At the Mt. Juliet city commission meeting Monday night, the board of commissioners discussed amending the Mt. Juliet personnel manual to allow city employees, if they have permits, to carry firearms at work. District 3 Commissioner Art Giles sponsored the ordinance, which originally passed first reading in 2013. Giles said that since the first reading over six years ago, and with the amount of violence that takes place

**BOC discusses allowing city employees to carry firearms**

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

The Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents (TOSS) met in Gatlinburg on Sept. 8 for their annual Awards Banquet, where they also announced Wilson County Director of Schools Donna Wright as the 2020 Tennessee Superintendent of the Year. Wright represented the Mid-Cumber land region of Tennessee.

Wright was selected for the honor out of a distinguished group of eight Regional Superintendents of the Year, which included Jeanne Barker (Lenoir City), East; Manney Moore (Cocke County), First; Mark Florence (Benton County), Northwest; Jacob Sorrells (Marshall County), South Central; Russell Dyer (Clinton City), Southeast; Joey Hassell (Haywood County), Southwest; and Jerry Boyd (Putnam County), Upper Cumberland.

Wright has been a dedicated public school educator for nearly 40 years. She served as a teacher, principal, administrator, and assistant superintendent before her appointment to superintendent of Wilson County Schools in

**Wright named superintendent of the year**

Staff Reports

The Mt. Juliet Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) presents the sixth annual Walk, Run and Roll on Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019. The event is organized to celebrate physical fitness and draw attention to BPAC projects which help supply funding for Mt. Juliet sidewalks, bike lanes and greenways.

This year’s Walk, Run and Roll will kick off the Celebrate MJ Day activities at Charlie Daniels Park that include a free concert by the Cedar Creek Band and Little Texas, food vendors, a car show, a cornhole tournament and activities for the kids.

The Walk, Run and Roll will feature a 5K walk and run and three bike ride distances that start and finish at Charlie Daniels Park. The 5K course leaves the park and travels west on Charlie Daniels Parkway to Highway 109. The vehicle lost control around

**Walk, Run and Roll to kick off Celebrate MJ**

Staff Reports

Around 9 a.m. Monday, Sept. 9, Wilson County Sheriff’s deputies responded to a possible burglary in progress at a residence located on Old Shannon Road in Lebanon.

Upon arrival, Deputy Travis Donnell spotted a person matching the description of the suspect located at the residence. The suspect, later identified as Roger Dewane Watts of Murfreesboro, quickly fled the scene in a black Acura by driving through a field and striking a detective’s vehicle. He eventual-

**Burglary suspect leads deputies in pursuit**

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEPT 12

Parkinson’s Support Group
Peterson Foundation for Parkinson’s will meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, at Green Hill Church located at 13251 Lebanon Road.

SEPT 14

Wilson County GOP
The Wilson County Republican Party will meet Saturday, Sept. 14, at 9 a.m. at Music City Baptist Church, 7104 Lebanon Road. The speaker is Laurie Cardoza Moore, president and producer at Proclaiming Justice to the Nations.

SEPT 14

Celebrate Mt. Juliet
Celebrate Mt. Juliet will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 14 at Charlie Daniels Park. The free event will feature local vendors, food trucks, and a concert headlined by Little Texas.

SEPT 16

Board of Education
The Wilson County Board of Education will meet in a regular scheduled board meeting at 5 p.m. on Sept. 16, 2019, at the Wilson County BOE Administrative and Training Complex, 415 Harding Dr., Lebanon.

SEPT 17

Medicare Basics
A course on Free Educational Medicare Basics and 2020 Changes will be held Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Mt. Juliet-Wilson County Library, 2765 N. Mt. Juliet Road.

SEPT 19

Planning Commission
The Mt. Juliet Planning Commission will have its regularly scheduled meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 19, at City Hall.

SEPT 20-22

Bible Prophecy Conference
Victory Baptist Church is hosting a Bible Prophecy Conference from Sept. 20-22. For more information, call the church office at 615-773-5200. Located at 1777 Tate Lane in Mt. Juliet.

SEPT 21

Joy Church
Joy Church is having a free community event that will include a free yard sale, free health clinic and free meals on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 9 a.m. to noon. Located at 10085 Lebanon Road in Mt. Juliet.

Granville to host 20th annual fall celebration

Historic Granville’s 20th annual Fall Celebration, entitled “Memories of the 1960s in a Mayberry Town,” on Oct. 5 will feature a day of fun for all ages with music, quilts, craftsmen and the grand opening of the month-long scarecrow festival.

