Test scores remain high despite pandemic

By Kenny Howell
Managing Editor

At their work session Wednesday, the Wilson County School Board heard from staff that testing data was, despite the pandemic, better than expected for the past two years.

For growth, Wilson County School was the highest level, Level 5, and there was one area where a group of students performed better in the 2020-21 school year that they did in the 2019-20 school year. Several schools remained Reward Schools, and some achieved it for the year. They will be made public this weekend.

“We didn’t see anything that jumped out and alarmed us,” said Dr. Jennifer Cothron on the data.

Cothron said there were

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9/11 wreath laying set for Saturday

Staff Reports

Saturday will be declared Patriot Day, and the City of Mt. Juliet will hold a wreath laying at the Town Center.

Development bringing 1,400 jobs to county

Staff Reports

It was announced Tuesday that Thermo Fisher Scientific was establishing a facility in Lebanon that would bring 1,400 jobs to

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

SEASON HEATING UP

Green Hill gets first region win, MJHS, MJCA roll

Green Hill knocked off Wilson Central 25-15 for their first region win, and first win against a county rival.

See the story on Page 7.

MORE GAME STORIES INSIDE

Stephen Swoner (left) and Mt. Juliet stayed undefeated with their first road win in of the season, 42-6 over Hunters Lane. MJCA had no issue with Webb, 41-6. Stories on Page 6.

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Photo by Kenny Howell
MJPD arrest woman wanted on multiple warrants

Staff Reports

The Mt. Juliet Guardian Shield License Plate Recognition system alerted officers Friday to a vehicle driven by an adult woman with multiple felony and misdemeanor warrants. MJPD officers stopped a 2010 Mazda van Friday evening after the alert went out. The suspect was removing her tag near Walmart. The woman was wanted out of Franklin on one Theft warrant and eight misdemeanor offenses.

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She was wanted out of Nashville for five Felony Shoplifting counts. She had a Felony Larceny warrant in Robertson County. She was wanted in Wilson County for one Felony Larceny. Warren County had the same warrant. She was also wanted in Rutherford County for one Shoplifting.

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Clock Tower to remember or honor those who were injured or died in the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

The Town Center Clock Tower is located at the corner of N. Mt. Juliet Road and E. Division St., and the event will begin at 9:30 a.m. Mt. Juliet Police Department and Fire Department of Mt. Juliet will each lay a wreath at 9:30 a.m. to honor the fallen military, and civilians killed during the attacks. The time of 9:30 a.m. coincides with the last moments after the final towerer fell and just after the last moment of silence.

Mayor James Maness and the Board of Commissioners will proclaim the day Patriot Day. The community is encouraged to bring flowers or bouquets to lay next to the wreaths at the clock tower. The flowers will remain through the weekend while the clock tower is lit red, white, and blue.

Health & Wellness Fair

The Maristone of Providence Health and Wellness Fair will be a community event with local medical vendors set up. Our vendors will be conducting balance screenings, blood pressure checks, and discussing therapy information. Our local police and fire department, as well as the Wilson County Emergency Management Agency, will be in attendance, too!

Make plans to attend.

Maristone Of Providence

Saturday, September 18, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
140 Providence Trail
Mount Juliet, TN 37122

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the area.

Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee, Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Bob Rolfe and Thermo Fisher Scientific officials made the announcement. Thermo Fisher is based out of Waltham, Mass., and is committing $100 million to build a new single-use technology facility, where it will produce bioprocess containers and fluid transfer assemblies that are used globally by biopharma companies to develop and produce therapeutics and vaccines.

“Wilson County is excited to contribute again to Tennessee’s number one ranking in the southeast for medical equipment and supplies,” said Wilson County Mayor Randall Hutto. “Wilson County enters this partnership with Thermo Fisher Scientific with the hope that it can provide a clearer pathway to meeting present and unforeseen challenges in the medical and healthcare sector. We also want to thank our economic partners which include the State of Tennessee, Tennessee Valley Authority, the Wilson County Commission, the Joint Economic Development Board and the Industrial Board of Wilson County in bringing this project to fruition.”

The project will create about 400 jobs in the near term, ultimately growing to more than 1,400 new jobs in Lebanon over the next several years. The roles will focus on manufacturing, assembling and packaging bioprocess containers in a clean room environment with additional roles in engineering, procurement, quality, warehousing and site leadership.

“We have created a business-friendly environment in Tennessee where companies can succeed, and I appreciate Thermo Fisher Scientific for choosing Lebanon to create 1,400 new jobs,” said Tennessee Governor Bill Lee. “This project will have a long-term positive impact on Tennesseans in Wilson County.”

