Six months after tornadoes, recovery continues

By Phyllis Robinson
Vice President

Sept. 3 marks six months since Mt. Juliet experienced a devastating tornado. Help from surrounding cities as far away as Chattanooga came to the aid of the community. Citizens in Mt. Juliet & Wilson County organized groups to clean up and repair the community for rebuilding. Kenny Martin, MJ City manager, remembered, “I will never forget standing in the middle of Mt. Juliet Road at 2am with debris everywhere. As the sun started to rise, I could truly see the impact of the tornado and extreme amount of damage and destruction. I could also see citizens, employees and countless volunteers from all over the city, county and state chipping in to help rebuild our city one brick at a time.”

“It’s hard to believe that six months have passed since that tragic day. Our community pulled together as a team to help rebuild our community,” said Martin. There were 398 properties damaged in the City limits of Mt. Juliet, which include 68 homes, eight businesses, and two schools destroyed and one school with 50% damage. Clearview Estates, Hunting Hills, Pleasant Grove Estates, and Triple Crown were the subdivisions with the most damage. Many of these families have started the process of rebuilding.

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Ballot Tracking system launched for the upcoming election

Staff Reports

LEBANON — The Wilson County Election Commission is launching a ballot tracking system to provide both absentee voters and election officials greater accountability and confidence in the by-mail voting process. Ballots will be tracked when they are mailed, when delivered to the voter, when the marked ballot is put back in the mail and when it is delivered to the Election Commission office. Voters may opt-in to the program and receive notifications by email, voice mail or text about their ballot’s progress.

The Tennessee Secretary of State’s Division of Elections also provides an absentee ballot status tracker at GoVoteTN.org. This site allows voters to check their registration status and confirm that their ballot has been received by the county election commission. Phillip Warren, Administrator of Elections said, “Implementing a system for our office and voters to track their ballot adds a level of confidence and accountability to absentee voting. This is one more way we protect the integrity of every vote cast in Wilson County.”

Information about how to sign up will be included in every ballot package sent. Through an easy and secure online portal, voters enter their contact information, choose how they best receive messages and are sent updates about their ballot’s status.

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Vanderbilt-Ingram opens cancer center in Wilson County

Staff Reports

Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center at Wilson County is slated to open Aug. 31 with a full array of highly specialized services, including diagnostic assessments, medical oncology and radiation oncology. One of only 51 Comprehensive Cancer Centers designated by the National Cancer Institute (NCI), Vanderbilt-Ingram offers treatment options unique to this facility.

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Fatal collision on Golden Bear Gateway

By John Kirian
Managing Editor

53-year-old Tanya Langley passed away on Friday, Sept. 4, while being transported to the hospital following a two-vehicle collision on Golden Bear Gateway. Tennessee Highway Patrol reports that Langley was stopped at a stop sign on the intersection of Rutland Drive at 10:00 pm Friday night, when she pulled out in front of a car travelling northbound on Golden Bear Gateway. Langley had one passenger in her vehicle, a man, who was taken to the hospital in critical condition. The condition of the other driver, reported to be a 17-year-old, has not been released.
17th Annual Sherry’s Run 5K is being held virtually

While this is the 17th Annual Sherry’s Run 5K Run/Walk, this year is the first time it is a virtual event. This means you can participate from any location. Run or walk in your neighborhood, at the park, on a treadmill, wherever works best for you. In fact, you don’t have to run or walk at all — you can sleep in for Sherry’s Run if you choose.

Because the event is virtual this year, the mission of Sherry’s Run 5K, which includes West Main Street, North Greenwood Street, Baddour Parkway, Castle Heights Avenue and Hill Street in Lebanon, will not be closed to traffic. Typically the streets along the Sherry’s Run 5K route are blocked off for runners and walkers.

Although being held virtually this year, the mission of Sherry’s Run to provide financial assistance to families battling cancer has not changed.

“Each registration fee is so important,” said Alisa Eakes, patient assistance director for the Sherry’s Run organization. “Your $30 or $35 registration fee could provide a prescription, gas to get to treatment or a medical copay for someone who is battling cancer.”

