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### Commissioners discuss future of ambulance service

By **Kenny Howell**  
*Managing Editor*

The Mt. Juliet Board of Commissioners sat down with City and County leaders to discuss what will be the future of ambulance service in Mt. Juliet.

The issue arose because the County has decided to move their ambulances from Fire Department of Mt. Juliet stations one and three, to the new WEMA stations they are building on Clemmons Road and Central Pike. Both are lo-

cated in the same area as the FMDJ stations, but will adjust some response times in some areas within city limits.

"We have two different goals and two different things we need to accomplish," said Vice Mayor Ray

Justice.

Wilson County made the decision to move the ambulance to the new Central Pike station because there was a pocket in the southwest portion of Wilson

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Photo by *Kenny Howell*

#### MT. JULIET HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING

### MJHS CROWNS QUEZADA QUEEN



Photo by *Addi Hill*

Mt. Juliet High School celebrated Homecoming Friday. Kasey Quezada was named Homecoming Queen at the halftime of the game against Maplewood. She was escorted by Rylan Smith. Mt. Juliet won the game 44-8. Story on Page 6.

### Schools close due to COVID-19

#### Staff Reports

Wilson County Schools were forced to close through the Labor Day holiday due to positive COVID-19 cases and staff and students in quarantine.

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### WCHS students honored for flood rescue



Photo courtesy of *Wilson County Schools*

Wilson Central NJROTC students Jacob Armistead and Alec Jakalski were given the highest honor a NJROTC student can receive for their heroism in rescuing a family during the recent flooding in Hickman County.

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From MJPD Facebook

# Evading suspect captured by MJPD

## Staff Reports

A suspect who evaded police Thursday was found Friday morning walking along N. Mt. Juliet Road near Pleasant Grove Road.

Joseph Krantz, 46, was stopped by a Mt. Juliet Police Department detective near Publix on Lebanon Road due to an expired tag violation. Krantz was the driver and immediately ran from the vehicle. The detective stayed with an adult female passenger while the other officers searched the area. After determining Krantz' identity, officers stopped the enhanced

search and focused on other methods for apprehension. Krantz was wanted out of Nashville, Cheatham County and Humphreys County for misdemeanor warrants.

Krantz was located around 10 a.m. Friday morning. Mt. Juliet Police Department Captain Tyler Chandler said Krantz told detectives he spent the night in the woods and in someone's tractor, then tried to make it to the interstate to get out of Mt. Juliet. He was charged locally with evading and possession of drug paraphernalia.

# Media Vision Advertising cuts ribbon on location



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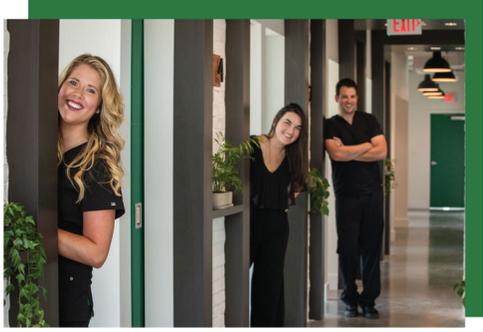
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## Ribbon cut on Juice Bar trailer COMMUNITY CALENDAR



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The Juice Bar cut the ribbon on their mobile Juice Bar last month with members of the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce. The mobile Juice Bar has been named Juice on the Loose. Juice Bar is located at 2726 N. Mt. Juliet Road.

### SCHOOLS, from PAGE 1

“We care deeply about every one of you, and we’re hopeful that by taking this time away from our schools, it will allow us to slow this unfortunate health trend,” the school system statement read.

COVID-19 positive cases have increased a large amount week after week since school opened. There were 44 new positives the first week, 144 new positives the second week, 277 new positives the third week, and 369 new positives last week. There were 2,253 students contract traced in last week alone. One school, Wilson Central, had 40 new cases last week, and three had over 30.

The break would give the school system 10 days to help slow the spread and get people out of quarantine. Unlike last year, the school system did not go into virtual learning. The State of Tennessee has not allowed entire school systems to go into virtual, though Penny Schwinn announced that she would consider waiv-



ers from school districts for individual classrooms and schools on a case-to-case basis. Wilson County Schools will be using

stockpile days for this break, and will have seven left for the rest of the school year.

Kids Club, extracurricular activities and Dual Enrollment classes all continued as normal. Extracurriculars were not allowed to practice or have activities during school hours. The schools will be thoroughly cleaned during the break.

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### Sept. 2

#### JECDB MEETING

The Joint Economic & Community Development Board Executive Committee will meet at 7:45 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 2 at the JECDB office located at 200 Aviation Way, Suite 207, Lebanon.

### Sept. 3

#### FREE CLOTHES, FREE HAIRCUTS & FREE CHIROPRACTOR

The Free Clothing Store will be open Friday Sept. 3 from 9 a.m. until noon at Life Church located at 3688 Highway 109 Lebanon, Tn. 37087. There will be lots of clothing in all sizes for everyone. There will also be hairstylists there to do free haircuts and a chiropractor that will be giving free chiropractic adjustments. Everyone is welcome. [LifeChurchFamily.com](http://LifeChurchFamily.com).

