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Lakeland officials cut a ceremonial ribbon and raised the flag of Lakeland School System over Lakeland Elementary School June 3. Hosted by Principal Joretha Lockhart and her staff, the historic event featured a performance by the LES Glee Club and offered information about the new Lakeland Education Foundation. Attended by about 200 people, The celebration marked the June 1 transition of the building from Shelby County Schools to Lakeland. City and school officials included, from left, Mayor Wyatt Bunker and daughter Breleigh; Kelley Hale with Carter, Claudia, Bennett and Britton; Laura Harrison and Hailey, Nathan and Hannah; Kevin Floyd with Caroline and Allison; Matt Wright with Chloe, Quinn and Foster; Teresa Henry and Jake; and Dr. Ted Horrell, superintendent. (photo by Jim Willis)

LAKELAND SCHOOL SYSTEM

LSS Update

Ken Glazer

The years of hoping; the years of hard work and the feelings of success came together June 3 with the raising of the Lakeland School System flag at Lakeland Elementary. What started with Norris/Todd in 2011, stalled in 2012 when the vote was invalidated and started anew in 2013 is now reality.

On May 10 the State of Tennessee approved Lakeland's operation plan allowing LSS to begin its first school this August. Dr. Ted Horrell, superintendent, will present the Mayor and Commissioners, Lakeland School System's first annual, LSS Board of Education approved, balanced budget for full funding at the Board of Commissioners meeting June 12.

By the numbers

The first-year budget projects income and expenses at $6,755,105 for a balanced budget.

Expected enrollment at LES: 810 students with the possibility of an additional 30 to 35 more. Expected staffing: 56 teachers, three school administrators, 15 school-based staff, a reading specialist, a superintendent and his staff of two.

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LAKELAND SCHOOL SYSTEM

Mission, Beliefs & Vision

www.lakelandk12.org

Our Mission:

Lakeland School System encourages and supports continuous *learning*; fosters physical, emotional and intellectual *growth*; and develops the unique *leadership* qualities of each individual.

Our Beliefs:

We Believe In:

-Academic Excellence
-Each Person's Intrinsic Worth
-Parental Involvement
-Community Partnership
-Individual Liberty and Personal Responsibility

We Believe That:

-Every Child Has Unique Gifts
-Education is Vital in Developing Those Gifts
-Excellence Demands Sacrifice
-God Gives Meaning and Purpose to Life

Our Vision:

Students Will:

-Receive an effective, challenging, and engaging education.
-Feel physically and emotionally safe.
-Communicate effectively and respectfully.
-Make responsible decisions.
-Become adept at using emerging technology.
-Discover and develop their talents through participation in academic, artistic, athletic, and other extracurricular experiences.
-Become productive and engaged citizens.

Teachers and Staff Will:

-Respect and develop the emotional, physical, social, and intellectual well-being of each child.
-Consider the various learning styles and backgrounds of students.
-Promote character development.
-Research and use innovative teaching strategies.
-Communicate effectively and professionally.

The School System Will:

-Attract, develop, and retain the best teachers, administrators, and support staff.
-Serve as responsible stewards of financial and physical resources.
-Adopt policies that are in the best interests of students and reflect the values and priorities of the community.
-Collaborate with civic and government organizations for the betterment of the community.

Parents and Community Members Will:

-Actively participate in school functions and events.
-Provide opportunities for community based learning.
-Support the school with their time, talents, and gifts.
-Realize and appreciate the benefit of a successful school system.

The Lakeland School System Board approved this document in April.

Lakeland Currents...

...is the new name for the bi-monthly Lakeland newsletter you formerly knew as Lakeland Citywatch.

Today you find a newly designed front page, color, four more pages, new advertising, news and features to keep you "CURRENT" on all that is your City, Lakeland.

In a February survey, name changes were suggested by many readers and "Lakeland Currents," submitted by Brian Haines from Woodbridge, was selected by the COLA Board. Larry Pardue, a member of the Board, created the new logo which now becomes part of the hard copy bi-monthly publication as well as the COLA Facebook and Twitter pages.

The Board and staff hope you enjoy the "CURRENT" changes for your publication which is delivered to all Lakeland area residents and businesses.

Your input is invaluable. If you would like to advertise in this strictly Lakeland newspaper, contact Ken Glazer, glazerk63@gmail.com, Larry Pardue, lpardue@idexcreative.com or Josh Roman, joshroman@yahoo.com. If you want to volunteer or have stories, pictures or content ideas, please contact Sherrye Willis, 291-4125, sjwmphs@comcast.net

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More good news

The Shelby County Commission voted to amend its budget and fund $4,805,000 of capital improvement projects. Lakeland Elementary will receive $990,000 for a new roof and 83 roof top HVAC units.

The Board approved its Mission, Beliefs, and Vision statement at an April 14 meeting. The document was developed at a board retreat April 11. This guiding document will serve as a touchstone for the Board as it moves toward the creation, development and growth of the new school system

Attention to detail

During the past three months the Board of Education reviewed, discussed and passed 160 policy items affecting all areas of the school system. Lest you think there is not much more work to be done, Dr. Horrell says he plans to bring the Board 25 to 30 more policy items before the start of school. Additionally, there are state legislation update sessions to be attended and ongoing work to make sure the first day of school runs as smoothly as humanly possible.

On May 20 the Board received the student population data projections, termed the Facilities Needs Assessment, and started to work immediately on assessing how many and what size schools will be needed to serve the middle and high school student population in three to seven years.

With the student population defined, based on a 4.75 percent annual housing growth rate and .046 students per household, the Board passed a motion to proceed with finding building sites and beginning negotiations to acquire the best property.

Doug Swink of Renaissance Realty in Eads recommended six building sites for a new middle or middle/high school at the June 3 Board meeting. Consisting of about 70 acres, the sites are large enough for a high school with ball fields and track and were identified in current and future growth areas. A motion passed to proceed with the creation of a five and a seven-year capital improvement plan. The focus will be on a 1,000-student middle school under the five-year plan and a possible high school within seven years The Board's goal is to have all students attending Lakeland schools sooner rather than later. Building a new school requires three to four years from negotiations to the open date. Ideally, that would happen before the inter-local agreement with Arlington ends in seven years.

Lakeland Has A Newly Formed Education Foundation

A fund-raising organization to benefit Lakeland schools has been established. Lakeland Education Foundation, a 501(c)(3) pending, non-profit corporation dedicated to securing and distributing resources to Lakeland schools has been formed. The announcement was made by its chairman Cecil Tompkins.

Lakeland was the only municipal school system without a foundation. "With the challenges and opportunities ahead for our school system, it was time to proceed with the formation," said Cecil. Education foundations are widely used to raise additional funding for enhanced curriculum activities, building and expansion support and teacher grants. The grants allow schools to provide learning experiences above and beyond what is available in typical school budgets.

Teachers can apply for these grants through an application process that outlines what they expect their students to gain from the additional funding. According to Dr. Ted Horrell, Lakeland School superintendent, the Germantown schools, of which he was formerly a part, were able to provide a higher degree of excellence due to the tremendous funding and support from their foundation.

The Lakeland Foundation's goal is to accomplish those same ideals for Lakeland Schools. "Students who are provided enhanced learning opportunities are more likely to score higher grades and are better prepared to move to the next level of schooling," Cecil stated. "We want to be a part of making that happen."