The 17th Annual Sherry’s Run Virtual 5K Run/Walk, will be held Saturday, Sept. 12. Registration is available online at www.sherrysrun.org, or interested parties can stop by the Sherry’s Run office to complete a paper registration form.

Registration for the Sherry’s Run Virtual 5K Run/Walk is $30 and sleep-in registration is $35. All registrations include an event T-shirt. Sleep-in registrations include the shirt being mailed after the event date.

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

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region provided by internationally renowned physicians.

Vanderbilt-Ingram has helped launch treatments through clinical trials that have become new standards for cancer care, including targeted therapies and immunotherapies. In addition to its NCI designation, Vanderbilt-Ingram is one of 30 members of the National Comprehensive Care Network focused on multi-disciplinary approaches to advance better treatments for complex, aggressive and rare cancers.

“We are excited to better serve people in Wilson County and the surrounding area with a closer and more convenient location for cancer care,” said Jennifer Pinetpol, PhD, B.F. Byrd Jr. Professor - Oncology, Executive Vice President for Research at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, director of Vanderbilt-Ingram and holder of the Brock Family Directorship in Career Development. “This is more than a clinic. It is a full-fledged multi-disciplinary Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center location. Besides being staffed by highly regarded cancer specialists committed to providing superior and compassionate care, the center is also equipped with the latest treatment technologies.”

Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center at Wilson County is one of only four centers in the nation equipped with an Ethos radiotherapy system, a treatment system newly approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. This new technology integrates imaging with treatment delivery, allowing radiation oncologists to see changes in patient anatomy, adapt treatment plans within minutes and deliver the therapy within a typical 15-minute timeslot. The technology enables radiation oncologists to quickly change treatment plans if a targeted tumor has changed size or shape.

“The radiation oncology clinic in Wilson County has been fully upgraded to provide the latest treatment options in a beautiful new clinic that is fully integrated with medical oncology,” said Eric Shinohara, MD, MSCI, Ingram Association Professor and chair of Radiation Oncology at VUMC. “The new Ethos treatment system allows us to provide high dose rate brachytherapy to patients in Wilson County.”

Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center at Wilson County is located at 1411 West Baddour Parkway, Lebanon, TN, 37087. Clinical hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Dial 615-936-8422 for medical oncology appointments and 615-443-6006 for radiation oncology appointments and request the Wilson County location.
Wildcats Rebound in Region Opener, Trounce Rossview 27-7

By Jake Hood
The Chronicle Contributor

GLADEVILLE — After a rough start to the year, Wilson Central opened its region play with a 27-7 beating of the Rossview Red Hawks.

Weeks one and two were slow for the Wildcats, facing defeats at the hands of both Springfield and Battle-ground. However, these were two teams contending for a state title last year, so the Wildcats fared well to stay within two scores of either team. Afterwards, it was time for region play to begin, this year opening with a Rossview team that was returning nine starters on offense and five on defense.

The Wildcats took no time finding the scoreboard. On only their fourth play from scrimmage, Tristan Lewis connected with Ezra Wide-lock, who would later have a career night at wideout, for a 64-yard touchdown reception. This gave the Wildcats a strong swing of momentum after not even three minutes of play. The Red Hawks were unable to match this energy.

After crossing midfield on a defensive unsportsmanlike conduct call, the Rossview offense, with sophomore Garrett Diemel taking the snaps, were unable to convert on 4th-and-6. The next drive by the Wildcats went nowhere, and Mark Shenouda booted the ball back to Rossview. On this drive, Diemel was able to capitalize on a defensive miscue and found Parker Kilpatrick for a 27-yard touchdown strike. However, this upswing in Rossview’s first game of 2020 would not last long.

