Schools confident as students return to traditional in-person learning

By John Kirian
Managing Editor

Monday, Sept. 21 saw a number of Wilson County students returning to in-person schooling for the first time since March 16, which was the last day of traditional in-person learning. Since Aug. 17 when schools across Wilson County resumed, most students have been attending school on a hybrid platform, in which they're in the school building only two days per week, and educated online the other three. This system was installed in order to protect the students and faculty of Wilson County schools by allowing for more effective COVID-19 precautions, such as social distancing and daily testing, to be practiced.

However, parents across the county have voiced concerns about this system, doubting the quality of education it can provide compared to traditional schooling as a traditional school setting. Principal of West Elementary School, Chris Plummer, commented that while the hybrid plan was the right call for keeping the students safe, he believes it cannot provide the same quality of education as a traditional school setting.

“We’ve been used to the hybrid platform since the Board voted on that several weeks ago, and it’s been very, very successful for us as far as keeping our COVID protocols in place and also to minimize the chances of spreading COVID-19, both to students and within faculty and staff members,” said Plummer. “I think based on keeping the numbers down and keeping the risk down for everyone, I feel that it is the most appropriate way to teach children. Although it is not the way we want to teach children, it has been our best plan to teach children.”

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Structure Fire on Lebanon Road

By John Kirian
Managing Editor

On Monday, Sep. 21, a commercial building at 14464 Lebanon Road caught fire. This building houses both Busy Bee Heating and Air Conditioning as well as Southern Sassy Shooters, LLC. the Mt. Juliet Fire Department, as well as the MJPD and the Wilson County EMA, arrived on the scene and fire fighters successfully extinguished the fire. No injuries were reported. In an interview, Mt. Juliet Fire Chief Jamie Luffman stated that he believes the fire was started from multiple sources.
Mount Juliet Bears Take The Gold Against Rivals Wilson Central Wildcats

By Emma Harris
The Chronicle Contributor

The Mount Juliet Bears won the game Friday night with a final score 10-7. They began the journey to victory by winning the coin toss, giving them the advantage of starting the game with the ball. Connor Kowalski put the Bears on the board with a field goal at the 33 yard line after a great defensive effort by the Wildcats.

The Wildcats got the chance to try their luck against the Bears’ defensive line, but were unable to make their mark on the scoreboard after Collin Gleaves intercepted a pass from Tristan Lewis near the 10 yard line.

The Bears were not afraid to show their rivals how dangerous a bear can really be. They used the opportunity to make a game winning touchdown, as Conlin Baggett took a 53 yard dash to victory with 27 seconds left in the first quarter. Connor Kowalski secured the extra point. No one in the crowd was left in their seat. The first quarter ended with a 10 points for the Bears and the Wildcats not on the board. Neither team was able to score in the second quarter, leaving the Bears as the victors of the first half.

In the third quarter, the Wildcats got possession of the ball and used it to their advantage. Tristan Lewis made a touchdown-scoring pass to Clayton Duke for six yards. Esteban Hurtado secured the extra point. As expected with a rivalry game, the students showed up in support of their team. Mount Juliet students had the theme of white out and Wilson Central students had black out. Both student sections defended their team throughout the game. The Mount Juliet students chanted “It’s too easy” upon Conlin Baggett’s game winning touchdown. The Wildcats returned the favor after their own quarterback Tristan Lewis scored.

After many attempts in the final quarter, neither team scored. The Mount Juliet Bears left their mark on the Wilson Central Wildcats with a final score of 10-7.

Currently, the Mount Juliet Bears have an undefeated record of 4-0; the Wilson Central Wildcats have a record of 2-3.

The Wilson Central Wildcats travel to Gallatin on Friday, Sept. 25. The Mount Juliet Bears will face Spring Hill at home for their Homecoming and Senior Night game on Friday, Sept. 25. Tickets to both games will be sold in advance, and both games will still require masks, temperature checks and social distancing.

Oct. 5 is the Registration Deadline for Nov. 3 Election

Staff Reports

Monday, Oct. 5, is the last day Wilson County residents can register to vote in the Nov. 3 Federal and State General and the Lebanon, Mt Juliet and Waterfront Municipal elections. Applications received after the deadline will be processed after Election Day.

