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Zoning dispute corners car magnate

Mayor leads charge to restrict new auto dealerships near Interstate 65

BY MINDY TATE
Editor

Franklin Mayor Tom Miller and car magnate R.C. Alexander are locked in a battle of wills as to the future of an 11-acre tract along Interstate 65 and Mallory Lane where Alexander had hoped to realize a 40-year desire to have a Lincoln dealership.

Before Alexander bought the property earlier this year, paying \$6.1 million dollars for it, he or one of his emissaries went to the city planning staff to ensure the use he wanted – an automotive dealership – was allowed under the Interstate Commercial zoning already in place on the property.



TOM MILLER

“Nobody gave me anything in writing, but everybody I talked to gave me assurance it could be built,” Alexander said last week in his office at his Ford dealership on Highway 96 East. “For 40 years, I have been trying to get Lincoln, and they said I could get it if I built them a new dealership on this land. I talked to city officials and said, ‘Are you sure I can build a car dealership on it?’ and they said yes.”

At the time, they were right, but after Alexander’s purchase of the land, which sits adjacent to the new McEwen Drive interchange off Interstate 65, Miller said he decided to act on his concerns about



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R.C. Alexander recently paid \$6.1 million for 11 acres in Cool Springs to build a new auto dealership, but city officials may make a change to the zoning ordinance which would put a halt to his plans.

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Cool Springs

Greater Cool Springs chamber founded

Group hopes for ‘seamless’ change for membership

BY MINDY TATE
Editor

The Cool Springs area has a new chamber of commerce, but its leadership includes a number of familiar faces.

The Greater Cool Springs Chamber of Commerce has been formed by the former chair and former board members of the Cool Springs Chamber of Commerce, an affiliate of the Brentwood Chamber of Commerce.

The Brentwood chamber announced last week its board had voted Dec. 1 for the unification of the two organizations into one after “extensive discussions on how best to serve the membership of this growing organi-



Mark Willoughby (left) and Art Helf have founded the Greater Cool Springs Chamber of Commerce after the Brentwood Chamber of Commerce decided to merge its Cool Springs affiliate into its organization.

MINDY TATE

zation” during the last few months.

In October the Cool Springs board had approved a resolution seeking a more parallel status with an eye toward two separate organizations, something Cool Springs Chair Art Helf had always thought was the goal since the affiliate chamber was formed seven years ago.

“We felt as a board it would be ap-

propriate to identify our intentions to become independent,” Helf said of the October resolution, which suggested operating until Jan. 1, 2007, as parallel organizations, but with separate financial statements.

Not knowing what the reaction would be, the group formed the Greater Cool Springs chamber at the same

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BRENTWOOD

City maintains AAA rating

Brentwood city officials proudly announced Monday they had received word their AAA rating has been reaffirmed with Moody’s Investment service. According to Rick Delaney of Morgan Keegan Finance, not many cities in the state of Tennessee or the country have this rating and no states have it.

Mayor returns home; full recovery expected

Brentwood Major Joe Sweeney is expected to make a full recovery after a “very slight” stroke early Sunday morning. According to his son, Kevin, the mayor is doing just fine and came home from the hospital on Tuesday. He has already started therapy, which will last six to eight weeks.

“We expect him to make a full recovery,” the younger Sweeney said.

FRANKLIN

New nursing home beds OK’d

NHC Place at Cool Springs on Wednesday received state approval from the Tennessee Health Services and Development Agency for 20 additional nursing home beds for its health-care center on Cool Springs Boulevard.

NHC Place is a senior living community with a multi-specialty health center and assisted living center on the same campus. The facility opened in June 2004.

President signs battlefield legislation

President Bush signed into law on Dec. 1 legislation that will initiate a feasibility study by the National Park Service to include Franklin Battlefield sites in the National Park System and to determine the national significance of the Franklin Battlefield.

The legislation was introduced into the House on April 28 by Reps. Marsha Blackburn (R-Tenn.) and Lincoln Davis (D-Tenn.). It passed by unanimous consent in both the House (on Nov. 15) and the Senate (on Nov. 16) before going to the president.

Local bank joins Nasdaq

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Columbia State looks for funds to expand

BY CAROLE ROBINSON
Staff Writer

As the Williamson County campus of Columbia State Community College celebrates 35 years in Williamson County, it is experiencing growing pains.

With more than 1,300 students registered at the Claude Yates Drive site, every closet and pigeonhole is being utilized, so college officials are actively raising funds with the hope the state legislature will recognize their need, their efforts and the local interest by approving construction of a

proposed \$25-million facility, perhaps as soon as fiscal year 2007-2008.

Dr. Rebecca Hawkins, president of Columbia State Community College, has been making the rounds of civic organizations and clubs in Williamson County "friend raising," creating awareness in the community and keeping an eye out for suitable space for the proposed 89,000-square-foot facility.

"This fall we have been working to raise visibility and community awareness in support of a new Columbia State campus and higher education center in Williamson County," said

Hawkins, "We've made many new friends and developed a strong campaign leadership team. We have discovered there is a great deal of excitement and support for our efforts throughout the community," she said.

In September Hawkins and the College Foundation set a fundraising goal of \$4 million dollars or about 15 percent of the total budget and a deadline of Jan. 1, 2006, which Hawkins quickly admits was almost impossible. The goal however did get the school on the Fast Track, a new program introduced by Gov. Phil Bredesen.

Fast Track allows institutions of higher learning to move up the priority ladder if they raise a percentage of their capital project funds. The move could mean a two-year jump on the construction start time. Currently the Columbia State



HAWKINS

expansion is number 13 out of 19 on the Tennessee Board of Regents Capital Projects List; a list that did not receive any state funds for several years due to budgetary constraints.

While Hawkins moves ahead with fundraising efforts, officials at the Williamson County site struggle with providing space to improve and introduce programs while meeting the demands and needs of their students in a building that once served as the county school system's Vocational School.

"We have done wonders with the space we have and the work we do," said Mike Shuler, dean of the Williamson County campus.

The school's premier commercial entertainment program is one of only two in the country and has become increasingly popular in the 10 years it has been offered. To accommodate the growth, the student break area doubles as a stage providing entertainment while students eat or study.

They are moving forward with a new horticulture program using bay space in the

back of the building. The first classes will be offered in the spring semester. An accelerated business management program will also begin in the spring.

Due to space constraints, students are taking classes at the Belmont at Cool Springs campus and the Williamson County campus of the University of Phoenix.

In addition to serving their regular college students, the institution has agreed to serve students in Williamson County's Middle College High School. Their agreement with Nashville State Community College was canceled in July when the Metro school board decided to begin its own Middle College.

Beginning in January Williamson County's Middle College students will be housed in portables vacated by Franklin High until their permanent residence on the old BGA campus on Columbia Pike can be renovated.

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Happy New Year!

Balanced calendar survey results show county split on issue

BY CAROLE ROBINSON
Staff Writer

Williamson County Superintendent Rebecca Sharber wasn't surprised when she saw that the results of the balanced calendar phone survey were too close to call.

The phone survey, which was conducted Dec. 5-6, reached 11,802 out of the 15,998 households with students in Williamson County Schools and the difference in responses was only two households; 5,367 in favor, 5,369 opposed and 1,066 unde-

cided.

With 74 percent of the households participating in the parent survey and the results so close, the Board of Education will be facing a difficult decision at its Jan. 17 meeting, especially since the teacher survey showed the group strongly in favor of a balanced calendar.

"This validates why we are having this conversation," Sharber said. "If we had not had the people and the teachers in the community talking about it, it would not have been pursued."

Board of Education Chairman Gary Anderson agreed. "At least half of the community is interested in looking at different forms of calendars."

In the past few years several individual school communities pursued the idea of a balanced calendar and the topic of a balanced calendar arose once again when Sharber visited the schools last spring. During a question-and-answer period, the issue was raised in all but two schools.

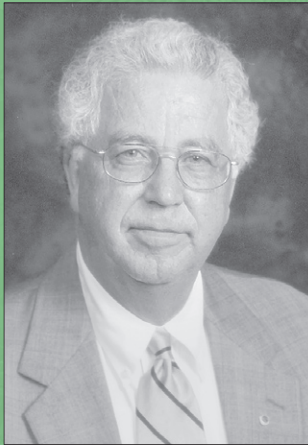
The teachers and the calendar committee thought it was time to bring the issue forward and have a conversation.

But with the community results so close and the faculty results so overwhelming, Sharber wants to develop a calendar that works for most people.

The phone survey presented the school community a rare opportunity to vote on a school issue. Parents were notified that the proposed calendar would be sent home with students on Nov. 30 and the survey would be taken on Dec. 5. If an answering machine was reached, a call back was made on Dec. 6.

And while there were a few "glitches" in the process, Sharber believes the impact of those glitches on the results were insignificant.