Going into the second quarter, the Wildcats were running a wildcat-option hybrid with understudy QB-turned-tight end Hayden Schults at the helm. He powered his way to very favorable field position as Lewis

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In a changing world we can trust our unchanging Lord. You do not have to be a person who follows the news regularly to know that we are living in a time where the world seems to be changing at warp speed. Through tornado, pandemic, racial upheaval, hurricanes, raging fires, an election year and many opinions on everything in between, at times you may be feeling like you cannot keep up with it all. Some of us may even feel overcome with our emotions regarding the whole lot. When life seems to be changing faster than we are able to process, as people of faith, I believe the only thing that we can do is turn to God in prayer. In praying, we can be reminded of our focus — who does God call us to be? And who is God in the midst of the swirling waves of natural and human made disasters? Well, in Hebrews 13:8 we are told, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” No matter what may change around us — God never changes. God is constant. Human beings and human leaders have much to offer, but we must keep our eyes fixed on Christ, our ultimate leader. We may not be able to trust the thoughts, actions and perspectives of human beings at all times, but we can trust the Creator of the universe at all times. If God never changes, we can focus on the central truths that God has always said and provided to us through the story of Jesus.
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Hawks Drowned out in Home Opener, Gallatin Defeats Green Hill in 42-3 Thrashing

By Rebeca Miu
The Chronicle Contributor

Even with the excitement and celebration pregame, the Hawks' first game on the Hill was a tough loss against Gallatin, with a final of 42-3. Sept. 4, 2020 marked the first ever home football game in Green Hill history. The game faced unusual circumstances as the day began; the new field's last minute touches were finished minutes before kickoff early Friday evening. Despite popular concern, Head Coach Josh Crouch had great confidence that Friday's game would be held on the Hill. Green Hill's pregame festivities could be the commencement of a new tradition. A unique start to the night began with fireworks after the National Anthem that continued through the first showing of the alma mater played by Green Hill's marching band. The team came through an inflatable football helmet sponsored by the National Guard and went through the tunnel ready for kickoff as the Hawks' original fight song played on. The stands were filled with family, friends, and a massive student section all in support of the Hawks. The night began, and continued on with great support and a great atmosphere from the field and stands alike.

Unfortunately for the Hawks, Gallatin's offensive firepower proved to be more than anticipated, scoring 21 points in the first quarter and 14 in the second. Gallatin was able to jump out with a sizable lead. Being held to just three points in the first half, Green Hill needed to adapt to make a comeback in the second half. Despite the margin that the Green Wave held, Green Hill was able to show its ability to adapt by holding Gallatin to a touchdown in the third quarter. Despite the defense's efforts, the game would be cut short due to mercy rule.

Looking at the Green Hill offense, junior quarterback Clayton Nordstrom proved to be versatile as a dual-threat QB. He led the team in passing and rushing going 8/16 for 127 yards through the air and 6 carries for 27 yards on the ground. On the receiving side of things, sophomore Kaleb Carver led the team with four receptions for 61 yards. In spite of Green Hill's valiant efforts, the Green Wave of Gallatin were able to walk away with a gut-wrenching win of 42-3. In the post game interview conducted by Green Hill's Sports Network, Coach Crouch cited Green Hill being unable to "take advantage" of their own momentum. He then mentioned the team's mental mistakes, whether making a big play and it being called back or resulting in a turnover on the following play as a key note for next week's preparation. The Hawks of Green Hill High School will travel to Madison, TN to take on the 3-0 Cougars of Goodpasture. The Cougars are coming off of a 32-28 win over Battle Ground Academy and are set to host the now 0-2 Hawks. If you can't make it to the game, the Green Hill Sports Network will provide coverage through twitter (@ghsportsnetwork) and a live audio broadcast.
MJ Football Pulls Out a Victory Against Lebanon 45-24

By Julia Cash
The Chronicle Contributor

On Sept. 4, 2020 the Mt. Juliet Bears went head to head with ongoing rivals, the Lebanon Blue Devils. It came as no shock that the Bears conquered the Blue Devils for the 12th consecutive time.

The Blue Devils started strong as running back Dequantay Shannon ran the opening kick 93 yards to get the Blue Devils to the Bear five-yard line only eight seconds into the game.

The Bears made a quick recovery as quarterback Stephen Swoner hit wide receiver Jamari Sowell for a 30-yard score, giving MJ a 7-3 lead.

Swoner soon made a 52-yard pass to Ethan Brown. Shortly after, Sowell scored another touchdown, MJ leading 14-10. Camer-on Malone then scored 15 yards out to stretch the Bears’ lead to 21-10.

