Students begin 2018 school year

Randall Hutto was re-elected to serve a third term as Wilson County mayor, defeating former State Senator Mae Beavers by nearly 11,000 votes.

According to the Wilson County Election Commission, 37 percent of the 81,365 registered voters participated in the election.

Wilson County Sheriff Robert Bryan was also re-elected, winning with nearly 70 percent of the vote against Mt. Juliet District 1 Commissioner Ray Justice.

Jim Major was re-elected County Trustee with nearly 85 percent of the vote, defeating Al Partee Jr.

Debbie Moss remained Circuit Court Clerk and Jim Goodall remained County Clerk, both uncontested.

Jackie Murphy was elected Register of Deeds, defeating opponent Justin Davis by almost 8,000 votes.

Four School Board members were named: Bill Robinson, Zone 2; Linda Armistead, Zone 4; Kimberly McGee, Zone 6; and Chad Karl, Zone 7.

Three Constables ran

Tennessee Education Commissioner Candice McQueen announced the nine finalists for the 2018-19 Tennessee Principal of the Year and Supervisor of the Year awards today. The finalists represent each Center of Regional Excellence (CORE) region in the state, with three finalists in each Grand Division (West, Middle, and East).

Monica Fox, principal at Gladewater Elementary School in Mt. Juliet, was named a finalist for the Middle Tennessee Division. She represents the Mid-Cumberland CORE Region and the Wilson County District.

We know that strong leadership plays a key role in the ultimate success of our students, schools, and state, and these 18 finalists represent some of the best leaders in Tennessee,” McQueen said. “It is an honor to recognize them for their years of dedication to our students and their track records of success.”

The Tennessee Principal of the Year award is given annually to a school leader.
Final preparations underway for Wilson County Fair

Staff Reports

Every year, Wilson County comes together to make sure every detail is taken care of for the Wilson County Fair. Everything gets a new coat of paint, cobwebs dusted, trees and bushes trimmed, concrete pressure-washed and on top of that the rides have already started arriving and being constructed.

Officials say this year is going to be a great fair and that they can’t thank everyone enough who has had a hand in making it happen. They offered a special thank you to every volunteer, Quintin Smith and the Ag Center Staff, Sheriff Bryan and the Sheriff’s Department, Mike Justice and the Lebanon Police Department and City of Lebanon for all they do to help get ready.

Some people go for the fried Twinkies and the thrill rides. Others are drawn in by the nostalgia of Fiddler’s Grove, the live music, or the rare chance to pet a camel.

With hundreds of competitions, more than 50 rides, and a mile-long list of food vendors, exhibits, activities and special events, nine days is barely enough time to squeeze in all the fun to be had at the Wilson County Fair.

Tickets are on sale now for the annual event happening Aug. 17-25 at the James E. Ward Agricultural Center in Lebanon. “We are proud to create a family fun event where you can immerse yourself in a wide variety of authentic rural experiences,” officials said. “It’s entertaining, it’s educational, it’s true to our roots, and it’s good for the local economy. There’s no atmosphere quite like the one created at the Wilson County Fair.”

Approximately 500,000 people are drawn to the event each year.

This year’s fair offers a variety of thrill rides including two roller coasters, an expanded Kiddie Land area with 23 rides for kids, and the 65-foot tall Euro Slide — the tallest portable slide in the United States.

For spectators and those with something to prove, there are competitions throughout the fair in categories including animals, creative arts, motorized events, amateur talent and many more.

The music line-up includes a variety of local and national acts performing on eight stages throughout the week, as well as two nights of concerts with the Jimmy Bowen Band opening for Ronnie Millsap on Monday, Aug. 20, and Buddy Jewell opening for Confederate Railroad on Tuesday, Aug. 21. Concerts will be held in the large covered arena with ample seating. Both of these are included in the price of admission to the fair.

General admission at the gate each day is $12 for adults, $6 for children between 6-12 years old, and free for children under 5. Tickets can be purchased online at wilsoncountyfair.net by Wednesday, Aug. 16, and pay only $10. Other ticket options are available online including a $45 Season Ticket good for admission all nine days.

Don’t want to deal with parking? The Train Ticket option includes a round-trip train ride and admission to the Fair on either Saturday, Aug. 18 or Aug. 25. ($25 adults; $16 children; free under 5 years old) The train departs Nashville Riverfront Station at 3 p.m. with stops at Donelson, Hermitage, Mt. Juliet and Martha Stations and will depart for the return trip at 9 p.m.

Going for the rides? The $25 “Mega Ticket” includes admission to the fair and a ride arm-band good any of the nine days of the event. Must be purchased by Aug. 16 at wilsoncountyfair.net, the Fair Office, or at F&M Bank (Lebanon), First Tennessee Bank (Lebanon & Mt. Juliet), or Wilson Bank & Trust (All Branches).

Gates open at 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. on Saturday, and at noon on Sunday.

