Commissioners discuss future of ambulance service

By Kenny Howell
Managing Editor

The Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners sat down with City and County leaders to discuss what will be the future of ambulance service in Mt. Juliet.

The issue arose because the County has decided to move their ambulances from Fire Department of Mt. Juliet stations one and three, to the new WEMA stations they are building on Clemmons Road and Central Pike. Both are located in the same area as the FMDJ stations, but will adjust some response times in some areas within city limits.

“We have two different goals and two different things we need to accomplish,” said Vice Mayor Ray Justice.

Wilson County made the decision to move the ambulance to the new Central Pike station because there was a pocket in the southwest portion of Wilson County that needed to be serviced.

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MT. JULIET HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING

MJHS CROWNS QUEZADA QUEEN

Mt. Juliet High School celebrated Homecoming Friday. Kasey Quezada was named Homecoming Queen at the halftime of the game against Maplewood. She was escorted by Rylan Smith. Mt. Juliet won the game 44-8. Story on Page 6.

Schools close due to COVID-19

Staff Reports

Wilson County Schools were forced to close through the Labor Day holiday due to positive COVID-19 cases and staff and students in quarantine.

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WCHS students honored for flood rescue

Wilson Central NJROTC students Jacob Armistead and Alec Jakalski were given the highest honor a NJROTC student can receive for their heroism in rescuing a family during the recent flooding in Hickman County.

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Evading suspect captured by MJPD

Staff Reports

A suspect who evaded police Thursday was found Friday morning walking along N. Mt. Juliet Road near Pleasant Grove Road.

Joseph Krantz, 46, was stopped by a Mt. Juliet Police Department detective near Publix on Lebanon Road due to an expired tag violation. Krantz was the driver and immediately ran from the vehicle. The detective stayed with an adult female passenger while the other officers searched the area. After determining Krantz’ identity, officers stopped the enhanced search and focused on other methods for apprehension. Krantz was wanted out of Nashville, Cheatham County and Humphreys County for misdemeanor warrants.

Krantz was located around 10 a.m. Friday morning. Mt. Juliet Police Department Captain Tyler Chandler said Krantz told detectives he spent the night in the woods and in someone’s tractor, then tried to make it to the interstate to get out of Mt. Juliet. He was charged locally with evading and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Media Vision Advertising recently cut the ribbon on their location with members of the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce. The advertising company is located at 8858 Lebanon Road. You can check them out on the internet at mediavisionadvertising.com. You can contact them by email at info@mediavisionadvertising.com or by phone at (845)294-3228. They are also on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and YouTube.

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Ribbon cut on Juice Bar trailer

The Juice Bar cut the ribbon on their mobile Juice Bar last month with members of the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce. The mobile Juice Bar has been named Juice on the Loose. Juice Bar is located at 2726 N. Mt. Juliet Road.

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“We care deeply about every one of you, and we’re hopeful that by taking this time away from our schools, it will allow us to slow this unfortunate health trend,” the school system statement read.

COVID-19 positive cases have increased a large amount week after week since school opened. There were 44 new positives the first week, 144 new positives the second week, 277 new positives the third week, and 369 new positives last week. There were 2,253 students contract traced in last week alone. One school, Wilson Central, had 40 new cases last week, and three had over 30.

The break would give the school system 10 days to help slow the spread and get people out of quarantine. Unlike last year, the school system did not go into virtual learning. The State of Tennessee has not allowed entire school systems to go into virtual, though Penny Schwinn announced that she would consider waiving stockpile days for this break, and will have seven left for the rest of the school year.

Kids Club, extracurricular activities and Dual Enrollment classes all continued as normal. Extracurriculars were not allowed to practice or have activities during school hours. The schools will be thoroughly cleaned during the break.

SCHOOLS

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sept. 2
JEDC MEETING
The Joint Economic & Community Development Board Executive Committee will meet at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 2 at the JEDC office located at 200 Aviation Way, Suite 207, Lebanon.

Sept. 3
FREE CLOTHES, FREE HAIRCUTS & FREE CHIROPRACTOR
The Free Clothing Store will open Friday Sept. 3 from 9 a.m. until noon at Life Church located at 3688 Highway 109 Lebanon, Tn. 37087. There will be lots of clothing in all sizes for everyone. There will also be hairdressers there to do free haircuts and a chiropractor that will be giving free chiropractic adjustments. Everyone is welcome. LifeChurchFamily.com.