MJ running back Tanner Cocke made the score 28-10 when obstructing a Lebanon punt and chalking up 30 yards.

The last strong Lebanon offense was a result of Shannon’s two-yard run, resulting in 28-17.

MJ running back Con-lin Baggot secured victory for his team when scoring a touchdown rushing 184 yards on 31 carries. This left the Bears leading 30-18.

Bears kicker Connor Kowalski assisted on a 30-yard field goal, bringing the score to 31-17. Lebanon reacted to this when Shannon scored a three-yard touchdown, changing the score to 31-24.

Baggot and Malone then ran 51 yards behind the Bears’ offensive line to score two goals in the second half. The runaway game ended when Baggot scored the final touchdown of the night.

Swoner threw a total of 168 yards, and Lebanon quarterback Jalen Abston threw a total of 130 yards. The Bears brought a strong game, moving up 428 yards of complete offense. This held the Blue Devils back at a total of 123 yards.

Ending score was 45-24, with the Bears starting their season undefeated at 4-0. The Bears will travel to Gallatin on Sept. 11 to attempt to wash out the Green Wave’s undefeated streak.

Yates Named President of Dental Office Managers

Kimberly Yates has been named the President of the Middle Tennessee American Association of Dental Office Managers.

Yates has worked with Mt. Juliet Family and Cosmetic Dentistry for 18 years. She has been in management for 14 years.

“Kim has worked very hard helping to grow our practice and has built our team founded on integrity,” said Dr. Corey Jackson. “We appreciate her dedication and hard work. We look forward to many more years of continued success together.”

Yates grew up in Mt. Juliet and has continued her career here. She is currently a fellow and is working on her masters with the American Association of Dental Office Managers.

“I am thankful to be a part of such a wonderful organization that has provided me the tools I need to grow in my career. Dr. Jackson has always supported and helped me to become a better leader in the practice,” commented Yates.

Dental office managers who are interested in being a part of a manager study club, contact Kim Yates at 615-754-5840.
Wilson County Rotary Clubs provided the gift cards for view Estates, who were greatly impacted by the March 3 tornado. The club also provided $100 gift cards for Lowe’s or Walmart to families in Clearview Estates.

Support continues for our community. The Mt. Juliet Police delivered gifts to families in Clearview Estates. The police department also supported families affected by the tornado.

PET OF THE WEEK

Garnet

Garnet is a 3-month-old kitten looking for her forever home. Garnet is not yet altered so her spay fee is $25 plus the cost of her spay at a local vet in Wilson County. If you are interested in setting up an appointment to meet Garnet, give us a call at 615-773-5533.

TELLING TALES

On quarantining...

On day one, Jackson woke up with a headache and a runny nose. That sounds benign, cute even. But a five-year-old headache and runny nose is totally different than a 16-year-old headache and runny nose. A five-year-old needs snuggles, a swig of liquid Tylenol, and cinnamon toast. A 16-year-old needs mom to stop asking if he feels ok every two seconds and an electronic device. He also needs space AND cinnamon toast.

Last year, I wouldn’t have given a second thought. This year, however, in the midst of a pandemic, we kept him home.

On day two, he felt a little worse but was still well enough to eat an entire bag of Doritos and a container of peanut m & m’s. Still no fever.

On day three, he didn’t complain about the Wi-Fi not working. That’s when we knew it was time to go to the doctor.

Masked up and socially distanced, we waited to be called back into the exam room. I tried to pass the time by reading emails on my phone but gave up after a minute or two. I’m convinced the next million-dollar idea is an invention that keeps glasses from fogging up while wearing a mask.

The nurse took his height and weight. No fever, clear lungs. That meant there was only one thing left to do. It was time for the swab. Swab sounds like a sweet little thing, doesn’t it? This swab isn’t like the others. Sure, it looks mostly the same. Maybe slightly longer. The exceedingly kind nurse instructed us what was about to happen. I watched Jackson take a deep breath, then exhale while this seemingly innocent-looking cotton-tipped stick was guided up his nose. When it looked like the swab might disappear into the abyss of his nasal cavity, the nurse very gracefully removed it, collected the sample, and told us we would have results within 24–72 hours. For now, we would go home and wait.