The trends by school level in both the teacher and community surveys were basically the same with elementary levels more agreeable and high school levels less agreeable. But the community middle school level only slightly opposed the balanced calendar while the



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Franklin High expansion area ready for occupancy

BY CAROLE ROBINSON
Staff Writer

Christmas came early for the students and staff at Franklin High School when they were informed they could begin moving items into their new building this week.

When school reopens on Jan. 9, there will be even more to celebrate. Guidance counselors will no longer be working in closets. They will have offices and conference rooms to work with students and parents.

The halls are wide and bright, the offices roomy and inviting, teachers have plenty of storage space, the cafeteria will offer kiosks with different food selections; soup and salad, sandwiches and hot meals and students will all be under one roof.

The punch list is all ready complete and the new \$19.7 million building was finished on time and within budget, said Kevin Fortney, director of facilities and construction for Williamson County schools.

That means when school starts on Jan. 9, there won't be any construction workers inside the building.

Construction will however continue outside the building as landscaping is installed and the remaining portions of the

old building that has been in use since 1957, is removed creating much needed additional parking areas. Once the old building is completely gone – tear down will take about 60 days – new art rooms will be built. Until then, art classes will be held in a few portables.

When the construction is totally completed – before school starts in August 2006, according to Fortney, the gym and music department – both received a face-lift – and the band room will be all that remains of the old building.

"This company (American Constructors) has done a stellar job," said Fortney. "They were very professional and a pleasure to work with, including all the subcontractors. With everyone's cooperation, it came together extremely well."

It was a matter of market timing, the design and the construction manager, architect and contractors all working together, Fortney said.

The new 197,000-square-foot addition, which costs less than the last two high schools the county school system constructed, brings the total size of Franklin High School to 258,000 square feet: large enough to accommodate a population of 1,800 students, which is predicted to happen very soon.

While brand new furniture can be found scattered throughout the new building, many of the old pieces will be moved, too. There are 350 to 400 student desks still in good enough shape to continue using. Cabinets, tables and chairs, teacher's desks, all art room furniture, cabinets and storage units, computer desks, equipment from science labs and kitchen equipment are moving to the new school.

"We made a concentrated effort to utilize a lot of stuff from the old building," Fortney said. "This has been a tremendous effort between the architect, maintenance and the teacher's programming. (Science) labs shut down in the last few weeks. Teachers were able to get the lab work in for the semester so equipment could be moved."

On the last day of school in 2004, construction began in front of a section of the original Franklin High School building, which was built in 1957. In an unusual move designed to keep the school functioning on site during the construction period, a section of classrooms located on the south side of the building was demolished and 10 portable classrooms were installed on the north side of the school to accommodate students. Since then the Franklin High School community of



CAROLE ROBINSON

Columns are installed to the front of the new Franklin High School as the students and staff make ready to move into the new building during Christmas break.

more than 1,700 students has patiently existed in close quarters as they watched the new two-story building go up.

"Students and staff have been cooperative in every pos-

sible way. There hasn't been one incident of problems," Fortney said.

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Mulled Wine

Mulled Wine, the vine's version of a classic hot toddy, is a traditional holiday treat in many Old World countries. Mulled wines have been warming people for centuries, they are a wine that has been sweetened, spiced and slightly heated - offering a delightful alternative at holiday gatherings.

INGREDIENTS:
One bottle of red wine (suggestions: Cabernet Sauvignon, Zinfandel, Merlot)
One peeled and sliced orange (keep peel to add zest to taste into cooking pot)
1/4 cup of brandy
8-10 cloves
2/3 cup honey or sugar
3 cinnamon sticks
1 tsp fresh or 2 tsp ground ginger (allspice can be substituted)
Serves 4-6

PREPARATION:
Combine all ingredients in either a large pot or a slow cooker. Gently warm the ingredients on low to medium heat (avoid boiling), for 20-25 minutes. Stir occasionally to make sure that the honey or sugar has completely dissolved. When the wine is steaming and the ingredients have blended well it is ready to serve. Ladle into mugs (leaving seasonings behind) and enjoy!

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After the Christmas Day crossing, the men built several log cabins, surrounded by a small stockade, and made preparations for Donelson's eventual arrival. Nashville's first Christmas must have been a lonely one, indeed, for the men and boys, separated by hundreds of miles from their families and isolated in a vast and hostile wilderness. But, it took sacrifice, courage, and fortitude to get this far and those present knew that it would require considerably more of each quality to endure.

But, endure they did. Neither harsh weather, nor the untamed land, nor the violent Indian attacks that made life so miserable during the first few years on the Cumberland frontier, dulled their courage and determination to survive. Those brave and stalwart pioneers – along with the women and girls who followed them, all of whom had forsaken home and family to settle a new land – were the true founders of Middle Tennessee.

Williamson Countians can point to Christmas Day, 1779, as a kind of milestone in their history as well. After all, had it not been for the tiny settlement on the banks of the Cumberland River and its founders – today's Nashville – there would have been no Williamson County.

Williamson Almanac

WHO AM I?



If you think you know who I am, send an email to mtate@williamsonherald.com and write your answer. Two winners will be drawn at random from among the correct answers and be awarded certificates for free Ben & Jerry's ice cream! Hint: Although my early jobs included saddle making and surveying, I eventually left my Williamson County home to become Tennessee's first Whig governor.

BY JAMES A. CRUTCHFIELD

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YOU COULD GO TO JAIL FOR THAT!

If you get ticketed in Williamson County today for a moving violation such as speeding or reckless driving, chances are you'll end up paying several hundred dollars in fines and court costs. And, you might have to attend some kind of remedial instructional classes as well. In the age before the appearance of the automobile, folks also had to be on their toes when it came to vehicular traffic, as evidenced by this Franklin ordinance enacted by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen in the late 1880s.

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

Unconvinced that the War Between the States had essentially been lost by the Confederacy, Gen. John Bell Hood and his Army of Tennessee evacuated Franklin the day following the bloody battle and made their way to Nashville. A healthy, well-fed, well-equipped Union Army under the command of Gen. George H. Thomas (the "Rock of Chickamauga") awaited them. For two days, Dec. 15 and 16, in frigid weather, the two armies clashed and, in what the eminent historian Stanley Horn called the "decisive" battle of the entire war, Hood once again failed to assert Confederate superiority. The weary Confederate column retreated through Franklin to Alabama, then to Tupelo, Miss., a mere remnant of the mighty army it had once been. The war in the Western Theater was over and Hood relinquished his command on Jan. 13, 1865.

TENNESSEE FIRST FACTS

The first hospital ever established to care for wounded soldiers in the field opened at Shiloh in 1862, just prior to the great battle there.

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Frankel’s cooperation leads to concurrent sentence

International insurance scam originating locally draws to a close

BY MINDY TATE
Staff Writer

The alleged mastermind behind an insurance scam that drained more than \$200 million from insurance companies in eight states – including a now defunct Franklin firm – on Tuesday received a 16-year sentence on state charges in the case.

Martin Frankel, who has already been sentenced in federal court in Connecticut to 17 years for the scheme, has been in the Williamson County Jail for several weeks while meeting with state and federal officials as part of his sentencing agreement.

On Tuesday, he wore an orange Williamson County jail jumpsuit, long hair and a beard. He did not speak during the hearing.

His state sentence will be served concurrently with his federal sentence on 10 counts of Class B felony theft relating to the scam in which he gained “anonymous control over the reserve assets of Franklin American Life Insurance Company ... with the active assistance of defendants John Hackney, Gary Atnip and John Jordan.”

He was apprehended in Hamburg, Germany in early September 1999 after fleeing the country to avoid prosecution. He fought extradition, but was returned to the States in March 2001 and eventually began cooperating with officials.

“The state believes that defendant’s cooperation played a role in the decisions of John Hackney, Gary Atnip, John Jordan and Robert Guyer to plead guilty in Tennessee and of Sonia Howe, Thurston Little, Gary Atnip, Father Peter Jacobs, Monsignor Emilio Colagiovanni and Thomas Bolan to plead guilty in other jurisdictions,” officials wrote in a memo to Circuit Judge Jeff Bivins supporting Frankel’s concurrent sentencing.

He executed a document directing that “funds held in his Swiss bank account be repatriated to accounts held by the IRS and the FBI,” the memo continued.

Frankel also allowed insurance companies to take custody of diamonds and cash held by German authorities since the time of his arrest that were valued at millions of dollars.

“As a result (of Frankel’s cooperation), over \$30 million is now available for the victims, saving thousands of dollars in fees which would have been necessary to litigate in the Swiss civil courts,” the memo continues.

Frankel was the last of the players to be sentenced in Williamson County for the crimes committed in Tennessee, and because of his “additional cooperation,” officials recommended his state sentence run concurrent with his federal sentence

of 17 years. Federal sentences do not allow for parole, so Frankel will serve the full time of his sentence, said Al Partee, senior counsel of the Anti-Trust Division of the state attorney general’s office.