Sept. 10
FIGHT LAUGH FEAST CONFERENCE
Farm Bureau Expo will be hosting a Fight Laugh Feast Conference Sept. 10-11. For more information, visit Farmbureauexpo.com.

Sept. 11
LIFE RECOVERY RUMMAGE SALE/FUNDRAISER
Life Recovery rummage sale/fundraiser is Saturday, Sept. 11, 7 a.m. to noon at 11888 Lebanon Rd. They are now accepting items you think they might be able to sell. fb.me/LifeRecoveryMountJuliet.

SHERRY’S HOPE SHERRY’S RUN 5K
Sherry’s Hope Sherry’s Run 5K in-person or virtual options is Sept. 11 at 8 a.m. For more information contact info@sherryshope.org or (615)925-2592.

Sept. 12
SHOW ME SNAKES REPTILE EXPO
Farm Bureau Expo will be hosting a Show Me Snakes Reptile Expo Sept. 12. For more information, visit Farmbureauexpo.com.

Sept. 14
WILSON COUNTY CAREER EXPO
Wilson Works and the American Job Center of Tennessee are hosting a Wilson County Career Expo-Explore jobs and get hired, Tuesday, Sept. 14 at the Farm Bureau Expo Center, 2 to 6 p.m. A 12th Grade Career Expo is from 8:30 a.m. to noon, 945 E Baddour Parkway in Lebanon. Go to wilsonworksmt.org for more information.

Sept. 17
GOLFING FOR COPS FUNDRAISER TOURNAMENT
Golfing for Cops Fundraiser Golf Tournament benefitting the Mt. Juliet Police Explorers is at Pine Creek Golf Course, Friday, Sept. 17 with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Cost is $125 per player. Tournament includes cart and green fees, barbecue and range balls at 11:30 p.m., premium gift bags for golfers, first and second prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin contests, door prizes and awards. The event is sponsored by Modern Woodmen Fraternal Financial.

Sept. 19
FOUNDED IN FREEDOM WORKSHOP
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A Love That Looks Like Charity

In 1 Corinthians 13 (commonly called the love chapter), the apostle Paul makes the point that nothingness is what exists apart from the “agape” of God. It doesn’t matter if I prophesy, give my body to be burned for God, can understand all mysteries, and cast mountains into the sea, or give everything I own away; if I don’t understand God’s basic nature of how I am to relate to Him and His kids, well, in Paul’s words, “I am nothing.”

He then begins to describe what this love of God looks like. I rarely use the King James Version anymore, but in this instance, I think the KJV communicates the true idea of what God’s love is. If I “have not charity, I am nothing.” This is because true God-love is known by the action it prompts. Remember, “For God so loved – that He gave...” An action follows the commitment of love. It is not enough to just espouse our love for one another, but if no corresponding action occurs, we may just be full of hot air.

Which makes it incumbent upon me to point out that the love Paul describes in this chapter is not a feeling at all. It is a decision; a commitment we make towards someone. There is a romantic love and a brotherly love, but neither are being described by the apostle here. As he begins to write “love is...”, you could really insert the name “God is...” because he is describing the very nature of God Himself.

What does “agape” look like?

Love is patient and kind towards others. Love does not draw attention to itself by arrogant boasting. Real love that proceeds from God’s heart does not demand its rights and insist on getting its way. Deference to other people, even when it costs us, is certainly a characteristic displayed by Jesus while on the earth. True love does not rejoice at the wrongdoing of those who are nice to us. In other words, love is like putting Fredo in Beckys world, or giving a lemon to a person who is nice to you.

Love is a giving and loving society to others. Love is always hopeful and allows room for others to fail. You may have noticed that all these qualities are selfless. They are not self-promoting or gratifying. As a matter of fact, if we can allow this kind of love to be seen through us, we will do like Paul said in another place, “I die daily.”