I knew he was negative. I knew it. I would just move work stuff until we got the results. Then we could go back to normal. Or back to this new normal, we are all living in.

I was wrong. Positive COVID result for Jackson. To make it official, the public health nurse called to detail the results. Then we could go back to normal. Or back to this new normal, we are all living in.

I thought this would be a great time to finish those household chores we’ve been putting off. Changing the air filters, replacing light bulbs, paint trim, learn a TikTok dance. You know, standard stuff.

Our quarantine comes to an end in a few days. So far, I’ve downloaded the TikTok app, signed up for a new weight loss plan, and rewatched every season of “The Sopranos”.

What have I learned in the last almost 14 days? First, you’re never alone as long as Amazon delivers throughout the day. Second, responding with “Stop asking me about my business, Carmella!” to your husband’s constant questions about all the Amazon packages left on the front porch, isn’t the best distraction.

Comments? Email becky@wilsonlivingmagazine.com
DUKE, Maxine Harp

Maxine Harp Duke, age 91, of Clarksville, TN, died Sept. 4, 2020. Maxine was born May 15, 1929 in Stewart County, TN. She was the daughter of the late, Jef- fie and Maggie Rittenberry Harp. Maxine was a lover of life and people. She enjoyed shopping, gardening and going for long rides. She enjoyed everyday life many of us took for granted. She was an avid hunter and gardener. Bobby was the son of the late, James and Opal Wolfe Hagar. He was also preceded in death by his siblings, Katherine Smith, Janie Steele, Janice Robinson and David Pickett. He is survived by several cousins, nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be conducted 12 noon Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2020 at Bond Memorial Chapel. For those who plan to attend, please wear a mask. Interment will follow at Binkley-Steele-Hagar Cemetery. Flowers accepted or memorials may be to the Tennessee Wildlife Re- source Agency.

OBITUARIES

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their homes, while others are still struggling with their insurance companies. Jesse and Marsha Dompreh, who lost their home on Catalpa Drive, were out of town when the torna- do destroyed 80% of the Pleasant Grove subdivision and left one couple dead. “When we returned home on March 4, three quarters of our home was decimated by the storm which blew in at a speed of 165mph and hovered over our area for half an hour,” said Dompreh. Upon arrival they could not identify the house except for their daughter’s vehicle sticking out of the debris. “There was one thing we prayed for, to recover our wedding album. Our prayers were answered when one of the many vol- unteers, Timothy, retrieved it from the devastation; that we knew was a miracle,” Dompreh continued. “Also, our daughter’s civil air pat- rocket was recovered in Lebanon by the Daven- ports, which was another miracle.” They are now in the process of rebuilding their home. Recovery is continuous and ongoing. The first family, who had their home devast- ated, moved into their new house last week in Tri- ple Crown. Several businesses along Mt. Juliet Road and Volun- teer Blvd. were damaged or destroyed. Along with hav- ing to create a plan to re- build, they had to relocate their business store front to survive. One of these business- was Advanced Hearing Solutions. Dr. David Gnewikow stated, “When our busi- ness, Advanced Hearing Solutions, was destroyed by the March tornado we had no idea that it was only the beginning of what 2020 had in store. Recovery from the tornado has been, and con- tinues to be, a monumental challenge, especially in the midst of a pandemic. It has been a long six months of waking up every morning and fighting to put the piec- es back together. We have received so much help from neighbors, friends, strang- ers, and the Mt. Juliet community along the way. Despite all the obstacles, August was the best month we have had in our four- teen years in Mt. Juliet. We have a lot of work ahead of us rebuilding both a build- ing and a business, but I thank God we can, and that things look brighter today than they did on March 3.” As the tornado passed across N. Mt. Juliet Road, West Wilson Middle and Stoner Creek Elementary were destroyed in a matter of minutes. Students and teachers will be misplaced for approximately two years and now share Mt. Juliet Middle, Mt. Juliet High, and Green Hill High. “Little did we know that as we celebrated Read Across America at Ston- er Creek Elementary on March 2, that it would be the last day of school for many months or that it was the last day of the every- day life many of us took for granted. The tornado destruction occurred in the early morning hours of March 3, and two weeks later we faced a pandemic that no one could have imagined or understood the implications following an EF-3 tornado. Today, we are still waiting on the insur- ance companies to rec- oncile the loss of two school facilities, but all the while thankful that we lost build- ings and not lives. We con- tinue to struggle with how to ‘do’ school, as well as face the untenable tensions of returning to school as it used to be, but also main- tain safety for students and staff,” stated Dr. Donna Wright, Director of Wilson County Schools. “I continue to be jarred by how quickly everything changed for faculty, staff, and students at WWMS as well other families,” said Beverly Sharpe, who was the principal of West Wil- son Middle last March. “Mt. Juliet is a resilient commu- nity filled with people who have cared for each other. We are anxious to see the damaged building replaced with a new school. In the meantime, MJHS and WWMS are working well to- gether – it has been great to see the WWMS students on the MJHS campus!” Stoner Creek principal, Amanda Smith praised her staff, parents, students, and the community. “Facing Stoner Creek to the tornado was devastating. The torna- do changed our school, but it certainly did not change the people. If anything, it made the Stoner Creek family stronger than ever before. We have learned the power of leaning on each other and our community to bring our school back to life,” said Smith. “Despite being in a temporary build- ing and going through a pandemic, our school year has kicked off being noth- ing short of amazing! Ston- er Creek has begun a great adventure and we are look- ing forward to rewriting our story while here at Mt Ju- liet Middle School until we get into a new building we cannot again call STON- ER CREEK.” Recover Wilson County has been an instrumental part of helping Mt. Juliet recover from the tornado. Co-Chairs Regina Girtin and Michael Moscardelli are working on long term efforts. “Our community’s ability to reorganize and come together as quickly as we did has allowed us to mobilize in such a way to meet the long-term needs of the community,” said Girtin. Covid-19 delayed ef- forts but plans to help the community have continued to persevere. The next Walkabout to reach out to survivors will be Oct. 17, 2020. Recovery efforts are estimated to take between 15-18 months to reach full recovery.
Standbrook, Tula Mae Collins