Wilson County residents can register to vote online at www.WilsonElections.com. Using the online registration option, your voter registration application is submitted securely, conveniently and in a timely manner. Registered voters who may need to change their address or make other changes to their registration may also use the convenient online registration. For those wishing to register in-person, the Wilson County Election Commission office at 203 East Main Street is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., giving voters many choices of days and times.

For those wishing to vote early, there are five convenient Early Voting sites throughout Wilson County open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., giving voters many choices of days and times.

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“We encourage voters to visit the website or contact our office with questions about registration, where they vote and any other election or voting related questions. Remember to bring your Tennessee or Federally issued photo ID when you come to vote during Early Voting or on Election Day,” said Phillip Warren, Administrator of Elections.

Voters who are unsure about being registered to vote can click on the “Am I Registered” link on the homepage of www.WilsonElections.com or go to www.GoVoteTN.org. Current voter registration status is available at these sites by simply entering your information. Warren cautions against providing personal data to individuals or websites that are not hosted by Wilson County or Tennessee State government.

The Election Commission encourages voters to take advantage of Early Voting to avoid lines, possible inclement weather to cast your ballot at your convenience. “Come vote early at any of the five Early Voting sites and bring someone with you,” said Tammy Smith, Assistant Administrator.

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To learn more about elections, voting and how you can be involved with Wilson County elections contact the Wilson County Election Commission at 615-444-0216 or online at www.WilsonElections.com.
Much-Improved Hawks Fall to Smyrna 56-23

By Rebeca Miu & Jake Hood
The Chronicle Contributors

GREEN HILL — The Hawks continue to improve as they drop their Week Five matchup to Smyrna 56-23.

The Bulldogs of Smyrna looked to make this game a quick one, as they jumped out to a 36-0 lead before the Hawks could find the scoreboard. Quarterback Landon Miller led an offensive onslaught from the Bulldogs that began with a 21-yard touchdown pass. On the Hawks’ next drive, the series was abruptly ended when Chase Nordstrom’s pass was snatched out of the sky by the Bulldog defense. The result of this was another Smyrna touchdown, this time coming from Arian Carter.

The Hawks were unable to find a solution on offense early, as Smyrna kept the TDs coming. The first two touchdowns of the second quarter were two more passes from Miller. Following this, Carter punched in another to bring the score to a brutal 36-0. However, there was still more than a half of football to be played.

Green Hill began their comeback late into the first half, as Nordstrom found Marzeion Jones for a passing TD with 20 seconds left. Immediately after this, coach Josh Crouch kept the high tempo going with an onside kick that the Hawks were able to fall on. In just 10 seconds, the Hawks were in range for Sam Crickmar to send a 29-yard field goal between the posts, bringing the score to 36-10 at halftime.

Crouch led his team into the locker room with the most points his team had scored this season. Building on this, Nordstrom opened the second half with another touchdown pass to Jones, and Camaron Sowell bullied his way into the endzone from 11 yards out. However, the Bulldogs pulled away, yet again with the help of Miller and Carter.

The Hawks were held scoreless for the remainder of the game, as the Bulldogs rallied to a 56-23 victory on “the Hill.”

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Have you ever heard the saying, “The trees are about to show us how lovely it is to let the dead things go?” I’ve seen it circulated online at the beginning of fall over the past few years and I really like it. Maybe because I have a thing about trees, I actually kind of love them and think they can teach us a lot about life and spiritual disciplines. When I saw that saying a few years ago it made me want to read about how trees let go of their leaves. What the process for that looks like. I know I must have learned it in school at some point in my life, but I have to be honest and tell you that school was a really long time ago for me and I probably didn’t pay much attention anyway. I find peace in knowing that I’m not alone there.

Did you know that as the weather gets cooler and the days get shorter, the changes in season trigger a message to every leaf on the tree that says, “It’s time to shut the food factory down!” Because that’s what the leaves do, they make food for the tree. And when the leaves receive that message, little cells that work like scissors begin to push the leaves away from the tree. That’s when we begin to see the change in color start to take place and it truly is beautiful! What we’re learning here, though, (welcome to school!) is that the trees don’t actually let go of the dead leaves, the trees are making an intentional decision to cut them off, and I wanted to know why? Why does this happen? Well apparently, leaves are hard workers but they aren’t very smart, and every so often a warmer winter day might come along and if the leaves were still on the tree and felt that warmth, they would begin to push the leaves away. What’s the process for that looks like? I know I must have learned it in school at some point in my life, but I have to be honest and tell you that school was a really long time ago for me and I probably didn’t pay much attention anyway. I find peace in knowing that I’m not alone there.