The Foundation expects to award grants during the upcoming school year. The number of grants available will be determined by the success of its fund-raising efforts. Like most education foundations, the Lakeland Foundation hopes to secure a significant amount of its funding from the business community, but also expects various fund-raising activities and strong parent support. With discussions already under way to expand Lakeland schools to K-12, there are expectations the Foundation will be needed in an even greater way as it moves forward.

The board of the Foundation represents a cross section of the community. In addition to Cecil as chair, Michele Murgatroyd is vice chairman; Ryan McDaniel, secretary; Don Barber, treasurer; and Ken Blevins, director. Nancy Harrell, Hank Hess and Joretha Lockhart are advisory board members. The group expects to add additional board members in the coming months.

Lakeland Education Foundation's theme is "Quality education, a community commitment" and its website can be found at www.supportlakelandschools.org.

Children's Parade Planned for July 4

All children in Lakeland are invited to decorate a bicycle, wagon or their favorite float to participate in the 18th annual Children's Independence Day Parade on July 4.

Trustmark Bank, Cotton Cabin Fireworks City, Scott's Nursery, the Shelby County Sheriff's Department and Windward Slopes will once again sponsor the Children's Independence Day Parade.

Gather at 9:30 a.m. in front of 9677 Cutter Lane. The parade will start at 10 a.m., proceed through Windward Slopes along Cutter Lane, turning right onto Leeward Slopes, then left on Lighthouse Lane to Windward Slope. The parade will continue on Windward Slope to Trustmark Bank, where refreshments will be served to all.

Scott Munchow will have his tractor pulling the big red wagon that sits on US Hwy 70 in front of his business and encourages riders. Contact Mark Hartz for more information 832-8017 markehartz@aol.com

Inside the BOC Meetings *(Board of Commissioners)*

It is one of the most important events for Lakeland in recent years, contributing to future development and economic growth.

"It" is the construction slated to start in July on the I-40 interchange at Canada Road.

At the April 3 BOC work session, Chris Thomas, city manager, characterized the I-40 interchange work as being an important event in the recent history of Lakeland. At that meeting, the BOC authorized $3 million for the construction deposit. The money is part of the City's capital budget, but Mayor Wyatt Bunker said this is still a big deal for Lakeland. He said this project was started in 2008, construction will start in July and the process will continue for three years. "Three years of fun," said Vice Mayor Sherri Gallick.

As construction starts on the interstate, July also will bring a new element to recycling in Lakeland. Republic Services has a new contract with the City and as part of a cost-saving effort, will implement a different and larger recycling container.

As reported at the May 1 work session, trash pickup bids were received from Republic Services and Waste Connections. Republic currently has the service for Lakeland but was to be terminated this summer because of poor service. The company put in a bid to continue the service saying they have been trying to meet or exceed expectations. Their bid is less than their current contract with Lakeland. They have new equipment and recycling will improve. The plan is to provide a 96-gallon recycling container to each address and it will be serviced every other week. With a new automated truck, the expectation is to decrease residents' fees by 20 percent. Spokesmen for Waste Connections said they would use similar equipment and provide better service to Lakeland residents. Mayor Wyatt Bunker noted that both companies have good references, but all things considered, the lower price would be advisable. Thus the contract with Republic was accepted and the small recycling bins will no longer be serviced by Republic. Each resident will receive the 96-gallon container this summer.

Also making news at the BOC meetings this spring:

- The BOC agreed to spend $2,600 for "fall protection" mulch in the play area by City Hall. It is material approved by the state and must be used in play areas.
- Jim Atkinson, director of planning and administration, announced Kensington Manor subdivision, off Highway 70 by Evergreen, has a new developer and wants to eliminate a pool originally planned for the development.
- The municipal athletic fields were reintroduced with the suggestion that 100 acres the City already owns near IH Park be utilized for the sports complex. About 15 acres could be used for four soccer fields, three baseball and softball fields, all for youth. There would be parking and a concession stand and perhaps bike and hiking trails back to IH Park. Wyatt said this route would be cheaper than getting new land for a park. He said there is money set aside for a park using impact fees and grant funds. Commission Gene Torrey countered that Lakeland residents deserve a full service park built in four or five phases. The sports complex is still under discussion by the Parks and Recreation Committee.
- The Equestria neighborhood, near Memphis Arlington Road and The Grove, has asked for another extension. The developers also want to dedicate a park to the City instead of having it maintained by the neighborhood. Wyatt said he would prefer NOT to maintain parks all over the city and instead let those areas be covered by HOAs.
- About 15 senior citizens stayed through the lengthy May 3 session to present their cases for extended hours and more programs at Lakeland's Senior Center. They would like to have the building open at least 16 hours a week with a part-time director. They think a camera or key pad entry system is not feasible and suggested all seniors pay $12 in annual dues. They also suggested that the center serve residents starting at age 50 instead of the current 55. Commissioner Clark Plunk commented that seniors get less and less and we should show more respect, noting the City should provide this service.
- At the May 8 regular meeting, there was a lively discussion about annexation of the Bolton area. Jim Atkinson said the City staff recommended against the annexation, based on a feasibility study. Gene Torrey, commissioner said he would like to see the numbers for annexation of area A and part of area B. Jim said it would take about 30 days to analyze annexation of part of the Bolton area. The rural area was examined in smaller parts: A through E. Two scenarios were analyzed at annexing parts A & B versus annexing parts A, B, C & D. Area E was eliminated from consideration. Both scenarios 1 & 2 were rejected because capital expenditures would far exceed property tax revenue and operational expenditures would exceed intergovernmental revenue.

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CALENDAR

(BOC/Board of Commissioners; LSB/Lakeland School Board)

June

12 BOC regular meeting
16 Board of Appeals/Stormwater Board of Appeals meeting
19 Municipal Planning/Design Review Commission meeting
27 Senior 55+ Stars and Stripes BBQ Dinner 6-7:30 p.m.

July

3 BOC work session
4 Children's Independence Day Parade, 10 a.m. (lineup 9:30 a.m.), 9677 Cutter Lane to Trustmark Bank
5 Fireworks for Garner Lake Residents and boat parade, starts 8 p.m.
7 LSB work session
8 Parks/Natural Resources Board meeting
10 BOC regular meeting
Partnership Lakeland Forum, Shelby County General Election candidates, 7 p.m., First Baptist Church Lakeland, open to all Lakeland residents.
14 LSB regular meeting
17 Municipal Planning/Design Review Commission meeting
21 Board of Appeals/Stormwater Board of Appeals meeting

August

1-3 Tennessee Sales Tax Holiday
4 LSB work session
First day for students, Lakeland School System
7 BOC work session
Shelby County General Election & Federal, State Primaries
11 LSB regular meeting
12 Parks/Natural Resources Board Regular meeting
14 BOC regular meeting
16 Chamber of Commerce Fifth Annual Lakeland Family Expo, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Lakeland Elementary School
18 Board of Appeals/Stormwater Board of Appeals meeting
21 Municipal Planning/Design Review Commission meeting

Chris Thomas

city manager

Chris Thomas

Well, it's been a busy couple of months and it will be a busy couple of months coming up.

On April 22 we had a reception for the development community at Stonebridge. The purpose was to let the local-area business community know that Lakeland is open for business with a renewed focus on developing Lakeland into a premier area for businesses and families.