In other words, the love of God that has been poured into our hearts (Romans 5:5) will manifest itself in the seeking the welfare of other people, rather than looking out for number one. It is the exercise of charity (benevolence) towards another humankind, that disregards self-awareness and self-aggrandizement. So, may we God’s children love with a love that looks like charity...
For instance, “Becky needs to shorten my “T-shirt arms” means his undershirt sleeves are stretched out and bothering him. I add t-shirts to our list. Another note reads, “DO NOT CALL LIBRARY AGAIN. THEY WILL CALL ME WHEN MY BOOK COMES IN.” This means he’s called the library at least five times a day looking for a new history book. Below his all-caps reminder, he penciled “PS - tell Becky to call them and ask why they don’t buy two copies.” Finally, the last note that went in the trash told me that my sister Laura is better at snack buying than I am. “Call Laura and tell her Becky bought the wrong coffee. I have no good coffee. Why would Becky do that? Laura will talk to her, so this doesn’t happen again.”

Note to self, when in need of finding funny, always call dad.

Comments? Email becky@wilsonlivingmagazine.com

Attention: All Veterans in Mt. Juliet and the surrounding area

All veterans in the Mt. Juliet area are invited to American Legion Post 281 of Mt. Juliet’s annual post picnic, SATURDAY, THE 11th OF SEPTEMBER, 2021 at Charlie Daniels Park, Pavilion #2, starting at noon. Bring your family and a side dish to feed six folks. Burgers, Dogs, and Pork BBQ with all the fixings provided by the post. Come and join us for food, games, karaoke, and a great time.

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your next column. Write it down now before you forget.” Then I think about how to craft the story. I’ll usually sit down at the computer and start. Often, it’s at this point when I begin to realize what was funny in the middle of Publix on Tuesday night isn’t funny AT ALL in the light of day. Then procrastination sets in. Then panic.

Like he’s done since the day I was born, my dad always comes to the rescue.

As we prepare to pick up his snacks for the week, Ralphie writes out his grocery list. It’s the same every week. Half and half, cashews, yogurt, berry pomegranate Mio, green bananas, etc.

Before we leave, dad chats with friends in the lobby. Since this can take a half-hour or more, I stay behind and toss out his little reminder notes strewn throughout the apartment. This is where I usually find out what his week was like.

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

Staff Reports

The Mt. Juliet offense scored early and often Friday, knocking off visiting Maplewood on Homecoming, 44-8.

The Bears scored all of their 44 points in the first half. Griffin Throneberry and Jaylen Holmes each had two rushing touchdowns in the game. Garrison Lewis also added another.

After an attack through the air the week before against Gallatin, Stephen Swoner only threw the ball five times in the game. He connected on one of those for a score, a 20-yard pass to Osise Daniyan.

There was a running clock in the second half, and Maplewood was able to get their only points on the evening.

The Bears only needed 217 total yards on the night in the win. They had 11 different players get carries in the game.

Mt. Juliet heads out on the road for the first time Friday, as they travel to Hunters Lane. Mt. Juliet hasn’t played Hunters Lane since 1992, when they lost to them in the first round of the playoffs, 21-7.

Garrison Lewis and Amarion Workings lead out the Mt. Juliet Bears before the win over Maplewood Friday.

Central defense again shines

By Trevor McGee

Wilson Central defeated Lebanon for third straight year, taking the county rivalry 17-13 Friday.

The defense got things going early. On the second play from scrimmage for Lebanon, Bryce Booth met Jaylen Abston in the backfield and stripped him of the ball where Lebanon would recover at their own 1-yard line. The drive ended and Wilson Central set up their offense with Brendan Demediuk under center. The drive resulted in no positive yardage and it was left up to Esteban Hurtado to cash the Wildcats in with points for the drive. Lined up at the 41-yard line, Hurtado’s kick was up and well through the uprights with 7:27 left in the first quarter, good for a 51-yard field goal.

Lebanon took over on the ensuing drive where the Wildcat defense continued to shine and pressured Abston into his second interception of the season as it was Grant Rountree jumping in front of a pass for the pick. With field positioning in their favor, Central secured their first touchdown of the season as it was Grant Rountree jumping in front of a pass for the pick. With field positioning in their favor, Central secured their first touchdown of the season as it was Grant Rountree jumping in front of a pass for the pick.

Wasting no time was Abston, as he continued his special connection on the first play of the second quarter. The junior quarterback found Kemontez Logue deep for a 56-yard touchdown to close the gap down to three, at 10-7. The deep ball was clicking for both teams as the Wildcats took very little time to respond themselves as Demediuk and Moffitt connected. On a broken play, Moffitt was found in the Blue Devil defense and Demediuk unloaded a ball down the field as Moffitt took it 76 yards for the score. Following a Hurtado extra point, Wilson Central retook a two-score lead with 9:48 on the clock 17-7.

