of his brother, Kelly, a Mississippi Firefighter and an instructor in Colorado for the past 16 years. "Kelly has been a great inspiration and role model for me from an early age. His demeanor, drive and passion for his job have led me to want to become the same great firefighting/EMT veteran he has become," Guin wrote in his scholarship application.

Guin is certified in Basic Firefighting, Firefighting I Live Burn, Introduction to Fire and Emergency Services, CPR, AED and Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support. He also completed a 32-hour radiological monitoring class.

"I graduated from the inaugural Mt. Juliet Fire Explorer program in 2014, which served as an introductory platform to community service outreach programs ..." Guin wrote.

He was a member of HOSA-Future Health Professionals from 2009-2014 and on an AAU wrestling team from 2005-2014.

"I was through this competition, practice, hard work and dedication from my teammates that I was able to finish as high fourth in the state of Tennessee during my AAU wrestling career," Guin wrote. "This teamwork mentality has followed me to this day and I believe it will help with my ongoing career development."

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continues to fill his and Nanc-y's home, and the homes of his children, with art. Since he says that his home looks like an art gallery, he is anxious for some of his eight grandchildren to now have homes of their own and places for more of his art.

The Wilson County Fair has a Commemorative Print every year featuring a different Wilson County artist. The original is on display during the fair, and the artist comes in the first night of the fair to sign and number the first 100 prints. Once they are gone, they are gone forever, so make sure to get one. All proceeds for the sale of the prints goes towards art scholarships for Wilson county youth who may need help taking art classes and/or who are art majors in college. Committee chairman, Clyde Rountree, says that they still have some signed prints available for this year, and that all prints for 2009-2016 have some signed and unsigned still available. You can see all of the prints on display in the main hall of the Expo Center during the fair, and you can buy your prints at the Fine Arts table in the Expo Center, at the General Store in Fiddler's Grove and at the Fair Board office. Unsigned prints are $15 and signed prints are $25.