Thermo Fisher Scientific is the world leader in serving science with annual revenue exceeding $30 billion. The company serves global customers in the pharmaceutical and biotech sectors, as well as in hospitals and clinical diagnostic labs, universities, research institutions and government agencies.

Over the last five years, TNEDC has supported 13 economic development projects in Wilson County, resulting in approximately 3,300 job commitments and roughly $785 million in capital investment.
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Dynamic Ballroom cuts ribbon

Dynamic Ballroom and Performing Arts cut the ribbon recently on their location with members of the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce. Dynamic is located in The City Center at 1732 N. Mt. Juliet Road. You check them out on the internet at www.dynamicballroomandperformingarts.com

SCHOOLS, from PAGE 1

dips in areas that they expected, but overall the school system as a whole performed above the state average.
“This is a true testament to our administrators and our teachers,” said Director of Schools Jeff Luttrell.
Board Chair Larry Tomlinson said that it showed despite having to be at home portions of the school year, teachers were able to effectively keep their students on track.
“While we were out, when we had to be, we did do ok,” said Tomlinson.
Tomlinson praised not only the teachers and administrators, but also the students and parents who had to make sure their children were on task.
The Board also discussed a resolution to send to the state to ask them to give them more options to address the pandemic. There were roughly 1,300 student positive cases last school year, and this year they have had 838 student positive cases in the first 17 days.
The resolution would ask that the State of Tennessee let them have the option to go back to hybrid, or other options, when needed because Wilson County Schools has shown that they can do it effectively.
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sept. 9
MOBILE BLOOD DRIVE
The MJ Chamber of Commerce will host a Mobile Blood Drive with Blood Assurance on Thursday, Sept. 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. You can schedule an appointment at https://donor.bloodassurance.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/131431, or contact Michelle Shoemake at (615) 758-6972 or michelle@mj-chamber.org.

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

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

Sept. 14
WILSON COUNTY JOB FAIR
Wilson Works and the American Job Center of Tennessee are hosting a Wilson County Career Expo-Explore jobs and get hired, Tuesday, Sept. 14 at the Farm Bureau Expo Center, 2 to 6 p.m. A 12th Grade Career Expo will be Monday, Sept. 13 which leaves Charlie Daniels Park at 6:30 p.m. It is a 15 to 20-mile loop.

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

If we are not careful, we might assume that everything, everywhere, is the worst. We might think this if our view of the world, of our wonderful spot on this earth we call Mt. Juliet, if all we know about our community and our world is what we read in headlines and social media posts. But I am encouraged when I close the laptop or put the phone down and actually talk to people around town, when I see what good is going on in Mt. Juliet, among our churches, our civic organizations, from our local leaders, teachers and business owners. Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and whatever else the kids are using these days are good ways to stay connected, but they are not real life.

Real life is churches working to help schools get ready for another school year, painting, backpack drives, organizing meals. Real life is pastors across traditions working together to find ways to alleviate pockets of suffering. Real is ordinary people with no big platforms and few resources helping a sick neighbor, caring for a widow, tutoring a child.

Big media giants and social media companies have perverse incentives to keeping us hooked on the awfulness. And to be sure, we don’t want to stick our heads in the sand and pretend evil and injustice are not happening in the world. We don’t want to ignore issues in our own families and communities and neighborhoods. And yet we don’t have to make bad news the only news we hear. We should remember that faithfulness, warm-hearted neighborliness, and friendships don’t make catchy headlines or compelling copy.

So let’s stay tuned into what’s happening, but not in a way that keeps us tuned out to the goodness around us. As a Christian pastor, I have a category for thinking this way. Our story, beginning in Genesis, tells us that the world is both good and bad, fruitful, and fallen. It tells us humans have capacity for great good and great evil. It also tells us that there is one who triumphed over evil, who defeated the poison that works its way into human hearts and has made the world hard for so many. You may be reading this and not be someone who has thought much about Jesus, but I’d love for you to consider him, to have a conversation and to engage your spiritual questions. At our church and at so many churches in our community, we are here to help point you to God through Jesus and to let the love of Jesus work its way back through us to our neighbors.

Daniel Darling
Green Hill Church

Not the Whole Story

Join us for worship!

Times are indeed tougher now than many of us have ever known or seen before in our lives. But the tough times will pass, and we will all be better prepared for the future as a result. Remember the old saying “when the going gets tough, the tough get going” by Joseph P. Kennedy, or “The only thing we have to fear is fear itself” by Franklin D. Roosevelt?