### 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](http://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. [fb.me/LifeRecoveryMountJuliet](https://fb.me/LifeRecoveryMountJuliet).

#### SHERRY'S HOPE SHERRY'S RUN 5K

Sherry's Hope Sherry's Run 5K in-person or virtual options is Sept. 11 at 8 a.m. For more information contact [info@sherryshope.org](mailto:info@sherryshope.org) or (615)925-2592.

### Sept. 12

#### SHOW ME SNAKES REPTILE EXPO

Farm Bureau Expo will be hosting a Show Me Snakes Reptile Expo Sept. 12. For more information, visit [Farmbureauexpo.com](http://Farmbureauexpo.com).

### Sept. 14

#### WILSON COUNTY CAREER EXPO

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 is from 8:30 a.m. to noon, 945 E Baddour Parkway in Lebanon. Go to [wilsonworkstn.org](http://wilsonworkstn.org) for more information.

### 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 prizes for longest drive and closest to the pin contests, door prizes and awards. The event is sponsored by Modern Woodmen Fraternal Financial.

### Sept. 19

#### FOUNDED IN FREEDOM WORKSHOP

Farm Bureau Expo will be hosting a Founded in Freedom Workshop, Sept. 19. For more information, visit [Farmbureauexpo.com](http://Farmbureauexpo.com).

# FAITH & MESSAGE

## A Love That Looks Like Charity

In 1 Corinthians 13 (commonly called the love chapter), the apostle Paul makes the point that nothingness is what exists apart from the “agape” of God. It doesn’t matter if I prophesy, give my body to be burned for God, can understand all mysteries, and cast mountains into the sea, or give everything I own away; if I don’t understand God’s basic nature of how I am to relate to Him and His kids, well, in Paul’s words, “I am nothing.”



**Larry Grainger**  
Abundant Life Church

He then begins to describe what this love of God looks like. I rarely use the King James Version anymore, but in this instance, I think the KJV communicates the true idea of what God’s love is. If I “have not charity, I am nothing.” This is because true God-love is known by the action it prompts. Remember, “For God so loved – that He gave...” An action follows the commitment of love. It is not

enough to just espouse our love for one another, but if no corresponding action occurs, we may just be full of hot air.

Which makes it incumbent upon me to point out that the love Paul describes in this chapter is not a feeling at all. It is a decision; a commitment we make towards someone. There is a romantic love and a brotherly love, but neither are being described by the apostle here. As he begins to write “love is...”, you could really insert the name “God is...” because he is describing the very nature of God Himself. What does “agape” look like?

Love is patient and kind towards others. Love does not draw attention to itself by arrogant boasting. Real love that proceeds from God’s heart does not demand its rights and insist on getting its way. Deference to other people, even when it costs us, is certainly a characteristic displayed by Jesus while on the earth. True love does not rejoice at the wrongdoing of others. Let’s not entertain joy at the damage of those who might have fallen.

God’s love is able to bear with all things and endure

whatever may come. It does not keep a ledger of wrongs done by other individuals. Do you have a ledger? Oops, I have gone to meddling. Well if you do, please burn it and don’t start another one. Because as long as we hold on to wrongs that have been done to us, we cannot be totally free and will not be able to extend God’s gracious love to others. Love is always hopeful and allows room for others to fail. You may have noticed that all these qualities are selfless. They are not self-promoting or gratifying. As a matter of fact, if we can allow this kind of love to be seen through us, we will do like Paul said in another place, “I die daily.”

In other words, the love of God that has been poured into our hearts (Romans 5:5) will manifest itself in the seeking the welfare of other people, rather than looking out for number one. It is the exercise of charity (benevolence) towards another human being, that disregards self-awareness and self-aggrandizement. So, may we God’s children love with a love that looks like charity.

### REFLECTIONS FROM AN OLD FRIEND

## Good Deeds

Have you ever noticed that we all seem to be more giving and kinder when we’re in a good or great mood? It’s just human nature to do more good deeds and be nicer when we’re happier.



**Kenny Martin**  
City Manager

The struggle with committing good deeds and being nice is harder to do when we’re agitated, aggravated, frustrated, mad, ill, tired, impatient, running late or distracted. Wow! There are lots of things that can distract us from being kind, nice and committing good deeds.

The problems caused from all these distractions can at times cause us to be less than nice and forget to commit good deeds ourselves. The sad thing about anyone committing fewer good deeds is that it is reciprocal. Less good deeds committed equals fewer good deeds received. In other words, the better we do for others the more likely we are to receive the same in return. We should also try to be more aware and cognizant of other’s feelings as well. One way to create a happier more

giving and loving society is to start with ourselves first. If we all committed more good deeds for the right reasons it would hopefully catch on and spread.

It’s hard to be mean spirited or ill to anyone that is being good or kind to you, and, as we all know, very few disagreements have ever, if ever, been caused from someone committing good deeds or for being too kind.

As human beings our tendency is to be nice to those that are nice to us. In traffic and driving situations we have all found ourselves needing to enter traffic only to find that some drivers will not stop and allow us to enter traffic. We patiently wait and wait until someone kind lets us enter traffic and all is well. We might even catch ourselves saying, finally! As we enter traffic, we waive and thank the person who committed the good deed feeling better about society.