The town of Granville will take a new face as it becomes A Mayberry Town with Clover Street being turned into Main Street of Mayberry. The state’s largest scarecrow festival will take on a total new look as scarecrows have been made of all the characters of “The Andy Griffith Show.” Each building on Clover Street will have new signage and become a building of Mayberry with "Andy Griffith" characters in front of each.

The Scarecrow Festival will be run Oct. 2-26 and be open each day from 12-3 p.m. On Saturdays, it will be open from 12-5 p.m.

The Fall Celebration on Oct. 5 will have many new features with 1960s Elvis music by Ken Underwood and by Feelin Groovy Band, concert by Eddie Crook, celebration of 34 years of Evermean Evergreen Clogging Group. There will also be many returning events such as Ralph Maddux Memorial Motorcycle Show, Granville Quilt Festival, Historic Boat Rides, Old Time Craftsmen Festival, Jazz on the Cumberland, children rides, craft booths, food, shopping and more.

For more information call 931-653-4151 or granvilletn.com.
Sherry’s Run event to honor Sadler, Smith

Staff Reports

Whether you are a walker, runner or just want to be a cheerleader on the sidelines, the Sherry’s Run 5K Run/Walk is the place to be on Saturday, Sept. 14 at 8 a.m.

This is the 16th year for the Sherry’s Run 5K Run/Walk, which raises money to assist people in Wilson County and surrounding communities who are facing a financial hardship due to a cancer diagnosis and treatment.

Registration for the event is available online at www.sherrysrun.org, at the Sherry’s Run office at 110 Babb Drive, and at the event site at 623 West Main Street on Thursday, Sept. 12 and Friday, Sept. 13 from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 14 from 6:30 a.m. until 8 a.m.

Event T-shirts and timing chips for chip timed runners will be available for pickup at the event site at 623 West Main Street in Lebanon on Thursday, Sept. 12 and Friday, Sept. 13 from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 14 from 6:30 a.m. until 8 a.m.

There are a variety of activities on the day of the event. Prior to the 5K starting at 8 a.m., team pictures will be taken. Sponsors will also have tents set up at the event for people to visit. Following the run, awards will be presented to top finishing runners and team awards will be given out.

The In Memory Of and In Honor Of recipients will be recognized, which is always a special part of the day. This year the Sherry’s Run 5K is in memory of Geoff Sadler. The Sherry’s Run 5K is in honor of Todd and Diane Smith.

The silent auction tent is also a highlight of the Sherry’s Run 5K. This year there are donations from numerous local businesses including gift cards, boutique items, a Big Green Egg-Mini Max Grill Package, home decor, jewelry and more.

Again this year, the silent auction tent will open early to allow more time for bidders to check out all the items available. The silent auction tent will open on Friday, Sept. 13 from 1-7 p.m. The silent auction tent opens at 7 a.m. on Saturday and final bids will close at 9:15 a.m. Sherry’s Run, Wilson County’s largest grassroots cancer fundraising effort, is a non-profit, Christian organization.

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The Wilson Country Retired Teachers’ Association began its 2019-20 year Sept. 5, at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Mt. Juliet. The well-attended meeting was sponsored by Pinnacle Bank. Picture is guest speaker Jan Parker with WCRTA President Dianne Cozart. Parker gave a presentation concerning health, movement and changing personal habits. | Photo submitted
Mt. Juliet defeats Lebanon in conference game

By Nathalie Recinos
The Chronicle Contributor

The Mt. Juliet Bears dominated the game Friday night against the Lebanon Blue Devils. After they scored their last touchdown in the third quarter, the Bears were taking a major lead from the Blue Devils. The Bears scored another 3 points during the fourth quarter and the Bears left Lebanon with a score of 24-7.

The boys did receive some penalties during the game and two turnovers; however, they were doing a great job throughout the game. During the first two quarters, the Bears’ scored 14 points, leaving Lebanon with 0.

One of Mt. Juliet’s players, Karson Huss, talked about how the team played on Friday. “Overall we did pretty good,” said Huss after the game. “We did have a couple penalties against us that we need to fix. But, I mean it was the same stuff from the last game.”

Huss went on and talked about the offense and the defense and how they did during the game. “Our offense was pretty solid… [Defense] had maybe 20 yards in the first half, so they were pretty solid.”