The entrance at the blue ticket booth will welcome fair goers as they come to the Wilson County Fair.
Police Chief James Hambrick also recently spoke to Wilson County’s school crossing guards and expressed support for all the hard, important work they do in keeping students safe.

Throughout the school year, MJPD will keep an open line of communication with crossing guards so they can easily report unsafe drivers or any other safety issues within city limits.

Digital radar speed signs have been deployed to school zones to also raise awareness. Mt. Juliet Police have three digital speed signs that display the speed of cars and visually warn drivers if they are driving above the speed limit.

Parents are encouraged to visit their child’s school website to become familiar with the traffic plans for drop-off and pick-up at each school.

To ensure school zones are safe this school year, Mt. Juliet Police offer the following suggestions:

• Give yourself plenty of time in the morning. As traffic volumes and congestion on the roadways increase, so does the length of time it takes to travel to your destination. Giving yourself more time by leaving earlier reduces stress, increases your awareness, and improves your driving. Obey the posted speed limit signs and directional signs. This includes marked curbs. These signs and curb markings assist in the traffic flow into and out of the schools and assist in the safety of the students who walk and bike to school. One misplaced car can disrupt the traffic flow and the safety of our students.

• Be patient. Impatience leads to aggressive driving, rude or unwarranted behavior, pedestrian and bicycle collisions, and it creates traffic gridlock. Remember, everyone has the same goal in mind, to get our children safely to and from school. Also remember, the habits you exhibit in your driving and demeanor are typically passed on to your children when they start driving.

• If you are driving your children to school, have them ready to leave the car, with all of their belongings, when you come to a stop at the school. Backups and delays are caused when children have to get their backpacks and other items from the trunk or back seat of a car. Explore other alternatives such as carpool, ride-sharing, walking or biking to school.

• Watch and obey the school crossing guards. Crossing guards are provided to assist with school traffic and the safe crossing of your students across the surrounding streets near each elementary school. Be on the lookout, be prepared to stop, and be prepared to follow their directions so children can get to and from school safely.

To see examples of how and when to stop for school buses, visit www.mjpdnews.org.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

AUG 9
Parkinson’s Support Group
Green Hill Church is hosting a support group for Parkinson’s patients and their care-partners Aug. 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Two programs will be presented: “Healing your gut through nutrition” and “Massage Therapy for PD.” A light lunch will be served.

AUG 9
Mt. Juliet Senior Activity Center
The Mt. Juliet Senior Activity Center is holding an open house from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Aug. 9, located at 2034 N. Mt. Juliet Rd. There will be displays and demonstrations of many of their activities, light refreshments and good fellowship.

AUG 12
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.

AUG 12
Life Church
International-ly-known comedian Brad Stine will be doing a free show at Life Church in Lebanon Sunday, Aug. 12 at 10:30 a.m. Brad is the most media-covered Christian comedian in the country. This event will be filled with hysterical comedy along with sleight of hand and even sword swallowing. Admission is free and seats are first come first served. Life Church is located at 3686 Highway 109 N. in Lebanon. More information is available at LifeChurchFamily.com.

AUG 13
Board of Commissioners
The Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners will hold its regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. A public hearing is scheduled for 6:15 p.m.

AUG 14
Free Dance Class
Free Dance Exercise Class called Refit every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in the youth center of Life Church, located at 3686 Highway 109, Lebanon. This class is for all ages and fitness levels. LifeChurchFamily.com.

AUG 16
HISET
The Wilson County Adult Education program will be giving the high school equivalency test (HISET formerly GED) on Aug. 16, 2018, at the Tennessee College of Applied Technology in Lebanon. For information on taking the test, please call (615) 443-8731.

AUG 21
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.

AUG 25
Back in the Day K
Back in the Day K is a ‘70s themed 10K run and 5K run/walk on the Stone’s River Greenway at the Kohl’s Trailhead in Donelson. The 10K begins at 6:50 a.m. and the 5K starts at 7 a.m. Proceeds benefit the Agape Animal Rescue. For more information, visit backinthedayk.com.

Tomlinson addresses school concerns

As the Superintendent of Schools, I have been stunned by some of the inaccurate information that’s recently been circulating throughout the community, particularly as it relates to the school district.

For that reason, I want to take a moment to set the record straight on some of these rumors and share some accurate information that will hopefully allow you to separate fact from fiction, during this contentious election season.

Rumor 1
Q: The land purchased for the new high school in Mt. Juliet isn’t suitable because: this isn’t where the real need is; the property has sinkholes; it’ll cost a fortune to build on; it isn’t where the growth is; the parcel has slave graves all over it; the property was too expensive; it isn’t large enough to accommodate a school.

False- School leaders went through an extensive process to identify a piece of property for the new high school that would be suitable in size, price, location, and scope. This has all been thoroughly documented in the way of studies, engineering reports, site selection information, score sheets, letters from archaeologists, and heat maps, that specifically show where our existing high school students live, and demonstrate where the needs are greatest. This information, and more, was posted on our website more than six months. https://www.wcschools.com/Page/1478

The school district also hosted a series of well-publicized community meetings, this spring, to address the information above.