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However, the Hawks looked more upbeat than anticipated throughout the game. The energy was there, and the scoring came, too. The Hawks put up more points than they had combined prior to Friday night. This came on Nordstrom’s best night in green and white. He finished with 157 yards and a pair of touchdowns on 14-25 passing, throwing only one interception on the night. Kaleb Carver caught the majority of these passes, receiving nine for 105 yards on the night. However, Jones led in wideout scoring with two TDs on his three catches for 40 yards. Sowell ran for 32 yards on seven carries, one of those being an 11-yard touchdown. Cameron Morvec led Green Hill in rushing yards, though; he took 17 carries for 95 yards, coming just short of his first 100-yard night. Nordstrom scrambled for 42 yards, and the offensive mistakes that were present in the past seemed to be diminishing substantially. Coach Crouch claimed his first 100-yard night. Nordstrom scrambled for 42 yards, and the offensive mistakes that were present in the past seemed to be diminishing substantially. Coach Crouch claimed

please take the time to fill it out and mail it in. I am as picky and hesitant as anyone I know when it comes to giving out personal information about me and my family, but when it comes to the Census, we need to make sure that we are all counted. I will list the many benefits and reasons to fill out your Census card: it's important - Census data determines funding for your community, your community’s representation in local, state and federal government and your community planning decisions; it’s easy – the Census questionnaire takes only a few minutes to complete, answer and return; it’s confidential – your responses are protected by law (Title 13, U.S. Code Section 9). All Census Bureau Employees have taken an oath to protect confidentiality and are subject to a jail term, fine - or both – for disclosing any information that could identify a respondent or household; it’s required by law - the information you provide is combined with responses provided by your neighbors and other households across the country, to provide summary statistical data that are used by various local, state and federal agencies; Census affects funding for your community - Census data directly affects how more than $300 Billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to communities for neighborhood improvements, public health, education, transportation and much more. That’s more than $3 trillion over a 10-year period. Spending just a few minutes to fill out your Census form will help ensure your community gets its fair share of federal and state funding.

There will also be a door to door Census process as well, so don’t be alarmed if you see a smiling face at your door. We have a wonderful community and together we can make sure we get all the resources and representation we deserve and need for our future. So please join me in being a part of securing additional resources for our citizens and our community.

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**LOCAL CRIME**

**Group of armed car burglars sighted in Willoughby Station**

Staff Reports

Around 2:30 a.m. on Sept. 14, 2020, unlocked car burglars took to the Willoughby Station neighborhood. This group of five individuals went around the neighborhood trying door handles, and if they found an unlocked car, stole anything inside. They passed up any car that was locked. Even more concerning was that at least one of the burglars, pictured below, was armed and ready with a handgun in his right hand. At this time, no suspects have been identified or apprehended.

**Two Apprehended After Crashing Stolen Truck and Running from Officers**

Staff Reports

An adult male and female were arrested Tuesday, Sept. 15 after crashing a stolen truck into a guardrail and running away.

Around 8:00 p.m. Sept. 15, an officer attempted to stop a Ford pick-up after the vehicle’s registration plate did not match. The truck failed to stop, and the officer did not pursue it. Moments later, officers spotted the same truck turning down a dead-end roadway and attempted to stop it again. During that interaction, the driver almost struck a patrol vehicle.

In an attempt to stop the dangerous driver, officers deployed spike strips to deflate the truck’s tires and were successful. The truck crashed into a guardrail at Mt. Juliet Road and Interstate 40, which led to both occupants running from the vehicle into a wooded area. The adult female passenger, 33-year-old Cassie Spann of White Bluff, was apprehended behind the Shell gas station. The adult male driver, 34-year-old Jonathan Clark of Dickson, ran to the Comfort Suites hotel, and he was arrested while attempting to hide behind an ice machine.

Further investigation revealed that the Ford pick-up was stolen from Houston County, TN on 7/16/2020. In addition, various needles were located in the truck, and Clark was driving on a revoked driver’s license and wanted out of Dickson County.

Clark was charged with Reckless Endangerment, Felony Evading, Theft of Property, Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Driving on a Revoked Driver’s License.