There were approximately 80 people there from developers to architects, engineers, banks and homebuilders. The new Mayor, Wyatt Bunker, the Board of Commissioners and city planning staff were there to speak to how Lakeland is changing the way it does business.

On May 3, we had a great turn out for our bi-annual Community Cleanup Day. We had over 100 residents drop off items for the landfill. The Mayor and Vice Mayor came out and assisted Lakeland staff.

At our May meeting, the Board of Commissioners decided to look at a smaller area in the Bolton annexation study to see if it is feasible. If so, the residents would be allowed to vote.

The Canada Road interchange will break ground in July. This project will be constructed in several phases and will take approximately two and one-half to three years to complete the entire project. We will have details of the construction process on the website.

Starting in July, we will have a new solid waste contract. The company is still Republic Services, but in an effort to save money and reduce costs, we are going to the 96 gallon recycling bins to be picked up every other week. The smaller bins will no longer be used. If you do not want the larger cart, let us know. Republic will still pick up the yard waste cart and two small bundles of limbs or bags. The City will start to pick up other limbs up to a certain size. We will get that information out ASAP. We will no longer be distributing the landfill certificates. Residents can go directly to the landfill and pay them directly.

Also, the School Board has announced they are hiring a consultant to look at a possible site for a new middle or high school.

Please contact us at 867-2717 if we can assist you in any way.

Lakeland had a successful Clean-Up Day, May 3. Mayor Wyatt Bunker and Vice-Mayor Sherri Gallick assisted with the effort. More than100 residents dropped off items for the landfill. Remember to use weekly recycling at your home or business. In July, you will receive a new 96-gallon can for recycling, with pickup every other week instead of weekly. The small recycling bins will no longer be serviced by Republic Services.

Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

Barbara Taylor, Diane Day, Alison Ely

Matt Wright, LSS School Board Member, spoke at the April Lakeland Chamber luncheon sponsored at the newly renovated Stonebridge Golf Club.

Matt Wright, Mark and Terry Louderback.

Bobby and Sherry Simmons, DJ Rockin Robbin

VBS

Vacation Bible School at St. Philip Episcopal Church is open to Lakeland children K through sixth grade. "Wonka's Fruits of the Spirit Factory" will be 8:30 a.m. to noon July 7-10 at the church located at 9380 Davies Plantation Rd. Contact Rachel McDaniel, director of youth and family ministry, 388-9830.

Candidate Forum

Meet candidates for the Shelby County General Election, 7 p.m. July 10 sponsored by Partnership Lakeland. The forum will be at the First Baptist Church 4500 Canada Rd. and is open to all Lakeland residents. The election is Aug. 7. www.partnershiplakeland.org

Dr. Ted Horrell

LSS superintendent

Dr. Ted Horrell

It's hard to believe we officially have assumed operations of Lakeland Elementary School, and we are just over one month away from welcoming teachers and students to the new Lakeland School System. There are a few notes of interest to all members of the Lakeland community we would like to share to be sure all Lakeland residents can be informed and involved in this exciting new venture.

All K-5 Lakeland students have the opportunity to enroll at Lakeland Elementary, and pre-enrollment is ongoing until the official registration day on July 29. Lakeland resident students who are in the Donelson Elementary School zone also can enroll at LES as long as parents provide transportation to and from the school. Parents interested in pre-enrollment can call 867-7071. Formal registration day for Lakeland Elementary School is July 29 and all parents planning to enroll students at LES should attend that day.

New Lakeland Elementary School principal, and longtime LES assistant principal, Joretha Lockhart has done an incredible job providing stability and vision for the teachers and parents at LES. The selection and announcement of Julie Reagan as Ms. Lockhart's replacement as assistant principal brings 13 years of teaching experience and three years of innovative and successful administration experience to the building. We feel confident that the newly restructured leadership team at LES will lead our school to maintain and build upon its tradition of academic excellence.

The recent news that Lakeland School System officially was approved by the Tennessee Department of Education coupled with the Lakeland School Board approving a balanced budget for the 2014-15 school year has certainly validated the hard work of all in the Lakeland community and beyond who believed that Lakeland could create and support a municipal school system. While the hard work is far from over, we are now able to focus more fully on making sure our teachers receive the best support possible, and that our students receive the best instruction available. We are grateful for the continuing support and encouragement from the Lakeland community.

Fayette Pool Supplies had a grand opening April 25 at the Lakeland location, 8950 US Highway 64. Pictured with owners Kenneth and Faye Perkins (left) are Alison and Richard Ely of Lakeland. Refreshments were served and door prizes awarded to attendees. Also present were Mayor Wyatt Bunker; Gene Torrey, commissioner; Chris Thomas, city manager; and Ken Lipkowitz and Ginny Dunn from the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce. (photo by Jim Willis)

Joretha Lockhart Is New Principal of Lakeland Elementary School

Joretha Lockhart

Longtime assistant principal Joretha Lockhart will become the next principal of Lakeland Elementary School in July. She will serve as the first principal of the school under the banner of the new Lakeland School System. Current principal Marcia Crouch, who retired at the end of the school year, is working closely with Joretha to ensure a smooth transition.

She was assistant principal from the school opening 13 years ago. Prior to that she was a classroom teacher at Southwind Elementary School. Joretha received her bachelor's degree from the University of Memphis and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from Union University. She also earned her Education Specialist degree from Union. Her husband is a principal in the Shelby County Schools system, and they have two sons.

During the April announcement to LES faculty, where she was given a standing ovation, Joretha said, "I will work to make sure every student, parent, teacher, staff member and community member feels important and involved in the place I call home, Lakeland Elementary School."

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As director of planning and administration, Jim Atkinson directs the code enforcement department as well as parks, planning and economic development, general administration and the "Keep America Beautiful" program.

Jim said Matt Brown is the code enforcement officer who also inspects new subdivision construction. He is assisted by public works crews who also spot problems and report back to Matt. Jim said Matt no longer does administrative work so that allows him to spend more time patrolling the City for violations.

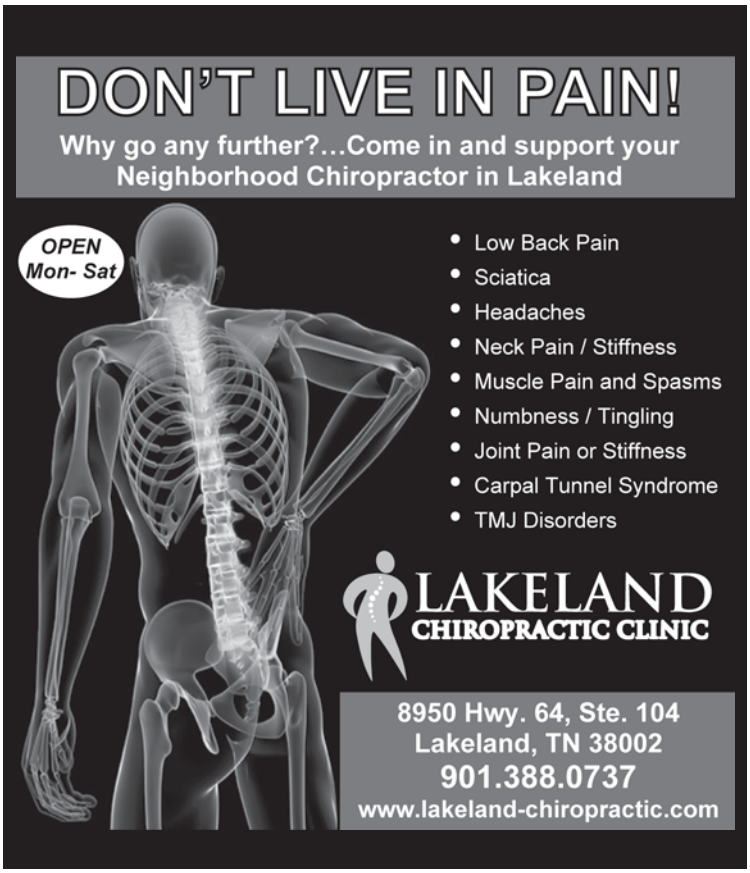
Temporary signs like yard sale or real estate are not allowed off premises unless a community event is being promoted like the Easter Egg Hunt or a community garage sale. For anything else, the sign or signs are removed.

