FDMJ responds to multiple fires

Photo by Sarah Tate

Wilson County Emergency Management Agency, and Rehab 23 all responded to a working residential structure fire on Faulkner Lane. Crews were met with fire through the roof from a 2,700-square-foot home. The fire was quickly controlled, with damage limited to a bonus room and the attic above it, where Chief Jamie Luffman said the fire appears to have originated. Luffman also said no one was inside the home during the fire.

See FIRE, PAGE 9

Police still looking for missing Mt. Juliet man

Staff Reports

Detectives are concerned about the whereabouts of a missing man, and police are hoping to find him safe.

Dace Martinez, 29, has not been heard from since Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018, and is missing from the West Division Street area in Mt. Juliet near the Davidson County line.

Martinez left his residence without his mobile phone, cash, or extra clothing, which is suspicious. It is unknown what Martinez was wearing when he left, but he is a Hispanic male, 6’1” tall, and weighs around 140 pounds. MJPD Captain Tyler Chandler said there have

See MISSING, PAGE 14

City receives federal grants for projects

By Sarah Tate
Managing Editor

The Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners held its regular meeting Monday night at City Hall.

Before the agenda was discussed, District 3 Commissioner Art Giles recognized the City’s public works department, and in Deputy Director Andy Barlow in particular, for their research on paving projects in Mt. Juliet subdivisions and for saving the City thousands of dollars for the cost of those projects. Two streets in Giles’ district were resurfaced in a new process that Barlow said could prolong the paved surface while

See BOC, PAGE 11

Local students named Merit Scholar semifinalists

Staff Reports

Today, officials of National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) announced the names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 64th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth more than $31 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition.

Five students from local high schools were named Semifinalists in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program: Isabella Kinsey (MJHS), Benjamin Pham (MJHS), Ethan Roberts (MJHS), Madeline Smith (MJHS), and John Anderson (Lebanon).

More than 90 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and about half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

NMSC, a not-for-profit

See MERIT, PAGE 7
15th Annual Sherry’s Run: A Legacy Of Hope

Staff Reports

Anniversaries are special ... a time to reflect on how far you have come and everything you have accomplished. That was the spirit surrounding the 15th Annual Sherry’s Run event held last Saturday.

Thousands gathered to celebrate the tremendous support that the community has poured out for cancer patients and their families. One participant commented how incredible it was to see “such a great cloud of witnesses” showing up to stand with those who have fought and those who are still fighting.

The theme this year was reflective yet encouraging. The survivor tent was a bright spot decorated with beautiful flowers and full of special gifts donated by area businesses.

“Everyone who comes through that tent is over-whelmed with gratitude,” said Alisa Eakes, patient assistance coordinator for Sherry’s Run. “They are just so moved by the great lengths our community goes to show them love and support.”

The 2018 Sherry’s Run was dedicated to the memory of Larry Locke, former minister for the College Hills Church of Christ in Lebanon. Larry dedicated more than 30 years of his life to serving the Lebanon community.

The 15th Annual Sherry’s Run: A Legacy Of Hope was held Saturday Sept. 8. More than 3,000 participated in the 2018 event.

The starting line at the 15th Annual Sherry’s Run, held Saturday Sept. 8. More than 3,000 participated in the 2018 event.

FDMJ participates in 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb

A total of 14 FDMJ members joined hundreds of other emergency responders to participate in the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb Sunday morning to honor those who lost their lives saving others on Sept. 11, 2001.

FDMJ thanks the following members for participating in this year’s event:

Fire Chief Jamie Luffman, Assistant Chief Shawn Donovan, Lieutenant Brian Diehl (Volunteer), Lieutenant Drew Noland (C-Shift), Lieutenant Jason Ross (B-Shift), Engineer Mike McCleary (A-Shift), Engineer Brandon Robinson (A-Shift), Engineer Max Ambriz (C-Shift), Firefighter Jeff Adam (A-Shift), Firefighter Shaun Tucker (Volunteer), Firefighter Amanda Gentry (Volunteer), Firefighter Austin Zumbroegel (Volunteer), Firefighter Callie Minton (Volunteer), Firefighter Jason Pawlik (Volunteer).

OXFORD ORTHODONTICS FIRST ANNUAL GIRLS NIGHT OUT!

Celebrating 10 years!
Oxford Orthodontics is giving away
1 FREE Invisalign treatment.
Everyone that attends will receive
$500 OFF Invisalign treatment.
You don’t want to miss this night!

SEPTEMBER 20TH FROM 5:30PM TO 8:00PM
615-553-4054
Limited seating. Call today to reserve your spot!

Tate MediSpa - Botox $8 Unit, Filler $450
by Master Injector Jana Stone
1 free Zoom from Dr. Corey Jackson!
Everyone else $100 off!