Rumor 2
Q: The school district has room for 4,500 additional students. They don’t even need a new high school?

False- The school district space to accommodate roughly 2,700 additional students, however a vast majority of that space (95 percent) exists in our elementary schools. The district’s middle school population is currently over-capacity by approximately 136 students. This situation is expected to be remedied next school year, with the opening of Gladeville Middle School.

While there’s a modest amount of room available at the high school level, almost all of it exists at Watertown High School, which is not conveniently located to students in Mt. Juliet and Lebanon.

“Capacity Sheets” for each school can be found on the Wilson County Schools website.

Rumor 3
Q: The district could have saved money by adding a third floor, this is clearly not a viable option. Not only would it be an unheard of engineering feat, but this solution also fails to account for where we would relocate the existing students, while the buildings are being expanded upward.

Lastly, the board has made it clear early on, that they have no interest in building schools that house 3,000 students. They are difficult to run logistically, and the quality of education almost always suffers.

Rumor 4
It’ll take millions to “fix” the property the school district has purchased near the corner of Lebanon and N. Green Hill Road.

False- The cost of preparing this site for construction is almost exactly the same as what was spent at LHS, WCHS, MJHS, and WTHS.

Rumor 5
Q: The new high-school is grossly over-priced. Maury Co. recently built a high-school for $45-50 million, and Dickson recently built a Middle School for $30 million.

False- Maury County recently renovated a high school, but that figure did not include the construction of new athletic facilities. The estimate also didn’t include any soft costs.

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Middle School 2-1 to go undefeated on the day.

Eight teams from the area competed in the tourney and MJMS won the final over West Wilson Mt. Juliet Middle School won the Wilson County Pre-Season Jamboree hosted at the Wilson United

Most doctors say there is about 18 inches between the heart and brain of the average human being, which got me to thinking about life and the decisions we are faced with each and every day.

Throughout my entire life I really never noticed or thought much about how I made my daily decisions. I just seemed to make the decision and move on without much thought. After hearing of the 18 inches between the heart and brain, I got to thinking about the processes I went about when making decisions and was somewhat alarmed by my findings.

Upon reflection, I immediately realized that on occasions I had made decisions out of anger, frustration or pure old simple haste, while at other times I seemed to think it through and be more patient.

The more I thought about this the more I realized that on many occasions I had used only my heart to make decisions, while other times I used only my brain to make decisions.

I began to envision how much better those decisions might have been had I used my brain and heart together.

For example, let’s say you are a male awaiting a table in a busy restaurant waiting area. You are sitting with your family waiting for your name to be called so that you can be seated for dinner. All around the waiting room there are many men and women standing because all of the seats are taken. As a male, you were taught that when a lady is standing you offer her your seat so she doesn’t have to stand. This is called being a gentleman and doing the right thing.

One of two things will happen here. If you think with your head and not your heart you will let the lady stand and say to your self she can stand just like me, I was here first. If you are thinking with your heart and your brain, you are more likely to offer the lady your seat.

If she declines, look around the room to see if there are any other ladies, senior citizens or those with disabilities and offer them your seat. If they all decline your offer, then you are free to retain your seat.

The moral of this story is that if we think of our hearts and our brains we will do the right thing the majority of the time, but when we don’t use these two vital organs together we sometimes falter and slip.

We all know we can’t live without either and they are meant to be used, so why not use them together every chance you get in your daily routine decision making.

Head and Heart

From FOX, PAGE 1

2018-19 Principal of the Year are:
• West: Barbara Harmon of Germantown High, Vicki Shipley of Munford Middle, and Jared Foust of Cockeett County High
• Middle: Monica Fox of Gladeville Elementary, Valen Newton of Richland Elementary, and Angela Cossar of Woodland Elementary
• East: Dr. Martha Ely of Lincoln Heights Middle

Each year an outstanding public school supervisor earns distinction as the Tennessee Supervisor of the Year. To qualify, candidates must demonstrate a record of implementing innovative programs and managing and motivating students and faculties. Additionally, the nominees must have a minimum of three years’ experience as an administrator and a minimum of five years’ experience in Tennessee public schools.

2018-19 Supervisor of the Year are:
• West: Angela Delloso of Lakeland School System, Jennifer Kent of Lauderdale County, and Betsy Allison of Henry County.
• Middle: Dr. Emily Mofield of Sumner County, John Fanning of Lincoln County, and Dr. Regina Merriman of Cannon County.
• East: Arlette Robinson of Bradley County, Maria Warren of Loudon County, and Amy Burchette of Newport City School.

Principal and Supervisor of the Year finalists will proceed to an in-person interview that will be held in the coming months where each will meet with a panel of interviewers made up of department staff and other education leaders. Winners for each Grand Division and the Tennessee Principal and Supervisor of the Year will be selected from this group and announced at a banquet on Oct. 4, during the department’s LEAD Conference in Nashville.