Parking violations come under the Shelby County Sheriff's Department, but "if we see it, we will report the violation," said Jim. He noted that if many complaints are received for a specific issue, Matt can work on weekends or evenings to witness the offense.

It's rare to have a complaint about noise, but Lakeland does have a noise ordinance, which would address, for example, a loud band playing in a residential area.

Code Enforcement Works

A derelict house with boarded windows and weeds as tall as an elephant's eye was demolished April 25 and the debris hauled away. The before picture on the top, and the structure coming down. Matt Brown, code enforcement officer, oversaw the demise of the unpleasant structure and said there are several more in Lakeland that might meet the same fate. Cost to the City was $2,500 but the cost is expected to be recovered from the new owner. (photos by Jim Willis)



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Bring your Developments to Lakeland

"We are open for business," 80 attendees were told at an April 22 "Lakeland Open for Business" session at Stonebridge Golf Club and sponsored by the City of Lakeland.

Jim Atkinson, director of planning and administration for the City, told residential and commercial developers, bankers and real estate agents that Lakeland will maintain requirements for high quality products. "We have streamlined processes for development approvals," he said. "Roughly 75 percent of Lakeland is undeveloped with good commercial spaces north of the new I-40 exchange."

He shared with the audience that Lakeland has reduced fees, new development codes, reorganized staff and a Lakeland Development Commission coming soon.

Kevin Floyd, chair of the Lakeland School System Board, announced they want to make the system K through 12 considering the City's growth and student needs. Dr. Ted Horrell, school superintendent, said starting with only one school is a great opportunity to do what is best for students.

Wyatt Bunker, mayor, added Lakeland will have facilities and an education system to compete with private institutions.

Also in attendance were Chris Patterson, city attorney who is credited with the idea for the session; Chris Thomas, city manager; and all members of the Board of Commissioners.

Questions raised during the program:

- How much time will be saved under the new streamlined development plan? Residential depends on size the of project and commercial 30 days.
- What is the time table for I-40 interchange construction? Bid will be let in June with construction starting in July, 2-1/2 years to complete.
- What about state and fed monies for schools? Kevin Floyd explained money follows the students.

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Lakeland Business of the Month

Every month, a Lakeland business is featured on the City homepage: www.LakelandTN.gov. The Business of the Month archive will be here: www.lakelandtn.gov/index.aspx?nid=262 .

Supporting local businesses helps the City of Lakeland in many ways including generating revenue.

Signs First Digital was featured in May, Fayette Pool Supplies and Home Energy Store in April, and The Learning Tree in March.

For questions or to nominate a business, please contact Ginny Dunn with the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce at Ginny@mylakelandchamber.org. The Chamber's website is www.mylakelandchamber.org.

Fourth Person Named to Publication Ad Team

The Lakeland Currents advertising team has a new member: Ken Glazer who lives in the Plantation Woods subdivision. He is a Memphis native and a graduate of White Station High School and the University of Virginia. He is the retired founder and owner of I. Deal Computers, Inc., an IBM Business Partner Firm that provided back office servers. He spent 44 years in sales and marketing and is past board member of the Sales and Marketing Executives of Memphis and current chairman of the Partnership Lakeland Advisory Board. He was married 32 years to Patricia who is deceased, and has a daughter, Stephanie (Michael) Hyde in Southaven and a son, Albert (Stefinie) Glazer in Tampa.

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Newsworthy around Lakeland

Movoto.com just named Lakeland a top 10 most affordable city in Tennessee: http://www.movoto.com/blog/top-ten/most-affordable-places-in-tennessee/

Lakeland City Manager Chris Thomas is proud that Lakeland has been receiving a number of recognitions lately. "This is an affirmation that Lakeland is on the right path. We're going to continue to move onward and upward."

Movoto also named Lakeland a top 10 best city in Tennessee in December 2013: http://www.movoto.com/blog/top-ten/best-places-in-tennessee/

Lakeland also was recently named a top ten TN city for home ownership by Nerd Wallet.

A Brunswick eatery owned and operated by Lakeland residents has opened in a former Brunswick store location. **The Brunswick Kitchen** launched this month at 5197 Brunswick Road north of Old Brownsville Rd. It was formerly the Brunswick General Store and closed about two years ago. Andy McIntyre of Lakeland is the owner/operator and Norris Ann Griffin of Lakeland and her sisters own the building. Hours are 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday for country breakfast and home cooked lunch. Hours are extended Fridays to 8 p.m. for a catfish fry. They have a Facebook page, thebrunswickkitchen.

Crime Report for Lakeland

For March, there were 24 incidents, the highest on Mondays and between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m. Showing a decrease were burglaries/other and motor vehicle thefts. There were increases in burglaries/residential, thefts from vehicles and vandalism/misdemeanor felony. Crime decreased in burglary/other, motor vehicle theft and stayed the same in five categories: aggravated assault, burglary/business, other larceny, robbery/individual and theft from a building.

Statistics for April showed the only crime category increase was larceny/other with an increase of two incidents compared to zero for the month before. All other categories stayed the same or decreased.

During both months there were a number of "lawful" entries resulting in thefts. This means thieves were able to steal items without breaking into vehicles, homes or businesses. The Sheriff's Department noted that it is always important to lock doors on cars and to buildings and homes.

Heron's RIDGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Megan Wylie, account executive

Megan Wylie

Summer is upon us. With that being said I want to mention our quarterly clean-up is set for 9 a.m. Saturday, June 7. This type of volunteer opportunity often goes towards service hour credit at schools. We are working on our Annual Spring Event for the Homeowners. Keep a watch for more details to come soon.

A REMINDER TO ALL RESIDENTS. School is out, and with that there will be more kids playing. The posted speed limit is 25 MPH in the neighborhood. EVERYONE PLEASE be careful when entering the neighborhood at the Beverle Rivera at Seed Tick entrance. We have had several "close calls" when drivers cut the corner as they enter the neighborhood. We want everyone in Herons Ridge to be safe as they walk and play so please keep an eye out for small children as you drive our streets.

If you are starting a new project of any kind please remember to submit all ARC request to Level 1 for approval. If you have any questions or concerns about Herons Ridge HOA please contact us at 321-6744 or email at mwylie@level1management.com. Please join our website heronsridgehoa.com and like our Facebook page as well.