Sister’s Whimzy Fashion Show
SPONSORED BY:
Active Life
Invisalign
State Farm
Capella’s Salon & Spa, Inc.
Crest
State Farm, Bloomington, IL
(11/2018)

www.tcomj.com

Drive Home the Savings with State Farm

Darian S Horne, Sr., Agent
1400 N Mount Juliet Road, Ste 103
Mt Juliet, TN 37122
Bus: 615-754-4604 Fax: 615-754-8362
www.darianhorne.com
Bears beat Gallatin 49-3

By Kenny Howell
The Chronicle Contributor

Both sides of the ball got the Bears points Friday as Mt. Juliet came away with a 49-3 win over Gallatin.

The Bears got two defensive scores in the win and opened up the passing game on the offensive side. Quarterback Alvin Mixon had two touchdown passes and receiver Malik Bowen finished with three catches for 129 yards and a score. Connor Ruzek ended the game with a touchdown on both sides of the ball, an interception return and a rushing touchdown.

A big pass play on the first drive set up Gallatin’s lone score, a field goal, and the Bears couldn’t get on the board until their second drive. From that point forward the Bears rolled to a huge lead, with only one turnover stopping their drives.

That second drive went 70 yards in nine plays, capped off by a 1-yard plunge by Justin Harri gian. A 5-yard punt on Gallatin’s next drive set the Bears up at their own 42-yard line. The Bears needed one play, a 13-yard pass from Mixon to Bryan Aik en. The two connected again on a 2-point conversion to give the Bears a 15-3 lead.

The next Mt. Juliet drive ended in an interception, but it didn’t take long to get it back. Ruzek picked off the first pass of the Gallatin drive and his teammates escorted him to the end zone for another Bear score, making it 22-3.

After a 3-and-out for Gallatin, the Bears only needed one play again as Mixon went deep and Bowen made a terrific catch. Bowen outraced the Green Wave to the end zone to give the Bears a 29-3 lead going into halftime.

The Bears picked up where they left off in the first half in the second, going 93 yards on the opening drive on 10 plays. The big play came on another Mixon to Bowen connection, this time for 47 yards. Mixon threw it up for Bowen and the big receiver battled it away from the defender for the big gain. A few plays later, Ruzek got a score on the offensive side, a 2-yard run to push the score to 36-3.

The defense came up big for the Bears again on the next Gallatin drive as Devin Palmer scooped up a fumble and returned it 48 yards for another big score. Cameron Malone would add another Bear score late on a 7-yard run to close out the game.

Mt. Juliet is on the road again this week, but staying in Wilson County. The Bears will face off with rival Wilson Central who are coming off their first win of the season. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.
CONGRATULATIONS PLAYERS!

By Cate Franklin
The Chronicle Contributor

Friday night proved to be a “Cat Fight” between Wilson Central Wildcats and Overton High School Bobcats. The Wildcats left Overton with their spirits high as they took the win, 14-7.

Toward the end of the first quarter, it began to sprinkle and quickly turned into heavy “monsoon.” The players continued to play but lightning started to light up the distant sky shortly after, calling for a weather delay with 2:49 left in the first half.

The coaches rushed their teams into the locker rooms while families and students took shelter in their cars. The weather delay stayed in effect until the rain died down, meaning the game was momentarily at a stand-still for just over an hour.

While the delay was in effect, coaches of Wilson Central continued to practice with their players on what to do in order to get the win. Shortly after the weather delay was lifted, the players returned to the field buzzing with newfound energy, playing out the rest of the half only to be sent back to the locker room for an abbreviated halftime.

The Wildcats wasted little time in scoring as Garrett Todd, with 11:24 showing on the clock, bolted around right end for 57 yards into the end zone. The PAT was kicked by Ezra Widelock (22) but was unfortunately blocked, leaving the score 6-0.

Throughout the muskiness and humidity, the Wildcats found a way to score another touchdown as Dylan Carpenter (6) ran for 19 yards with 07:28 left in the quarter. Carpenter also ran for the two-point conversion, making the score 14-0.

Overton’s only score of the night came from Quarterback Sam Mast who ran in from the 1 yard line to make the score 14-7 after David Kee’s PAT and was good.

As the game ended at 10:15 p.m., the Wildcats took home the win and improved their record to 1-3. The Wildcats gave the Bobcats a run for their money and in the end all their hard work was put to the test in this difficult weather plagued game.

The Wildcats now prepare for their next game on Sept. 14 against their biggest rival, Mt. Juliet, who has yet been beaten. The game will take place at Wilson Central High School and will begin at 7 p.m. Friday night.

Staff Reports

Attendance at Wilson County Schools is up from this time last year, based on the first 20-day reporting period.

So far, attendance for the district sits at 97 percent, which is 3 percentage points higher than the first reporting period last year. WCS hopes to keep the momentum going by introducing a new attendance campaign.

According to WCS, September is recognized as Student Attendance Awareness Month. In honor of that, they are encouraging students to participate by asking permission to take a selfie at school, then posting it on social media with #getyourselftoschool.
drivers literally jumped from their vehicles and began wildly shooting at one another, I felt it very important to remind everyone on the importance of road rage issues.