Mt. Juliet Middle School won the Wilson County Pre-Season Jamboree hosted at the Wilson United fields. Eight teams from the area competed in the tourney and MJMS won the final over West Wilson Middle School 2-1 to go undefeated on the day.

Mt. Juliet Manager

Kenny Martin

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“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 include running.

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Grace United Methodist Church
Man suspected of aggravated assault

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

Mt. Juliet Police responded to an incident July 25 at an apartment complex in Providence to search for an aggravated assault suspect who struck a person with a car. Around 4 a.m. last Wednesday, police responded to the incident at Century Apartments. According to police, an adult man allegedly struck another adult man with a car that he later crashed. The victim sustained only non-life threatening injuries. After the suspect fled on foot, officers quickly apprehended him inside the apartment complex. Police said the suspect was likely under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

First Baptist calls new pastor

Staff Reports

On Sunday, July 22, 2018, the congregation of First Baptist Church Mt. Juliet voted to call Dr. Phillip Dunn of Aiken, South Carolina, as their new senior pastor. First Baptist has been without a full-time senior pastor for more than two years. Dr. Mark Dance of Hendersonville, Tennessee, has faithfully guided them through this season as interim pastor but is now passing the torch to Dr. Dunn.

Phillip was raised in Fredericktown, Missouri. He earned his bachelor’s degree in Religious Studies from Liberty University and both his Masters of Divinity with Languages degree and Doctor of Philosophy degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. He has served as senior pastor at churches in Texas, Florida and South Carolina.

Phillip is currently the pastor of Millbrook Baptist Church in Aiken. He loves the local church and seeing lives changed by the gospel. He came to know Christ through the love of a church who reached out to his family as a bus kid. He is passionate about preaching, evangelism, discipleship and missions. Phillip has served on mission trips to Ukraine, India, Chile, Mexico, Honduras, Nicaragua, Haiti and Peru. He also enjoys leading discovery trips to Israel.

The joy of his life is being married to Jamie and raising their three children Brenen, Reese and Indee. He is a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals, enjoys coffee, and loves people.

His first Sunday at First Baptist will be Sunday, Aug. 19. Worship services are held at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m. with small groups at 9:35 a.m. All are welcome.

Thank you Wilson County Voters

To my wonderful husband (Murphy) who has been a rock throughout this campaign journey.

To my family who has given countless hours when needed.

To my friends who encouraged me and gave me unlimited support.

To the many volunteers who helped with various tasks.

To the folks that opened your doors and took the time out of your day to speak to me.

To those people who cross our paths for one reason or another and countless others.

Thank you for the blessing to serve as your new Register of Deeds.

I could not have done it without you. I prayed everyday for guidance and direction. In church one Sunday, the sermon was never let an opportunity pass you. I thought about that sermon every day and acted upon that.

I want to thank Mr. Davis for a positive and respectful campaign and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

I appreciate your confidence in me to do what’s in the best interest of the Wilson County Register of Deeds Office. With your trust, I will work hard to keep your respect and to continue with a professional and courteous office.

I am privileged to be elected and have the opportunity to serve you throughout the next 4 years.

I will be in the office, stop by to say “hello” anytime.

Thank you, Jackie Murphy

Thank you Jackie Murphy
costs ... things like furniture, fixtures and equipment, which are required for any new school. It’s also worth mentioning that the funds for that school are two years old, when construction costs were lower. According to the Project Manager, the cost of the project came in at $217/ sq. ft., and the building is 100,000 sq. feet, which is smaller than the new high school planned for Wilson County.

According to the Superintendent in Dickson, the county commission gave the board $40 million to renovate some existing elementary schools and build a new middle school. After taking into account what was needed for the elementary upgrades, only $30m was left to construct a new middle school. Originally, the middle school was slated to accommodate 1,500 students, but due to the funding deficit, the school was reduced to a size that only allows for 800 students because the county commission would not fully fund the project.

Rumor 6
Q: The County Commission allocated money for teacher pay raises a couple years back, but the school district gave them a one-time bonus instead.
False - In the fall of 2016, Wilson Co. Schools increased the pay rate for new teachers to $40,000, in an effort to better align our teacher pay with surrounding school districts.

To ensure that our veteran teachers were not being compensated the same as a new teacher, the Wilson Co. Commission allocated an additional 8-cents to the school district ($2,498,712) for the purposes of funding additional pay increases for those teachers. The pay increases were implemented at the following rates:

- 1-5 years of experience: $1,000
- 6-9 years of experience: $2,000
- 10+ years of experience: $3,000

Other Frequently Asked Questions/Concerns
Q: According to the TN Dept. of Education, the per pupil allocation is $1,600K below the state average of $9,900. Our school district isn’t fighting for students!
False - While this number is accurate, it all boils down to simple mathematical equations. Call it the “Robin Hood” effect, if you will. For every dollar that Wilson Co. sends to the state for education, roughly 60-cents comes to the state for education, roughly 60-cents comes to the state for education, roughly 60-cents comes to the state for education...