Hackney, a local civic and business leader at the time of his arrest, was in the same Williamson County courtroom facing the same judge in June to be sentenced on state charges for the two counts of wire fraud over \$60,000 to which he pled guilty several years ago. Despite a similar sentencing recommendation from federal and state officials that his sentence be served concurrently, Bivins sentenced Hackney to an addi-



Martin Frankel was in a Williamson County courtroom on Tuesday.

MINDY TATE

tional year to be served locally following his four years in federal prison on the crimes, citing the leniency of the federal sentence in comparison to those received by others.

There has been a high level of coordination regarding prosecu-

tion and sentencing in the Frankel cases due to the complexity of the matter, officials said, and each defendant received a sentencing recommendation that state and federal sentences be served concurrently.

“When we entered into this

some years ago, it was presupposed that each of these defendants would receive a substantial sentence in federal court,” said Ron Davis, 21st Judicial District attorney general, after Tuesday’s hearing.

“Of the major players, (Hackney) got the least sentence,” Partee added in explaining how Frankel got a concurrent sentence while Hackney had time to be served locally added to his federal sentence.

“The court in Connecticut was impressed with (Frankel’s) cooperations,” Partee said. “These things happen.”

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Board of Mayor and Aldermen gnash teeth over beaver issue

BY MINDY TATE
Editor

The Franklin Board of Mayor and Aldermen Tuesday voted 6-1 to ratify the contract signed Nov. 30 by Mayor Tom Miller and preservationist Rod Heller transferring ownership of the 110-acre Country Club of Franklin to the city.

The action was necessary due to changes made to the contract after the board's earlier consideration, including removal of a clause requiring the Hellers to resolve the issue of beaver who have built a dam and created wetlands on the southeastern edge of the property.

Instead, the Hellers will pay \$2,500 toward the "humane removal and relocation of the beaver," which is estimated to cost \$5,000. Other estimates run as high as \$20,000 for other solutions.

City Attorney Doug Berry told the aldermen he felt the changes to the contract were "not so material as to require the resubmission to the board for action," but Miller asked for the board's ratification.

"There are really two related environmental concerns – the beavers themselves and the wetlands they have created by damming," Berry said. The initial contract called for the Hellers to deal with the beaver issue.

"Mr. and Mrs. Heller could not have gone out there and pulled the plug and drained the water before the closing on this property," Berry told the board. "The beaver will come with the property."

Alderman Dodson Randolph voted against the measure and expressed concern over the cost of dealing with the beaver issue, whether through removal and relocation or some other method.

While against the project, she said she would be watching for time impact on neighboring Heath Place and Carriage Park subdivisions.

Alderman Dan Klatt, who supported the measure, said the changes were minimal, but the beaver issue was not going to go away.

"The beaver are going to have to be dealt with," he said. "If we remove them, they will come back. I think we can deal with this in a humane manner."

Alderman Beverly Burger was voting on the matter for the first time, like Randolph, since

both were sworn onto the board following the October election.

"I am concerned with the beaver thing because I think they are going to be an ongoing expense," she said. "I am definitely going to support it, but I agree we need to be as diligent as we can with the neighbors."

Other than the beaver, other issues amended in the contract related to closing costs, the removal of a proposed lease with the Historic Carnton Plantation for the club's former clubhouse and other areas, and inclusion of a conservation easement in conjunction with the Land Trust of Tennessee.

"We are still hoping to close this year," Berry said.

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In Other Action

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- In the first 17 minutes of Tuesday night's meeting, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen annexed 1,724.77 acres into the city and zoned much of it at the same time.
- Most of the votes were on the third reading of the ordinances, which apparently limited discussion, although Alderman Dodson Randolph voted against several annexations, including 192 acres on Hillsboro Road and 215 acres on New Highway 96 West.
- One ordinance which failed was the rezoning of 71 acres on Murfreesboro Road near Oxford Glen Drive from Agricultural to Planned Residential zoning and approval of a concept plan for Chesterfield subdivision.
- An amendment by Alderman Beverly Burger to instruct developers to increase green space in the development as well as change some lot sizes, failed 2-5 with Alderman Pam Lewis taking her side.
- The development includes a density of 1.9 homes per acre, which some aldermen felt was acceptable while others wanted to see it lower.

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Chamber

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time to be prepared to deal with any outcome.

When the Brentwood board voted on Dec. 1, no Cool Springs representative was there, Helf said, because it wasn't an agenda item and he was out of town.

On Tuesday, members of the Cool Springs Chamber of Commerce met for their regular monthly meeting at The Factory at Franklin and as vice-chair Mark Willoughby presided, there was no mention of the split or the future. Instead, volunteers received awards and plaques were given out for top awards.

"According to the actions of the Brentwood board, anything they do going forward will be the Brentwood/Cool Springs chamber," Willoughby said. "So to meet the concerns and the needs left by the membership here in the Cool Springs area, we will be creating the

Greater Cool Springs Chamber of Commerce.

"This is really not an us versus them kind of environment," Willoughby said Wednesday morning. "Our members have different needs. They operate in a different political environment than does the Brentwood chamber. We deal with the city of Franklin and the Board of Mayor and Aldermen which has a completely different personality than the commissioners of the city of Brentwood."

Calling Cool Springs "the economic engine in this county," Willoughby said the diverse makeup of business in the area requires an "organization that adequately represents their voice and that is the genesis of this."

"The explosive growth here in the Cool Springs area brings to the forefront other issues as well," he said. "As a chamber, our members, and we as their voice, are very concerned about the quality of life and that encompasses manage-

ment of the growth, making sure that we are expressing the concerns and needs effectively to our elected representatives. We also want to make sure the residential areas here in Cool Springs are having their voice heard as well.

"The decision to create the chamber has been driven by member needs," Willoughby said. "It is a market-oriented solution. We are very sensitive to the needs of these members and consequently, we are going to respond to that."

Acknowledging any existing revenue will remain with the Brentwood chamber, Willoughby said the new group has several "gracious benefactors ... who will seed the organization."

A membership meeting is planned for the second Tuesday of January, the same day the former body would have met, at its same location, The Factory at Franklin, Willoughby said.

"It will be, from the members' perspective, fairly seam-

less," Willoughby said. The Greater Cool Springs chamber will be contacting area businesses and individuals to let them know about the new group and its meeting and it plans to try and stay on good terms with the Brentwood chamber.

"We respect our counterparts," Helf said. "They are family and we hope in the future we can move ahead as colleagues."

Interim director Lynn Tucker said three members of the Cool Springs board had turned in resignations. Plans had called for those board members to serve on a larger Brentwood chamber board.

"We know nothing about the organization," Tucker said late Wednesday.

For more information about the Greater Cool Springs Chamber of Commerce, call Willoughby at 778-0740 or Helf at 599-2274.

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"The average density in the city of Franklin is two units per acre," said Alderman Dan Klatt. "We look for the best use of the land and just because one-acre lots might be in the proximity of this development, that does not mean that is the best use of this land.

"One-point-nine units per acre is not sprawl," Klatt said. "One unit per acre is."

City Administrator Jay Johnson announced Tuesday the city had decided to start its search for a water and wastewater department director again after interviewing four finalists for the position.

"The staff has made the decision to advise all applicants that we are thanking them for their applications, but we are starting the process again," Johnson said. There were four finalists - none from the area, he said - and

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auto dealerships in the Cool Springs area. Located across the interstate from Alexander's land is the site for the proposed Nissan North America headquarters.

"I started being concerned about auto dealerships on I-65 when Driver's Way went in," Miller told a group gathered Dec. 2 for his first Friday coffee at Merridee's in downtown Franklin. "I didn't realize it was going in," Miller said of that dealership which sits on Mallory Lane near where McEwen Drive will intersect with that road.

City staff told the mayor there were three options – remove or restrict the auto services use in the Interstate Commercial zone, establish an interstate gateway overlay district or establish specific gateway and corridor overlay zoning districts.

The fastest method, Miller said, was to remove the description from the entire Interstate Commercial zone. At its November meeting, the city's planning commission recommended the change to the zoning ordinance. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen voted 6-1 on first reading in favor of the measure on Tuesday night. It will go back to the Planning Commission in January and then have a public hearing before the board at its Feb. 14 meeting.

The Interstate Commercial zone runs along Interstate 65. The proposed ordinance would "prohibit automotive sales within 1,500 feet of Interstate 65."

Alderman Dodson Randolph

asked, "If we approve this, where would it be appropriate to have a car dealership?"

Planning Director Bob Martin replied, "Anywhere except those 1,500 feet." Martin added the 1,500-foot restriction had been used before in the Interstate Commercial zone and that it basically followed Mallory Lane on the west and Carothers Road on the east.

When asked by Randolph about why he had taken such action, Miller said, "Because we have gateways that are being developed" and in an effort to be fair, he was seeking to make the prohibition.