Meet Lakeland Businessman Don Stewart

Don Stewart chose Lakeland to grow his insurance business and says he is tickled to be part of the City.

The State Farm Insurance agent has been in Lakeland since 2005 and said city officials were very accommodating and easy to work with. He bought a house at 9998 Highway 64 from Tom and Patsy Jackson and renovated it to his commercial needs.

"I had a client who told me about the property and I was excited about having the exposure on Highway 64," he said. Since then he has been providing automobile, home, life and health insurance to people in and beyond Lakeland.

He started in the insurance business in 1987 in Southeast Memphis. Then he was at Quince and Kirby Roads for about 18 years before relocating to Lakeland. At first he thought the new property was located inside Memphis. But he was delighted when he learned he would be in Lakeland because taxes would be less costly, maybe only half as much as Memphis. "It has been a good opportunity for me," he said.

"Lakeland has kept the community viable and is a good place for people to move," he said. He expects an explosion of residents and businesses as the I-40/Canada Road is started this summer and completed.

He is a graduate of Briarcrest High School and the University of Memphis. He and his wife Beth are parents of Jeremy and Anna, both students at St.Benedict at Auburndale High School. The Stewarts are members of Woodland Presbyterian Church and Don is a member of the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce.

Within his industry, he has been awarded the State Farm Legion of Honor, the Bronze Tablet and qualified for the Millionaire Club. He has an LUTCF designation which relates to course work he has taken. Assisting him are his wife Beth and Brenda Wilson. Both are licensed representatives and Brenda is the office manager.

Don can be reached at 753-5441 or don@donstewartinsurance.com .

SCS/Lakeland Elementary School PTA News

Christye Gilliland, LES PTA

Christye Gilliand

It has been a great year at Lakeland Elementary!

We finished our year with a very successful campus beautification, PTA movie night, guitar ensemble and many awards programs!

We would like to give a special thanks to Trey Nolan at Nolan Audio and Visual Solutions for his very generous equipment donation for our fun movie night under the stars!

We would also like to thank Superintendent Horrell for his wonderful presence at our school. During guitar ensemble the children played guitar and sang a song that superintendent Horrell had written. There is nothing better than to see our leaders in the schools and making a difference!

We had a great presence at the Relay for Life in Arlington. We were inspired by Jaxon Hindman who was a former LES student. He is currently going through treatments at St. Jude for a brain tumor. We raised over $6,000 and were so excited to have the Hindman family join us that evening.

School registration will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 29. School will be back in session August 4.

We hope that you are having an amazing summer!

Dr. Ted Horrell, LMSS superintendent, played and sang with the Guitar Club May 8 at the Guitar Ensemble at Lakeland Elementary School.

Plantation Hills HOA

Wesley Wright

Wesley Wright

Plantation Hills had its cookout/quarterly meeting on April 12th with good attendance. Much was discussed including the installment of streetlights and sidewalks as well as getting a turning lane put in on Canada Road at William Little. The turning lane topic was met with no opposition but streetlights and sidewalks are just some ideas that had some debate and unless agreed upon by a majority will not come to fruition, not to mention surveying and funding, just for two important aspects of the process.

Our next quarterly meeting is in July and we hope to have more participation and discussion about what we want collectively as a neighborhood. A survey will be put out in June, via Nextdoor.com for residents to have a say in what they think about streetlights, sidewalks and other hot topics. This will be a democratic process and so far it's about 50/50 on the yeas and nays so we need a more declarative survey. What we continue to reiterate is that there will not be a mandatory HOA fee but rather voluntary donations that are project based. If you want to contribute, have a voice and/or want to know what is going on, please make sure you do these things: join Nextdoor.com, fill out the survey sometime in June and join us at the quarterly meeting in July.

Six lemonade stand fundraisers were organized by Christy Harrison's fourth grade LES class for Jaxon Hindman, a former LES student recently diagnosed with a brain tumor. He is a student at Bon Lin Middle School and his two brothers attend LES. The project flowed from a book the students read in class and teams were aptly named The Lemonators, The Lemons, The Lemonade Paws, The 5 Lil' Lemons, Team#PrayForJaxon and Rockin' Lemonade. Six lemonade teams raised almost $5,000 to help the Hindman family. Pictured, from left, at the "Lemonade for Jaxon" stand May 16 at Oakwood Clubhouse are Hunter Legan, Mason Hindman, Dawson Hindman, Jason Donnelly, Jaxon Hindman, Taylor Kearby and Halle Simpson. Others on the teams included Carson Brock, Riley Ball, Ethan Marshall, Roman Cleary, Isaac Amar, Antonio Showalter, Dain Carver, Lizzie Coleman, Piper Lee, Madison Hughes, Abby Castellano, Maddie Papson, Elise Richardson, Avery Wiles, Isabelle Powell and Taylor Williamson. Also the LES Relay for Life team raised over $6,000 May 3. You can donate at www.gofundme.com/thehindmanfamilyfund. (photo by Jim Willis)

Students and parents joined forces May 3 to clean the Lakeland Elementary School campus.

WINSTEAD FARMS
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

Megan Wylie

Megan Wylie, account executive

Summer is alive and well in Winstead Farms, the pool is open for the 2014 summer season. Please leave the pool area nice and neat when you leave from swimming each time. If you have any questions or concerns about the pool or the pool areas please contact Level 1.

With school out for summer, please continue to keep an extra close watch on the streets and sidewalks of Winstead for children playing. If you feel someone is speeding or driving recklessly, please contact us with this information as soon as possible. Children's safety is our number one concern.

If you will be starting a new project this summer, please make sure you submit the approval forms to Level 1. This is a very important part to the process. The board needs to approve any and all projects in Winstead Farms.

In closing, if you have any concerns or issues that need to be addressed with Winstead Farms please contact Level 1 at 321-6766 or by email at mwylie@level1management.com.

Windward Slopes HOA
Steve Gurley

Steve Gurley

Hello again Windward Slopes neighbors! It seems spring is upon us with summer not far behind. School is out and temperatures are warming up. Children will be more active in our neighborhood, perhaps bicycling or just walking around. Again I would like to remind all drivers to use caution when driving in Windward Slopes and remember to watch your vehicle speed. Try to obey that 20 mph speed limit to keep our children and neighbors safe.

Thanks to all who participated in the annual yard sale. So many bargains and shoppers made the yard sale successful again this year. We are also looking forward to our own neighborhood tradition of the Fourth of July Parade, coordinated by Nancy and Mark Hartz of course.

Everyone please be safe and enjoy your summer!

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Garner Lake Association Lakewatch
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The covers are coming off the pontoon boats, the swim suits are coming out of storage and the smell of sunscreen is in the air. It is getting to be summertime on the Lake!! Enjoy the lake, but make sure you are constantly aware of others and take care to avoid accidents. If you are on the lake at night you must have your running lights on, all boats, large and small.

Put July 5 on your calendars. The Garner Lake Independence Day Fireworks are on and expected to be the best ever. Garner Lake Association is the title sponsor for the fireworks, but it takes contributions from everyone to make the fireworks a great show. You know you enjoy the fireworks and you know you want to contribute, so please do so now. It takes a lot of planning to put on a show that will create a lot of "oohs and aahs" and in years past many of the contributions came in just days before the show. Everyone should make their contributions early. Mail to: Garner Lake Fireworks, 9606 Oak Point Cove, Lakeland or you may drop them off at Lakeland Cleaners on Canada Road.