On Aug. 23, the Bears traveled to Stewart’s Creek for their first game of the season and lost with a score of 14-19. But, now the Bears were back. Huss talked about how the boys prepared for this game.

Since they had two weeks in between both games, Huss stated that they didn’t worry too much during the first week to beat Lebanon, but instead on “fixing themselves” as players. “I mean it was more preparation, we knew what we were in for when it came to Lebanon.”

The preparation paid off for the boys, and something that Huss said that they would fix for future game were the penalties and turnovers that they had. He stated that they were “the little things” that they had to fix.

On Sept. 13, the Bears will stay home at MJHS and play against Gallatin at 7 p.m.
Wilson Central slides by Rossview 20-14  

By Jake Hood  
The Chronicle Contributor

Wilson Central completed a 20-14 comeback victory over the Hawks of Rossview Friday night.

After the first 2-0 start the Wildcats have had in five years, the Wildcats looked to take their first region game over Rossview. The Hawks slid by LaVergne 33-26 a week prior. The Wildcats took a narrow win over Overton 28-27.

The first quarter kept the Wildcats quiet. Rossview found the scoreboard first with a 1-yard touchdown run by Mark-Anthony Prescott. Neither team found the scoreboard for the remainder of the first quarter. Rossview’s ground game took a great amount of time off the clock, as their touchdown drive took roughly 5 minutes. The Wildcats received the ball at the end of the first, continuing their drive into the second quarter.

The second quarter proved uneventful for both teams. Both teams resulted to using their punters multiple times. The Wildcats did not make it into the red zone for the entirety of the half, and they rolled into halftime with a zero on their side of the scoreboard. Rossview only led 7-0, but they seemed to have control of the game.

After halftime, the Wildcats looked as if they were a completely different team than the one that showed up in the first half. Only 4 minutes into the third quarter, quarterback Tristan Lewis dashed into the end zone for a 58-yard touchdown run to tie the game. On the Wildcats’ next drive, Lewis, with the help of Justin Smith and Xavier Ali, marched into field goal range for Alex Atwell to nail a 31-yarder. Rossview and Wilson Central both punted on their next drive, bringing the game into the final 12 minutes of play.

Opening up the fourth quarter, Rossview quarterback Gabe Sibert’s pass was intercepted by Corben Blount, and Blount took the ball for a pick-six to give the Wildcats a 17-7 lead. It took 8 minutes after this score for either team to find points again, which came on a 23-yard field goal by Atwell, putting the Wildcats up 20-7.

Rossview took their next drive to the end zone, as Sibert connected with Aaron Bolster for a 51-yard touchdown with 10 seconds remaining in the game. The Hawks lined up for an onside kick, but the Wildcats fell on it, sealing their victory.

Lewis managed a solid game through the air and on the ground. He tossed for 80 yards on 5-14 passing, and he rushed for 7 yards on 8 carries. Ali rushed for 43 yards on 13 rushes, Smith rushed 34 on 3, and CJ Hatchett and Brett Robinson combined for 10 yards. Smith led the Wildcats in receiving, with 2 catches for 47 yards. Jared Lawrence had 17 for 3 catches for 47 yards. Ezra Widelock caught 1 on 2 for 10 yards. Smith led the Wildcats in receiving, with 2 catches for 47 yards. Jared Lawrence had 17 for 3 receptions for 47 yards. Ezra Widelock caught 1 on 2 for 10 yards. Smith led the Wildcats in receiving, with 2 catches for 47 yards. Jared Lawrence had 17 for 3 receptions for 47 yards. Ezra Widelock caught 1 on 2 for 10 yards.

The Wildcats move on to 3-0, and look to stay undefeated in their homecoming game against the Bears of Antioch on Sept. 13. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

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The game will be held at the end of the 5K and a child’s bike courtesy of the Veloteers Bicycle Club. A drawing for the bike will be held at the start/finish line and at the half way point. Walkers, runners, and cyclists of all skill levels are invited to attend and cyclists are required to wear a helmet.

Participants 12 and under can register to win a child’s bike courtesy of the Veloteers Bicycle Club. A drawing for the bike will be held at the end of the 5K and family bike ride; the winner must be present to win.

This year’s Walk, Run and Roll includes a StoryWalk that will present a photographic history of Mt. Juliet. The StoryWalk reading stations were funded through a grant from the College of Public Health at East Tennessee State University in a partnership with the BPAC and the Mt. Juliet Public Library.