"This is the place for car dealerships," Randolph said. "At some point, this area was considered for an auto mall concept."

Aldermen Dan Klatt and Pam Lewis voted with Miller.

Klatt recounted how the city "had a huge opportunity on the property on Baker's Bridge Avenue" to develop a coordinated plan, but instead ended up with five or six different car dealerships with independent plans.

"While I think auto sales are an appropriate business ... it is not necessarily the first thing I want to see and be known for" Klatt said.

"I am concerned about gateways," Lewis said. "I think this is a good step."

While the ordinance will have a negative impact on Alexander's property, Miller has said it was nothing personal, and the situation might have been avoided had Alexander gone to decision makers instead of staff.

"He's not being denied the use of his land, but the intended use," Miller said Dec. 2. "He still has millions of uses."

"It would have been prudent

to make inquiries of decision makers, not staff," the mayor added. "We have entered into the political process now. I am an advocate of this change. I don't vote unless there is a tie. I don't lobby. That would be improper."

As for Alexander, while he may have millions of other uses available, he has a clear focus and a plan for how this land would fit into a renaissance of his other dealerships across town, including the Ford dealership on Highway 96 East.

"I didn't buy this to farm," he said prior to Tuesday's meeting. "My intent is to build that store, tear this (Ford) showroom down, build a new Toyota showroom by remodeling it and tearing the truck department down. Where the other store is, my intent is to put a Kia dealership there."

Alexander won't say if he thinks the location of Nissan across the interstate had anything to do with the move to restrict uses in the Interstate Commercial zone.

"It is wonderful they are coming here, but I would hope that our city fathers would look at my record and give me a fair shot of what I need to do," he said. "I employ 330 people in this town. I have employed totally, my whole family does, more than 550 people in the other towns surrounding here. We have 16 dealerships, including nine franchise dealerships."

"I have built in this town for 50 years, and I have never heard that before," Alexander said of Miller's assertion to talk to decision makers. "If I buy a piece of property, and I go to the staff and say how is it zoned, what else do I need to do?"

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although one candidate was interested in the job, his salary requirements were too high.

• Alderman Robert Kriebel asked for deferral of nominations of citizens to several committees, citing a policy established by the board and Mayor Tom Miller, which he said had not been followed.

Kriebel said no application process existed for citizens to apply for the committees, although Miller countered that those who go through the Citizens Government Academy are advised of the process. Completion of the Citizens Government Academy is a requirement for service on a committee, although equivalent experience can also be a qualification.

"I think there is still confusion as to how people get on these boards," said Alderman Pam Lewis. Aldermen Dennis Phillips reminded the mayor that the board had agreed a year ago during a retreat to revisit the appointment of citizens to committees and the process by which it occurred.

Alderman Ernie Bacon said citizen members do not face "the rigorous process to get to a committee through the electorate," to which Miller countered there

are citizens serving on committees "who know more about city government than many of the aldermen who are serving, the most recent two elected withstanding."

• At the beginning of the meeting, Miller presented an oil painting of Hillary "Kitchen"

Preston to the city.

Painted by Kim Napier, it bore a plaque which said: "Hillary 'Preston' Kitchen, Vietnam's warrior, America's reject, New Orleans' homeless, Katrina's child. Sheltered in the city of Franklin, Tenn., under the administration of Mayor Tom Miller, 2005."

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Imagination Library makes county debut



DANIELLE THRONEBERRY

Ford Logan with friend Alexis Vilardi, after a morning of activities in the Williamson County Library, trying to decide which books to take home.

Books from Birth enrolls 1,084 of eligible children in two weeks

BY DANIELLE THRONEBERRY
Staff Writer

Ford Logan walked purposefully down the aisle between two shelves, trailing his fingers along the thin spines of books on the top row. His friend Alexis Vilardi followed behind him, then stopped to choose one that she found particularly inviting. Both Alexis and Ford will soon be 3 years old.

“Train books are his favorite,” said Williamson County native Lucie Logan, Ford’s mother, and began to search for one she thought he might like as Alexis’ mother Rebecca Vilardi kept an eye on the two children.

Kids like Logan and Alexis took over the Williamson County Public Library on the morning of Nov. 29, in attendance for the Books from Birth Middle Tennessee Williamson Coun-

MORE INFORMATION

Enrollment in the Imagination Library Books from Birth program is free and available to all children in the county under five. If you would like to make a donation to the program or want to enroll your children, you can call 936-3554, email read.books@vanderbilt.edu, visit www.vanderbiltchildrens.com/booksfrom-birth, or mail 2200 Children’s Way, Ste. 2410, Nashville, TN, 37232-9900.

ty Kick-Off. The event included finger painting, snacks, story time, and the opportunity for parents to enroll their children in the program, sponsored by the Governor’s Books from Birth Foundation, Williamson County, and the Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt.

Rebecca, along with Lucie and her father Bill Peach, know that reading is one of the best ways to raise happy, healthy children – and that it’s a great way to spend time together. That’s why they are so excited to now have Ford and Alexis enrolled in the program.

“It’s going to be great to have that monthly reminder,” said Rebecca.

“And it will be so wonderful for the kids to get something of their own in the mailbox,” added Lucie, noting that Ford particularly loves to get mail.

Lucie decided make a donation to the foundation that will cover Ford’s membership through his fifth birthday, and she is concerned that some people see the state funding of the program as a drain on other programs such as TennCare.

“Literacy greatly contributes to a
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Education Notes

Williamson County’s Columbia State campus plans registration

Columbia State Community College’s Williamson County campus will be closed from Monday, Dec. 26 through Monday, Jan. 2. Offices will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2006.

The last chance to submit an application and register for the spring semester will be Tuesday, Jan. 10 from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., through Friday, Jan. 13 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Any student who registers for the spring semester must pay fees at the time of registration. Individuals who register after Jan. 10 will be required to pay a late fee. Classes begin Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2006.

Prior to registering, new students must complete the application process by requesting that official college, high school or GED transcripts are sent directly to the admissions and recruitment office. Transcripts must be sent from all colleges attended. After a student’s file is complete, they will receive notification informing them of the next step in the registration process.

For information, contact the Williamson County campus at (615) 790-4400 or the student information center at (931) 540-2540.

Congratulations to Centennial High JTG Winners

Jobs for America’s Graduates recently held its ninth annual National Student Leadership Conference with students from Centennial High School’s Jobs for Tennessee Graduates program participating for the first time.

On Dec. 8, Victor Deleon competed in the National Public Speaking Event. He missed placing but by the conference end was voted one of the primary student leaders by conference attendees.

On that same day, Ciera Shockley participated in the three-part National Employability Skills Competition Event. She was named the First Place national winner two days later.

Centennial High band Invited to 2006 Fiesta Bowl

The Centennial High School Band has been invited to participate in the 2006 Blue Cross and Blue Shield Fiesta Bowl Parade and Marching Band National Championship in Tempe, Ariz.

on Dec. 30, 2006. It will be seen live by approximately 500,000 spectators with a national television viewing audience pushing the number into the millions. The Fiesta Bowl Pageant, a Marching Band National Championship, will be on Dec. 28 at Sun Devil Stadium on the campus of Arizona State University.

This will be the second appearance for the Centennial Marching Band in the Fiesta Bowl Parade and Pageant since 2000.

Middle Tennessee State University to graduate more than 1,500 on Saturday

More than 1,500 degree candidates are expected to graduate on Saturday, Dec. 17 during the university’s 94th fall commencement, a record number of candidates for the December graduation event, reports Dr. Sherian Huddleston, assistant vice provost, Enrollment Services.

The ceremonies will be held at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. in Murphy Center.

Emil Hassan, former senior vice president of North America manufacturing, purchasing, quality and logistics for Nissan North America, will be the commencement speaker for the 9 a.m. ceremony. Jim Ayers, chairman and founder of Lexington, Tenn., FirstBank and founder of The Ayers Foundation, will speak at the 2 p.m. ceremony.

For the first time ever, the commencement will be available for viewing on the Internet for those who are unable to attend in person.

Fairview

Fairview students nominated for Wendy’s Heisman Award

Fairview High seniors Trail White and Kristin Brison were recently nominated for Wendy’s Heisman Award, which celebrates the nation’s top high school seniors. For 12 years the Wendy’s High School Heisman Program, a partner with the collegiate Heisman Memorial Trophy, recognizes diverse accomplishments of the well rounded student. The nomination process has five-phases; nomination, state finalists, state winners, national finalists and national winners. Entries are initially evaluated by the ACT Assessment during the initial state finalist

and winner phases and then passes on to a distinguished panel of judges. Twelve National Finalists are invited are invited on an all expense trip to New York City on Dec. 9-11 to participate in the Heisman Weekend festivities and Awards Ceremony which will be featured on EPNN2 and will air on Dec. 11, 2005.

White and Brison were nominated based on the following.