The lake is in great shape with the aggressive weed control program keeping the weeds down around the lake. The weir at the damn, designed and built by John Brown, is keeping trash out of the overflow and allowing the correct amount of water to exit the lake. Bass fishing has been very good in 2014, but crappie have been fewer. As always there is an abundance of catfish and bream.

If you are not a member of GLA, join today by sending annual $20 dues to Treasurer, GLA, 9687 White Spruce Cv. Lakeland.

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North Lakeland Community Association (NLCA)

Chris Barnoud, President

Judge Larry Potter, known as the "Father of Environmental Courts of America", was our guest speaker in May. Judge Potter has received numerous prestigious awards on the local, state and national level for his work assisting cities all over America to establish environmental courts. In April, he received the 2014 National Law Enforcement award, his second award from Keep America Beautiful. He heads the Shelby County Environmental Court, General Sessions Division 14.

The judge defined "nuisance" behavior as it relates to quality of living. He described how he is establishing more effective laws, fines and punishments to address these issues which are of high concern to our more seriously affected residents. Some more specific area problems were examined between residents, the judge and Lt. Terry Lomax, Shelby County Sheriff's Department.

Grapes are growing and the Delta Blues Winery on Stewart Road now has a foundation and building construction is underway! Follow their progress on the Delta Blues Facebook page.

Another budding business! We congratulate North Lakeland resident, Andy McIntyre, on his opening of The Brunswick Kitchen in the building previously known as the Brunswick General Store located at 5197 Brunswick Road. Our area once again has a convenient restaurant serving up delicious, southern, home style cooking. Check updates on "The Brunswick Kitchen" Facebook page.

NLCA will be taking a summer break. Our next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18. Welcome all Lakeland residents north of the Loosahatchie River and Lakeland city officials.

For more information contact: Chris Barnoud, president, cell: 488-2900 or chrisbar99@aol.com.

Megan Wylie, account executive

Megan Wylie

Summer is in full swing at Oakwood these days and the pool is open and ready for residents to enjoy. If you did not receive your pool access card last year or you have lost your pool card please contact Megan at Level 1. There is an additional charge for lost cards.

The pool is a wonderful benefit for our Oakwood community so please be courteous to other residents and follow the pool rules and clean up any mess you make. For safety, please ensure any pool gate is completely closed after entering or exiting.

Wi-fi is now available at the pool within range of the Clubhouse. The password is listed on our oakwoodlakeland.com website under Resources once you are logged in. Clubhouse rentals also are booming these days! Availability and future social events can also be checked on the website on the Upcoming Events link under Resources. If you want to rent the Clubhouse or if you have any questions please contact Megan at Level 1 at 321-6742 or mwylie@level1management.com.

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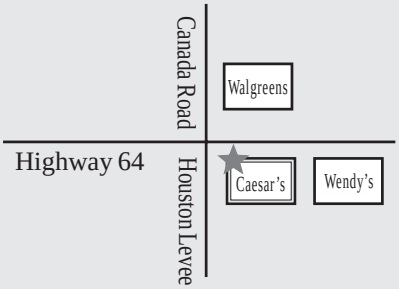

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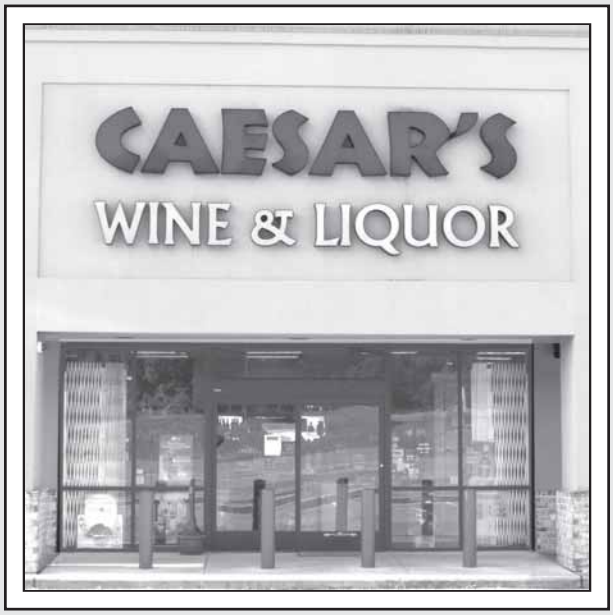

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Cool Springs HOA

Sherrye Willis

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During the April 4 Cool Springs HOA meeting, John Simpson was elected to the Magnolias Board, replacing Mary Anne Yeager who stepped down. Ric Ferber was re-elected to The Gardens Board, Billy Edwards re-elected to The Villages Board.

Board members for Magnolias include Linda Vilag, vice president; Dr. Natarsha Grant, secretary; Jerome Franklin, treasurer; and Sherrye Willis, member-at-large. John was elected president.

For The Gardens, Cathy Epting is president; Scott Gilliland, vice president; and Ric is secretary-treasurer.

In The Villages, Billy continues as president; Chris Lee, vice president; Patti Russell treasurer; and Tim Kuhlman is secretary.

The presidents of all three sections are part of the Master Board of Cool Springs.

Harolyn Noah, district property manager with H.M. Heckle, reviewed financials. Everyone was given a 2013 expenses chart and breakdown of monies spent in various areas indicating there was a positive cash flow at the end of 2013.

Basic dues remain the same in Cool Springs although both gated sections will collect a reserve fund for street paving. Billy noted that HOA dues have not increased since the inception of the Cool Springs HOA. The Gardens owners agreed to a one-time assessment. Those in Magnolias approved a two-year payment program for their reserve funds.

The Beautification Committee in Magnolias planted more summer perennials. Linda Vilag and Janice Volner added pink geraniums to the entrance gate area. The verbena and snapdragons planted last year blossomed despite the harsh winter.

The gate at the end of Cool Springs Boulevard, plowed down in April via vandalism, has been replaced by the City with fencing and no gate.

The Grove at Lakeland

Robert Ahokas

The Grove at Lakeland is growing rapidly! There are eight homes currently under construction and only 14 lots remaining to be sold. Interested parties may contact builders Curtis Ward or Derry Cook of Distinctive Homes of Tennessee, 653-2143, for more information. You can also visit their website at www.DHomes-TN.com.

The streets finally have been paved and it is indeed a pleasure to drive now in our beautiful community without weaving through a manhole minefield and fear of knocking our vehicles' front ends out of alignment!

Although the process was interrupted by the street paving, Comcast is installing cable throughout The Grove. That is good news for those of us suffering the high cost and interruptions of wireless broadband or satellite internet access. Now that paving is complete, work hopefully will resume soon.

The walking trails now have been posted with Lakeland city ordinance signs prohibiting their use by motorized vehicles for the safety of pedestrians. Now that spring weather finally has arrived more and more residents have been taking advantage of leisurely strolls through our beautiful woods.

Hugh and June Peterson have been compiling a list of emails of the homeowners of The Grove so that news of the neighborhood can be quickly distributed to all residents. If you have not done so, email them at jc.peterson4@gmail.com to add yours to the list so you don't miss out on news of the neighborhood.