When times get tough, we look for light at the end of the tunnel. Our goal should be a part of that light at the end of the tunnel. I will list below other motivational quotes.

• “This too shall pass” Abraham Lincoln

• “Success is not final; failure is not fatal: it is courage that counts” Winston Churchill

• “Never, never, never, never give up” Winston Churchill

• “Obstacles are things a person sees when he takes his eyes off his goal” E. Joseph Cossman

• “No matter how difficult the challenge, when we spread our wings of faith and allow the winds of God’s spirit to lift us, no obstacle is too great to overcome”. Roy Lessin

• “Difficulties should act as a tonic. They should spur us to greater exertion”. B.C. Forbes

• “A desire can overcome all obstacles”. Gunderson.

• “It’s not whether you get knocked down. It’s whether you get back up”. Vince Lombardi.

• “You must do the thing you think you cannot do”. Eleanor Roosevelt.

• “For every mountain there is a miracle”. Robert H. Schuller.

• “In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity”. Albert Einstein

I hope that these inspirational quotes have helped in some way. Just remember to be thankful for the blessings you have, and to try and not focus on the ones you don’t have.

Hold your head up and keep on reaching for the stars. Life is great and we are immensely blessed!

Daniel Darling
TALES, from PAGE 4

ever anyone in our house- hold makes a sandwich these days they sniff the bread. I’m not quite sure what they’re sniffing for, but I’m still working on our bread issues.

I continue to sneak where I can — cauliflower for rice, sweet potatoes for french fries, your name from goat milk. Most of the time no one can tell the difference, other times, we go to war.

And then along came Magic Spoon.

My husband and son are big Cocoa Krispies fans. You know, the kids’ cereal with the two little elves on the box, that 5 years old eat. Well 5 year olds, and my 50-year-old husband and 17-year-old son.

“Your eating pure poison!” I often yell out as they both eat their cere al as an after dinner delicacy. They then look me dead in the eye and lift the spoon to their mouths. Gasp!!!

Magic Spoon is a healthy alternative that substitutes monk fruit for sugar and chicory root fi ber for grains. The cereal itself looks just like Cocoa Krispies.

When the box came in, I quickly threw out their poison and replaced it with my healthy alternative. I then watched as they each poured a bowl and then proceeded to dive in.

You would have thought I sold the family pet.

“What did you do? Why would you do this to us!”

“YUCK! I’m never going to be able to get this taste out of my mouth!”

“Magic what? There is nothing magic about this.”

You know trust is a funny thing.

Out went Magic Spoon and the Cocoa Krispies are back in the cabinet. I watch them pour their cere al into a bowl each night and then they pour the organic milk right on top. I’m still winning.

Sherry’s Run Saturday

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 where you want to be on Saturday, Sept. 11 at 8 a.m.

This is the eighteenth 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 on line at www.sherrysrun.org and at the Sherry’s Hope office at 110 Babb Drive, Lebanon. Onsite registration will be available at the event site at 623 West Main Street on Thursday, Sept. 9 and Friday, Sept. 10 from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 11 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., teams pictures will be taken. Don’t miss out visiting with the sponsors who have tents set up at the event. Following the run, awards will be presented to top finishing runners and team awards will be given out. Always a very special part of the day, the in memory of and in honor of recipients will be recognized. This year the Sherry’s Run 5K is in memory of Al Ashworth, Cathy Carey and Wendi Welch Warren. The Sherry’s Run 5K is in honor of Gabby Auld.

The silent auction tent is always a highlight of the Sherry’s Run 5K. This year there are donations from numerous local businesses. With everything from gift cards, boutique items, home décor, jewelry and so much more, there is something for everyone. Again this year, the silent auction tent will open early to allow more time for bidders to check out all the wonderful items available. The silent auction tent will be open on Friday, Sept. 10 from 1 p.m. until 7 p.m. The silent auction tent reopens at 6:15 a.m. Sept. 11 and final bids will close at 9:15 a.m.

Sherry’s Hope is a non-profit organization that works throughout the year to provide hope to families battling cancer in Wilson County and surrounding communities by offering emotional encouragement and financial assistance. In addition, Sherry’s Hope works to spread colon health awareness by distributing free colon cancer screening tests and providing colonoscopy assistance.