As a whole, Tennessee ranks 48th in the nation for education spending. When you factor in that students in our county are proportionally more affluent, that puts us at the bottom 30-percent of schools receiving money from the state. When that happens, the dollars must be made of locally, and currently ... they are not.

Does the County Mayor have a vote on the Education Committee?
The County Mayor is not a member of the Education Committee; therefore, he does not have a vote on matters in front of the Education Committee.

What are the implications if we do not have a new high school ready to open in 2020?
If a new high school isn’t funded by the end of August 2018 ... we will have no choice but to give parents a year’s notice that we will have to rezone high school students from the west to the east. This information has already been shared at our community meetings and on our website. If you have not seen the documents, they are available at https://www.wcschools.com/Page/2494.

For several years, we have been getting by at Mt. Juliet H.S. by rotating teachers throughout the building, if they did not have a “dedicated class-room.” If we do not rezone, there will be dire consequences, such as:

- We would have to reintroduce portables, which are not only a safety concern, but would also reduce the already limited number of parking spaces.
- We would have to reduce the number of electives/classes beyond core requirements, in order to meet the graduation requirements for students.
- We could possible look at a “California Scheduling Model” with an AM/PM division of students, which would require TDOE approval.

It gives me no pleasure to write this letter. In fact, I’m discouraged that things have deteriorated to the point where this was even necessary. As always, my door is always open to those who have questions. Please feel free to reach out to me, if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Larry Tomlinson
Wilson Co. School Board Member, Zone 5
lwtom846@gmail.com
The race for State Executive Committeeman for District 17 will be between Jerry Beavers and Aubrey Givens. The same seat for State Committeewoman will be between Jennifer Franklin Winfree and Carol Brown Andrews.

To see a full list of Election Day results and voter turnout, visit www.wilsonvotes.com.

Tips on how to avoid cyber scammers

Staff Reports

As technology is increasingly prevalent in our daily lives, scammers are using these new tools to reinvent their schemes and swindle unsuspecting consumers. To help raise consumer awareness, the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance’s (TDCI) Division of Consumer Affairs is reminding Volunteer State residents to be on the lookout for con artists using technology as their platform to perpetrate scams.

A recent report from the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC) sheds light on the growing problem of scams in Tennessee. Tennessee has the 10th highest rate per capita for reports of fraud with losses totaling more than $13.7 million last year for Tennessee consumers.

“While technological advances have made life easier, consumers must always remember they must take steps to protect themselves from cyber criminals who are using technology for their own nefarious ends,” said TDCI Commissioner Julie Mix McPeak. “We’re encouraging Tennesseans to always pause and think when approached on social media, through email, or via phone to identify offers or requests for personal financial information.”

TDCI’s Division of Consumer Affairs shares the following information and tips for avoiding common electronic scams:

- Computer/Phone Scams
  - Make sure you have strong password, not word passwords. Do not store your passwords in the browser or on a public computer.
  - Never give personal or financial information to a person unless you initiated contact and know why the information is needed.
  - Never pay a fee for a “free” grant. A real government agency won’t ask you to pay fees or grants that you have already been awarded.
  - Do not give an unsolicited caller access to your computer and do not call a number that pops up on your screen in a warning about cyber security problems.
  - If you get a call claiming to be from the IRS or from law enforcement threatening arrest if you do not respond, hang up and do not call back. Remember: The IRS always initiates contact through mail and law enforcement will not call ahead to alert you of a warrant.
  - E-Mail Scams
    - Scammers may use threatening emails to try to gain access to your personal and financial information. If you receive an email with this theme, delete it immediately and do not click on any links.
    - Look out for spoofed emails. Just like scammers can spoof phone numbers, phishing scammers can spoof an email to make it appear as if it’s coming from a familiar or trusted source.
    - Be suspicious if an email claiming to be from a business, government agency, or organization asks you to click on a link that then asks for your username or password or other personal data.
    - Ask questions. Does it make sense for your bank to need this information? Does this account ever ask for a credit card number to sign in? Do links on the rest of the webpage go to different pages or lead you back to the same page? If you can’t tell if the email is legitimate, call the company’s customer service number found on their website, not the one linked to in the email.

- Social Media Scams
  - Complete your research before sharing a post on social media for a free give-away or purchasing a usually highly-priced item for a steeply-discounted price.
  - If a social media site links you to a webpage for purchase, make sure the page is secure. A padlock will be displayed next to the website URL or the website will lead with ‘https’ rather than just ‘http’.
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ALSUP, Belinda

Belinda Alsup passed away on Aug. 6, 2018 at age 68. The Funeral Service is 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2018, in the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon. The family will be receiving friends at the funeral home on Wednesday from 3 p.m. until the service. Mrs. Alsup is survived by her husband Fred Alsup, sons Nelson (Mandy) Alsup and Zachary Alsup, and grandchildren Cole Alsup, Kara Jo Alsup, and Taylor Hulse. She is preceded in death by daughter Deanna Hulse and parents Willadean McClanahan and Paul Womack. Please make Memorial Donations to the Shriver’s and/or the Lyons Club in her name. Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.