• Trail White – Academic Achievements: Top 10 in class of 2006, Honor Roll, Beta Club Civic Involvement and Volunteerism: Swim team coach,

awards records; Leadership: HOSA, vice-president Teenage Republican Club.

• Kristin Brison – Academic Achievements: Top 10 in class of 2006, Honor Roll, Beta Club; Civic Involvement and Volunteerism: Basketball team captain, Cross Country and track awards and records; Leadership: VICA Club, Student Council, Interact Club.

To track White and Brison’s progress through the process go to www.wendysheisman.com or call 1-800-244-5161.

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person's overall quality of life," said Lucie Logan. "During my pregnancies, I prayed that my kids would begin life with the same chances as others. This program allows for that level playing field."

While "free" may be the hook to draw parents into signing their children up for the program, in Williamson County, many families like the Logans make a donation to the program when they enroll their own children.

"We get a lot of folks that, when they send in their registration, they also send a donation," said Mary Kate Mouser, who helps coordinate the Imagination Libraries in Williamson and Davidson counties. "But, these books are for free, and that's the great thing about them. We're out raising funds from corporations, foundations, and individuals that want to make sure that this program is successful in Davidson and Williamson County."

Their fundraising efforts means that Williamson County can continue to use the program to promote literacy while providing books for all children across the county, regardless of income level.

"What it comes down to," said Lady Jackson, executive director of the GBFBF, "is that the most important tenet is the fact that it is for all children – rich and poor and in between." Jackson was one of several members and supporters of the foundation that spoke at the kick-off, including Buddy Benedict of the Williamson County BFBMT and Peggy Franks of the Williamson County Friends of the MCJCHV.

The purpose of the program is to give children across the state a standardized reading experience to prepare them for kindergarten and also provide in-home access to books. However, it has the potential to improve literacy across the board.

Margarita Velazquez and her son Jose were in attendance at the kick-off as a part of the Even Start program. Along with her son, she is a part of the family literacy program; while she attends classes designed to further her education, José goes to the preschool program.

Shirley Spruill, the Even Start Site director for the Franklin Special School District, there along with Margarita and Jose, was excited about the program because it will put more books in their students' homes.

"Books from Birth sends a message to the community that it's important to read to our children," said Spruill.

The Velazquez family will now have another opportunity to be together; while Jose begins to learn to read, his parents will have the materials they need to improve their English language skills.

"I have two children and they both love to read," said Margarita as she made her son comfy in his stroller. "I just signed Jose up today."

The Governor's Books from Birth Foundation has partnered with the Dollywood



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Lucie Logan with her son, Ford, at the kick-off on Nov. 29. "Can you picture a couple of shy kids on the first day of kindergarten... maybe a little scared to make a friend? And it's a shared favorite character in a book that both have read that eases them into a friendship. Books are powerful things," Logan said.

Foundation's Imagination Library for the program. They have reached their 2005 goal of having the Imagination Library either operating or organizing in all 95 counties by the end of the year, and they plan to have every county up and running by the spring. More than 85,000 children in Tennessee will receive books this December, and by the middle of the summer the number will be up to almost 150,000.

Williamson County is the 80th county in Tennessee to join the program, and the GBFBF was happy to welcome the county aboard. Since the kick-off, Williamson County has enrolled 1084 children – over 11 percent of the eligible children in the county – in just two weeks.

"From our perspective at the Governor's Foundation, we love seeing Williamson County coming on board, because it's a community that has always cared about its little ones," said Margie Maddux of the GBFBF.

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Small town, Sunday night

BUMC's progressive dinner one of many options for area youth

BY DANIELLE THRONEBERRY
Staff Writer

The idea of over 250 hungry teenagers roaming the county in groups might seem a bit intimidating at first, but on Dec. 3, the thought of smashed mailboxes and trees hung with toilet paper could not have been further from residents' minds. Hungry? Yes. Intimidating? Not in the least.

Brentwood United Methodist Church's Youth Group celebrated its sixth annual Progres-

sive Dinner with an evening of fun and fellowship that took the teens to houses across the county. With over 125 parents volunteering as hosts and drivers, the teens, arranged into groups of eight to 12 by grade-level, visited one house for appetizers, another for dinner, then headed back to the church for dessert with everyone.

"It started as a Christmas party thing," said Youth Minister Dietrich Kirk, "and it's evolved as our youth ministry has continued to grow."

Each teen that participates – this year over 225 registered and some brought friends – is asked to bring a teenage-appropriate gift for donation to the Williamson County Graceworks Manger.

"They gets lots and lots of



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The youth group of Family Community Church participates in one of its activity nights.

gifts for small children, but the greatest need is for teenage gifts," says Kirk. "We try to provide them."

The progressive dinner is just one of the many opportunities for area youth to come together for evenings of fellowship and togetherness. Churches across the county have ministries specifically for teens that help them feel a part of a community while strengthening their personal spirituality.

At BUMC, their youth ministry provides a multitude of ways for area teens to join in, enabling kids with varied interests to find their own niche. They have "Café 7:37," a coffee shop featuring food, ping-pong, pool and other activities that serve their more than 400 active youth.

"It provides a place where kids can come and be safe and have fellowship," says Kirk. "But we also do mission work, because many people find fulfillment by serving others. We have a large small-group ministry that meets in bible study, and on Sunday mornings at large-group time, we have youth praise bands."

Every church is different, though, and what their youth groups offer depend on the size of the church as well as the enthusiasm of the congregation. BUMC offers more options than a teen might ever dream of in the way of coming to a closer understanding of their own beliefs while also enjoying the fellowship of their peers. At Strong Tower Bible Church, the situation is a unique one, given the diversity of the congregation, which is just a bit larger than the number of teens that attend BUMC. However, the youth ministry program, led by Pastor Daryl Fitzgerald, is just as strong.

"[At STBC,] you're not just dealing with the kids, you're dealing with the way that white culture and black deal with the same issues," said Fitzgerald. "How do black culture and white culture deal with things in the Bible, what does that difference mean... you have to be sensitive to how you navigate through those types of issues. It's challenging but it's reward-

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STBC's youth program, "The Game," is a curriculum created by Fitzgerald, who sees himself as spiritual trainer.

"Just like a basketball team goes through training, a young person has to have spiritual training and discipline," said Fitzgerald. "The curriculum deals with their spiritual lives rather than the issues. It teaches them how to live a Christian life in the midst of a society that wants to take Christ out of daily life."

It is important to Fitzgerald and the STBC that the teens take ownership of the program.

He asks the teens to share their own stories so that they can learn the disciplines of Christianity from one another.

"For me, youth ministry is teaching youth to do ministry. It's not teaching youth to do programs, to have fun. It should be teaching young people ...that they can make a difference where they are."

At Family Community Church in Brentwood, the youth group picture is even smaller – limited in terms of size, finances, and participating youth – but their youth group goals are similar to both BUMC's and STBC's in terms of bringing teens together to focus on the Bible and its teachings.

Scott Alexander, whose family is a part of the congregation at FCC, saw first-hand what being without a youth group was like.

"Even though our kids liked going to church, there was something missing," said Alexander. "They didn't really know the other kids."

Almost three months after they joined the church, he, along with his wife Kelli, start-

ed FCC's youth group.

"We have weekly Bible studies with our youth group," said Alexander, "and we try to do one or two fun activities every month, whether it's whitewater rafting, or the Rippavilla corn maze."

It might seem obvious that working with teens would be difficult, but Alexander insists that the challenge is not what you'd initially think. Not only do they have a million different activities making it harder to schedule time together, but they also pose more of a challenge to the group leaders.

"The challenge is, when we're going through our bible study, they're smart enough to read and then ask questions that maybe I have the answer for, maybe I don't," said Alexander. "It's made my wife and I open the Bible and read more than we would have had we not done this."

The benefits that the Alexander family finds from having a youth group at their church are common across denomination and church size. The existence of youth groups can make any teen who is new to the church feel instantly welcome and feel like they have a place of their own. The fun activities grow naturally from the group's members coming to know each other better. But while fun activities full of fellowship are a big part of youth groups' agendas, the whole point of those activities and relationships is to help teens grow into and understand their own spirituality.

"Spiritually, it has done wonders for our kids," says Alexander. "Every time he [my 15 year old son] opens the Bible, he gets excited. I don't think that that would have happened without the youth group."

This sentiment is echoed by Kirk, who, though he ministers to a larger group of teens, still sees the group's advantage to each individual.

"Youth ministry is important because everybody is a child of God," said Kirk. "We desire young people to come and have a relationship with Christ."

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Bette Jean Baptist

Bette Jean Leckrone Baptist, 81, died Friday, Dec. 9, 2005, at The Residence at Alive Hospice.