Most of us have at some point encountered a road-raged driver. Actually, as you drive daily, you share the road with literally thousands of these “got to be there now” and “you are in my way” drivers. Road rage drivers range anywhere from a simple case of someone running late for work or an event to a driver who thinks that everyone else on the roadway is in his/her way and can’t drive.

Road rage drivers can be seen daily on your streets and highways. Here are just a few signs to look for in a road rage driver: Constantly tailgating other drivers even though you’re traveling the speed limit, changes lanes erratically and often without signaling, slams their brakes when someone tail-gates them, uses profanity and improper hand gestures when agitated at other motorists or pedestrians and so on.

Some road rage drivers will go so far as to force you off the road, follow you to a certain point, including your home or work and start a verbal or physical altercation or even brandish a weapon and shoot at you. Here are a few tips to use when you encounter a road rage driver: Don’t aggravate them, pull into another lane if possible and allow them to pass, maintain the proper speed, do not tailgate, always use your turn signals, and never make eye contact with a road rage driver. It doesn’t help and only serves to enrage them even more. The best thing to do is forgive and forget and move on.

We have all at one time or another suffered a little road rage while driving or sitting in traffic. However, we must use common sense, not to mention courtesy, patience and respect on our roadways and streets. Remember, the streets and roadways belong to all of us and we must share them. Becoming hot headed and angry while driving a 3,000-pound weapon is not a wise decision.

If you encounter a road rage driver, call the police or local law enforcement immediately. If you are followed by an aggressive or road raged driver, drive to a safe, well lit and occupied location and call the police. Never exit your car when approached by a road raged driver and always travel with your doors locked.

If you are encountered by a road rage driver and have already called for the police, activate the video on your cell phone and document the activity if you can. In closing, let’s make the most dangerous thing we do daily a little safer. In other words, let’s be careful and respectful to one another out there!
In a matter of weeks, many around the world will celebrate the most important event in history, the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead. Jesus of Nazareth is the central figure in this drama that played out in Jerusalem nearly 2000 years ago. The four Gospels of the Bible record what seemed to be the early followers of Jesus be the unthinkable (His crucifixion on a cross), though Jesus had been sharing with them His purpose (providing redemption for all who would place trust in Him) in coming to walk among them. Jesus’ death created a confusion in His followers that struck at the very heart of their dream for a new world with Jesus as king. Surely, that dream would now be impossible and yet on Sunday morning, God displayed that which is possible with Him. God raised Jesus to life from the borrowed tomb He had been laid in, just as He said He would. Hallelujah! He is risen! Risen indeed!

As you consider the significant events in the life of Jesus, it is more pleasant to place trust in Him in coming to walk among them. Jesus had been sharing with them His purpose (providing redemption for all who would place trust in Him) in coming to walk among them. Jesus’ death created a confusion in His followers that struck at the very heart of their dream for a new world with Jesus as king. Surely, that dream would now be impossible and yet on Sunday morning, God displayed that which is possible with Him. God raised Jesus to life from the borrowed tomb He had been laid in, just as He said He would. Hallelujah! He is risen! Risen indeed!
organization that operates without government assistance was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 410 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC’s goals of honoring the nation’s scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

Steps in the 2019 Competition

More than 1.6 million juniors in about 22,000 high schools entered the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2017 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. The number of Semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state’s percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

To become a Finalist, the Semifinalist and his or her high school must submit a detailed scholarship application, in which they provide information about the Semifinalist’s academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, honors and awards received. A Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record through-out high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn SAT scores that confirm the student’s earlier performance on the qualifying test.

From the approximately 16,000 Semifinalists, about 15,000 are expected to advance to the Finalist level, and in February they will be notified of this designation. All National Merit Scholarship winners will be selected from the group of Finalists. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference.

National Merit Scholarships

Three types of National Merit Scholarships will be offered in the spring of 2019.

Every Finalist will compete for one of 2,500 National Merit $2,500 Scholarships that will be awarded on a state-representational basis. About 1,000 corporate-sponsorship Merit Scholarship awards will be provided by approximately 230 corporations and business organizations for Finalists who meet their specified criteria, such as children of the grantor’s employees or residents of communities where sponsor plants or offices are located. In addition, about 180 colleges and universities are expected to finance some 4,000 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for Finalists who will attend the sponsor institution.

National Merit Scholarship winners of 2019 will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning in April and concluding in July. These scholarship recipients will join some 338,000 other distinguished young people who have earned the Merit Scholar title.
Ross announces run for U.S. House of Representatives

David Ross is announcing his candidacy for the U.S. House of Representatives in Tennessee’s 6th District. He is the Libertarian candidate and would be honored to represent everyone from any political party.

Ross said the reason he is running is because he has had enough of all the “lying, cheating and stealing” going on in Washington, DC.