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Hawks get first road win

By Jevon Clemmons
Chronicle Correspondent

Brax Lamberth ran for 259 yards and three touchdowns as the Green Hill Hawks got their first road win in school history Friday, 35-16 over Kenwood.

The Hawks got tricky on their first play as they used an onside kick from Sam Crickmar to recover the ball and get first crack at the end zone. Then the Hawks fed Lamberth and got on the board first. Lamberth wasn’t the only Hawk who found success on the ground. Niko Duffie was able to make the most of his touches and scored a touchdown of his own. Quarterback Cade Mahoney once again showed off his ability to throw the ball when he found wide receiver Sean Aldridge for a touch- 
down. Kaleb Carver also made a big play with kick return that led to a Lamberth touchdown.

The Hawks defense led by linebacker Zach Hendley came to play as well. The Hawks defense held the high-powered offense of Ken- wood to only 16 points after 41 yards out with two min- utes left in the game. Lamberth wasn’t the only defensive star, players like Levi Irby and Isaiah Lopez made an impact too.

While Kenwood wasn’t able to find too much suc- cess, they still managed to find the endzone twice. The first touchdown coming on a 1-yard rush from Jaylen last week against Hillwood. Hendley wasn’t the only defensive star, players like Levi Irby and Isaiah Lopez made an impact too.

Washington. The second touchdown came from the defense where they scooped up a Hawks fumble and took it for a score.

The Hawks look to carry this momentum into next week against Wilson Central. This will be the first district matchup for the Hawks. Kickoff is 7 p.m. Friday.

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Lebanon continued to struggle in the turnover de- 

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SCHOOL EVENTS

The Wilson County Board of Education will meet in a Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Wednesday, Sept. 8, at 6 p.m. at the Wilson Coun-
ty BOE Administrative & Training Complex, 415 Harding Drive, Lebanon TN 37087. The purpose of the meeting will be to dis- 
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OBITUARIES

Makayla Lankford, Mackenzie Elder Charles Patterson of day, Aug. 30 at Sellars Funeral Home. Survived by wife of 60 years, Jeanette; children, Rachael (Joshua Matt) Hall, Wanda (Jason Foss) Brewer; grandchildren, Tiffany (Chris) Murray, Chelsey Brewer, Hannah (Bryant) Stinson, Allison Lankford, Holden Brewer, Makayla Lankford, Mackenzie Lankford, Isabella Hall, Reagan Richardson, Sophia Hall and April Danielle (AJ) Foell; great-grandchildren, Everleigh, Samuel, Brantley, K. D., Arlo and Andilynn; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was Monday, Aug. 30 at Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet with Elder Charles Patterson officiating. Interment followed, followed by Family and Friends Service on Aug. 31. A public visitation was Tuesday, Aug. 31 at Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet with Bro. Danny Sellars officiating.


COX, Jr., Robert Clifton

Robert Clifton “Bobby” Cox, Jr. originally of Columbus, Ohio, but so well known in Mt. Juliet that his friends describe him as de facto mayor of the town, died peacefully in his sleep on Aug. 26, surrounded by his family.

Bobby, as he was known by everyone in this small town just east of Music City, was a great dad and rock star bass player who jammed out with his buddies in small clubs in and around Wilson County for more than 30 years. When the time came to settle down, Bobby and his bandmates took up their hybrid country/blue/rockabilly sound in Bobby’s basement in the Belinda City neighborhood, where countless friends and family routinely gathered to listen, laugh and enjoy being together.

“No matter where we would go, he would know people,” said longtime friend and bandmate Mickey Darby, who wrote a song called “Bobby’s Basement” to honor his friend. At one favorite venue, Darby recalled, “People would come up to him and say, ‘We really like your club, or that’s a great band manager.’ He would just get to know everybody. People thought he was in charge.”

And he often was.

Even if he didn’t have the formal education or job title to go along with it, people saw in Bobby a leader, someone they could count on. A loyal husband to Edna Petty Cox for 45 years and dedicated father to Shane, Lisa and Ryan, Bobby was also the “second father” to untold numbers of his children’s friends as well as kids at Stoner Creek Elementary where he worked doing all kinds of construction and maintenance projects over the years.