“Over the course of the last five years, the BPAC has secured over $8 million in grant money for walking, biking and running infrastructure in Mt. Juliet and construction will begin soon on several projects,” said Art Giles, Mt. Juliet City Commissioner and Chairmain of the BPAC. “We are thrilled to team with the city and include the Walk, Run and Roll as part of the Celebrate MJ Day activities. If Nashville is the ‘it’ city, Mt. Juliet is earning a reputation as the ‘fit’ city and we hope all our local walkers, runners and cyclists will come join us on Saturday.”

The Mt. Juliet BPAC is made up of volunteers from the community with the goal of guiding the city plans for safe walking, running and cycling infrastructure improvements. The BPAC is an advisory committee to the City Commission with no decision or policy making authority.
Are you following Jesus Christ closely, or are you following at a distance? There is a certain home improvement store that I used to avoid (they have actually improved), because it seemed the workers would walk by you with their hand up as a binder so they wouldn’t have to acknowledge you, just in case you actually needed help. Sometimes, I think we are guilty of doing that with the Lord. We are following Him (I suppose), but we have our blinders up, so He can’t ask anything of us we don’t want to do or be. If we are not giving Him our all, we might as well not give Him anything.

In Matthew 26:58 we find an interesting statement about Matthew’s fellow disciple. “Peter was following Him at a distance…” The Message paraphrase renders it “Peter followed at a safe distance…” I think it is possible that we take the position of following at a distance because it is safe. In Peter’s case, he was far enough removed from the immediate company of the Lord to avoid what he perceived as danger — and yet close enough to still see. Are we guilty of wanting to see what Jesus is doing, but not willing to be a part of what He is doing?

What are some things that distract us away from seeing Jesus close by?

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Do you remember the saying “You’ve got to slow down in order to smell the roses”? How true. For example, have you ever had someone race past you on the road, only to find yourself right beside him/her at the next traffic light? Admit it, you take personal satisfaction in the fact that the same speed demon who just passed you several miles back accomplished nothing with his/her speeding and reckless driving. It’s all you can do to contain the laughter. You almost feel like looking over at the driver and rubbing it in, but thankfully you contain yourself. Don’t get me wrong; two vehicles traveling on a deserted straight stretch of road without traffic and traffic obstructions will not arrive at the same time if one is traveling faster than the other, but that’s not the everyday driving situations as we all know. Everyday driving consists of many traffic variables that involve other vehicles, traffic and various obstructions to contend with which change things. Speed limits are usually set by engineers and safety advisors who have determined that vehicles should travel at certain speeds on certain roads in order to assure their safe operation and handling. Many factors are considered when evaluating roadway speed limits. You must consider roadway design, grade, slope, elevation, weather conditions, density and the material the roadway is made of.

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

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Cyclists gather for 30th annual Bicycle Ride Across Tennessee

More than 275 cyclists from nearly 30 states will gather at Natchez Trace State Park and Montgomery Bell State Park on Sept. 14-19 for Tennessee State Parks’ annual Bicycle Ride Across Tennessee.

The 30th annual ride will guide riders through some of Tennessee’s most scenic and charming communities, including Huntingdon, Lexington, Parsons, Charlotte and Kingston Springs.

Each day will feature out-and-back rides returning to stay overnight at Natchez Trace State Park and Montgomery Bell State Park. Riders will pass key attractions along the way including Mousetail Landing State Park, the historic Charlotte Courthouse Square, and Brown Creek Lake.

In addition to the ride, interpretive programs are held nightly that allow riders to explore the parks and learn skills from park rangers. Programs this year include a historic van tour of Montgomery Bell State Park, an introduction to primitive weapons, a birds of prey program and more.

The ride is non-competitive and suitable for a range of skill levels. Riders can register for a one-, two-, three- or six-day ride through Sept. 8. Registration begins at $99 for a one-day trip and $599 for the full 331-mile trip. The fee includes a fully supported route, lodging at two state park campsites, hot showers, meals (breakfast and dinner), live entertainment and interpretive programming as well as an event T-shirt.


More information on the ride, including a map of the route and registration instructions, can be found at www.thebrat.org.

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that has helped hundreds of individuals and their families during some of the hardest times of their lives. With community support and involvement, Sherry’s Run helps members of our community year round through support groups; assistance with utilities, housing, prescriptions, medical bills, gas and groceries; and colonoscopy assistance.