Thank goodness for these random good deeds. If we didn’t all have a good deed thrown our way every now and then we might be less likely to commit good deeds ourselves. The moral of the

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### TELLING TALES

## Finding Funny

I’m a procrastinator. In fact, I’m an expert at the art of delayed action. Give me any deadline, and I’ll figure out a way to wait until the very last minute to complete the task. Of course, there will be a meltdown or two in the meantime, but it gets done. It’s my process. And most of the time, I finish splendidly well, and no one is the wiser. No one except for me, my husband, and Alexa - she’s always listening.



**Becky Andrews**  
Wilson Living Magazine

As much as I hate the windmill cycle of deadlines, I need them. Desperately. Because sending Becky out into the world without solid deadlines is like putting Fredo in

charge of the Corleone family. It’s a disaster.

Hosting get-togethers is the only thing that motivates me to finish a home improvement project. Granted, it would be a lot less stressful if I didn’t wait to finish those projects until the morning of the barbecue, graduation/birthday party, Thanksgiving, what have you.

This column is one of the things I put off writing until the last minute. Since this is a humor column, it would be nice to make sure at least one or two sentences induce a giggle or two from the reader. But sometimes it’s hard to find the funny, especially over the last 18 months or so. But I’ll give it a shot.

When something comical happens, I always think, “This should be

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**TALES**, from PAGE 4

your next column. Write it down now before you forget." Then I think about how to craft the story. I'll usually sit down at the computer and start. Often, it's at this point when I begin to realize what was funny in the middle of Publix on Tuesday night isn't funny AT ALL in the light of day. Then procrastination sets in. Then panic.

Like he's done since the day I was born, my dad always comes to the rescue.

As we prepare to pick up his snacks for the week, Ralphie writes out his grocery list. It's the same every week. Half and half, cashews, yogurt, berry pomegranate Mio, green bananas, etc.

Before we leave, dad chats with friends in the lobby. Since this can take a half-hour or more, I stay behind and toss out his little reminder notes strewn throughout the apartment. This is where I usually find out what his week was like.

For instance, "Becky needs to shorten my "T-shirt arms" means his undershirt sleeves are stretched out and bothering him. I add t-shirts to our list. Another note reads, "DO NOT CALL LIBRARY AGAIN. THEY WILL CALL ME WHEN MY BOOK COMES IN." This means he's called the library at least five times a day looking for a new history book. Below his all-caps reminder, he penciled "PS - tell Becky to call them and ask why they don't buy two copies." Finally, the last note that went in the trash told me that my sister Laura is better at snack buying than I am. "Call Laura and tell her Becky bought the wrong coffee. I have no good coffee. Why would Becky do that? Laura will talk to her, so this doesn't happen again."

Note to self, when in need of finding funny, always call dad.

Comments? Email [becky@wilsonlivingmagazine.com](mailto:becky@wilsonlivingmagazine.com)

## Pest Solutions cuts ribbon



*Photo courtesy of Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce*

**Pest Solutions recently cut the ribbon on their location with members of the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce. Pest Solutions is located at 10572 Lebanon Road. You can check them out online at [pest-solutionstn.com](http://pest-solutionstn.com) or you can give them a call at (615)547-9975.**

**FRIEND**, from PAGE 4

story is to remember to be kind to one another for we all need to share this wonderful life and world together. As

we have all been told by our parents for many years, it is always better to share than not to share. And that goes for the sharing of good deeds as well.

So please do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Commit more good deeds and you will indeed receive more good deeds in return.



### Attention: All Veterans in Mt. Juliet and the surrounding area

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MT. JULIET 44, MAPLEWOOD 8

# Bears maul Maplewood



Photo by Addi Hill

Garrison Lewis and Amarion Workings lead out the Mt. Juliet Bears before the win over Maplewood Friday.

## Staff Reports

The Mt. Juliet offense scored early and often Friday, knocking off visiting Maplewood on Homecoming, 44-8.

The Bears scored all of their 44 points in the first half. Griffin Throneberry and Jaylen Holmes each had two rushing touchdowns in the game. Garrison Lewis also added another.

After an attack through the air the week before against Gallatin, Stephen Swoner only threw the ball five times in the game. He connected on one of those for a score, a 20-yard pass to Osize Daniyan.

There was a running clock in the second half, and Maplewood was able to get their only points on the evening.

The Bears only needed 217 total yards on the night in the win. They had 11 different players get carries in the game.

Mt. Juliet heads out on the road for the first time Friday, as they travel to Hunters Lane. Mt. Juliet hasn't played Hunters Lane since 1992, when they lost to them in the first round of the playoffs, 21-7.



Photo by Addi Hill

Jeff Pillows looks for the call.

WILSON CENTRAL 17, LEBANON 13

# Central defense again shines

By Trevor McGee  
*Chronicle Correspondent*

Wilson Central defeated Lebanon for third straight year, taking the county rivalry 17-13 Friday.