Born July 26, 1924, in Harvey, Ill., Mrs. Baptist was married for 58 years to her husband, Dwight T. Baptist, who survives. A graduate of Salem High School and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, she taught home economics at Cowden and Charleston high schools in Illinois and supervised demonstrators in department stores in Alabama and South Georgia. She was clubhouse manager at Mountain Brook Swim and Tennis Club for 10 years and held offices in the Alabama-West Florida Chapter of the Club Managers Association of America.

She was a former president of the Birmingham Civic ballet and a longtime member of the John Wesley Class at Canterbury United Methodist Church in Mountain Brook, Ala.

Survivors in addition to her husband include her daughter, Vicki Sue Meyer and husband Bradley of Franklin; son, Eric Baptist and wife Gina of Franklin; daughter, Jody Kay Stautzenbach and husband Thomas of Arlington Heights, Ill; eight grandchildren, Michael J. Boling, Alicia H. Meyer, Drew B. Meyer, Natalie E. Meyer, Gentry B. George, Kristin L. George, Carter B. Sharp and Mattie J. Stautzenbach; her brother, Lyle Robert Leckrone of Hoffman, Ill.; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service was held 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 12, at Brentwood United Methodist Church with Dr. Howard Olds and Bishop Robert Spain officiating.

Brentwood-Roesch-Patton Funeral Home, 9010 Church St. E., Brentwood, was in charge of arrangements.

Dan German Beard

Dan German Beard, 69, died Friday, Dec. 9, 2005, at Williamson Medical Center.

Mr. Beard was born in Williamson County, Tenn., son of the late Neal and Annie Lee Robinson Beard, and made his home in Franklin.

He was retired from the maintenance department at Battle Ground Academy.

Survivors include his sons, Tim Beard and wife Bonnie of Chapel Hill, Dan Beard Jr. and wife Sandra of Franklin, Tony Beard and wife Barbara of College Grove, and Thomas “Buster” Beard of Franklin; daughter, Joyce Bruce and husband Jimmy of Peytonsville community, Darlene Anderson and husband Ronnie of Spring Hill, Betty Sue Matlock and husband Randy of Rally Hill community, Sharon Beard of Chapel Hill, and Donna Beard and companion Timmy of Unionville; brothers, William Neal Beard, James A. Beard, Raymond Beard, all of Franklin, and Joe Beard of Peytonsville community; sisters, Mary Ann Tidwell of Alabama, Estele Spain of Murfreesboro,

and Faye Nall of College Grove; 16 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted 1 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 11, at Williamson Memorial Funeral Home with Bro. John House officiating. Burial followed in Cool Springs Cemetery. Friends and grandsons served as pallbearers.

Williamson Memorial Funeral Home, 3009 Columbia Ave., Franklin, was in charge of the arrangements.

Marianne Patricia Minella

Mrs. Marianne Patricia Minella, 51, died Saturday, Dec 10, 2005 at Williamson Medical Center.

She is survived by her husband Jay Minella. She was born in North Tarry Town, N.Y. and made her home in Spring Hill, where she was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by father, Donald Speno. In addition to her husband, she is survived by her daughter, Jennifer Minella of Spring Hill; sons, Matthew Minella of Spring Hill and Timothy McClintock of North Tarry Town, N.Y.; mother, Patricia Speno of North Tarry Town, N.Y.; sisters, Patricia Bueti of New York and Susan Fracasso of Florida.

Memorial services will be conducted 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 16, 2005, at Spring Hill Memorial Funeral Home, where Father John Kirk will officiate. Visitation will be 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Dec. 15 at Spring Hill Memorial Park and Funeral Home, 110 Gallatin Rd., Nashville, which is in charge of the arrangements.

James William Simpson

James William Simpson, 81, died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2005, at his residence.

Born in Wartrace, Tenn., to the late Frank Grady and Rollie Thomas Simpson, Mr. Simpson was preceded in death by his sisters, Kitty Galbraith and Eugenia Williams.

He worked for Gulf Oil and then opened two Gulf Oil Stations in 1950, one of which is now a BP Station owned and operated by a third generation family member at 19th and West End in Nashville.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Dorothy Simpson; sons, Phillip Simpson Sr. and wife Judy of Franklin, and Johnny Simpson of Nashville; brother, Ed Simpson; grandchildren, Phillip Simpson Jr. and Cathryn Salmon; and great grandchild, Sarah Salmon.

A graveside service was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005, at Hollywood Cemetery in Wartrace. Family and friends served as pallbearers. Visitation was Dec. 12 at Williamson Memorial Funeral Home, 3009 Columbia Avenue Franklin, which was in charge of local arrangements.

Sue Anderson

Sue Anderson, 79, died Sunday, Dec. 11, 2005 at the Henderson County Community Hospital in Lexington, Tenn.

Born June 23, 1926, Mrs. An-

derson was married for 59 years to her husband, Roy R. “Monk” Anderson, who survives.

She was a retired business owner and a member of the First United Methodist Church of Lexington.

Survivors in addition to her husband include her two sons: Danny Roy Anderson and his wife, Teresa, of Franklin and Tommy Anderson and his wife, Lori of Lexington; two grandsons: Reid Anderson and Hunter Anderson; two step-granddaughters: Ashton Deshazir and Lindsey Hardin; and two sisters: Mrs. Faye Nick of Palm Bay, Fla., and Mrs. Linda Loop-er of Jackson.

Funeral services were held 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2005, at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Bill Evans and the Rev. Stan McDaniel officiating. Burial followed in Lexington Cemetery.

Visitation was Dec. 9 and 10 Pafford Funeral Home, 71 Monroe Ave., Lexington, which was in charge of local arrangements.

Johnny Edward Pierce

Johnny Edward Pierce, 52, of Arrington died Monday, Dec. 12, 2005.

Born Nov. 30, 1953 in Blanchard, Okla., he was preceded in death by his wife Joanna Pierce.

He was raised in Oklahoma City, and moved to Los Angeles, Calif., in spring 1973. He moved to Nashville in January 1981. He was an artist, songwriter and producer.

He is survived by his children, Jason Pierce, Jessica Pierce and Sterling Pierce; mother, Vida Faye James; father, Eugene Edward Pierce; stepfather, Robert L. James; brother, William Pierce; niece, Shayna Pierce; nephews, William Pierce Jr. and Dillon Pierce. Franklin Memorial Chapel, 1009 W. Main Ave., was in charge of the arrangements.

Delphine Jagoda Oliver

Mrs. Delphine Jagoda Oliver, 79, died Monday, Dec. 12, 2005, at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Mrs. Oliver was married for 59 years to her husband Harry Oliver, who survives.

Mrs. Oliver was born in Detroit, Mich., to the late Joseph and Katherine Rhyba Jagoda. She lived in California for many years before moving to Franklin two years ago to be with family. Mrs. Oliver was a homemaker; loving wife, mother and grandmother.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her sons, Harry “Rick” Oliver Jr. of Huntington Beach, Calif., and Michael T. Oliver of Franklin; daughters, Janis Oliver Cummins and Kristine Oliver Arnold, both of Franklin; brother, Joseph Jagoda of Detroit, MI; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2005, at Williamson Memorial Funeral Home with Brother Elloy Torres officiating. Interment followed at Williamson Memorial Gardens. Family will served as pallbearers.

Williamson Memorial Funeral Home, 3009 Columbia Avenue, Franklin, which was in charge of local arrangements.

Raymond Delmore Ray

Mr. Raymond Delmore Ray, 68, died Monday, Dec. 12, 2005, at his residence in Franklin.

He was born in Williamson County to the late Jimmy Lee and Goldia King Ray. Mr. Ray was a supervisor with the former CPS Industries.

He is survived by sons, Roy (Lisa) Ray of Thompson’s Station, Vincent Ray of Franklin, Alexander (Barbara) Ray of Nashville, and David White of Franklin; sisters, Pauline Sullivan of Franklin, and Lizzie Bridges of Nashville; six grandchildren; and the mother of his sons, June Harmon of Thompson’s Station.

Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005, at Williamson Memorial Funeral Home with Jim Taylor officiating. Interment will follow in Mt. Hope Cemetery. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers. Visitation was Dec. 14 at Williamson Memorial Funeral Home, 3009 Columbia Ave. Franklin, which was in charge of local arrangements.

Robert Edwin Sherrill

Mr. Robert Edwin Sherrill, 85, died Monday, Dec. 12, 2005, at Claiborne and Hughes Health Center.

Mr. Sherrill was born in Davidson County to the late Robert Pickens and Mattie Jane Piper Sherrill, and was preceded in death by his wife, Anna June Sherrill.

He was a retired printer with Williams Printing Company and a member of Berry’s Chapel Church of Christ. Survivors include daughters, Bobby June (Jack) Noland, Franklin, and Donna Sherrill Love, Lilburn, GA; grandchildren, Sherry Noland (Greg) Locke, Beverly Love, Laura Lasher Love and Carol Love; great grandchildren, Ryan and Gina Locke.