To learn more about Sherry’s Hope, please call (615)925-2592. To refer someone for assistance, please call (615)925-9932 or visit www.sherryshope.org. To make a donation to Sherry’s Hope visit www.sherryshope.org or mail donations to Sherry’s Hope, P.O. Box 8, Lebanon, TN 37088-0008.
**Bears Roll Again**

Mt. Juliet improves to 3-0 with 42-6 win over Hunters Lane

**Staff Reports**

It was another opponent, another easy win for the Mt. Juliet Bears Friday, as they beat Hunters Lane, 42-6. It was the first road game of the season for the Bears, but it didn’t matter in the end result. The Bears got big gains through the air and on the ground en route to the win.

Griffin Throneberry and Osize Daniyan both had two touchdowns for the Bears. Throneberry did it on the ground with three carries for 73 yards and the two scores. He also was 2-for-3 for 45 yards passing. Daniyan did it through the air, reeling in three catches for 37 yards and the two scores.

Walter Bowers led all receivers with two catches for 139 yards and one score. Garrison Lewis led all rushers with 94 yards on five carries and a score.

Stephen Swoner had the most attempts through the air, going 7-for-11 for 176 yards and two touchdowns, with one interception.

Cade Jewell got his first reps of the season as Mt. Juliet’s kicker, going 6-for-6 on extra points.

Mt. Juliet (3-0) will now go on back-to-back long road trips starting with Warren County Friday. The Bears beat Warren County in the first round of the playoffs last year, 17-14. Warren County has yet to play this season because their game against White County was cancelled due to COVID-19. Kickoff in McMinnville is 7 p.m.

**Wilson First to 1,000 Digs in School History**

Wilson Central's Taryn Wilson recently became the first in Wilson Central school history to get 1,000 digs in a career. Wilson has been All-District every year she has played for the Lady Wildcats, and earned the Student Athlete Award of Merit each year as well.

**MJCA Blows Past Webb**

Mt. Juliet Christian Academy bounced back Friday with a 41-6 win over Webb School.

The game was actually tight in the first half, as the Saints only led 13-0 going into the break. However, MJCA dominated the second half in the victory.

Noah Kleinmann led the Saints with four total touchdowns, three through the air and one on the ground. Kleinmann was 12-for-21 for 207 yards.

Jamarion Thomas also had a big night, getting 148 yards on the ground, 27 receiving and two touchdowns.

Tyler Barnes was the recipient of a lot of Kleinmann’s air attack, catching five balls for 100 yards and a touchdown. Tristan Carter also caught a touchdown.

Sullivan Swords led the defense with eight tackles, four of them for loss and three sacks. Kam Curtis got a fumble recovery.

The Saints (2-1) go back on the road this week as they travel to MTCS. Kickoff is 7 p.m.
The Hill notch first region win

By Kenny Howell
Managing Editor

The firsts keep coming for Green Hill. A week after getting their first road win in school history, the Hawks captured their first Region win, as well as their first win against a county rival. Green Hill built a big lead and were able to hold off Wilson Central, 25-15.

Neither team threatened in their opening drives, but the Hawks put together a 7-play 53-yard drive to get their first points. The drive needed a third down conversion to stay alive as Cade Mahoney found Braiden Staten for nine yards on third-and-6. The Central defense would hold again on the next set of down, forcing a fourth-and-9, but Mahoney again found a playmaker, as Kaleb Carver took his pass for 32 yards and the first Hawk score. Sam Crickmar added the extra point and Green Hill was up 7-0 with 3:10 left in the first quarter.

Central would have an answer, going 80 yards on nine plays. They needed a fourth down conversion as well when Hayden Shults picked up six yards on fourth-and-1. Two plays later, Jase Neuble would turn the corner for 25 yards and the first Wildcat score. Esteban Hurtado added the extra point and the game was tied at 7-7 with 10:59 left in the half. But once again, the Hawks had an answer. A big return by Carver pushed it to the 50. A few plays later he would make a terrific catch over the middle, snatching the ball out of the air and away from the Central defender to convert on 4th-and-9 with an 18-yard gain. However, the drive stalled and Crickmar was able to connect on a 28-yard field goal to make it 10-7 Hawks with 6:19 left in the half.

Central was able to pick up a first down, but fumbled the ball away a few plays later to give Green Hill another chance before the half ended. Starting from the 50 once again, the Hawks needed nine plays to get to paydirt. The Mahoney to Carver connection came up big again when on their first third down, a 3rd-and-9, Mahoney found Carver for 13 yards. The next third down would be the scoring play as Mahoney threw it up to the left side of the end zone and Sean Aldridge snatched it out of the air for the score. Clayton Nordstrom would run to the pylon and convert the two-point conversion with just 10 seconds left in the half. Green Hill would take an 18-7 lead into the locker room.