“We have tried the Democratic and the Republican leadership plans and they both have failed our country, as well as the rank and file members of their own parties,” said Ross. “The U.S. House of Representatives was supposed to be the house of the common man, instead it is the playground of millionaires, and those who seek to be. Let’s put an end to increasing tyranny and the constant degradation of freedom.”

“Remember, one should never grant the government a power you wouldn’t want in the hands of your worst enemy,” said Ross. “We need to restore the power to the citizens by holding the political establishment responsible for betraying the people. Ross said it is his opinion that many of the leaders of both parties have been in Washington DC for far too long and have forgotten who they represent.”

“How many Congressional leaders know the pain of losing a job, working multiple jobs to keep your head above water,” Ross asked. “How many politicians have had to decide which bill to pay first when they’re running low on income? Do they really care? Or are they just good at convincing you that they care?”

If elected, Ross said he will have a strict open-door policy for his constituents.

“My intention is to listen clearly to the citizens of District 6 to ensure their values are brought to Washington,” said Ross.

Based on performance alone, neither of the two major parties deserve your vote, according to Ross.

“We have a national debt of 18 trillion dollars, the social security trust fund is empty, our endless wars have killed millions while tens of millions are displaced, over 20 Veterans commit suicide every day, and we have locked up 3.25 million of our fellow citizens for mostly non-violent crimes,” said Ross. “Together we can work at reducing the deficit so we don’t leave the next generation with the debt we ran up. I believe it is time for the people stand up and set things right because I think we can do better than this.”

Ross said that neither party could have made this mess alone and that both are responsible.

Ross said we need a complete and thorough audit of spending by all departments, government programs, and all other social spending to determine what does or doesn’t work and where we can make improvements or eliminate some programs altogether.

“The only way to fix the problems in our nation’s capital is to get the money out of the hands of elected officials,” said Ross. “Give the money we spend on education, health care, transportation, as well as any other departments back to the state level departments and let’s see if they can do better. We need to give the states the power to manage the money as they see fit with no strings attached. I pledge to do whatever I can to reign in the size and scope of government.”

Ross said the issue his constituents mention the most is their frustration with the corruption in Washington, directed at both Democrats and Republicans.

“The people have lost faith that the elected officials care about them and their plight,” said Ross. “Until we send a message to Washington that we will no longer accept a government that does not listen to us, we will continue to be abused. I volunteer to be the messenger and the shot across the bow to the establishment politicians. The political parties who fail to keep their promises to the voters should be held accountable.”

Learn more about his campaign at www.davidvsdc.com.
Hamilton Springs station celebrates grand opening

Staff Reports

Regional Transportation Authority of Middle Tennessee (RTA) officials and Wilson County leaders officially celebrated the new Music City Star train station in Hamilton Springs last week, marking the beginning of train operations for the state’s first transit-oriented development (TOD).

RTA CEO Steve Bland, Wilson County Mayor and RTA Vice Chair Randall Hutto, City of Lebanon Mayor or Bernie Ash, Horn Springs Group Developer Jack Bell, and Lebanon Ward 6 City Councilor Rick Bell gathered to commemorate the train station, which officially came online and began serving passengers boarding at Hamilton Springs on Monday, Aug. 27.

“The new Hamilton Springs Station is just one example of the tremendous growth we are experiencing in Lebanon,” said Mayor Ash. “We are grateful for the foresight of the Bell family in creating a transit oriented development that will benefit the citizens of Lebanon for years to come.”

The Hamilton Springs Station covers 3.2 acres and is a central part of the TOD—a community that has been planned, designed and constructed to emphasize the use of transportation modes other than cars. The station serves residents of the Hamilton Springs community as well as other residents of Wilson County, thanks to a Park & Ride with 160 lighted parking spaces next to the train station.

“It is an exciting day for RTA and Wilson County as we welcome a fourth Music City Star station to Wilson County and a seventh station along the East Corridor Line,” said County Mayor or Hutto. “The addition of Hamilton Springs is further proof that transit is beginning to thrive in our region and we are excited to be able to provide another viable option for new and veteran riders traveling to downtown Nashville. We are very excited to continue to watch Hamilton Springs grow and thrive.”

The station is a total investment of $4.1 million, not including the generous land donation by Jack Bell and Rick Bell. It is a true regional partnership of several agencies and organizations, including the RTA, the Federal Transit Administration, the Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, the City of Lebanon, TDO’s Long-Range Planning Division, and Horn Springs Development, Inc.

“It is hard to believe it was a little over a year ago that we were celebrating the groundbreaking of this station and the moment where the region’s first transit-oriented development took its first step from drawings and dreams toward rail and reality,” said Bland. “As Middle Tennessee continues to experience unprecedented growth, transit-oriented development projects like Hamilton Springs are essential to provide increased mobility options through the creation of livable, walkable communities that encourage riding the train and other multi-modal transportation options.”

From FIRE, PAGE 1

the fire and no injuries occurred during operations.

FDMJ Tower 114, Squad 103, Ladder 111, Chief 101, Chief 102, and Chief 103, with a total of 22 paid and volunteer FDMJ personnel, responded to the incident.