The defense got things going early. On the second play from scrimmage for Lebanon, Bryce Booth met Jaylen Abston in the backfield and stripped him of the ball where Lebanon would recover at their own 1-yard line. The drive ended and Wilson Central set up their offense with Brendan Demediuk under center. The drive resulted in no positive yardage and it was left up to Esteban Hurtado to cash the Wildcats in with points for the drive. Lined up at the 41-yard line, Hurtado's kick was up and well through the uprights with 7:27 left in the first quarter, good for a 51-yard field goal.

Lebanon took over on the ensuing drive where the Wildcat defense continued to shine and pressured Abston into his second interception of the season as it was Grant Rountree jumping in front of a pass for the pick. With field positioning in their favor, Central secured their first touchdown via the air from a 16-yard screen pass from Demediuk to Jase Neuble for the first touchdown of the game.

Wasting no time was Abston, as he continued his special connection on the first play of the second quarter. The junior quarterback found Kemontez Logue deep for a 56-yard touchdown to close the gap down to three, at 10-7. The deep ball was clicking for both teams as the Wildcats took very little time to respond themselves as Demediuk and Moffitt connected. On a broken play, Moffitt was found in the Blue Devil defense and Demediuk unloaded a ball down the field as Moffitt took it 76 yards for the score. Following a Hurtado extra point, Wilson Central retook a two-score lead with 9:48 on the clock 17-7.

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**SPORTS ROUNDUP**

**FOOTBALL**

**FRIDAY, AUG. 27**

Mt. Juliet 44, Maplewood 8  
Wilson Central 17, Lebanon 13  
Green Hill 35, Kenwood 16  
Friendship 44, MJCA 0

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GREEN HILL 35, KENWOOD 16

# Hawks get first road win

By Jevon Clemmons  
Chronicle Correspondent

Brax Lamberth ran for 259 yards and three touchdowns as the Green Hill Hawks got their first road win in school history Friday, 35-16 over Kenwood.

The Hawks got tricky on their first play as they used an onside kick from Sam Crickmar to recover the ball and get first crack at the end zone. Then the Hawks fed Lamberth and got on the board first. Lamberth wasn't the only Hawk who found success on the ground. Niko Duffie was able to make the most of his touches and scored a touchdown of his own. Quarterback Cade Mahoney once again showed off his ability to throw the ball when he found wide receiver Sean Aldridge for a touchdown. Kaleb Carver also made a big play with kick return that led to a Lamberth touchdown.

The Hawks defense led by linebacker Zach Hendley came to play as well. The Hawks defense held the high-powered offense of Kenwood to only 16 points after the Knights put up 65 points



Photo by DeAna Duncan

**Brax Lamberth ran for 259 yards and three touchdowns in the Green Hill Hawks first ever road win, 35-16 over Kenwood.**

last week against Hillwood. Hendley wasn't the only defensive star, players like Levi Irby and Isaiah Lopez made an impact too.

While Kenwood wasn't able to find too much success, they still managed to find the endzone twice. The first touchdown coming on a 1-yard rush from Jaylen

Washington. The second touchdown came from the defense where they scooped up a Hawks fumble and took it for a score.

The Hawks look to carry this momentum into next week against Wilson Central. This will be the first district matchup for the Hawks. Kickoff is 7 p.m. Friday.

at changing the scoreboard. Nothing came about until it was crunch time for Lebanon. Having the ball and the clock ticking, Jaylen Abston scrambled around the pocket before airing the ball to the end zone where Wildcat Alex Atwell made a play on the ball. Despite getting his hands on it while still blanketing the receiver, Kemontez Logue re-adjusted and made the miraculous catch from

41 yards out with two minutes left in the game. Lebanon missed the point after and with only two minutes left, down 4, the Blue Devils needed a successful onside kick to keep the game alive. An unsuccessful attempt later and it was the Wildcat offense able to take victory formation to improve to 2-0 on the season.

Central hosts Green Hill Friday. Kickoff is 7 p.m.

## WCHS, from PAGE 6

Lebanon continued to struggle in the turnover department as Eli Burgess found a loose ball with eight minutes left in the half but no scoring chances came as a result.

Both teams kept exchanging possessions in the second half despite good field positioning and a costly penalty, big loss, or turnover negated any chances

## SCHOOL EVENTS

**Sept. 2**

Schools website.

### MJMS SWIM TEAM INTEREST MEETING

Mt. Juliet Middle School Swim Team Interest Meeting for parents and students is Thursday, Sept. 2, 6:30 p.m. in the Green Hill High School Cafeteria.