The Hawks first drive in the second half would stall, and the Wildcats got moving. However, close to midfield, Central would fumble once again and safety Anthonie Shannon would scoop it up and take it 44 yards for another Hawk touchdown. After Crickmar’s extra point, the Hawks would lead 25-7 with 3:30 left in the third.

Central would answer with a long drive of their own with that covered 80 yards on 12 plays. Blake Hobbs did most of the heavy lifting on the drive, picking up chunks of yards and running through defenders. He got the score on the 12th play when he found a hole and scored from 37 yards out. It cut the lead to 25-15 with 9:06 remaining.

The Wildcats were not able to get any more points on the board as Green Hill held them in check and ended the game in the victory formation.

Carver finished the night for Green Hill with 129 total yards rushing, receiving and return yardage. Mahoney was an efficient 9-for-13 with 115 yards and two touchdowns through the air. On Central’s side, Hobbs averaged 7.4 yards a carry, getting 119 yards in 16 carries. He also had two tackles for loss on defense.

Green Hill (2-1) will look to keep things going Friday when they host Columbia (2-1). Wilson Central will try to get back in the win column on the road, as they travel to undefeated Springfield (3-0). Kickoff for both games is 7 p.m.

Last chance to register elementary for WWBA at www.wwabasketball.com

West Wilson Basketball Association

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ALLEN, Oscar Lee

Oscar Lee Allen, 82, Mt. Juliet, died Aug. 31.

Oscar was born in Jackson County, and was the oldest of nine children born to the late, Leo Allen and Mable Martin Allen. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Arlis Allen and Orville Allen.

He is survived by: Wife of 60 years Carolyn Allen; Son - Jeffrey Lee (Susan Allen); Daughter Tammy (Bruce) Fuller; Siblings Dorothy Henley, Marie (Randall) Brooksbank, Georgia Ruth Owen, Dudley Allen, Lemuel (Nelda) Allen and Martha Cook; Grandchildren Elizabeth Fuller, Amanda Fuller, Ashlyn Fuller and Dus Tan Barnes; Great-grandchildren Kane Barnes, Deklan Barnes, Kass Barnes, Keegan Barnes and Delilah Barnes; Many nieces and nephews

Visitation was Sunday, Sept. 5 at Bond Memorial Chapel, 3-8 p.m. and Thursday, Sept. 9 from noon until 3-8 p.m. and Thursday, Sept. 8 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Wednesday.


AMOS, Maxine

Maxine Amos, 95, was the middle of five children born to Marshall and Lilian (Campbell) Kincaid.

She was born on April 4, 1926 in Hawesville, Ky. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert Amos, sisters Edith Morgan of Tell City and Catherine Saalwaechter of Owensboro, Ky., and her brothers Forrest Kincaid of Owensboro and Adrian Kincaid of Hawesville, Ky.

She is survived by her four children, ten grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mt. Juliet Fire Station No 1, 104 Belinda Pkwy, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122.

Burial will take place in Tell City, Ind. Service to be determined.


ARCHER, Jr., Robert William, DDS


Bob was born in Portsmouth, Va. and grew up in Chattanooga. He was the son of the late, Robert William Archer, Sr. and Irma Shipp Archer.

He is survived by: Wife of 33 years Susan Archer; Children Rob (Kristi) Archer, Beth (John) Renfrow, Brittany (Scott) Trawick, Amy (Randy) Buttry, and Noah Nichols; Brothers, Richard (Annie) Archer and Tommy Archer; Grandchildren, Brendon Archer, Kyleigh Archer, Cameron Archer, Ty Lenderman, Blaine Lenderman, Camden Trawick, Freya Trawick, Cole Buttry, Cheyenne Buttry, Hailee Nichols and Wyatt Nichols.

Funeral services will be conducted 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, at Providence United Methodist Church, 2293 S. Rutland Road, Mt. Juliet, TN with Pastor Mark Youngman officiating.

Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to Grace & Glory, 540 Weeping Elm Road, Mt. Juliet, TN or to Providence Church, 2293 S. Rutland Road, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122 to support relief efforts around the world.

Visitation will be at the church from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Wednesday.


BARRON, Raburn

Raburn Barron, 85, Hermitage, died Sept. 3.

Raburn was born in Bradford and was the son of the late, Gervace and Ethel Davidson Barron. Raburn was also preceded in death by his brother, Troy Barron and sister, Bobbie Barron Liles.