Lakeland Estates HOA

Sharon Helms

Sharon Helms

Summer is here! Now comes fun, sun and extra demands! Time to make outside repairs and enhance our homes' beauty with color from plants and flowers! This is one of the best ways not only to "impress" but to "be" a good neighbor! Keeping our homes in good condition and having positive curb appeal are two great tools to maintain high resale values!

May-September brings our "Yard of the Month" winners to encourage and motivate us! Each winner gets the new "Yard of the Month" sign displayed during that month. We look for color, beauty, neatness and creativity! 2014 dues paid to qualify! If you haven't paid, send $15 per homeowner to: LEHOA, Edgar Currier, 4185 Cedar Point Rd., Lakeland, TN 38002. Include your name, address, telephone and email.

Our Spring General Meeting was great! Our guest speakers were Shelby County Mayor Mark Luttrell, Lakeland Mayor Wyatt Bunker, City Manager Chris Thomas and new School Superintendent Dr. Ted Horrell. They provided insights on current events and their impact upon homeowners.

We want to thank EW Golden's son, Doug, from Victory Lane BBQ for the excellent food and door prizes provided by them and their supporter Coletta's! We also want to thank our Board Ladies for the delicious desserts! A special "Thank You!" to my husband Bob and daughter Jessica for picking up and completing the job I started and to our board for helping them! You've proven what I already knew ... no matter what happens...we are all in this together!

Yes! There will be fireworks on Garner Lake July 5. Lakeland Estates homeowners are encouraged to make donations. Make checks payable to "Garner Lake Fireworks", mail to 9606 Oak Point Cove, Lakeland or drop off at Lakeland Cleaners on Canada Road. For more information contact Stephanie Lefler at 233-6655 or 305-7488.

We continue to work behind the scenes! For questions or concerns, call Sharon Helms, 674-6717.

Lakeland Parks and Recreation

Jennifer Rezba, public relations assistant IH Clubhouse - 4523 Canada Rd.

Visit www.lakelandtn.gov for the latest information or contact Parks & Recreation 867-2717.

Junior Golf Clinics

June 16 - 19 at Stonebridge Golf Club, 3049 Davies Plantation. Ages 6 -11 will be from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Ages 12 - 18 will be from 10:30 am - noon. During the clinic, the following aspects of the game will be covered: golf etiquette, full swing analysis, putting, chipping, pitching and more. Students must bring their own clubs; golf balls will be provided. Fee is $80. The clinics will be led by Stonebridge Golf Professional Jonathan Holden. Every participant will receive a sleeve of golf balls, bag of tees, a Certificate of Completion and other written information about golf.

Memphis Grizzly Basketball Camp:

9 a.m. to noon June 23 - 26 at St. Paul's UM Church. Ages 5-12. The children will receive prizes and T-shirts for participating. Fee is $90. Each participant receives a T-shirt, basketball and other giveaways.

Smartycat Kids Summer Mini-Camp

IH Clubhouse Monday-Friday from 1 - 4 p.m.

Creative Kids Summer Program

June 23-27 - K- entering grade 5

The all new Creative Kids Camp will give campers the chance to have complete creative control as they explore a wide variety of tools and materials, and participate in fun and exciting activities! Campers will get a chance to dabble in creative art as they paint, sketch and sculpt. We'll create short stories or scripts that students can act out. They will make home-made jewelry or key-chains, design their own camp shirts, sculpt modeling chocolate and fondant during our edible art challenge, and have free exploration time to work on projects of their choice! Let your child express their inner creativity this summer at Creative Kids Camp!

Junior Scientists Summer Program

July 7-11 - K-entering grade 5

Our Junior Scientists camp is all about bringing science to life and showing our campers how exciting science exploration and experimentation can be! Our hands-on, summer-themed science projects combine indoor and outdoor activities for a week of pure science fun! We'll work on projects and experiments such as creating chemical reactions that ooze, bubble, fog or change color; launching projectiles and exploring physical forces; building and testing solar powered machines; studying Earth science and living organisms; tinkering with technology; and many more exciting, engaging and fully hands-on activities!

- Children will be grouped by age and friends/siblings can be grouped together upon request. Both mini-camps cost $165 for a 5-day program (15 hours total). Sibling discounts available.

- Flyer available at www.LakelandTN.gov. Register at www.smartycatkids.com. For more information, call Smartycat Kids at 732-762-5022.

More than 120 children ages 2-10 brought Easter baskets to the Lakeland Community Easter Egg Hunt April 12 at the First Baptist Church of Lakeland. The day of egg hunting, arts and crafts, face painting and pictures of the Easter Bunny was sponsored by the Lakeland Lions Club, Trustmark Bank in Lakeland and the City of Lakeland. (photo by Wesley Wright)

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Fall & Winter Youth Sports

YMCA Fall Soccer

Registration July 7 - August 10. Age groups 5-6, 7-8 and 9-11. Cost is $90 which includes a practice tee, uniform and trophy. Games at Lakeland City Hall Park, 9959 Highway 70. Practice to begin the week of August 25. Games September 13-Nov 1 (Dates are subject to change).

YMCA Winter Basketball

Registration Sept. 8 - Oct. 26 Age Groups 5-6, 7-8 and 9-11.
Cost is $90 which includes a uniform and trophy.
Games at Lakeland Elementary, 10050 Seed Tick Rd. Season dates TBA.

For questions about YMCA soccer or basketball, contact Michael Moore, YMCA-Millington Program Director, at 873-1434 or mmoore@ymcamemphis.org or call Lakeland City Hall at 867-2717.

Stonebridge Golf Club Hosts AAU Youth Golf Championships

Stonebridge Golf Club in Lakeland will be the home of the AAU 2014 Golf Regional Qualifier this year! Competition begins at 8 a.m. June 20. All ages from 10U and 18U are welcome to participate. Awards will be presented after completion of each round and the male and female overall winners earn the automatic entry of choice to 2014 or 2015 National Championship. Prizes of golf clubs and Bridgestone golf balls will be awarded to silver and bronze medalists. Lunch also will be included for all athletes.

The entry fee is $50 per athlete and this tournament will only accept the first 96 members who register. Completed entry forms, with entry fee, must be received by June 17. Event registration form and information can be found at http://tinyurl.com/pqocjyh or www.LakelandTN.gov.

Stonebridge Golf Club (www.stonebridgegolf.com) is proud to have been selected as the host site for the AAU Youth Golf Championships for three years, starting in 2015 through 2017. This will bring all of the top male and female youth golfers, plus their families, to Lakeland from all over the United States!

Stonebridge "Ladies on the Links" League Continues Through September

The Stonebridge Ladies League plays each week on Thursday mornings through September. All skill levels are welcome! Tee off is at 9 a.m. Fees/Admission: $25 to join league. $26 for 18 holes with cart each week. To sign-up, contact Pam or Beth at stonebridgell@yahoo.com. Call the Golf Shop at 382-1886 for more information. Website: www.stonebridgegolf.com

Be Active in Lakeland and Join a Team

Lakeland is among several Tennessee cities competing in the Tennessee Municipal League's Walk Tennessee wellness initiative. Lakeland residents are encouraged to walk, run or bike ride and support the City via the "Active Livin' in Lakeland" Program.

Go to https://www.cmecompete.com/communities/walk-tennessee/gpages/the-initiative to sign up for a personal account and select "Account Signup". After you have signed up, select "browse communities," scroll down the page and join the "Walk Tennessee" group. You may then go to the Walk Tennessee group and select "Start or Join a Team." Scroll down page and select "Join Group" next to City of Lakeland.