**Sept. 6**

**LABOR DAY**  
No School.

**Sept. 8**

### WILSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The Wilson County Board of Education will meet in a Regular Scheduled Board Meeting Wednesday, Sept. 8, at 6 p.m. at the Wilson County BOE Administrative & Training Complex, 415 Harding Drive, Lebanon TN 37087. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss any matters legally brought before the Board. You can stream the meeting via the Wilson County

**Sept. 13**

### ADULT EDUCATION ANNUAL OPEN MEETING

The Adult Education Advisory Council will hold their annual open meeting on Sept. 13 at the Adult Learning Center from 12-1 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

**Sept. 14**

### WWMS SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

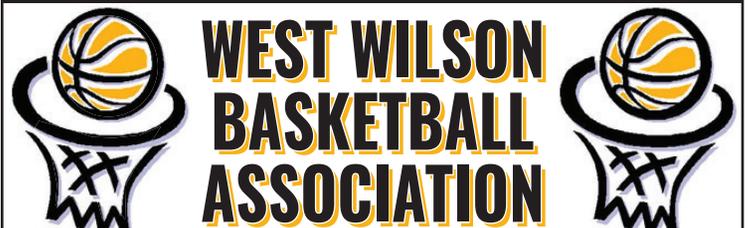
West Wilson Middle School Picture Day is Tuesday, Sept. 14. Fliers will go home that week. Preorder from website link coming soon or pay with form the day, or choose from proofs and order after.

**Sept. 16**

### WWMS PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

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# OBITUARIES

## BREWER, Sr., Elder Johnnie C.

Elder Johnnie C. Brewer Sr., 79, Mt. Juliet passed away Aug. 27.

Preceded in death by parents, Alvis and Irene Brewer; son, Johnnie Clayton Brewer, Jr.; brothers, Marvin Brewer, Foster Brewer and Tommy Brewer; and sisters, Mary Barrett, Louise Barrett and Florence "Billie" Brewer. Survived by wife of 60 years, Jeanette Brewer; children, Rachael (Joshua Matt) Hall, Wanda (Jason Foss) Brewer Richardson, Jeff (Mary Porsche) Brewer and Danny (Sissy) Miller; brother, Robert "Charles" (Glenda) Brewer; sisters, Helen (Gerald) Dodson and Margaret Barrett; daughter-in-law, Wanda Brewer; grandchildren, Tiffany (Chris) Murra, Chelsey Brewer, Hannah (Bryant) Stinson, Allison Lankford, Holden Brewer, Makayla Lankford, Mackenzie Lankford, Isabella Hall, Reagan Richardson, Sophia Hall and April Danielle (AJ) Foell; great-grandchildren, Everleigh, Samuel, Brantley, K. D., Arlo and Andilynn; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was Monday, Aug. 30 at Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet with Elder Charles Patterson officiating. Interment followed the service at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens with Tiffany Murra, Chelsey Brewer, Linda Christy, Allison Lankford, Makayla Lankford, Mackenzie Lankford, Hannah Stin-

son and April Danielle Foell serving as pallbearers. Visitation with the family was Sunday, Aug. 29 at Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet and Monday, Aug. 30 from 10 am until time of service.

Arrangements by Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet, 2229 N. Mt. Juliet Road, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122, (615)758-5459, obituary line (615)758-8818, [www.sellarsfuneralservices.com](http://www.sellarsfuneralservices.com).

## BROWNSTEIN, Alvin Henry

Alvin Henry Brownstein, 82, Mt. Juliet passed away Aug. 26.

Brownstein was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Ada Brownstein; and his son-in-law, James Joseph Doherty.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Barbara Brownstein; children, Michael Louis Brownstein (Eva Clay) and Jennifer Leah Doherty; grandchildren, Kristina, Jessica, Lauren, Austin, and Shauna; and six great-grandchildren.

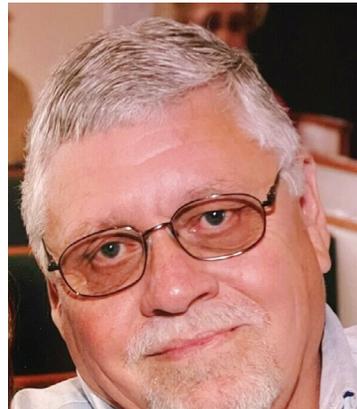
Funeral Service were Tuesday, Aug. 31 at Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet with Bro. Danny Sellars officiating.

Interment will be held Wednesday, Sept. 1 at Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery.

Visitation was Tuesday, Aug. 31 at Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet.

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## COX, Jr., Robert Clifton

Robert Clifton "Bobby" Cox, Jr. originally of Columbus, Ohio, but so well known in Mt. Juliet that his friends describe him as de facto mayor of the town, died peacefully in his sleep on Aug. 26, surrounded by his family. He was 78.

Bobby, as he was known by everyone in this small town just east of Music City, was a great dad and rock star bass player who jammed out with his buddies in small clubs in and around Wilson County for more than 30 years. When the time came to settle down, Bobby and his bandmates took up their hybrid country/blues/rockabilly sound in Bobby's basement in the Belinda City neighborhood, where countless friends and family routinely gathered to listen, laugh and enjoy being together.

"No matter where we would go, he would know people," said longtime friend and bandmate Mickey Darby, who wrote a song called "Bobby's Basement" to honor his friend. At one favorite venue, Darby recalled, "People would come up to him and say, 'We really like your club, or that's a great band you manage.' He would just get to know everybody. People thought he was in charge."

And he often was.

Even if he didn't have the formal education or job title to go along with it, people saw in Bobby a leader, someone they could count on. A loyal husband to Edna Petty Cox for 45 years and dedicated father to Shane, Lisa and Ryan, Bobby was also the "second father" to untold numbers of his children's friends as well as kids at Stoner Creek Elementary where he worked doing all

kinds of construction and maintenance projects over the years.