Spann was charged with Misdemeanor Evading and Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Both were booked into the Wilson County Jail.

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A 2005 Nissan 350Z was stolen from Castalian Springs, TN on Sept. 23, 2020. Officers intercepted the vehicle on Sept. 15, 2020 on S Mt. Juliet Rd near Crossing Cir. A 16-year-old male was apprehended.
From BALLOT, PAGE 1 city council or city commission on Nov. 3 with Wards 1, 2 and 3 in Lebanon, Districts 1, 3 and 4 in Mt. Juliet and three at-large commissioners on the ballot in Watertown. Only voters that live in the wards or districts being elected in Lebanon and Mt. Ju- liet will have those contests on their ballot. The at-large candidates in Watertown will appear on all Watertown municipal election ballots.

The Election Commission posts the sample ballot on its website to provide an easy place for Wilson County voters to find and become familiar with their choices before coming to vote. The sample ballot is always published in local papers multiple days before every election. The sample ballot includes all the contests available throughout the county. Which contests individual voters are eligible for are determined by their address.

Phillip Warren, Administrator of Elections requests, “We encourage voters to look at the ballot and be aware of what they expect to be voting on during Early Voting or on Election Day. We are always available to answer questions about the ballot, the election and any other voting related question. Being prepared always makes your voting experience better.”

The Wilson County Election Commission in cooperation with the federal, state and county officials will provide Early Voting and Election day vote centers that protect the health and safety of both voters and election officials. “Procedures and precautions implemented at all five Early Voting sites and the 18 Election Day Vote Centers in August proved effective in protecting the health and safety of both voters and election officials. Our goal is to continue and refine these practices to protect the voters and election workers while guarding the integrity of every vote cast in the upcoming election,” comment Warren. “Lines may seem longer due to the need for social distancing during Early Voting and on Election Day but voting time was the same, if not faster, than in past elections.”

The combination of Early Voting, Election Day Vote Centers and Absentee By-Mail ensures that every eligible Wilson County voter has a safe and convenient way to participate in the election.

Tammy Smith, Assistant Administrator of Elections says, “Whichever of the three ways you choose to cast your vote, take the time to familiarize yourself with the ballot by reviewing the sample ballot on our website. You can be assured that we are taking extraordinary steps to protect the health and safety of Wilson County voters and to make each voting experience the best it can be in Wilson County.”

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Cumberland University kicks off 179th academic year with convocation ceremony

Staff Reports

Cumberland University formally initiated the start of the 2020-2021 academic year with the school’s 179th convocation ceremony on Monday, Aug. 24.

The ceremony, which typically includes all students, faculty and staff, was limited to 60 guests in Baird Chapel. It was streamed live on YouTube for those unable to attend due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Michael Moscardelli was the mace bearer and led the procession of deans and senior university administrators dressed in regalia. The invocation was led by Diocese of Nashville Bishop J. Mark Spalding. President Paul Stumb, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Bill McKee, Faculty Senate President Peg Fredi and Student Government Association President Allie Garcia offered words of inspiration and encouragement.

The annual alumni awards were presented to the following recipients: La Quita Martin (2019) received The Distinguished Alumni Award; Jennifer (Jenny) Gaffney (2006) received The Rising Phoenix Award; Monicka Stevenson (2009) received The Award of Excellence in the Jeanette C. Rudy School of Nursing and Health Professions; Joshua Sevier (2012) received The Award of Excellence in the Labry School of Science, Business and Technology; and Aqeel Kadhom Hussein Al Bdairy (2016) received The Award of Excellence in the School of Humanities, Education and the Arts.

Additional awards included the President’s Award for Teaching Excellence presented to Assistant Professor of Nursing Julie Windmiller, the Algeron Sydney Sullivan Award presented to Herman D. “Boone” and Sally Swain. A Doctor of Literary Letters (honoris causa) was presented to Michael Jon Spalding, M.D. Cumberland also publicly acknowledged and celebrated the law degree earned by Don Carlos Birdwell over sixty years ago.

The ceremony was rounded out by the recitation of the Cumberland Creed, the singing of the alma mater and the leading of the benediction by University Chaplain Dr. Mike Ripski.
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we are very, very impressed with our virtual teachers and our virtual learners, I still don’t think that there is a replacement for in-person instructional learning.”