He is survived by: Wife of 60 years, Sandra Dennis Barron; Daughters, Jill (Kerry) Krantz and Joy (David) Wilkinson; Brothers Charles Barron; Grandchildren Colton Krantz, Makenzi Krantz, Brennan Wilkinson, Braelyn Wilkinson and Britton Wilkinson.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Sept. 7, at Bond Memorial Chapel with Wayne Miller officiating. Entombment followed at Hermitage Memorial Gardens.

Visitation was Monday and prior to service time Tuesday at Bond Memorial Chapel, 3-8 p.m. and Thursday, Sept. 8 and West Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. (615) 773-2663. www.bondmemorial.com.

COOK, Bobbie

Bobby Cook, 42, Lebanon, passed away Sept. 5.

Bobbie was preceded in death by father, Carlis Cook; and uncle, Hairl Cook. He is survived by daughter, Gracie Michelle Cook; mother, Debra Cook; sisters, Carla (Phillip Davis) Cook and Jennifer (Jefrey Norrod) Cook; grandmother, Freeda Cravens; nephews, Skyler Davis & family, jayden Randolph, Austin Davis, Jackson Davis, Augustus “Gus” Norrod and bahed; and great-grandbrothers from other mothers, Cajun Joyner, Jeremy Napper, Sammy Smothers, Adam Maddux, Matthew Tomney, Andy German and an infinite number of other friends and family.

Funeral service will be held Thursday, Sept. 9 at 2 p.m. at Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet. Visitation with the family will be Wednesday, Sept. 8 from 3-8 p.m. and Thursday, Sept. 9 from noon until time of service.


ELLIOTT, Bobbie Gene

Bobbie Gene Elliott, 68, passed away in The Villages, Fl. on Sept. 1. He was born on Oct. 15, 1952, in Hagerstown, Md., the son of Richard and Betty Elliott.

Bobbie graduated from Greenca stle-Antrim HS in 1971. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, served proudly from 1971 to 1975 and continued to uphold those values for the rest of his life. He attended the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics in Pittsburgh, Pa., and greatly enjoyed an extensive career as an aircraft manufacturing engineer in several states across the country before his retirement.

He is survived by his adoring wife, Marilyn. He is survived by his mother, Betty Starliper Elliott of Chambersburg, Penn., his brother Tom (Debbie) of Green ca stle, Penn., his daughter April (Robert) of La Vergne, his son Ryan (Jade) of Deerfield Beach, Fla., his son Joe (Jill) and their two children, Nora and Jackson, of Mt. Juliet, along with many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

He is also survived by his two grandsons, Jason Robinson of La Vergne, and Gideon Sheppard of Deerfield Beach, Fla., of whom he was particularly fond.

He is preceded in death by his father, Richard Elliott of Greens castle, Penn.

Bobbie had an affinity for golf and Coors Light. He enjoyed NASCAR, refinishing his 1974 Corvette and lovingly buying everyone’s chops. He was a devoted husband, father, son and a confidante to anyone who crossed his path. Bobbie never met a stranger and always had time for a story and a cold beer with a friend. He will be remembered for his warm personality, sense of humor, pristine lawn and his ability to fix anything presented to him.

Friends and family are welcome to pay their respects at a celebration of life in Greens castle, Penn., dated from Monday to Thursday.

Memorial donations may be made to the Tennessee

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Fisher House Foundation, Inc. by contacting tennesseefisherhouse@gmail.com or mailing to Tennessee Fisher House Foundation, Inc., PO Box 11693, Murfreesboro, TN 37129

HENLEY, Timothy McCliman

Timothy McMillan Henley was born Dec. 24, 1958 and died Aug. 2.

Tim was preceded in death by his mother Sara Henley, father Samuel M. Henley and brother Samuel A. Henley.

Tim was born Christmas Eve 1958 in Hialeah, Fla. He grew up in Lebanon.

Tim is survived by his son Timothy Joshua Henley (Nichole), daughter Kearie Ann Henley, six children and his fiancé, Sandra Kay Gould. He is also survived by his twin brother Michael Henley (Sabrina) Clarksville, and his sisters, Diane Stagg (Boyby) Mt. Juliet, and Linda Hill (Michael) Virginia Beach, Va., and his dog “Bud.”

A graveside service was Monday, Aug. 30, by Chaplain Chris Fosbach at the Albright Cemetery.


RODGERS, Christopher James


Chris was born in Pensacola, Fla. and was the son of the late, Arthur James Rodgers and Exie Calfee Rodgers.