To learn more about the Sherry’s Run organization, please call 615-925-2592. To refer someone for assistance, please call 615-925-9932 or visit www.sherrysrun.org. To make a donation to Sherry’s Run, visit www.sherrysrun.org or mail donations to Sherry’s Run, P.O. Box 8, Lebanon, TN 37088-0008.

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2014. Under her leadership, the school system has seen tremendous growth and improvement. This year, Wilson County was named an Exemplary school district with 12 reward schools and 10 schools with a Level 5 TVAAS status.

“Congratulations to Dr. Donna Wright for being selected as the 2020 TN Superintendent of the Year,” said Dale Lynch, TOSS executive director. “All eight regional winners were chosen by their peers which is the highest honor one can receive. Dr. Wright has been a trailblazer in the field of public education for decades. She is recognized in our state and across the country for growing the Women in Leadership program. Her past leadership experiences and continued efforts on improving public education will make her a leading candidate for AA-SA’s National Superintendent of the Year.”

“I am honored and humbled by my colleagues’ support in recognizing me as the State Superintendent of the Year,” said Wright. “As a whole, we are a close, collaborative group and the recognition by this extraordinary group of professionals make this award so very special to me.”

Wright will now submit her application for the National Superintendent of the Year sponsored by the American Association of School Administrators (AASA), and she will represent the state of Tennessee at the 2020 AASA National Conference on Education in San Diego.

“This is an honor, well deserved, not only for Dr. Wright, but for our district which has performed to the highest standards under her leadership; so a thank you goes out to all those who played a role in helping her achieve this honor,” said Larry Tomlinson, School Board Chairman for Wilson County.

In addition, TOSS presented the George “Kip” Reel Award for Leadership in Education to Lyle Allshie, retired Superintendent and former Deputy Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Education, and the Friend of TOSS Award to State Representative Gary Hicks of Rogersville.

The Tennessee Organization of School Superintendents (TOSS) is the leading advocate organization for public education in the state of Tennessee. Since 1975, TOSS has been progressing public education and addressing the needs of its administrators. TOSS provides advocacy at the state level for education issues that are high priorities for Tennessee schools, and is comprised of district leaders who are committed to lifelong learning, best practice sharing, and continuous improvement.
ARTLEY, Michael Charles Calvin

Michael Charles Calvin Artley, age 73 of Mt. Juliet, died Sept. 1, 2019. Michael was the son of the late Gordon and Dorothy Artley. He was also preceded in death by his son, Steven V. Artley.

He is survived by: Wife – Nita Artley; Daughter – Dena (Robbie) Crowder; Grandchildren – Anisa and Dyson; Special friends – Jennifer Zimmerman, Jamie Mayfield and Heather Featherstone.

A Celebration of Life service will be conducted 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1004 Woodbridge Place, Mt. Juliet, TN. Visitation will be at the church one hour prior to the service.

Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to the American Kidney Foundation, 37 Peabody Street, #206, Nashville, TN 37210.

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FERRELL, Neva June

Neva June Ferrell passed away Sept. 7, 2019. A funeral service was held Sept. 10 at Sellers Funeral Home, Lebanon, and interment followed at Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Ferrell is survived by sons: Dywayne Ferrell and Jason (Taunya) Ferrell; grandchildren: Craig Giampa and Trisha Giampa; great-greatdaughter: Arabella Giampa; siblings: Margaret Ferrell, May Christian, Jean Ferrell, and Jerry Cherry; numerous nieces, nephews, and other family members; and pet Hot Rod. She is preceded in death by husband James Ferrell, parents Lena Eileen Coppas and Raymond Cherry, and brothers Kenneth Cherry, Richard Cherry, Dywayne Cherry, and Roy Cherry.

The family extends a special thank you to the caring staff at Alive Hospice. Memorial Donations: St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital (501 St. Jude Place, Memphis TN 38105). Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.

GLEAVES, Brenda Fay

Brenda Fay Geaves, age 71 of Hermitage, died Sept. 3, 2019. Mrs. Geaves was the daughter of the late John Carmack Hunt-er, Sr. and Lee Isla Eakes Hunter. She was also preceded in death by her son, Larry Scott Geaves, and her siblings, John Carmack Hunter, Jr., Helen Leonard, Sparky Hunter, Kate McDaniel and Jean Pope.