With all of this to consider, the Wilson County Board of Education met on Tuesday, Sept. 8 to reevaluate the hybrid platform, and at the insistence of Wilson County’s parents, the Board voted to begin phasing students back into full-time in-person schooling, beginning with pre-kindergarten through third grade. They plan to revisit the idea for fourth grade through twelfth after Fall Break in October.

“We’re really excited about this. This is something that we want, and it’s something that the teachers want and are excited about, and for what it’s worth, the majority of our parents have communicated that same standard of safety to both students and faculty, even with the increased student body.

“I know for our COVID protocols, those were instituted with the mindset that we were working with our entire student population, which typically is right around 800 students. So it basically means that we’re still doing the temperature checks, still trying to respect everyone’s space as much as possible, but also still to learn in a very safe environment. We go through our COVID questions each and every morning. Every individual that walks in the building still has their temperature checked. And we will continue to do that, and also to track any potential contact as we possibly can,” assured Plummer. “We feel that our COVID protocols are adequately meeting the needs of our faculty, staff and students.”

Wilson County Schools also assures parents that their plans are flexible and able to account for changes in the current COVID-19 situation.

“There’s no guarantees that pre-K through third will be traditional to the last day of school. There are no guarantees to say that following Fall Break, everyone will come back,” said Bart Barker, Public Information Officer for Wilson County Schools. “Everything is subject to change with the ebbs and flows of the virus.”

“Should there be a spike in cases with this influx of children that are coming back to the schools, our teachers and our district as a whole have all been briefed and have protocols in place should we go to remote,” followed Plummer.

Meanwhile, a number of students remain on a completely virtual learning platform, and the Board of Education currently has no plans to reevaluate this program until January. These teachers dedicated to the online students also report successful results, although many miss the energy and excitement that comes with a full classroom of children.

Chelsea Lombardi, West Elementary kindergarten teacher, instructing her virtual class.

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CADE, Johnnie Delerance

Johnnie Cade, age 78, of Mt. Juliet, TN, died Sept. 16, 2020. He was preceded in death by his mother, Rosie B. Cade Jackson and his siblings, Earlean Sanders, Larry C. Jackson and Willie James Jackson.

He is survived by: wife of 57 Years – Minnie Cade; son – Victor (Lisa) Cade; siblings – John Earl (Josephine) Jackson, Ladell (Ozella) Jackson, Will Jackson, David (Eines) Jackson, Daisy (Ellis) Johnson, Ernestine (Arnold) Smith and Glenda Jackson; brother-in-law – Jessie Sanders; sister-in-law – Kim Jackson; grandchildren – Dominic Cade and Jessica Bennett; great-grandchildren - Javare Bennett, Malayah Bennett and Nayeli Bennett; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Funeral services were conducted 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 21, 2020 at Mt. Juliet Church of Christ, 1940 N. Mt. Juliet Road, Mt. Juliet, TN with Bro. Craig Evans officiating. Family served as honorary pallbearers.

Flowers accepted or memorials may be to the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, PO Box 11180, Nashville, TN 37222-1180. Arrangements by Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. (615) 773-2663. www.bondmemorial.com.

DEASON, Catherine

Catherine “Cathy” Deason, age 64, of Mt. Juliet, TN, died Sept. 16, 2020. Cathy was employed by Bridgestone Americas. She was an avid car buff and a member of the Mid-South Chevelle Club. Cathy was the daughter of the late Benjamin Edward and Mary Coleman Smith Lewis.

She is survived by: husband – Ray Deason; daughter – Kristin Martin; sister – Mel Lewis; step-daughters – Dawn (Jack) Whiston and Jennifer (Chris) Alley; grandchildren – Brayden Martin, Kaylin Denniston, Carly Denniston, Amber Whiston, Hannah Prescott, Alex Prescott and Jacob Belcher; brother-in-law – Mike (Sally) Deason; many nieces and nephews. No funeral services are planned.

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He is survived by: wife of 61 years – Frances Davis Herzer; son and daughter-in-law – Matthew and Stephanie Herzer; sister – Nancy Atkinson of Kingsport; eight grandchildren – Gregory Herzer, Tessa Herzer, Nicholas Herzer, Anastasia Herzer, Emily Herzer, Casimir Herzer, Lydia Herzer and Julian Herzer.