“Bobby could be found at Stoner Creek pretty much daily. He was the one who put new computers, helped teachers set up their classrooms, moved classrooms from one hallway to another after we discovered we were in the wrong place, he fixed so many broken chairs, tables and desks we couldn’t count them all, he chaperoned field trips and school events, and he drove teachers’ children to the junior high. Most importantly, he was there to provide encouragement, a shoulder to lean on, a smile, or a joke to brighten everyone’s day,” said former Stoner Creek Elementary Principal Kathy Wilson. “He will be missed.”

Lebanon City Councilor Jeni Lind Townzen Brinkman, who grew up down the street from the Cox family with Bobby’s daughter, Lisa, credits Bobby for teaching her to have fun and take smart chances.

“Bobby was a dad to all of us who were lucky enough to know his kids. He reminded me that childhood was about making memories, taking chances and most importantly, having fun and saving the seriousness for later in life but still keeping the kid in you alive,” Brinkman said.

Bobby’s own children grew up to become skilled professionals, community leaders and wonderful parents. When asked what they took from their father, they answered the question collectively:

“He always viewed the world as good and trusted everyone. He saw the good in everyone he met. He taught us to see everyone in a positive light. He was willing to get to know everyone he met and create friendships and bonds with them. It didn’t matter if you knew him for minutes or years, he was just as genuine and loyal. And he always taught us to be loyal and help anyone in need when they were able. He said that he was one of service. He taught us to always smile, laugh, find joy, love unconditionally and to always say I love you every chance you get,” said Shane Cox, Lisa Vickrey and Ryan Cox.

In recent weeks, Bobby’s health had declined after a series of strokes. But he maintained his sense of humor and love of life. Said Dave Baggett, who met Bobby in 1975 when they began playing music together, “When we went over to visit him two weeks ago, he laughed and started telling us about all the fun and games, though, Bobby was simply just there for people.

“He wouldn’t leave people up a creek without a paddle,” said Doug Baggett, David’s nephew and preacher at Jesus Only Tabernacle Church where Bobby attended services.

“He was the paddle.”

Bobby is survived by his wife of 45 years, Edna Cox; children Timothy Shane (Pam) Cox, Lisa (Todd) Vickrey, and Ryan (Meghan) Cox; grandchildren Kellan Vickrey, Gavin Cox, Rowan Cox and Camden Cox; siblings Roger (Dorothy) Cox, Joyce (Peach) Brewer and counting extended family, friends and fellow musicians. He is preceded in death by father Robert Clifton “Bobby” Cox, Sr., 79, Mt. Juliet passed away Aug. 27.

Please call the shelter at 615-773-5533 to schedule an appointment to meet Nate, or come during OPEN HOURS Monday – Friday from 11:30-5:00.

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Nate is a 2-year-old Hound mix who came to our shelter after being hit by a car twice. He ended up having his leg amputated. He is a handsome boy with a sweet personality. He gets around great for only having 3 legs. Nate does not do well with cats or other dogs and would need to be the only animal in the house. If you are interested in meeting Nate, stop by Monday-Friday 11:30-5 PM or call us at 615-773-5533 to schedule an appointment.

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COX, Deborah Sue Whirling


Debbie was born in Decatur, Ind. Debbie was preceded in death by her son, Jonathan Greene.

She is survived by: Husband of 8 years David Cox; children Timothy Shane Cox, Lisa Vickrey and Ryan Cox; step-grandchildren; Step-grandchildren; Step-grandchildren.

“Bobby could be found at Stoner Creek pretty much daily. He was the one who put new computers, helped teachers set up their classrooms, moved classrooms from one hallway to another after we discovered we were in the wrong place, he fixed so many broken chairs, tables and desks we couldn’t count them all, he chaperoned field trips and school events, and he drove teachers’ children to the junior high. Most importantly, he was there to provide encouragement, a shoulder to lean on, a smile, or a joke to brighten everyone’s day,” said former Stoner Creek Elementary Principal Kathy Wilson. “He will be missed.”

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“Bobby was a dad to all of us who were lucky enough to know his kids. He reminded me that childhood was about making memories, taking chances and most importantly, having fun and saving the seriousness for later in life but still keeping the kid in you alive,” Brinkman said.