She is survived by: Husband of 50 years – Paul Larry Geaves; Daughter – Jennifer Lee Geaves; Brother – Lonnie (Charlene) Hunter; Several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held Sept. 6 at Bond Memorial Chapel, and interment followed at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens. Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to Center Chapel Church of Christ, 9500 Central Pike, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122.

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Mains, Robin Elise

Robin Mains passed away Sept. 8, 2019, at age 55. No services are scheduled at this time.

Robin is survived by her sister Kimberly (John) Agee; half-sister Jenny (Rick) Traut; step-sister Cheri Friedman; step-brothers Clay (Karen) Friedman and Chuck (Peta) Friedman; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents Bill H. Mains and Marjorie “Beth” Leberman-Friedman. Sellars Funeral Home 615.444.9393.

McDonnell, Sonya Hudson

Sonya Hudson McDonnell, passed peacefully from this world and entered her Heavenly home on Sept. 5, 2019, at age 54. A Celebration of Life service was held at First Baptist Church Mt. Juliet on Sept. 8, and interment followed at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens.

She leaves behind her loving husband of 25 years, Jim McDonnell; her beautiful children, Sarah Catherine McDonnell and Samuel Christopher McDonnell; her sister, Rhonda (Mickey) Browning; and her brother, Darren Hudson. She also leaves behind a host of friends of all ages.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Mt. Juliet Christian Academy’s Fine Arts Program.


RACEY, Dakota Graham

Dakota “Kody” Graham Racey, Aug. 28, 2000 - Sept. 5, 2019. Kody passed tragically and way too soon, but his family finds peace knowing he is in a better place.

He was survived by his mother, Kimberly “Thompson” Clark, stepfather, Wesley Clark, father, Gregory Racey, grandmothers Linda Racey and Martha Thompson, sister Stacey “Allen” Vaughn, brother-in-law, Anthony Vaughn, and his two nieces that he adored so dearly, Hailey Allen and Joslyn Vaughn. Kody was blessed with so many friends that he loved and cared for deeply.

Services for his non-immediate family will be Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2019, at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens at 2 p.m.

STEPHENS, Nancy Sloan Hendrick

Nancy Sloan Hendrick Stephens, age 96 of Mt. Juliet, died Sept. 3, 2019. Mrs. Stephens was the daughter of the late James Bradshaw and Ollie Tidwell Hendrick. She was also preceded in death by her husband, William Boyd Stephens, Jr., and her siblings, Helen Ruth Hendrick, Margaret Keith and Nell Marie Rogers.

She is survived by: Son – Johnny “Buzz” (Shearon) Stephens; Daughter – Beverly (Robs) Rausch; Grandchildren – Robert Rausch, Angie David Pratt, Nanci D. (Joe) O’Sullivan, Brittany L. Rausch, Lindsey (Mike) McPherson, Lauren (Kyle Israel) and Alisson (Austin) Hite; 10 Great-grandchildren; four Great-great-grandchildren who called her Super-Super Grandma; Several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held Sept. 6 at Bond Memorial Chapel, and interment followed at Hermitage Memorial Gardens. Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to Alive Hospice, 1718 Patterson Street, Nashville, TN 37203.

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Hunters can donate deer to feed hungry Tennesseans

Hunters for the Hungry connects hunters across the state with Tennesseans in need

Staff Reports

Hunters for the Hungry program is now open for the 2019 deer season. Early this season, more than 80 deer processors throughout the state are accepting donations of deer to feed Tennessee families in need.

When hunters harvest a deer, they may donate it at a participating processor. The venison is processed and then provided to community food banks or soup kitchens. To see processors currently participating, visit tnwf.orgprocessors.

One deer provides as many as 168 meals. Over the last two decades, Hunters for the Hungry has provided more than 7 million meals to hungry Tennesseans.

“Last season was our second-best year in history and we’re excited to continue that good work in 2019,” said Matt Simcox, Hunters for the Hungry manager. “Every time a hunter donates a deer, they’re directly impacting the lives of Tennesseans in their area.”

Currently, hunters can drop off a whole deer donation at no cost to them. Each year, Hunters for the Hungry covers tens of thousands of dollars in processing fees for donations. If deer donations surpass available funding for this season, hunters can pay a reduced, $50 processing fee or redeem a Deer Coin.

In partnership with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA), Hunters for the Hungry will test every deer donated within Unit CWD (Chronic Wasting Disease) for the disease. Hunters for the Hungry will also test many of the donations made outside Unit CWD in Region 1.