Funeral services will be conducted 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, 2005, at Williamson Memorial Funeral Home with Chaplain Martin Bass officiating. Interment will follow at Williamson Memorial Gardens. Lonny Hazelwood, Robert M. Hester, James Jackson, Jeff Lasher, Greg and Ryan Locke, David Nichols, Jack and Leon Noland, and Jimmy McGee will serve as pallbearers.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association, Guardian Hospice or the charity of your choice. Visitation was Dec. 14 at Williamson Memorial Funeral Home, 3009 Columbia Avenue, Franklin, which was in charge of local arrangements.

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Editorial

Let's have a public discourse on balanced calendar concept

Many people have made the decision to call Williamson County home after exploring the public school system and finding the high quality of education offered there. Another draw has been the diverse nature of the schools and the communities in which they sit, seemingly offering an educational experience tailor-made to fit the needs of each student in a district that has more than 25,000 students in 35 schools.

Many Middle Tennessee school systems have experienced rampant growth in the last few years, although none to the extent of Williamson County. County Mayor Rogers Anderson has said that in the 2004-05 school year, state figures show that approximately 5,000 new students entered Tennessee schools and 1,500 did so in Williamson County.

To deal with this growth and for a variety of other reasons, some school systems, including Maury County, have gone to a balanced or year-round calendar for their systems. Several years ago, Franklin Special School District opened its balanced calendar, kindergarten through eighth-grade school, Poplar Grove, as an alternative to the traditional calendar offered in its other schools.

Williamson County officials have been studying the idea of a balanced calendar versus the traditional calendar after individual schools and professional educators in the district began discussing the concept with Superintendent Rebecca Sharber.

While the idea of a balanced

calendar for Williamson County Schools was not administratively offered as an option to the school system's calendar committee, given the interest, it was right for this group to try and attain more answers through a parental survey.

Unfortunately, this survey failed to show a clear margin either for or against the concept, with 74 percent of the households in the district expressing their preference or stating they were undecided. The lack of an opinion on this issue could be a lack of education as to what the concept truly means, because when it comes to the educational future of their children, most parents are quick to offer their thoughts and opinions.

The calendar committee will make a recommendation to the Williamson County Board of Education at its January meeting, but with the indecision that exists as shown by the survey, it seems the most prudent decision is to maintain the traditional calendar for 2006-07 as the issue is given further study.

A truly open discussion is needed, such as the public discourse that occurred in the Franklin Special School District a few years ago when it considered changing the calendar for the entire district to a balanced calendar. While at points it became heated and ugly, the discussion eventually recovered its focus, which was and should be what is best for the educational experience of the children in the schools, not the convenience and ease for parents and staff.



Editorial Eye

A new ticket to the world

There are many things which begin from nothing more than an idea to become something solid and firm you can hold in your hands. A newspaper is one of those items.

Whether a weekly or a daily or some variation therein, each issue begins from nothing more than the collection of a series of ideas, put into words, with the end result being the newspaper you hold in your hands.

In today's busy world, that collection of ideas which becomes a newspaper needs to be relevant and timely to win out against the other demands of your schedule. John Chancellor once said, "The function of good journalism is to take information and add value to it."

Your need for international and national news is often satisfied through broadcast media, but for local news, you need a source that is part of the community. Veteran broadcaster Jim Lehrer once described it as "caring where the fire engines are going."

Since my first journalism job in 1982 as a summer intern at *The Review Appeal*, my sense of caring where the fire engines are going has been honed by my experiences and the people I have met along the way. I learned many of these lessons from a couple of great



MINDY TATE

teachers: the late Derry Carlisle, editor of *The Review Appeal* for more than 35 years, and the late James H. Armistead, whose family owned the paper for decades.

Both these people taught me you don't just observe the community — you get involved and make a difference, both in your personal life and your professional life.

Our promise to you as we launch the *Williamson Herald* is that we won't just observe, but be involved. Through a strong, locally written editorial page, we may criticize, but we also intend to research and offer solutions. Most importantly, we want to hear from you about what you want to read because after all, it is your newspaper.

The *Williamson Herald* will celebrate the milestones of life — births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries — each week, as well as the end of life with locally written obituaries in each edition. There's no story too big or too small as long as its roots are in Williamson County. We like to say, "If it has a lawn chair or barbecue, we are there."

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis had a career as a journalist and photographer before she married and went on to become the nation's first lady. She said, "Being a reporter seems a ticket out to the world." While our world may only be as large as Williamson County, it is full of stories to be told and we believe people anxious to read them. We hope you will join us on this journey.

Harpeth Ramblings

Sunlight in the sausage factory

"Laws are like sausages," said Germany's Otto Bismarck. "It is better not to see them being made."

The Iron Chancellor would hate Franklin city politics. Though some malcontents grumble about backroom deals, a lot of our sausage factory is right out in the open. You can even get in there and help grind the offal.

It wasn't always that way. It used to be that when you went to a city meeting, you felt like a guy who walked into the Ladies room by mistake — You definitely didn't belong, and you left as soon as you could stumble out the door.

Citizen comments are still restricted to the beginnings of formal meeting agendas and



PETER JORDAN

limited to non-agenda items, but beyond the agendas of formal meetings, most Franklin politicians most of the time seem genuinely interested in what their constituents have to say and in shaping a community that reflects what citizens want.

It's two-way communication, thanks in part to the Internet. In addition to accessing the tons of information available on the city Web site, you can sign up for the official email list and get even more city notices than Nigerian investment opportunities.

And all the aldermen do a pretty good job of responding to individual emails and phone calls. Some aldermen carry cyber-communication a step further: Dan Klatt emails his Fourth Ward constituents regularly, and he also puts the updates on his Web page. Dennis Phillips also has a Web page, and Dana

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Gill Report

It's a Christmas tree: Get over it!

It's become an annual ritual. Each December we engage in a fight for Christmas against those who wish to eliminate it from existence. Now, the Anti-Christmas Crowd (ACC) does not target the holiday itself.



STEVE GILL

Billions of dollars in Christmas sales, and all the taxes that pour into government coffers with those sales, would be lost if the holiday was actually eliminated. No, they just want to rid the world of the word "Christmas" due to the presumably harmful religious connotations associated with it.

It has apparently escaped the notice of the politically correct ACC that their preferred words for the "event" are tainted as well. The "X" in Xmas comes from the symbol for the Greek letter "chi," which is the first letter in "Christ." That abbreviation may make them feel better, but it still doesn't completely remove Christ from Christmas. Using "holiday" as a substitute is even worse – if you seek to remove the spiritual impact of the day. The word itself is a derivative of "holy day," and the primary definition is a "religious festival."

Nevertheless, it appears that "holiday" is the ACC's preferred term of substitution for "Christmas" this season. In Boston, in Washington, D.C., and at Auburn University the official "trees" were initially designated as "holiday" trees, until outrage forced timid officials to acknowledge the obvious. Now they are officially called "Christmas" trees. Lowe's originally advertised "Fresh Cut Holiday Trees" for sale, but later relented under pressure.

Closer to home we now have banners hanging in downtown Franklin that proclaim "Season's Greetings" instead of "Merry Christmas." And in Nashville's Riverfront Park we have a "holiday" tree instead of a Christmas tree. The tree has Christmas lights on it. It has Christmas ornaments. But

it is officially decreed to be a "holiday" tree in order for it to be more "inclusive."

So exactly what holiday do these trees represent, if NOT Christmas? Hanukkah? Nope, there is no Jewish tradition of decorating a tree as part of that festival. Though perhaps those of Jewish faith will feel compelled to refer to the menorah as simply a "candlestick" to make Christians and Muslims feel more "included."

Muslims don't decorate trees to celebrate any particular festival this month. Buddhists don't either. Nor Hindus. Kwanzaa celebrations employ cups, candles, crops and mats, but no "decorate a tree" theme is found anywhere in the official Kwanzaa handbook.

Druids celebrating the Winter Solstice may provide our closest link to a "tree" theme, but they tend to prefer oaks to evergreens. Plus, they usually do not use colored lights or ornaments, nor place an angel on top, to decorate. Are we trying to cater to the sensitivities of the Middle Tennessee Druid population by designating our Christmas trees as "holiday" trees?

Let's face facts. Greeting someone with the words "Happy Holidays" is not an affront to Christmas. There ARE a lot of holidays this time of the year, including Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Recognizing the reality of the diversity of celebration that takes place during this season should not be taken as an insult.

But a tree decorated with Christmas ornaments and Christmas lights, around which are placed Christmas presents that are opened on Christmas Day, all as part of a Christmas celebration cannot possibly be anything but a CHRISTMAS tree. Calling it anything else is a ridiculous embrace of political correctness at the expense of common sense. Like it or not, it IS a Christmas tree not a "holiday" tree.

Get over it. And have a Happy Holiday season, however YOU wish to celebrate it!

Steve Gill is the morning radio talk host on SuperTalk 99.7 WTN and a Brentwood resident.