He is survived by: Wife of 43 years, Debbie Dixon Rodgers; Daughters, Shelley (Jeff) Brown and Kristi (Dennis) Link; Brother Kevin (Theresa) Rodgers; Grandchildren Adam Brown, Abby Brown, Emily Link, Andrew Brown and Lily Link; Several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were Saturday, Sept 4, at First Baptist Church, 735 N. Mt. Juliet Rd., Mt. Juliet, TN with Rev. Phillip Dunn officiating. Interment follow at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to OpSerts.

Memorial service will be conducted at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Fla.


SIMMONS, Joshua

Joshua Simmons tragically left this world and went home to Jesus, Tuesday, Aug. 31.

Josh was preceded in death by his father, Jerry Simmons. Survived by his wife, Amanda Simmons; his mother, Teresa Simmons; his paternal grandparents, Thomas and Mary Jane White and his maternal grandparents, Darvin Glasscock, Sr., and Beverly Glasscock.

He is survived by: Parents Thomas William White, Jr. and Darlene Glasscock White; Sister Shanah Rae White-Randolph and Jeremy Randolph; Brother Fabron Thomas White and Ashley White; nieces and nephews, Isabel Randolph, Madelyn Randolph, Lillie White, Fabron White, Jr. and Leo White.

Funeral services were Friday, Sept. 3, at Bond Memorial Chapel with Rev. Mark Satterfield officiating. Interment followed at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens.

Flowers accepted or memorials may be made to Mt. Juliet Church of Christ, 1940 N. Mt. Juliet Rd., Mt. Juliet, TN 37122.

Visitation was prior to service time Friday at Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, (615) 773-2663. www.bondmemorial.com.

JOERGER, Janice Donna Hickey

Janice Donna Hickey Joerger, 58, Mt. Juliet, died Sept. 1.

Janice was born in Lake- wood, NJ and was the daughter of the late, Joseph John “Jack” Hickey, Jr. and Christine Lyne “Tina” Harris Hickey.

She is survived by: Husband of 26 years Mark Joerger; Daughters Jaclyn Fite and Katie Joerger; Sister Christine (Mark) Wright; Twin Sister Joyce (Randy) Gaines; Grandbaby Serrano due to be born in March 2022; Many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life service was Monday, Sept. 6, at Bond Memorial Chapel with Kevin White officiating.

Visitation was Monday at Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, (615) 773-2663. www.bondmemorial.com.

PHARES, Ethel Venora Koester

Ethel Venora Koester, 93, Mt. Juliet, died Aug. 26. Ethel was born in Pontiac, Mich. and was the daughter of the late, Earl Koester and Dorothy John Koester. She was also preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Paul Phares and her sister, Elizabeth Rutter.

She is survived by: Children Carolyn Phares, Sharon Seibold, and Alan (Christine) Phares; Grandchildren Robert (Alicia) Robinson, II, Tommy (Nadine) Robinson and Lori (Shane) Austin, Great-grandchildren – Maddie, Min, Jaelyn, Cheyenne, Cameron and Teagan.

Graveside services will be conducted at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Fla.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Avalon Hospice.


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The City of Mt. Juliet Alcoholic Beverages Board will meet in City Hall at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 to consider granting a beer permit to the following:

El OK Corral Mexican Restaurant, 14841 Lebanon Rd, Old Hickory, TN 37138
CP Between the Lakes, 4136 N. Mt Juliet Rd., Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

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

Sheila S. Luckett, MMC
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Granville to hold 9th Annual Scarecrow Festival

Staff Reports

The 9th Annual Granville Scarecrow Festival in Tennessee’s Mayberry Town will occur Oct. 1-30 with the theme “Mayberry Characters on Parade”.

In the last nine years, the festival has become Tennessee’s largest scarecrow festival with some 200 real looking people scarecrows and some 500 traditional scarecrows. The festival will go to another level this year as Fallons Art has created street scenes of Mayberry with all the Mayberry characters. The main street of Granville will be turned into Mayberry with each buildings taking on a new meaning. The festival will also feature scenes for children such as the Yellow Brick Road - Wizard of Oz, Pumpkin Patch, and many cartoon characters. A great fall experience as the town is decorated in a grand fall fashion.

The festival cost is $5 which includes the entire town tour as well as the Scarecrow Festival and Craftsman Festival. The festivals will be open Wednesday through Friday 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Craftsman Festival will feature meet the Makr- Craftsman Festival each day with craftsman demonstrations. A great Southern lunch will be served each day at Sutton General Store. The Festival Grand Openings will occur Oct. 2 with the Granville Fall Celebration consisting of a Quilt Festival, Jazz on the Cumberland, Crafts, Children Events, Great Food and much more.