From F & M, PAGE 6

resurrection of Jesus and the promise of His return that makes it possible for you to know His joy and for your joy to be complete. There is no greater demonstration of God’s love for you than the death of Jesus for your redemption, and there is no greater victory for you than the resurrection of Jesus.

It is with the resurrection of Jesus Christ that death is conquered. It is the resurrection of Jesus Christ that makes the impossible, possible for all who embrace His great victory over death and the promise of everlasting life. Hallelujah! He is risen! Risen indeed!

WEMA Engine 31 responded and provided RIT and WEMA Medic 31 responded for medical standby.

Numerous MJPD officers assisted on scene and multiple members of Rehab 23 provided on-scene support for responders.

The cause of the fire remains under investigation. Crews also responded to a residential fire on Arbor Springs Drive the day before, quickly controlling a fire in the garage of a home. The FDMJ said that because the garage door was closed, the heat and smoke from the fire were contained in the garage.
CZESKLEBA, Gary William

Gary Williams Ceskeleba, age 54 of Mt. Juliet, passed away on Sept. 1, 2018. Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Gary E. and Ollie Rozelle Williams Ceskeleba; son, Lester Powell Lambeth. He is survived by children, Nazareth Ceskeleba, Gary Logan Lambeth, Kristin Nicole Lambeth and Landen (Hailey) Lambeth; grandchildren, Kensington Wright, Scarlett Wright, Layton Lambeth, Kiley Lambeth, and Layney Lambeth; mother of his children, Connie Young.

Gary owned his own CPA Practice, Buchanan and Associates, for 27 years. He graduated from MTSU in 1986 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Finance and Accounting.

Funeral services were held Sept. 4 at Sellars Funeral Home in Mt. Juliet. Arrangements by Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet, 2229 N. Mt. Juliet Road, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122, 615-758-5459, obituary line 615-758-8818, www.sellarsfuneralservices.com

OBITUARIES

BARNETT, Naomi Jewel Cowgill

Naomi Jewel Cowgill Barnett, age 90 of Mt. Juliet, died Sept. 8, 2018. Mrs. Barnett was the daughter of the late Gavin Weaver and Sadie Helen Eoff Cowgill. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Harold Barnett; son, Gary Mitchell Barnett; and two brothers and three sisters.

She is survived by: Daughters – Diane (James) Heath and Robin Barnett; Grandchildren – Lori (Bill) Craig, Kelly Robinson, Corey (Amy) Barnes, April (Woody) Graves, Sunny (Kindell) Stephens and Mackenzie Roberts; 21 Great-grandchildren and four Great-great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be conducted noon Thursday, Sept. 13, at Bond Memorial Chapel. Interment will follow at 2 p.m. at Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Saturday at Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. (615)773-2663. Obit Line (615)641-2663, www.bondmemorial.com.

EVERETT, Jess Bass Jr.

Jess Bass Everett, Jr., age 78 of Mt. Juliet, passed away of natural causes on Sept. 5 at Vanderbilt Hospital. “Jerry, Jr.” was the only child of Jess Bass Everett, Sr. and Eloise Katherine Finley Everett. He spent his childhood on the family farm in Mt. Juliet.

Children: Jerry Don Everett, Tenia Katherine Everett-Cleghorn, Terry Lee Everett, Jennifer Susan Everett, Alayna Alice Everett. Grandchildren: Nicholas Jay Everett, Callie Brianna Everett-Branham, Savannah Katherine Cleghorn, Kirstin Faith Hunter, Daniel Nicole Everett, and Ashley Brooke Everett. Lifetime companion Kathleen Bates Irby and her children Becky and Tom.

EPPERSON, John Alan

John Alan Irby, born May 24, 1932 in Longworth, Texas, became at peace on Sept. 2, 2018, at his residence in Lebanon. He was 86. A Memorial Service was held Sept. 8 at Sellars Funeral Home in Lebanon.

Mr. Irby is survived by wife Jacky Irby, children (Leslie) and Ben Irby, step-children Daniel Donnell, John Kenny and Mike Denton, grand-children Daniel (Jo) Sanders, step-grandchildren Brittany Chappell, Peyton Jackson, John Michael and Isabella Denton, great-grandchildren Jean Luc and Taylor Sanders, Hannah and Emily Laufer and Austin Sanders, all of Lebanon, Tenn.


LANGFORD, Jennifer Elean Davenport

Jennifer Elean Davenport Langford, age 39 of Lebanon, died Sept. 2, 2018. Jennifer was a member of Joy Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Jo Bradford, and Glen and Lucille Lamb. She is survived by: Husband Harvey E. Margrave, children Melanie Lamb, Faithful and her spouse Marshall Joy and William Mitchell Lamb, daughter-in-law Diana Lamb and her spouse Steve Levick, grandchildren Wilson Caldwell Robinson, Ameila Lamb Robinson and her spouse Mike Srader, Charles Lamb, Joshua Lamb, Nossi Adriana Lamb and her spouse Mikey Twibbeck, Sara Katherine Lamb, Lillie Victoria Lamb, and Carson Lamb, and m. relatives, Ralph and Jo Bradford, она nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Sept. 6 at Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon, on Thursday, Sept. 13, in the chapel of Sellers Funeral Home.