CASON, Imogene Ledford “Jean”

Imogene Ledford “Jean” Cason, age 90 of Old Hickory, died July 31, 2018. Mrs. Cason was the daughter of the late Rufus Houston and Carrie Orene Brown Ledford. She was also preceded in death in 1986 by her husband, Charles O. Cason, and by her sisters, Ruth Kinkaid, Polly Carter and Edna Birdwell. Mrs. Cason was a caring wife, mother, daughter, sister, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She is survived by: Daughters – Vicki (Elton) Wiseman, Sarah (Chuck) Dunlap and Nancy (Bob) Rose; 4 Grandchildren; 4 Great-grandchildren; 3 devoted nieces and a nephew.

LACKEY, Joe Kenneth

Kenneth Lackey passed away on Aug. 5, 2018, at age 71. The family will be receiving friends at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon, on Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2018, from 4-8 p.m. He is survived by daughters Tammy (David) Rogers, Peggy (Bobby) Dowell, and Sebrenna (James Ippock) Kelley, grandchildren Addison Rogers, Elizabeth Rogers, Megan Dowell, Alex Dowell, Allison Dowell, Sonya Kelley, and Jacob Kelley, great-grandchildren Lennox Dowell and Cora Rogers, brothers Walter (Del) Lackey, Jerry (Kathy) Lackey, and Billy Ray Lackey, sister Bobby (Patricia) Yuille, and brother-in-law Raymond Stillwell. He is preceded in death by his wife Shirley Lackey, parents Joe and Lockie Lackey, brothers James Lackey, and sisters Joann Stillwell. Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.

LANDRY, David Eugene

David Eugene Landry, age 60 of Mt. Juliet, passed away after a brief, unexpected illness, on Aug. 1, 2018. David was preceded by his wife, Lori B. Landry. He is survived by his son, Ian B. Landry; mother, Elsie M. Landry; sister, Valerie Achorn, and her husband, Edward Achorn; sister, Deborah McEdward; brother-in-law, Larry D. Bryant; and 13 great grandchildren.

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David was the consummate gentleman, helpful, kind and generous; he was a devoted family man. We have truly lost “a good guy.”


LEE, Joyce


Funeral services will be held Aug. 9 at 11 a.m. at Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet. Interment will follow the service at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens. Visitation with the family will be Aug. 8 from 4-8 p.m. and Aug. 9 from 9 a.m. until time of service.

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Staff Reports

For the last four years, the Wilson County Mayor’s office has worked with RTA and St. Jude promoting the Music City Star as it has transported riders to and from the St. Jude Rock N Roll Nashville Marathon.

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“[Mt. Juliet] is a great city to live in, to worship, to play...it’s that kind of town,” he said. “We have developed Mt. Juliet into a location where people want to be; that’s why we’re growing so fast. Everybody wants to be here.”

“Dennis has been a big blessing to the city,” said City Manager Kenny Martin. “He has served a combined 25 years with the city and been a tremendous asset to not only me, but to our city and citizens as well. We are most happy for Dennis and his family and wish him and his family nothing but the very best in all he does.”

Though he is retiring from the city, Buchanan said he’s not going away yet. He said there are still projects in the works that he wants to make sure get accomplished.

Buchanan said he loves Mt. Juliet and has always been one to give back to his community.

“I love Mt. Juliet,” he said. “This is where my family is, my grandbabies and my children. This is where I’m going to be buried. I’m not going anywhere until God gets ready for me.”

I would like to personally thank my family, friends, neighbors and supporters who voted for me and helped in the campaign.

A special thank you goes out to everyone at Charlie Daniels Park for keeping all of us candidates in line while managing the daily affairs of our wonderful park. Thank you Rocky Lee, Jennifer Dickmann, Rose Carter, Erin Farmer, Jan Littrell, Jacob Smart, Ashlynn Varvel and Seth Trigg.

The next 4 years as county commissioner will be challenging, but I promise to do my best to provide fair and balanced government while stressing physical conservatism.

Warmest Regards,
Dan Walker
District 10
PUBLIC NOTICE

The city of Mt. Juliet alcoholic beverages board will meet in city hall at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 to consider the following applications:

- Your Pie, located at 1984 Providence Parkway, #104, Mt. Juliet
- Courtney's & Such, located at 4066 N. Mt. Juliet Rd, Mt. Juliet

And any other topics arising therefrom or generally related thereto. The public is invited to attend and comment.

Sheila S. Luckett, MMC
Deputy City Manager

Sealed bids for “Picnic Tables for Parks Department” will be received at the office of the City of Mt Juliet Finance Department at 2425 N Mt Juliet Rd., Mt Juliet, TN on or before 2:00 PM September 10, 2018. Details are available at http://www.mtjuliet-tn.gov/bids.aspx.