"Bobby could be found at Stoner Creek pretty much daily. He was the one who put wiring in for our computers, he helped teachers set up their classrooms, he moved classrooms from one hallway to another after we discovered we were in the wrong place, he fixed so many broken chairs, tables and desks we couldn't count them all, he chaperoned field trips and school events, and he drove teachers' children to the junior high. Most importantly, he was there to provide encouragement, a shoulder to lean on, a smile, or a joke to brighten everyone's day," said former Stoner Creek Elementary Principal Kathy Stivender. "He will be missed."

Lebanon City Councilor Jeni Lind Townzen Brinkman, who grew up down the street from the Cox family with Bobby's daughter, Lisa, credits Bobby for teaching her to have fun and take smart chances.

"Bobby was a dad to all of us who were lucky enough to know his kids. He reminded me that childhood was about making memories, taking chances and most importantly, having fun and saving the seriousness for later in life but still keeping the kid in you alive," Brinkman said.

Bobby's own children grew up to become skilled professionals, community leaders and wonderful parents. When asked what they took from their father, they answered the question collectively:

"He always viewed the world as good and trusted everyone. He saw the good in everyone he met. He taught us to see everyone in a positive light. He was willing to get to know everyone he met and create friendships and bonds with them. It didn't matter if you knew him for minutes or years, he was just as genuine and loyal. And he always taught us to be loyal and help anyone in need whenever you can. His heart was one of service. He taught us to always smile, laugh, find joy, love unconditionally and to always say I love you every chance you get," said Shane Cox, Lisa Vickrey and Ryan Cox.

In recent weeks, Bobby's health had declined after a series of strokes. But he maintained his sense of hu-

mor and love of life. Said Dave Baggett, who met Bobby in 1975 when they began playing music together, "When we went over to visit him two weeks ago, he laughed and stuck his tongue out at me."

After all the fun and games, though, Bobby was simply just there for people.

"He wouldn't leave people up a creek without a paddle," said Doug Baggett, David's nephew and preacher at Jesus Only Tabernacle Church where Bobby attended services.

"He was the paddle."

Bobby is survived by his wife of 45 years, Edna Cox; children Timothy Shane (Pam) Cox, Lisa (Todd) Vickrey, and Ryan (Megan) Cox; grandchildren Kellan Vickrey, Gavin Cox, Rowan Cox and Camden Cox siblings Roger (Dorothy) Cox, Joyce Phipps, Johnny (Kayla) Cox, Mickie Long, Mike (Anita) Popovich, Eileen Popovich; sisters Sandra Barbier (Lewis), Carol Moore (Eric), Lonnie Petty (Brenda) and countless extended family, friends and fellow musicians. He is preceded in death by father Robert Cox Sr. and mother Evelyn Popovich, his "Mama" Elizabeth Petty, sisters Carolyn Pruitt, Sharon Rice, and Mary Ann Cox, brothers Floyd Petty and Lester Petty and sisters Willie Bell Chapman and Judy Wilson.

A family visitation for Bobby Cox was held at Jesus Only Tabernacle, 324 Glenrose Avenue, Nashville on Aug. 31. A public visitation followed, followed by a memorial service at the church.

Pallbearers are Todd Vickrey, Scott Roberts, Mark Petty, Chase Barbier, Steve Warrick, Canaan Morse, DJ Chaffin and Tony Chapman. Honorary Pallbearers are Chris Warrick, Mickey Darby, Dave Baggett and Mark Maynard.

## COX, Deborah Sue Whirling

Deborah Sue Whirling Cox, 61, Mt. Juliet, died Aug. 26.

Debbie was born in Decatur, Ind. Debbie was preceded in death by her son, Jonathan Greene.

She is survived by: Husband of 8 years David Cox; Parents Leroy and Marilyn Whirling; Son David Greene; Step-children Casey (Kyle) Henry and Dylan (Reba) Cox;

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## PET OF THE WEEK



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Brother Mike (Paula) Whirling; Sister Beverly (Tom) Mollering; Nieces Lauren, Emma and Carly Mollering; Nephews Jamie and Sean Whirling.

A Celebration of Life Service will be conducted 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 4, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 1003 Hickory Hills Lane, Hermitage, TN with Rev. Keith Enko and Rev. Tim Hunze officiating. Visitation will be at the church one hour prior to service time.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Trinity HOPE, 2024 Hunter Place, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122.

Arrangements by Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. (615) 773-2663. [www.bondmemorial.com](http://www.bondmemorial.com).

**CROCKETT, Eileen**

Eileen Crockett, 88 passed away Aug. 27. Preceded in death by her son, Paul Jeffrey Crockett; parents B. F. and Pearl Ann Lewis. She is survived by children, Lisa (Bob) Guess, Patrick Crockett and Barry (Glenn Montgomery) Crockett; grandchildren, Casey (Audra) Campbell, Megan (Alex) Malone and Trey (Lora) Guess; and great-grandchildren, Skylar Campbell, Logan Campbell, Preston Malone, Hutson Malone, Kyra Guess and Koen Guess.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Nashville Humane Association at [nashvillehumane.org](http://nashvillehumane.org)

Private funeral service will be held on Friday at Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet. Graveside service will be held on Friday, Sept. 3 at 4:45 pm at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens.