The family will be receiving friends at Sellers Funeral Home, Lebanon, on Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. and on Thursday from 10 a.m. until the service. The Funeral Service is 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, in the chapel of Sellers Funeral Home.

The family will be receiving friends at Sellers Funeral Home, Lebanon, on Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. and on Thursday from 10 a.m. until the service. The Funeral Service is 11 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, in the chapel of Sellers Funeral Home.

RICE, Charles “Chuck” Vinson

Charles (Chuck) Vinson Race, age 80 of Mt. Juliet, passed away Sept. 3, 2018. Visitation was held Sept. 6 at Sellers Funeral Home in Mt. Juliet.

Mr. Rice retired from the US Navy after 20 years of service. He enjoyed spending time with special
also save the City money throughout the years.

District 4 Commissioner Brian Abston also thanked the Mt. Juliet Police Department and surrounding agencies for their quick work in finding a stolen vehicle from Providence.

City Manager Kenny Martin praised the work the City has been doing and the Board for its dedication to making Mt. Juliet the best it can be.

“We’re on the cusp of some big things,” said Martin.

Martin also introduced Peggy Simpson, the coordinator for the local chapter of Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library. Simpson thanked the Board for their support over the years and for continuing to help fund the program, which currently has around 6,000 children enrolled.

The Board unanimously approved an ordinance on the consent agenda to adopt new electrical and fire codes, which will take effect Jan. 1, 2019.

An ordinance to rezone and adopt the Mountain Brooke Place preliminary master development plan was approved with conditional zoning 4-1, with Abston voting against. Mountain Brook is a senior living development for residents 55 and older that will include townhome-style villas and a main, multi-story building.

District 1 Commissioner Ray Justice asked for an amendment for a 3-year conditional zoning that if the developer does not begin construction within that time, both parcels of land will revert back to R8 40 zoning.

The Board also approved three ordinances to accept federal grants from the Nashville area Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT).

The first grant was for the Mt. Juliet Road/Interstate 40 bridge widening project. Barlow said the initial estimates for the project were $1.5 million, but the City received a federal grant for $811,812.

The second grant was for a senior living development Mountain Brook is a senior living development.

The third grant is for Phase 2 of the Lebanon Road sidewalks project, which would install 6-foot-wide sidewalks along both sides of Lebanon Road from Mt. Juliet Road to Park Glen. The City received $140,000 from MPO for the project.

The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be Sept. 24 at City Hall. A public hearing before the meeting will begin at 6:15 p.m.
Barrett
Tree & Lawn Service
579-8319 or 758-3893

MIKE & ROBIN’S JUNK Hauling
We clean Bases-
m ents, Attics, Yards, etc.
Clean gutters. Clean all
green off vinyl. Landscaping.
We trim shrubbery and rake
beds & mulch. Pressure
washing, sodding, clean-
ing decks & driveways. Mov-
ing & Packing. Interior & ex-
terior painting. Tear down
buildings & foreclosure
clean out. WE ALSO OF-
FER KARAOKE & DJ SER-
VICES. Call us 4 anything.
Serving Mt. Juliet and all
surrounding areas for 21
years. (615) 881-6501.

TERRY'S AUTO GLASS
Mt. Juliet Lion's Club.
Fresh Pancans are in at
both Larry's Barber Shop
and First Freedom Banks
in Mt. Juliet. Auto Glass
Replaced Since “1989”
615-758-6339

CLEANING
WINDOW, CARPET, GUT-
TER CLEANING, PRES-
SURE WASHING. Driv-
eway sealing. Junk Hauled
Off. Foreclosure Clean out.
FREE Estimate. Serving
Mt. Juliet for 20 years. Li-
censed & Insured. Chris-
tian Owned/Operated. Jim
615-754-5047 www.myall-
proservices.com

Summer is winding down
days are kids are back to school
lets bring fall back with a clean
house... Call Brooke @615-
573-2237 for any cleaner-
ing needs. Honest dependable
and professional. I have references upon request ...
The following vehicle will be sold at Mobiletech Automotive Repair 108 West Division, Mt. Juliet, Tn. 37122 at 10 a.m. on Sept 27th, 2018 for towing and storage fees accumulated on vehicles if not paid in full by the time of the sale. Paperwork will be provided at the point of sale to apply for a title. 2002 Chevrolet Silverado VIN 1GCEK19T42E228530 Alvarez N. Martin & Ascend Federal Credit Union
By Angel Kane  
*Wilson Living Magazine*

I can tell you exactly where I was. And my bet is that if you are over 30 years old, you can probably tell me where you were too.

Sept. 11, 2001. I was home with my two little girls. My husband had left for work. I had “The Today Show” on. I could see the television from our kitchen and I was washing our breakfast dishes.