Sealed bids for “MJPD In-Car Camera & Digital Evidence Management System” will be received at the office of the City of Mt Juliet Finance Department at 2425 N Mt Juliet Rd., Mt Juliet, TN on or before 2:00 PM September 10, 2018. Details are available at http://www.mtjuliet-tn.gov/bids.aspx.

The public is invited to attend and comment.

Kenny Martin, City Manager
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Mt. Juliet will have a Public Hearing on Monday, August 13, 2018 at 6:15 p.m. to hear comments on the following item

- Amend City of Mt. Juliet Sign Ordinance 2016-30, Section 11.103 (E) (2) Design Guidelines and Standards, Setbacks Temporary Signs
- Annex and Plan of Services for Green Hill School
- Establish an Annual Fire Inspection Fee
- Amend Personnel Manual – Tuition Reimbursement
- Amend FY 18/19 Budget – Meridian Facility & WEMA Rent Reduction

The public is invited to attend.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Mt. Juliet will have a Work Session on Monday, August 13, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the following item:

- Old Lebanon Dirt Road Improvements and various related items concerning Transportation and Road improvements.

The public is invited to attend.

Kenny Martin, City Manager
City of Mt. Juliet
Charis Health Center recently welcomed John R. Arredondo as their new Executive Director.

“We’re extremely blessed to have John taking the reins as Charis continues to grow and expand our services to the community,” said Lynn Turner, Charis Health Center Board of Directors President. “We cannot thank Lea Rowe enough for her visionary leadership for the past four years. We wish her all the best as she relocates with her family.”

John Arredondo’s professional experience includes administering complex state government programs, business development in both private and public sectors, planning, problem-solving initiatives and most recently adjunct instructor at Cumberland University. He has accreditation experience with JCAHO and CARF standards, and management experience in corrections, mental health care and hospital services.

Arrendondo previously served as Director of Institutions for the Texas Youth Commission, as well as a cabinet-level position as Executive Director of the Arizona Department of Youth Treatment and Rehabilitation. He also served as Director of Business Development for Behavioral Health at Mountain States Health Alliance and Director of Quality at Frontier Health in Johnson City, Tennessee. More recently, he served as the Assistant Commissioner of Hospital Services for the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

He holds a Bachelor’s degree in Sociology and Psychology, and a Master’s Degree in Social Work.

Charis Health Center is a nonprofit faith-based primary care clinic that provides effective and affordable primary health care to the medically uninsured in Middle Tennessee. Through clinic locations in Mt. Juliet and Gladeville, Charis provides routine examinations, assessments, and basic laboratory testing. There is a $25 copay for an office visit. A well-woman exam, including a free mammogram referral, is $40. Appointments are required.
Saying Goodbye To Mini-Me

By Angel Kane
Wilson Living Magazine

At the beginning of the 2017/2018 school year, I had a friend tell me how excited she was about her son’s Senior Year.

“There are so many things to look forward to. Parties, proms and of course, graduation,” she gushed.

To which I responded, “You know this movie ends badly, right? I’ve seen it before and in the end, the prince and princess leave you. The End!”

She was a newbie. I had to set her straight. And in the next few weeks, she’ll join our sad little club.

Soon, our Number 2 will be leaving the nest, just like her sister did.

Number 1 is blond and green eyed, with a heart of gold like her daddy.

Number 2 is all mine. A little darker, a little tougher, a little mouthier. I know what she’s thinking before she says it, because I’m thinking it too! Oh, the dreams I have for both of them.

Most times when I’m talking to her, I feel like I’m talking to my younger self. She rolls her eyes and doesn’t want to hear it. Much like I didn’t want to. And that’s OK, because if life has taught me anything, it’s that in the end, we all figure it out.

Some do so with more bumps and bruises. My fervent prayer for her is that none of those bruises leave permanent marks. So, as my Mini-Me gets ready to go, I hope she’ll remember what I’ve learned thus far...

Keep Moving. Go, go, go. Keep one foot in front of the other even if you don’t know where you’re going. Get out of bed each morning, wash your face, and for goodness sake do your hair! Go to work, go to class, just go and then get up the next day and go again and then again and again. In life, one thing always leads to another. And those that wait, end up waiting a lifetime.

Don’t Be A Snot. It always amazes me how people think they can be ugly and then get their way. It might work for a minute, but not for much longer than that. And it makes you feel bad anyway. You will find the kinder you are, the better you’ll feel. People may accuse you of being too nice, but those are people who don’t know the peace it brings to not constantly be in war.

Don’t Take It. Being kind doesn’t mean being a pushover. Sadly, some people are just bad people. They push and shove through life. These people will treat you poorly and when they do, you need to call them on it and then walk away. Because if you take it, it will chip at your soul. Your soul is all you’ve got. Protect it at all costs.

Don’t Ever Argue Over Money. Your grandfather’s side of the family taught me this. They didn’t have a lot, but they were generous with everything they did have and it’s come back to our family 1,000 fold. If a friend thinks you owe them a dollar, give them two. Pick up the tab, help a friend out, be generous with what you have to everyone you meet. It’s the only way to be.