Only whole deer donations will be accepted in Unit CWD and the counties that border it. Pound or Pack donations, which allow hunters to give a portion of their harvest, will continue to be accepted in the rest of the state.

In an abundance of caution, Hunters for the Hungry will discard all donations that test positive for CWD. There is no evidence CWD is transmitted to humans but the CDC still recommends against eating CWD-positive meat.

For more information about Hunters for the Hungry or to purchase a Deer Coin, visit tnwf.org/HuntersForTheHungry.

Encore presents ‘Sleeping Beauty’

Staff Reports

“Sleeping Beauty” adapted by Erica Jo Lloyd, opens Friday, Sept. 13 at Encore Theatre in Mt. Juliet. Directed by James Bealor, the show runs weekends through the Sept. 22. Friday and Saturday shows are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees are 2:30 p.m. The house opens 30 minutes before show time.

“Sleeping Beauty” is a story about a girl who was stabbed with a spindle and befell an old curse from the evil fairy. She fell asleep for 100 years and could be saved only by the brave prince. Although the story of the evil witch sounds cruel, fairy tales will always be popular in the daily lives of children. They awaken the imagination, are thought-provoking and kids learn about good and evil intentions of people.

A classic fairy tale for all ages, tickets to “Sleeping Beauty” will be $10 at the door. In order to guarantee a seat, reservations can be made by calling 615-598-8950.

Encore Theatre Company, a 501(c) non-profit community theater, is located at 6978 Lebanon Road in Mt. Juliet, just west of Highway 109. For auditions and upcoming productions, visit Encore-Theatre-Company.org.

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Every so often while in conversation with another mom or dad, one will say, “Be glad you have boys. At least you don’t have to worry about (fill in the blank).”

We are usually talking about teenage hormones, self-esteem or dating. I’m positive no one ever makes statements like that to minimize the effort, patience and sometimes obscene amounts of chocolate and unhealthy carbohydrates it takes to raise a boy.

Hormones Yes, teenage boys experience their fair share of hormones. The difference between boys and girls on the hormonal front? Where shall I begin? Clint Eastwood, UFC and ESPN has convinced our lads, and probably our lad’s dads, that in order to be tough, the showing of emotions is a “no-no.” Some days I feel like a computer antivirus trying to delete sexist spam that gets through their firewall. Sure, there are a few sports legends and movie stars that break outside of that box and shed a tear every now and then. But I’ll bet they didn’t show so much as an eye twitch as a 15-year-old boy with acne and no makeup to cover it up.

Dating This has been a tough one. As the mother of boys, there’s an expectation that I should be laid back about this. You know, because I have boys. If laid back means my husband and I talking to our boys about things that our parents never did — like explaining how the consequences of bad behavior can be far more life-changing than early parenthood — instead waiting until WE feel our little Johnny Hormone is ready emotionally to start dating then, yes, we are laid back. Even with extra effort on our part, our boys may still do things they shouldn’t when it comes to dating. Girls do too.

Self-esteem While it’s been said that men are simple creatures, teenage boys are not. They can be just as mysterious as their female counterparts. You know why? BECAUSE THEY WON’T TALK TO YOU ABOUT THEIR FEELINGS! This is the worst. As past president and volunteer social secretary of the Low Self-Esteem Club, I’m probably hypersensitive to early warning signs of LSE ... when it comes to women. But with boys, it’s totally different. Because even in 2019, girls are taught to express their feelings while boys are often (but not always) encouraged to suck it up. So when boys feel bad, they don’t “talk it out.” Because to acknowledge “feelings” would be admitting weakness. Trying to teach my boys that it’s OK to talk things out isn’t always an easy task. It gets a lot of eye rolls when I start in on this topic. Encouraging my sons through the awkward hormonal years, being strict about dating and making sure they know that it’s OK to be different is just as important to me as it is for you to teach your daughters to be empowered.

So I can’t be laid back about certain things. I want these boys to grow up into wonderfully kind men who show respect to all people. But show the most respect to those living in their home.

Comments? Email becky@wilsonlivingmagazine.com.

By Becky Andrews
Wilson Living Magazine

Bella is a beautiful 6-year-old Treeing Walker Coonhound mix who came to the shelter after being abandoned by her owners. Bella is incredibly sweet and very smart. Bella knows her commands and is great on a leash. She loves sunbathing and getting her belly rubbed. Bella is great with kids. She is already spayed so her adoption fee is $75.