Tula Mae Collins Standbrook, age 90 passed away on Aug. 17 2020 at Vanderbilt Hospital after a short illness. She was born in Ardmore, Alabama and grew up in Middle Tennessee. Tula graduated from Columbia Central High School in 1949 and moved to Nashville to go to business school. In 1951, she met and married Ralph W. Standbrook, a young paratrooper from New York stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky. They were married for over 50 years, until his death in 2004. During Ralph’s 22-year Army career, Tula raised three children, moved the family and made a home in over a dozen states. When Ralph retired in 1972, they moved to a farm in Summertown, TN and later moved to Columbia, TN in 1977. In 1987, they moved to Fair Haven, NY. After 32 years in NY, Tula moved to Mount Juliet, TN in 2019 to be closer to children.

Tula loved reading, gardening, chubby babies, dogs, Mexican food, and caring for her family. Adored by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, she was never short of faith, hugs and kisses, and homemade treats. She was an active member of the Red Creek United Methodist Church for over 30 years and an eternal optimist. With over 60 years as an Army Wife-Mother-Grandmother, nothing overwhelmed her, she could always reassure you “everything is going to be all right.” She is preceded in death by her parents, Ulma and Clara Mae Collins; her two sisters, Rebecca Toone and Sarah Bea Hastings; and her husband, LTC Ralph W. Standbrook.

Tula is survived by her three children, Fred C. Standbrook of Joelton TN, Susan Marshall of Old Hickory, TN, and Ralph T. Standbrook; two daughters-in-law, Susan Copeland Standbrook and Susan Dugger Standbrook; six grandchildren, Amanda Graves, John Marshall, Megan Standbrook, Berean Standbrook, Jonathan Standbrook, and Abigail Standbrook. She has 4 great-grandchildren, Josephine, Tula Mae, James, and Clara Louise.