I remember stopping to watch Matt Lauer as he began to describe the picture I was looking at. There was the New York skyline and what looked to be a small plane had just crashed into a building.

What a horrible accident.

I grabbed my dish towel and started wiping my hands as I walked closer to the television. As I watched, I was in shock.

Together we realized this was no longer a freak accident.

On Sept. 11, 2001, 2,996 people lost their lives. More than 6,000 people were injured that day and 9/11 marks the single deadliest accident for the loss of fire-fighters and law enforcement officers in the history of the United States. And since that day, countless more lives have been lost as our military continues to sacrifice their lives ensuring something like this never happens again.

When the terrorists set this plan in motion 17 years ago, their plan was not just to kill as many Americans as they could. No, their plan was much more sinister than that.

Their plan was to change us and thereby destroy us. To cause us to be scared. To provoke a new holy war. To have us retaliate. Historians say they wanted to provoke a new holy war.

A few years ago, my family and I visited New York City and went to where the Twin Towers once stood. In their place are twin reflecting pools and the names of those we lost that day etched in stone all around them. It was one of the most sacred places I have ever visited.

I’m proud to say that while the towers may have come down on that horrible day, what I’ll remember more vividly is that on that day Americans rose up, came together and fought back.

The privilege that Becky and I have is that every week, this paper gives us a blank space in which to share our thoughts and our lives. Mostly, we share the good and the funny. Sometimes we share the sad and the scary. But mostly we try to share those things in our daily lives that makes us all in this community more alike than different.

So today, we’d like to use this space to remember a day that many of us will always share. Seventeen years ago lives were lost on American soil. They were men, women and children. They were of different nationalities, different races and different religions. They were innocent victims.

That day began just like any other. That morning they, like you and I, got up to do what it is that we do every day. They got dressed, got their kids ready for school, grabbed their belongings and headed out the door.

That night, however, these American heroes didn’t come home.

My husband came home. My parents came home. My brother came home. Hopefully yours did too.

Sometimes you wonder who will remember you when you finally leave this world.

While I didn’t know anyone who personally lost their life in this tragedy, I know for a fact that 17 years later there are those who miss them greatly still.

There are families that are forever changed because of this tragic loss of life. They are not forgotten but remembered daily by thousands more that continue to live without their loved ones.

On Sept. 11, 2018, you and I will spent the day doing what we always do and returned home safely that night to our loved ones.

For those that didn’t and for those that for the last 17 years have been without them, we remember.

From **MISSING, PAGE 1**

been no updates on Martinez’ disappearance, but detectives are continuing their investigation.

“It is our hope that we will find him safe, and we are urging anyone with information to give us a call,” said Chandler.

If anyone has any information about the whereabouts of Dace Martinez, they are urged to call the Mt. Juliet Police Department at (615) 754-2550. Information can also be given anonymously by calling (615) 754-TIPS (8477) or via the Mt. Juliet Police Department website at http://www.mjpd.org/.
Record student enrollment announced at Vol State

Staff Reports

Student enrollment at Volunteer State Community College has reached an all-time record for the school, with 9,156 students attending this fall semester. The previous record was 8,989, set in fall of 2010. The current headcount is up 3.5 percent over fall of last year.

Much of the increase is attributed to the popular TN Reconnect program. It provides tuition-free education for adults who do not already have a college degree. This fall, 1,039 new students using TN Reconnect are enrolled in classes at Vol State. There are also 460 continuing students using the program.

“We are excited to have attained this record enrollment,” said Vol State President Jerry Faulkner. “It is gratifying to see more citizens of our service area taking advantage of the opportunity to advance their education. Vol State is fulfilling our mission to prepare students for successful career, university transfer, and meaningful civic participation in a global society.”

Vol State has been planning for increased enrollment. Two new buildings have been added to the Gallatin campus in recent years. The Livingston campus was enlarged. The Highland Crest campus in Springfield was built. In Cookeville, Vol State began offering classes at the Cookeville Higher Education Campus (CHEC), setting enrollment records there as well.

The number of online classes has also expanded, allowing for even more growth. In the fall of 2010, there were 195 course sections and this fall 356. There are many more faculty and staff working at the college, from 769 in 2010 to 854 employees today.

“Our great team at the college has worked really hard to prepare for this year and for continued growth in enrollment,” Faulkner said. “Our next project is a renovation of our Warf science building. We will gain two science labs, a classroom, a computer lab, and a new 6,000-square-foot wing to house our Mechatronics program.”

Full-Time Equivalency (FTE) is a unit that measures the number of credit hours students are taking. That FTE number is also a record this fall at 6,206, versus 5,758 in 2010.

Photo submitted

There are a record number of students attending Vol State this semester, but building projects have added many more classrooms and facilities.

From OBITS, PAGE 10

friends at the Senior Center in Mt. Juliet. He was also a big Titans fan.