For more information visit granvilletn.com or call (931)653-4151.

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From the Deli: Monday thru Friday, enjoy our Homemade Meat & 2, with Meatloaf Monday and Taco Salad Thursday being the favorites. 7 days a week, though, the grill is open for Houston’s made to order burgers, made from fresh ground chuck that is ground in house. Or try our Grilled Chicken Club or Grilled Pork Chop Sandwich.

From the Kitchen: We have a wide selection of deli salads, including Houston’s county famous Chicken Salad and Pimento Cheese. Our customers benefit from our family recipes faithfully prepared by the staff at Houston’s.

If you have been to a wedding reception, family reunion, corporate event or team banquet in the last 15 years in Middle Tennessee, chances are Houston’s has served you. From groups of 20 to over 1000, we provide home cooking, full service catering, and on site grilling for the masses. Menus are available online, call or email for a customized quote on your event.

From the Smoker: Every weekend, the smoker is loaded with dry seasoned St. Louis Style Pork Ribs to be sold by the slab. We also prepare Pulled pork BBQ and Smokey Chopped chicken that can be purchased by the pound. Smoked Pork Loin and Sliced Beef Brisket are also available in our deli case. All smoked items are available online, catering, and on site grill Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m.-5 p.m. The Craftsmen Festival will feature meet the Makr- Craftsman Festival each day with craftsman demonstrations. A great Southern lunch will be served each day at Sutton General Store. The Festival Grand Openings will occur Oct. 2 with the Granville Fall Celebration consisting of a Quilt Festival, Jazz on the Cumberland, Crafts, Children Events, Great Food and much more.

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Bank of Tennessee promotes next generation bank leadership

Staff Reports

Bank of Tennessee recently promoted two into important leadership positions. “It’s our strategy to recruit the best people and prepare them for success,” said William B. Greene Jr., Chairman of BancTenn Corp, and the Board of Directors of Bank of Tennessee.

Will Barrett, President, has been named the new Chief Executive Officer of Bank of Tennessee and its divisions Carter County Bank and Mountain Community Bank. Detra Cleven will serve the financial organization as Chief Operating Officer. Barrett and Cleven will ensure that Chip Higgins, Bank of Tennessee’s Middle Tennessee President, is empowered with the resources and support needed to best serve the region.

Barrett will succeed Dale Fair, who retires after more than doubling the size of the bank during his tenure. “Our philosophy is to recruit and groom future leaders for success instead of hiring people outside the market. In this way, we grow leaders who understand and know the people of the communities we serve to better meet the challenges that our customers face. This creates a culture at Bank of Tennessee that no other financial institution in Tennessee has,” said Greene.

Barrett, a native of Kingsport, graduated from Dobyns-Bennett High School and attended Wake Forest University earning a BA in Economics and Religion and then an MBA at the University. He is also a graduate of the LSU Graduate School of Banking. Barrett’s career with Bank of Tennessee spans 25 years, where he served in various roles, including retail banking, credit, lending, operations, Northeast Tennessee President, and most recently COO. His industry knowledge, strategic drive, and “people first” mentality made Barrett the natural choice to direct and oversee the bank’s overall strategic direction and goals, along with the entire management team. Barrett and his wife have one daughter and live in Johnson City.

“We are a true community bank; we live it every day,” said Barrett. “It may not be obvious why locally-owned, community banks are a crucial component to the success of this region. But here are a few examples. We keep loans and deposits here and put them back to work in the local economy instead of moving the money out of the area, as larger banks do. Decisions are made locally by people who live here, not in Charlotte or Memphis, by people you know and trust.”

Cleven has the experience and proven ability to develop financial products for consumers and businesses. She has specialized expertise in profitability management, combined with extensive knowledge of the challenges and opportunities businesses face. Cleven will continue the long-standing tradition of providing innovative financial services.

Cleven said, “Bank of Tennessee is a wonderful place to bank and to work. Ensuring that our employees have the resources they need, our processes are efficient and accurate, and our banking products are reliable and secure are my priorities. I am excited to continue making a positive impact in the lives of our employees, our customers, and our communities.”

Cleven began her tenure at Bank of Tennessee in 2011. She was born and raised in Minnesota, where she attended Saint Olaf College, where she was later inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame in 2014 as a competitive swimmer. Her banking career started in 1993, and in 2019, she graduated with the highest honors from LSU Graduate School of Banking. Her role as COO is to oversee all operational aspects of the company. Cleven and her husband live in Kingsport, and have twins in college.