Visitation will be from 2 - 4 p.m. on Sept. 26, followed by funeral services at 4 p.m. with Bob Underwood officiating at Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. (615) 773-2663. www.bondmemorial.com. For those who plan to attend, please wear a mask.

Private Interment will be at Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery on Sept. 28 at 11 a.m.

PET OF THE WEEK

Jesse is a 2-month-old kitten looking for his forever home. Jesse is not yet neutered so his adoption fee is $25 + the cost of his neuter at a local vet in Wilson County. If you are interested in meeting Jesse, give us a call to schedule an appointment at 615-773-5533.

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HERZER, Frank Winfred

Frank Winfred Herzer, age 86, of Mt. Juliet, TN, died Sept. 11, 2020. He was the son of the late Frank Matthew and Lilian Moore Herzer. He was preceded in death by one sister, Joan Herzer.

He is survived by: wife of 61 years – Frances Davis Herzer; son and daughter-in-law – Matthew and Stephanie Herzer; sister – Nancy Atkinson of Kingsport; eight grandchildren – Gregory Herzer, Tessa Herzer, Nicholas Herzer, Anastasia Herzer, Emily Herzer, Casimir Herzer, Lydia Herzer and Julian Herzer.

Visitation will be from 2 - 4 p.m. on Sept. 26, followed by funeral services at 4 p.m. with Bob Underwood officiating at Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. (615) 773-2663. www.bondmemorial.com. For those who plan to attend, please wear a mask.

Private Interment will be at Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery on Sept. 28 at 11 a.m.

PET OF THE WEEK

Jesse is a 2-month-old kitten looking for his forever home. Jesse is not yet neutered so his adoption fee is $25 + the cost of his neuter at a local vet in Wilson County. If you are interested in meeting Jesse, give us a call to schedule an appointment at 615-773-5533.

KIRKLAND, Kitty Gene Houghton

Kitty Gene Houghton Kirkland, age 75, of Tullahoma, TN, died Sept. 16, 2020. Kitty was retired from Textron. She was the daughter of the late, Doyle and Marie Massengale Houghton. Kitty was also preceded in death by her brother, Eddie and her grandson, Johnny Sandridge.

She is survived by: children – Krissy Dingman and Dwayne Webster; sister – Glenda; grandchildren – Tina, Kina, Alexis, Jesse, April, Kali, Jackson and Samantha; great-grandchildren – Anabel, Sicly, Zephyr and Lewis, IV; special friend/Caregiver – Dr. Ana Jackson.

Funeral services will be conducted 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020 at Bond Memorial Chapel. For those who plan to attend, please wear a mask. Intermment will follow at Hermitage Memorial Gardens.

Flowers accepted or memorials may be to National Multiple Sclerosis Society, www.nationalmssociety.org.

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The Board of Commissioners of the City of Mt. Juliet will have a Public Hearing on Monday, October 12, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. to hear comments on the following items to be considered:

- Amend the Fiscal Year 2020/2021 Budget for the following:
  o Addition of a bay to house the ladder truck to the fire station on E. Hill Street
  o Lebanon Road Sidewalks – Phase III
  o Construct auxiliary facility on Clemmons Road for Public Works
  o Increase contractual services for a Sewer Rate Study
  o Hire an additional nine fire fighters

Social distance guidelines will be followed. We ask that persons wait outside if the areas are full and you will be called in when you would like to speak when your item is being considered. Masks are required to be worn while in City Hall. The meeting may be viewed at: http://tiny.cc/CMJYT. The Public is invited to comment to: sluckett@mtjuliet-tn.gov or thru the agenda portal on the city’s webpage www.mtjuliet-tn.gov / Go to Government / Agendas and Minutes then log into the agenda portal in the upper right hand corner or emailing sluckett@mtjuliet-tn.gov or by calling 615-754-2552. Please submit all comments by 4 PM on Monday, September 28th and provide your address so it can be forwarded to the Commissioner representing your district.

Kenny Martin, City Manager
City of Mt. Juliet

The Board of Commissioners of the City of Mt. Juliet will have a Public Hearing on Monday, October 12, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. to hear comments on the following item to be considered: Rezone property known as the Golden Property located at 4591 Beckwith Rd, being found at Map 078, Parcels 013.01 & 018.00, from Single Family Residential (RS-40) to Commercial Interchange (CI). The public is invited to attend and comment.

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