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To determine our proximity in following Christ, we must ask ourselves the question, do riches and the acquiring of it rule our lives? An honest answer before God is the only thing that will help us to adjust our proximity, assuming it is truly at a distance.

Worry and anxiety will also turn our attention away from following Jesus closely. Anxiety or worry can be defined as “to divide into separate parts; to be split in factions.” This is manifested in that we are kept in the hands of God our Father, we are sometimes preoccupied with things that cause us anxiety, stress and pressure. As Brother Vernon Simpson used to say, “Anxiety is a mild form of atheism.” We can’t follow Him closely if we don’t trust Him. Another thing that can cause us to follow Jesus from a distance is when we are afraid to say the “Dangerous Prayer.” This is the prayer where we completely surrender our lives to Him and give Him permission to do whatever He will is concerning us, or sending us wherever it pleases Him. When we make ourselves entirely available to Him, it can be a scary thing. Most people are afraid to pray the dangerous prayer due to their fear God is going to send them to Africa as a missionary. Finally, the measure of how closely we are following Christ is our desire to be with Him; our desire to be like Him; and our willingness to follow Him closely always. We should follow the words of Jesus when He said, “Seek the Kingdom of God above all else...” The New Living Translation.

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Sweet Cece’s opened in Mt. Juliet in January, offering a variety of frozen yogurt and sweet treats. They use premium Dannon yogurt and have a variety of toppings. There are eight flavors to choose from and they are regularly switched out to provide new options.

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However, the new store offers more than just frozen yogurt. The Mt. Juliet location is the first to have a full bakery case, which has an assortment of fudge, Christie’s cookies, cakes and more. Customers can also choose from hand-dipped ice cream and sweet Belgian waffles with their choice of toppings. The store also offers shakes, sundaes, Italian espresso drinks and smoothies. For the health-conscious customers, Sweet Cece’s also has Keto desserts and a protein latte in various flavors with 40 grams of protein.

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September is suicide prevention awareness month

By Becky Stoll  
Guest Contributor

The youth and young adult years often represent the prime of life — a time filled with fun and new experiences. But they can also be marked by challenges or stress in school, with friends and at home. Tragically, many young people are taking drastic action in response to what are likely short-term struggles. Suicide is now the second leading cause of death among ages 15 to 24.

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. With more knowledge about suicide prevention methods and available resources, we are better equipped to make a difference and ensure young lives are not cut short. With the upsetting trend of increased suicide rates among youth and young adults in mind, here are several points to know and share.

**Signs of Suicidal Thinking** It can be hard to discern between typical adolescent angst and behaviors that would indicate a young person is considering ending his or her life. But some actions just shouldn’t be overlooked.

Take it seriously if a young person: threatens to hurt or kill oneself; seeks access to weapons or drugs; expresses feelings of hopelessness; engages in risky or unsafe activities; increases alcohol or drug use; withdraws from friends and family; exhibits rage; talks or writes publicly about death. If these actions are displayed, it’s time to have a conversation.

**How to Start the Conversation** First, it is extremely important to acknowledge individuals who are exhibiting behavior that may indicate suicidal ideation. Acknowledge you have heard or seen a concerning comment or action. Then ask direct questions and invite the person to share their feelings. Listening actively, avoiding judgments, and taking the person seriously are very important steps.

Beyond listening, take actions to ensure your friend or loved one feels supported. Encourage and/or assist them in seeking help from a trained mental health professional. Engage the person in working to reduce access to weapons, pills or other harmful items. And continue to stay engaged in their life, regularly checking on them.

**Where to Seek Help** in our state, organizations like the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network (taspn.org) link people to a variety of local and regional assistance, events and training. Centerstone operates a 24-Hour Crisis Hotline at (800) 681-7444 where trained mental health professionals are always available to listen, assess next steps and connect the caller to local emergency resources as needed.

Additionally, behavioral health providers are encouraged by recent investments Tennessee government has made to enhance suicide prevention efforts focused on young adults. Centerstone, for example, recently received funds to train and engage pediatricians as well as college and university campus leaders in the role they may play in suicide prevention.

In this Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, be aware of how to help — and share what you know. So often, it’s truly a matter of life and death.

Becky Stoll, LCSW, is vice president for crisis and disaster management for Centerstone, overseeing the organization’s suicide prevention efforts, 24-hour Crisis Call Center, Mobile Crisis Response Teams and Crisis Management Strategies.

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