The Funeral Service will be held in the chapel of Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet on Friday, Sept. 11, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. The family will receive friends on Friday, Sept. 11 from 12:00 p.m. until service time at 2:00 p.m. Interment will be held at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully request memorial contributions be addressed to: Johanne A. Van Der Linden, Deputy Chief Village of Fair Haven, P.O. Box 614, Fair Haven, N.Y. 13064


The_iffen, James Marvin

James Marvin Threatleton, age 77 of Mt. Juliet, TN, died Sept. 5, 2020. Marvin was born in Farsley, England to the late Frank and Nancy Threatleton, and Abigail Threatleton. Antiques cars were his passion and you could often find him in his garage. Marvin enjoyed playing pool at the Mt. Juliet/ West Wilson Senior Center. He also enjoyed traveling and cruising on the ocean. Marvin was a member of the British Sporting Club, famous for the skits at the annual St. George’s dance. Marvin was the Showmaster. He was preceded in death by several siblings.

He is survived by: Wife of 57 years – Brenda Threatleton; Daughters – Deborah Threatleton and Deanne Threatleton; Brother – Brian Threatleton; 7 Grandchildren and 9 Great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7, 2020 at Bond Memorial Chapel. For those who plan to attend, please wear a mask. Interment will follow at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens.

Flowers accepted or memorials may be to the Salvation Army or the American Cancer Society.

Visitations will be one hour prior to service time Monday at Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN (615) 773-2663. www.bondmemorial.com

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HILL, Bettie Gene Teasley

Bettie Gene Teasley Hill returned to her loved ones in heaven on Sept. 2, 2020. She was a graduate of Lebanon High School and graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1958. She lived a life of service as a Cub Scout Den Mother, member and elder of the First Presbyterian Church, and Life Member of the Teraclay Garden Club. She was also one of the three owners of the Ivy Wreath in Lebanon, and a much sought after interior designer.

Bettie was preceded in death by her mother, Christine Millicent Smith, her father, Charlie Lee Teasley, and her son John Reed Hill Jr.

Her memory lives on in her husband of 63 years, John Reed Hill Sr., her brothers, Charlie and Thomas Teasley, her son, Keith and his wife Angel, her son Hugh “Happy” and his wife, Michelle, her daughter-in-law, 13 beloved grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, and countless friends whom she loved dearly.

There will be a Celebration of Life on Sunday, Sept. 6th at 2:00 at First Presbyterian Church in Lebanon followed by a time of fellowship.

In lieu of flowers, her family asks that you send donations to the Empower Me Center, a local non-prof it organization for individuals with disabilities. Sellars Funeral Home, Lebanon TN, 615.444.9393.

LOCAL RESTAURANT & DINING GUIDE - SWEET CECE’S

Sweet Cece’s opened in Mt. Juliet in January 2019, offering a variety of frozen yogurt and sweet treats. Come try our new Cyclone! Choose your favorite flavor of yogurt and all toppings desired and we mix them together. We use premium Dannon yogurt and provide new options. The children just absolutely love fixing their own yogurt cup and they are regularly switched out to have eight flavors to choose from and more are added to the store’s best sellers is a salted caramel white chocolate chunk cookie, these cookies are huge and so delicious.

Espresso Coffee Milk Shake, every- day a new raves about how great it is. "The children just absolutely love fixing their own yogurt cup and putting all the toppings on it." It’s just a great experience for every customer. However, the new store offers more than just frozen yogurt. The Mt. Juliet location is the first to have a full bakery case, which has an assortment of Christie’s cookies, cakes and more. Customers can also choose from hand-dipped ice cream, and make Milk Shakes and ice cream cookies and brownie sandwiches.

The store also offers Italian espresso drinks and if you like coffee you need to try the Double Espresso Coffee Milk Shake, everyone raves about how great it is.

“That’s our main goal, to have something for everybody, more than just yogurt.” Besides the frozen yogurt, one of the store’s best sellers is a salted caramel white chocolate chunk cookie, these cookies are huge and so delicious.

Sweet Cece’s
Buy One Get One FREE (or Equal or Lesser Value For Yogurt or ice cream only)

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Visit the website www.sellarsfuneralservices.com for more information.

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS, her family respectfully request memorial contributions be addressed to:

Johanne A. Van Der Linden, Deputy Chief Village of Fair Haven, P.O. Box 614, Fair Haven, N.Y. 13064


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