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**JOHNSON, Cathy Marguerite Ellis**

Cathy Marguerite Ellis Johnson, 73, Bethpage, died Aug. 28. Cathy was born in Alabama and was the daughter of the late, Ellsworth O. Ellis and Marguerite Riley Ellis. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Vernon Ray Johnson and her brother, Richard Ellis.

She is survived by: Son Chris (Candie) Ellis; Sister Alma Morgan; Grandchildren Tiffany Ellis and Thom-

as Ellis

Funeral services will be conducted 9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, at Bond Memorial Chapel. Interment will follow at 11 a.m. at Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery. Active pallbearers will be Chris Montini, Constable John David, Perry Riley, Jr., Corey Willis, Brandon Ladanye and Friti Bowman.

Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. (615) 773-2663. [www.bondmemorial.com](http://www.bondmemorial.com).

**MCGEE, Lee Roy**

Lee Roy McGee, 85, Mt. Juliet, died Aug. 26. Lee Roy was born in Kansas City, Kan. and was the son of the late, Carl and Ola Myrtle Hinkle McGee. He was preceded in death by his wife of nearly 60 years, Blanche Ellen McGee; daughter, Diana Elsten and brothers, Freelyn Carl McGee and Robert James McGee.

He is survived by: Sons Larry Gene (Margo) McClanahan of Indianapolis, Ind., Garry Dean (Linda) McClanahan of Mt. Juliet, and Jeffrey Richard (Carla) McGee of Bloomington, Ind.; Sister, Martha Jane Hubbard of Lebanon, Mo.; 14 Grandchildren and 18 Great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Saturday, Aug. 28, at Bond Memorial Chapel with Bro. Russ Stephens officiating. Graveside services were Monday, Aug. 30, at Grove Lawn Cemetery in Pendleton, Ind.

Visitation will be one hour prior to service time Saturday at Bond Memorial Chapel, N. Mt. Juliet Road and Weston Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN. (615) 773-2663. [www.bondmemorial.com](http://www.bondmemorial.com).

**ORTENGREN, Roy Geoffrey "Jeff"**

Roy, Geoffrey Ortengren, 79, Mt. Juliet, passed quietly surrounded by family Aug. 24.

Jeff was born in Culver City, Calif. and was the son of the late, Roy Hessler and Mary Jane Parker Ortengren. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Brian Ortengren.

He is survived by: Wife of 61 years Linda Downing Ortengren; Daughter Renee (Brian) Hoffmeister; Brothers Mike (Jeuley) Ortengren, Scott (Sue) Ortengren, Tracy (Lisa) Ortengren, Brett (Terry) Ortengren and Mitch (Sue) Ortengren; Sister Jew-

el (Kris) Brylle; Grandsons Phillip (Whitney) Hoffmeister and Nathan (Meghan) Hoffmeister; Great-granddaughters Saylor Hoffmeister and Kitelee Hoffmeister.

No services are planned at this time.

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**PAGE, Dennis Ray**

Dennis Ray Page, 48, Mt. Juliet passed away Aug. 24.

Page is preceded in death by his father, George W. Page Sr.

He is survived by his mother, Mildred Page; children, Kaycie (Joshua) Vanzant; siblings, Gayle (Jimmy) Lackey, Cheyl (Andrew) Jones, George (Renee) Page, Jr., Dwayne (Dawn) Page, Melissa (Paul) Sokol, Donald Page, and Christi Russell; grandchildren, Aiden and Braylen Vanzant; and close friend, Darlea Gentry.

Graveside service was at Mt. Juliet Memorial Gardens Saturday, Aug. 26.

**SOOTS, Mark W.**

Mark W. Soots, 48, Lebanon passed away Aug. 25.

Preceded in death by grandmother, Betty J. Soots; and uncle, Roger Young.

He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Shannon Soots; father, Randy (Linda) Soots; mother, Peggy Miller; children, Shelby Soots, Sadie (Lukas) Martin and Cade Soots; sister, Rebecca (Harry) Miller; brothers, David (Wendy) Clark, Eric Bush and Kevin Soots; in-laws, Jerry and Nancy Davis; and grandchildren, Judah Kwasniewski, Georgia Hill and Memphis Martin.

Funeral service were Saturday, Aug. 28 at Sellars Funeral Home at Mt. Juliet with Pastor Bryan Varnell officiating. Visitation with the family was Friday, Aug. 27 and Saturday, Aug. 28 until time of service.

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**TEPPER, Arthur L.**

Arthur L. Tepper, 86, Mt. Juliet, passed away Sunday, Aug. 29. Born in 1935 in Brooklyn, NY Art was an avid baseball player and a



ily and friends in Sarasota, Florida.

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**WRIGHT, WILLIAM S. JR.**

William (Bill) Shannon Wright Jr., 74, passed away peacefully in his home in Old Hickory, on Aug. 23, after a lengthy illness. He was born Aug. 9, 1947, in Nashville, and was preceded in death by his father, William S. Wright Sr., his mother, Mary Evadean Wright, and sister, Aloma Dean Hornal.