Eat Right. I know I tell you all the time, that sugar is the devil and you don’t believe me. But it is! Your same wise grandfather always told me that you can have everything in moderation. But not sugar. He was wrong about sugar!

Have Some Quiet Time. You are about to embark on a time in your life where you’ll have the least amount of quiet time. And that’s OK because you’ll have the energy for it. But every so often, while your room mate is out, stay in. Especially if it’s a rainy night. Oh, those are the best! Get a book, get under the covers and just enjoy the quiet. And if you do this, be sure to eat some sugar. Cookies in bed don’t count.

No One Can Make You Happy. They can make life easier. They can make life more fun. But happiness is something only you can find. And the secret to finding it, only you can answer. I know, what a cop-out answer right? But it’s the truth, because my happiness is not your happy. My happy is sitting on the porch at 5:30 a.m. writing this article. Your Dad’s happy is staying up late to read RealClearPolitics.com. Find your own happy and don’t get in the way of someone else’s.

Watch Your Words. Things that are said cannot be unsaid. You can say “I’m sorry,” but those ugly words will always be out there. So hold your tongue. I’ve learned this the hard way and 20 years later still regret things I’ve said. So if need be, bite your tongue until it bleeds. I promise, tomorrow you’ll be glad you did.

Speak It and It Will Happen. This goes back to the power of words. I know it sounds trite, but I’m a true believer in speaking what you want. Put it out there. And then watch it happen. Say it out loud and be positive about it. Once you’ve put it out into the universe, the world has a funny way of hearing it and bringing it to your door.

Always Talk to Strangers. Growing up, I’d cringe as I’d watch my parents talk to anyone, anywhere. And then I grew up and did the same. You’ve got a double dose of my side of the family so you might as well realize that deep down, you will love this too! This world is filled with billions of people, don’t you want to know their story? Oh the things you will learn. Stick your hand out, introduce yourself and then wait to hear who they are, where they’re from and how they got there.

Home Will Always Be Here. Dad and I had many, many failings. We worked too much, bought take-out way too often, and yelled more than was needed. But you see, as you were growing up, so were we. It’s just how this funny world works. And while we don’t have all the answers, by now, we do have a few. When life gets tough, come home. We can help you figure it out.

And then when we’re done figuring it out, it will be time for you to leave again. You’ll want to stay, but our job will be to make you go. Don’t worry, though, you are ready for this, and so are we.

To read more of Angel and Becky’s columns go to www.wilsonlivingmagazine.com.
MJ Senior Center elects new board members

The Mt. Juliet Senior Activity Center elected their 2018-2019 Board of Directors and Officers on Tuesday, July 31. Newly elected officers include Bill Robinson, Chairman; Debbie Moss, Vice-Chairman; Edna Elam, Secretary; and Nancy Britt, Treasurer.

The returning Board members are David Claridon, Phyllis Dillard, Mt. Juliet Mayor Ed Hagerty, Mt. Juliet Police Chief James Hambrick, Wilson County Mayor Randall Hutto, Dr. Jennifer McGlothlin, Terri Norris, Gail Salaun, and Cathy Wood. Newly elected Board members are Dwight Beard, Jacque Benton, Joan Giltnner, Mitch Holland, Trey Marshall, and Rob Porter. Mt. Juliet City Manager Kenny Martin is an Honorary Member of the Board.

The second meeting of the new fiscal year included a lengthy discussion on ideas and opinions for a new building for the Center. The Mt. Juliet Senior Activity Center and the City of Mt. Juliet are forming a partnership for a 99-year lease on three acres of City property located on Clemmons Road. The discussion also included the formation of two new committees related to the new building. Previous Executive Director Sonja Robinson agreed to serve on the Fundraising committee while Rob Porter, Bill Robinson and Joan Giltnner have agreed to serve on the Design and Construction committee.

Other Center-related committees such as Human Resources, Fundraising, Facilities, Programs, Strategic Planning and By-Laws are in the process of being formed with both returning and new members.

The beginning of the fiscal year is also the time for renewal of memberships. The membership fee is $50 which includes daily access to the Center and participation in about 40 activities weekly (except for trips or special fund-raising events). The paid enrollment of the center in the fiscal year ending June 30 was 656 members, the largest ever in the 40 years that the center has been a part of the community.

LOCAL RESTAURANT & DINING GUIDE - BURGERIM

Burgerim, Mt. Juliet is proudly owned and operated by William Caraway, who grew up in Mt. Juliet and is still an active member of our community, his wife Carla and their two sons Tyler and Austin.

Burgerim’s Menu offers 11 Different types of patties such as Beef, Dry Aged Beef, Wagyu, Lamb, Turkey, Salmon, Falafel. The menu also includes excellent Chicken Wings, Sweet Potato Fries and Onion Rings. All food is prepared fresh daily and cooked to order. Burgerim uses only fresh produce and makes their own sauces. A great selection of Draft and Bottled Beers is available on our menu.

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