Bobby’s own children grew up to become skilled professionals, community leaders and wonderful parents. When asked what they took from their father, they answered the question collectively:

“He always viewed the world as good and trusted everyone. He saw the good in everyone he met. He taught us to see everyone in a positive light. He was willing to get to know everyone he met and create friendships and bonds with them. It didn’t matter if you knew him for minutes or years, he was just as genuine and loyal. And he always taught us to be loyal and help anyone in need when they were able. He said that he was one of service. He taught us to always smile, laugh, find joy, love unconditionally and to always say I love you every chance you get,” said Shane Cox, Lisa Vickrey and Ryan Cox.

In recent weeks, Bobby’s health had declined after a series of strokes. But he maintained his sense of humor and love of life. Said Dave Baggett, who met Bobby in 1975 when they began playing music together, “When we went over to visit him two weeks ago, he laughed and started telling us about all the fun and games, though, Bobby was simply just there for people.

“He wouldn’t leave people up a creek without a paddle,” said Doug Baggett, David’s nephew and preacher at Jesus Only Tabernacle Church where Bobby attended services.

“He was the paddle.”

Bobby is survived by his wife of 45 years, Edna Cox; children Timothy Shane (Pam) Cox, Lisa (Todd) Vickrey, and Ryan (Meghan) Cox; grandchildren Kellan Vickrey, Gavin Cox, Rowan Cox and Camden Cox; siblings Roger (Dorothy) Cox, Joyce (Peach) Brewer and counting extended family, friends and fellow musicians. He is preceded in death by father Robert Clifton “Bobby” Cox, Sr., 79, Mt. Juliet passed away Aug. 27.

Please call the shelter at 615-773-5533 to schedule an appointment to meet Nate, or come during OPEN HOURS Monday – Friday from 11:30-5:00.

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He was born in Culver City, Calif. and was the son of the late, Roy Hesler and Mary Jane Parker Ortengren. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Brian Ortengren.

He is survived by: Wife of 61 years Linda Downing Ortengren; Daughter Renee (Brian) Hoffmeister; Brothers Mike (Jeylue) Ortengren, Scott (Sue) Ortengren, Tracy (Lisa) Ortengren, Brett (Terry) Ortengren and Mitch (Sue) Ortengren; Sister Jew-
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County that wasn’t within the five-minute response time of another station. The County also pays rent to place their ambulances in the FDMJ stations, but that wasn’t discussed as a reason for the move.

“Would be great if we could have one on every corner, but it is just not possible,” said County Mayor Randall Hutto. Justice said the county wasn’t doing anything bad toward the city, it is just what they needed to do to make sure the county was covered. Now the City needed to optimize their service. Hutto said that they did tests on response times to Del Webb, one of the areas that would have a slower response time because of the move. From FD MJ Sta-
tion 1, the response time to Del Webb was 2:37, while it was 4:14 from the new Central Pike station. However, he said there are now places in that south-
west corner of the county that will have much faster times because of the move. “We haven’t diminished service just because we change the location where they are,” said Hutto.

The Board of Commissioners and Fire Chief Jamie Luffman discussed four options they could consider. One was to do nothing. Another was to hire a private service that would not be any cost to the taxpayer. The calls would be paid by insurance, or billed based on Medicare prices for those that are uninsured. Another would be to start their own ambulance service, which would be quite cost-ly to the City. And the last would be to train firefighters to be ALS certified so the fire department could respond and start treat-
ment until the WEMA ambulances arrive. It would make it so the firefighters could do everything the first responders could do on the WEMA ambulances except transport.

“It would be wise if we have our own plan in place and be able to control what we can control,” said Mayor James Maness.

The ambulances will not move until the new stations are built, which would be 18-24 months. That gives time for the Board of Commissioners to discuss their options and have it in place when that move happens.

The BOC left the meet-
ing anticipating holding more Work Sessions in the near future. The first has not been scheduled as of print.
Valley Center is back in business

Businesses in the Valley Center opened their doors back up recently after extended closures due to the March flooding. New Tribe, Planet Fitness, S&E Furniture and Third Coast Salt were just a few of the business that cut their ribbons with the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce. You can get more information on New Tribe Church online at newtribe.church. You can visit Planet Fitness online at planetfitness.com/gyms/mt-juliet-tn. S&E Furniture can be found at www.sne-furniture.com. Information on Third Coast Salt is located at thirdcoastsalt.com.

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