The process continues unabated – in the past couple of weeks, we've had a chance to attend (and often participate in) meetings about Streetscape, the Franklin Road small area plan, and the Land Conservation and Stewardship Task Force, in addition to meetings of the four primary BOMA committees (each of which has four citizen members in addition to the four aldermen members), the Historic Zoning Commission, the Industrial Development Board, and BOMA itself. The formality of these meetings varies according to the chairmen, but if you've got an issue that affects your future, you can get someone to listen.

We'll never see every ingredient mixed into every sausage: private conversations between politicians and their friends will always be part – arguably an essential part – of government on all levels, Sunshine Law or no Sunshine Law. But we also have a lot of public conversations these days, like the ward meetings and the recently established Franklin Fridays at Merridee's at which the Mayor responds one-on-one to citizen concerns.

This conversational openness can get politicians into trouble. The Mayor must wince every time he's reminded of his off-hand joke about getting rid of beavers with a 20 gauge. Things get messy when you open the doors, a painful lesson every politician quickly learns – and needs to learn to accept.

But the fresh air is worth the mess. Bismarck preferred to settle issues not "by speeches and majority decisions. . . but by iron and blood." Most of us prefer the untidiness of participatory democracy to iron-handed rule by a guy like Bismarck. Let's keep those doors open.

Peter Jordan is a retired English professor who does contract writing and public relations work in the technology industry.

Around The Block

Living in the past not always a bad thing

Did you realize that today is a very historic day in Williamson County? It is. It marks the return of the hometown newspaper, something that's been sorely missed in the recent past, with this, the premiere edition of the Williamson Herald. I am thrilled to be a part of it!



HUDSON ALEXANDER

When Mindy Tate asked me to contribute a weekly column, the first question I asked was, "What do you want it to be about?"

"Oh, I'd like for it to be about nostalgia, or it could, at times, take a purely historical look back at events in Williamson County."

I jumped at that idea. Just to mention the word "nostalgia" sends an immediate adrenaline rush through me! In fact, it's probably one of my weaknesses in life. Just ask my family and friends. To wit: anytime my wife wants to hurt my feelings, she always says, "I wish you'd live in the present and stop dwelling about the past. You didn't even know most of the people you spend hours researching."

Now...with the content issue decided came the next dilemma: What will we name the column? When I put that question to Mindy, there was total silence for a few seconds.

"Well, I'm still open to suggestions on that one," she said.

Here it is, the first installment, and here's the story behind the name, too.

Last week, while working on-the-air at WAKM AM-950, helping Tom Lawrence with the morning show, I was consumed with a couple of thoughts: the subject for this week's column; and a name for the column. And then, the legends of Franklin radio started arriving, one by one, for work.

The first in the door, of course, was Tom Lawrence. He was there when I arrived at around 6:30 a.m. He told me his alarm clock is always set for 3:03 a.m. Now, don't ask me why he has it set at such an odd time, but he does. He's been doing it for years. Over the past 23 years, he's probably interviewed just about everybody you could name who's held any sort of position in local and state government, not to mention the people who head up the local civic groups and chambers of commerce.

The next one to arrive was Jim Hayes, the dean of local broadcasters. Jim was a part of the early staff put together by Bill Ormes in the days when the station went by the old call letters of WAGG. Jim later helped to put WFLT on the air. And still later, in 1969, it was Jim Hayes who spearheaded the efforts to put WIZO (AM-1380) on the air. When he sold WIZO in the early 1980s, Jim thought he would take

it a little easier – that is, until he got back together with the group that now owns WAKM. The next in was Charles Dibrell. I say he was the next in, but he could have been there half the night covering a news story. Charles has always been a newsman's newsman in the field of broadcasting. Charles is the only person I know who carries a business card with this message written beneath his home telephone number: "Please Call Any Hour." And he means it.

Like most of the legends, he came up locally through WFLT, then to WIZO, and then to WAKM. And so the procession continued: Darrell Williams, Program Director, came in and went to work in the production room. Like the others, he's been a part of this team for well over 25 years; and then the female pulse of the station, Linda Carden, arrived for work. Many old-timers will remember her by her maiden name, Linda Jackson, before she married Guy Carden

Yes...as they all came in and got to work that day, I realized how lucky I am to rub shoulders with these legends of Franklin radio. And then I thought back to a day not too long ago when I was comparing notes with Jim Hayes about local radio. "Jim, I was doing Trade Time at this station 30 years ago," I said, very proudly, of some of my own work done at the station, on and off, since 1974. Jim looked down, over the top of his reading glasses, and said, "Hudson, I was doing Trade Time here 50 years ago!" Oh...he got me on that one.

Jim said, with a chuckle. "But I remember the time when I came out to sign the station on the air, early one morning, and there was a little old man sitting out front with a rifle in his hand."

"Well, he said he was gonna stay right there and he was gonna shoot one of our disc jockeys for going out with his young and very attractive wife," Jim said. "I tried to convince him that I was the only one there, and I was there to go to work, and he should go on home. He stayed out there until I called the sheriff. When the sheriff came out, he finally talked the man into going home. And after they all left, the disc jockey and that man's wife came out of a little closet type area where they'd been hiding in one of the studios, and they all went on home, I guess."

Jim got me again. "Well, Jim, you know...I've worked for every owner of this station. All of them," I said.

"Well Hudson, all I can say is: I guess you ARE the only person I can think of who's worked for every owner at this station. I guess you've been around the block."

That's it!... the perfect name for the column: "Around The Block."

Next week, in the midst of the joyous Christmas season, we'll revisit one of the saddest and most tragic holiday seasons ever recalled here in Williamson County.

Ramblings

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McLendon runs a blog.

Franklin Tomorrow's visioning helped open our politics. Founded in 2000 by a group of self-described community leaders, over the next two years the group stirred massive community participation in a blue print for Franklin's future.

Although the city's political and economic establishment dominated its leadership, Franklin Tomorrow ironically helped weaken – perhaps even topple – that establishment. The 2004 city election saw a mayor and several aldermen elected because of their commitment to the dreams Franklin Tomorrow articulated as a consensus for Franklin's future: dreams like protecting Franklin's small-town character, its historic architecture, and the natural beauty of its countryside.

Instead of uncontrolled and unplanned growth, we want "carefully managed growth," we told Franklin Tomorrow, and we elected political leaders who have been trying to implement that dream. But we didn't just give those leaders the keys to the factory and tell them to run it on their own: We got used to participation, and we now expect to help grind the sausage ourselves.

Tom Miller's insistence that citizens be included on city government committees and his founding of the Citizens Government Academy also taught us to expect participation.

And our sense of buy-in increased when we ground out a land use plan, a two-year process that involved massive citizen involvement in putting down in writing and on maps our vision for Franklin's future.

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'96 Chevy Silverado EXT CAB, #139895A, Leather, PW, PL, PS, Local	\$8,979
'03 Chevy Cavalier Coupe, #104764A, Rear Spoiler, AC, Auto, Local Trade . .	\$9,979
'01 Chevy Tracker, #P4391, Black, 52K Miles	\$10,979
'03 Saturn LW300, #678308A, 48K Miles	\$11,979
'02 Volkswagen New Beetle, #P4398, 37K Miles, Black	\$11,979
'03 Chevy S10 EXT CAB LS, #P4417, AC, CD, PS, 50K	\$12,979
'02 Chevy Venture Club, #T046060, Warner Bros. Edition, DVD, Leather . .	\$12,995
'05 Chevy Cobalt LT, #P4383 GM Certified	\$13,979
'04 Toyota Corolla, #P4402, LE, 4DR, Red, PW, PL, 28K Miles	\$14,979
'03 Nissan Xterra, #135564B, Black, 39K Miles, Sharp!	\$14,979
'03 Chevy Blazer 4x4, #P4425, 2 Door, LS Pkg., 33K	\$14,979
'05 Chevy Impala, #P4430, AC, Power Seat, 23K	\$15,979
'05 Chevy Venture, #P4384, GM Certified, Your Choice	\$15,979
'03 Toyota Tundra EXT CAB, #602672A, V8, Auto, AC, Local Trade	\$17,979
'04 Olds Bravada, #P4394, GM Certified, 38K Miles	\$17,979
'05 Chevy Trailblazer LS, #P4357, GM Cert., 4x4	\$19,379
'02 Toyota Sequoia, #048568A, 34K Miles, Gray	\$20,979
'03 Cadillac Seville SLS, #P4424, Pearl White, Must See, 30K	\$21,479
'04 Toyota Sequoia, #034832A, 1-owner, 56K – Nice!	\$22,979
'04 Chevy Silverado EXT CAB, #P4423, 4x4, LS Pkg., PW, PL, 17K	\$22,979

Price plus tax, title & license. Pictures used for illustration purposes only. Some ad units may be sold due to deadlines. Actual dealer cost may vary based upon manufacturer incentives, awards or holdback. Dealer retains all rebates.



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