William, or "Budge," as he was known in his younger years, will be remembered by his family as a hard worker and a loving provider; a man who enjoyed playing music with his friends, and loved to live life.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Sandra McCord Wright, his daughter, Pamela Propes and husband, Duane, two grandchildren, Corey Wright and Kinley Propes, and great-granddaughters, Scarlett and Kensington Wright, of Mt. Juliet; his sisters, Mary Frances Peek and husband, Paul, and Dawn Fann of Burns; his brother, Brooks Wright and wife, Diane, of Patagonia, Ariz.; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations may be made to the BrightFocus Foundation for Alzheimer's Disease Research.

lifelong fan of the New York Yankees. He played baseball and graduated from Columbia University before joining the Navy in 1956 where he served in Naval Intelligence on a submarine in Occupied Japan. After leaving the service he went on to study at St. John's University where he earned his law degree. He practiced as a lawyer in New York and Florida and was distinguished by the Florida State Bar in 2014 for 50 years of service.

He is proceeded in death by his parents Max and Rose (Katz). He is survived by his wife Patricia (Prenezio); sister Lola Rosenthal; children Brian Tepper, daughter in law Lisa; Angela Combs, son in law Paul R. Combs and Crist Finn; grandchildren: Harrison (Max) and Jasmine Tepper; Paul H, Dennis, Eleanor and Anna Combs; and beloved niece Cindy Rosenthal and nephew Jim Rosenthal.

A private military family service will be held at Sellars Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the National Kidney Foundation or Nashville Humane Society.

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"It would be great if we could have one on every corner, but it is just not possible," said County Mayor Randall Hutto.

Justice said the county wasn't doing anything bad toward the city, it is just what they needed to do to make sure the county was covered. Now the City needed to optimize their service.

Hutto said that they did tests on response times to Del Webb, one of the areas that would have a slower response time because of the move. From FDMJ Sta-

tion 1, the response time to Del Webb was 2:37, while it was 4:14 from the new Central Pike station. However, he said there are now places in that southwest corner of the county that will have much faster times because of the move.

"We haven't diminished service just because we change the location where they are," said Hutto.

The Board of Commissioners and Fire Chief Jamie Luffman discussed four options they could consider. One was to do nothing. Another was to hire a private service that would not be any cost to the taxpayer. The calls would be paid by insurance, or billed based on Medicare prices for those that are uninsured. Another would be to start their own ambulance service, which would be quite cost-

ly to the City. And the last would be to train firefighters to be ALS certified so the fire department could respond and start treatment until the WEMA ambulances arrive. It would make it so the firefighters could do everything the first responders could do on the WEMA ambulances

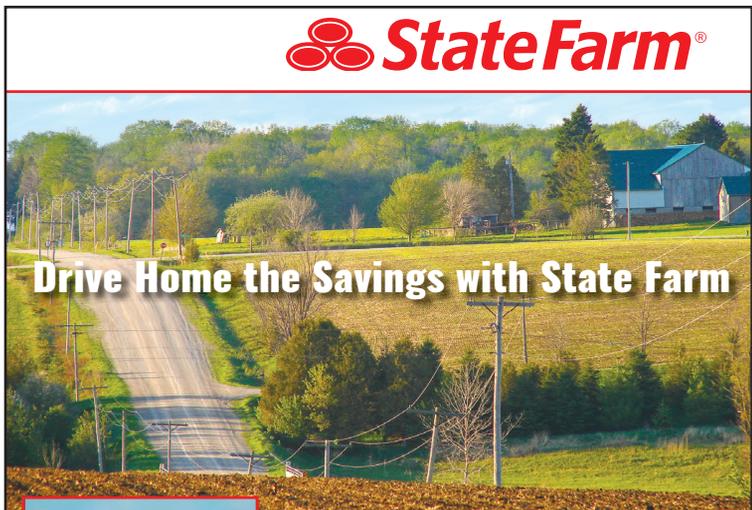
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"It would be wise if we have our own plan in place and be able to control what we can control," said Mayor James Maness.

The ambulances will not move until the new stations are built, which would be 18-24 months. That gives time for the

Board of Commissioners to discuss their options and have it in place when that move happens.

The BOC left the meeting anticipating holding more Work Sessions in the near future. The first has not been scheduled as of print.



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# Valley Center is back in business



Businesses in the Valley Center opened their doors back up recently after extended closures due to the March flooding. New Tribe, Planet Fitness, S&E Furniture and Third Coast Salt were just a few of the business that cut their ribbons with the Mt. Juliet Chamber of Commerce. You can get more information on New Tribe Church online at [newtribe.church](http://newtribe.church). You can visit Planet Fitness online at [planetfitness.com/gyms/mt-juliet-tn](http://planetfitness.com/gyms/mt-juliet-tn). S&E Furniture can be found at [www.sne-furniture.com](http://www.sne-furniture.com). Information on Third Coast Salt is located at [thirdcoastsalt.com](http://thirdcoastsalt.com).

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