He is survived by son, Charles David Rice and wife JoEllen; daughter, Kristina Parish; wife, Her- mene and her children, Timmy, Tammy, and Tina; granddaughters, Rachel Rice, great – grandson, Tristan; sister, Lillie McAf- fee; brothers, Richard Rice, Jay Rice, Larry Rice, and Randell Rice.

He was preceded in death by parents, Charles Boyd Rice and Julia Col- lier Rice; sister, Patsy Ruth Pope.

The family would like to say a special thank you to his angels at Tristar Sum- mit Medical Center and Alive Hospice. In lieu of flowers, memorial dona- tions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Proj- ect, PO Box 758517, Tope- ka, KS 66675 or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospit- al, PO Box 1000, Dept 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908.

Visitiation will be 11 a.m. until service time Wednes- day at Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Ju- liet, TN. (615)773-2663.

WATTS, James Albert

James Albert Watts, age 68 of Mt. Juliet, died Sept. 7, 2018. Mr. Watts was preceded in death by his daughter, Jamie Watts; his wife, Dewey Watts; sister, Linda Mang, and broth- ers, Robert Watts, Randall Watts and Wesley Watts.


A funeral service was held Sept. 7 at Sellers Funeral Home in Lebanon, and interment followed at Wilson County Memorial.

Mr. Timbs loved country music and travel- ling to enjoy the hills and trees of Tennessee. He was a devoted father, brother, grandfather and great-grandfather, and was loved by many. He re- tired from AVCO after 25 years.

Mr. Timbs is survived by daughter Cathy Cor- ley, step-children Timmy (Debbie) Hill and Greg Hill, grandchildren Chris (Joy) Mahan, Robert Sir- cy, Mary Jo Sircy, Salina (Brandon) Marshall, Kim Paul, and Chad Corley, 14 great-grandchildren, brothers Paul Timbs and James Howard (Barbara) Timbs, and several nieces and nephews.

He is pre- ceded in death by daugh- ter Paulette Rose Draper, grandsons Garrett Paul and Charles Jackson Mar- shall, and parents Pau- line Graham and Charles "Elmer" Timbs, and step-mother Vester Timbs.

Seaborn, Robert Earl

Robert Earl Seaborn, age 72 of Mt. Juliet, died Sept. 9, 2018. Mr. Seaborn was the son of the late Malcomb and Mary Mason Seaborn.

He is survived by: Broth- er – Doug (Gail) Seaborn; nieces – Darlene (Chuck) Sedgwick and Kelley Humphrey; Several great-niec- les and nephews.

Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Wednes- day, Sept. 12, at Bond Memorial Chapel. Inter- ment will follow at Rutland Cemetery.

Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to the Silver Springs Water Co. Silver Springs Baptist Church, 9938 Lebanon Road, Mt. Ju- liet, TN 37122.

In lieu of flowers, memori- als may be made to the Wounded Warrior Proj- ect, PO Box 758517, Tope- ka, KS 66675 or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospit- al, PO Box 1000, Dept 142, Memphis, TN 38101-9908.

Visitiation will be 11 a.m. until service time Wednes- day at Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Ju- liet, TN. (615)773-2663.

Timbs, Charles Edward

Charles Timbs passed away on Sept. 3, 2018, at age 80. A funeral service was held Sept. 7 at Sellers Funeral Home in Lebanon, and interment followed at Wilson County Memorial.

Mr. Timbs loved country music and travel- ling to enjoy the hills and trees of Tennessee. He was a devoted father, brother, grandfather and great-grandfather, and was loved by many. He re- tired from AVCO after 25 years.

Mr. Timbs is survived by daughter Cathy Cor- ley, step-children Timmy (Debbie) Hill and Greg Hill, grandchildren Chris (Joy) Mahan, Robert Sir- cy, Mary Jo Sircy, Salina (Brandon) Marshall, Kim Paul, and Chad Corley, 14 great-grandchildren, brothers Paul Timbs and James Howard (Barbara) Timbs, and several nieces and nephews.

He is pre- ceded in death by daugh- ter Paulette Rose Draper, grandsons Garrett Paul and Charles Jackson Mar- shall, and parents Pau- line Graham and Charles "Elmer" Timbs, and step-mother Vester Timbs.

Seaborn, Robert Earl

Robert Earl Seaborn, age 72 of Mt. Juliet, died Sept. 9, 2018. Mr. Seaborn was the son of the late Malcomb and Mary Mason Seaborn.

He is survived by: Broth- er – Doug (Gail) Seaborn; nieces – Darlene (Chuck) Sedgwick and Kelley Humphrey; Several great-niec- les and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted 1 p.m. Wednes-
Cancer care that’s right for you

When the word cancer comes up, so do questions. You have questions around the latest treatment options, what to expect, and how to find the right doctor. Ascension care teams at Saint Thomas Cancer Care are here to listen to your concerns and answer your questions. By understanding you as a person and your personal preferences, you’ll get the cancer care that’s right for you.

STHealth.com/cancer