For more information, contact Lakeland City Hall at 867-2717 or action@lakelandtn.org.

Lakeland Fitness

(Cardio, Yoga and Calisthenics)

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. IH Clubhouse. Suitable for ages 35+. The first class is free, each additional is $5, or participants may purchase a 10-class card for $30. A mat is required for class. For more information, contact Sherri Gallick at 867-2345 or sgallick@lakelandtn.org

Lakeland Women's Tennis Group

The Lakeland Women's Tennis Group has resumed meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 - 11 a.m. at Windward Slopes Park, 9822 Beverle Rivera Dr. When temperatures rise, the time may be changed to earlier. The group's goals are to exercise, play tennis and improve participants' games. For more information, please contact Peggy Young at peggyyoung7@comcast.net or 606-8269.

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Lakeland Senior Programs 55+

Senior Center - 4527 Canada Road

The Lakeland Parks and Recreation Department invites adults 55+ to the Lakeland Senior Center. RSVP or advance notice is not required to attend most programs unless otherwise noted. For the latest Senior Center activities, including calendar updates, visit www.lakelandtn.gov . View dates and times for Bunco, Mexican Train Dominos, Bridge and Silver Sneakers.

Stars and Stripes" Seniors 55+ BBQ Dinner 6 p.m. June 27 IH Clubhouse

Seniors 55+ are invited to celebrate our freedom and friendship at the "Stars and Stripes" BBQ Dinner sponsored by Lefler Financial and Insurance Services/Stephanie Lefler (leflerfinancial.com).

The dinner will include BBQ, chicken, beans, slaw, potato salad, banana pudding and drinks (catered by Baby Jack's BBQ in Bartlett). The cost of the meal is $10 per person, payable at the door.

The featured entertainment for the event is Lakeland resident The Marvelous Bertha Payne. She sings urban soul and rhythm & blues and has previously performed at a Lakeland senior luncheon. Her latest CD "Let The Party Get Started," available at www.cdbaby.com/cd/berthapaynemarvelous. Bertha Payne can be contacted at 377-6438 or paynebertha@att.net.

Bring a friend, make a friend and spend a wonderful evening eating great BBQ, enjoying conversation and the special program with Bertha Payne.

Make your reservation today by contacting Rhonda Fink at 867-2717 or email rfink@lakelandtn.org.

Lakeland Dance 7 - 10:30 p.m. Saturdays IH Clubhouse
June 21, July 19, & Aug. 23 Monthly dance sponsored by the River City Boppers. Open to all ages. $4 for Lakeland residents. Food themes ... bring a dish to share: June 21- Chinese; July 19- BBQ and fixins'; August 23- Country Side Board (bring anything you like). For more information, call Jo Reynolds at 662-536-2077.

Genealogy Class June 13 from 10 - 11:30 a.m.
This is the final class of the series, which began in February. The topic for this class is "Using the Internet for Genealogy." Special thanks to Becky Abbot for teaching the five-part series. She can be reached at rebecca.abbott@gmail.com.

Jamming at the Senior Center
2-4 p.m. Mondays in June, July and August
Jamming at the Senior Center gives seniors a chance to gather and play acoustic music (no microphones or amplifiers) including spiritual, country, blues and bluegrass. The purpose is to get together for fellowship and help each other enhance their music ability. Instruments include guitar, dobro, mandolin, fiddle and vocals.

Live! Jam Sessions (except first Wednesday of the month)
Wednesdays, 2-4 p.m. June 11/18/25, July 9/16/23/30 and Aug. 13/20/27
Ken Gurley hosts Live! Jam Sessions at the Senior Center. The after-lunch bunch invites players and singers for an informal group jam on. Bring your guitar, mandolin, dobro, bass, harmonica or other instrument to play and/or sing country, pop, rock, rockabilly, gospel and other musical genres and forms. Residents are encouraged to attend and play, sing or enjoy the entertainment!

Book Club 2-3 p.m. first Wednesday in June, July and August
Lakeland resident Jeannine Dillard hosts a monthly Book Club meeting at the Senior Center. The group will discuss thoughts and opinions on a chosen book. The person who makes the final decision of the book to read for the next month will act as the host/hostess for the discussion. New members are welcome. For questions or more information, please contact Jeannine Dillard at 331-2839 or jdillard1949@gmail.com (new email address).

Computer Basics Class 3:30 - 5 p.m. June 17 (#5 of 5)
Lakeland resident Howard Chick has been teaching computers for beginners and this is the final basics class. Class topics include keyboarding, email, Internet and Microsoft Word. Participants will learn how to communicate with family via email, including sending photos, write letters using MS Word, search the Internet for news, weather and recipes.

Advanced Computer Training 3:30 - 5 p.m. June 24
By request, Lakeland resident Howard Chick and an experienced assistant will provide advanced computer instruction including Powerpoint, Excel, etc. Mr. Chick's background includes teaching college for 14 years as well as maintaining all of the City of Memphis software including the Mayors' Citizens Services Center, Traffic Violations Bureau, MPD, etc.

***The Lakeland Senior Center has a limited number of laptops available on a reservation and first-come, first-serve basis. *Participants should bring their own laptops, if possible.* To reserve a laptop or for more information, contact Senior Programs at 867-2717.

<u>Ice Cream Social and Forum</u> 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.
Thursdays, June 19, July 17 & Aug. 21, etc.
Is your birthday this month? The Lakeland Senior Center hosts a monthly ice cream social on the third Thursday of the month. The purpose is to recognize seniors who have birthdays falling in that month as well as for seniors to provide comments and suggestions for future Senior Center programming. *All local-area seniors 55+ are welcome ... even if it's not your birthday!*

<u>Bible Study</u> 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. July 10, Aug. 14
Gene Gafford, retired minister and Doctor of Divinity, will be leading a Bible study the second Thursday of July and August and will continue based on interest. July's topic will be Philippians. Come out for fellowship. Invite a neighbor or friend!

The second anniversary of the Lakeland Senior Center was celebrated May 23 as 40 seniors, staff and friends joined with Commissioner Clark Plunk to recognize the Center's opening. Papa Murphy's Pizza in Lakeland donated pizza for the party and Don Stewart with State Farm donated the celebration cake. Kroger and Trustmark Bank in Lakeland also contributed to the party Entertainment was provided by the Senior Center's Wednesday Jam Session music group and magician/illusionist Michael Clayton <u>www.MidsouthMagic.com</u>. (photo by Jennifer Rezba)

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Senior citizens help themselves to ice cream and toppings at the monthly Ice Cream Social at the Lakeland Senior Center. Eleven attended in April, 18 in May.

On March 28, 31 seniors and staff enjoyed a potluck luncheon at IH Clubhouse. Special thanks to the Lakeland Senior Center's Wednesday Jam Session group for providing entertainment. They played/sang songs including Cool Water, Tumbling Tumbleweeds, Me and Bobby McGee, Restless Wind, and Elvis' Tender Feeling. Jim Atkinson, Director of Planning and Administration, emceed. Sponsored by Don Stewart/State Farm (9998 Hwy 64) and the City of Lakeland. Helados La Michoacana Ice Cream (Canada Rd & Hwy 64) provided ice cream for dessert (coconut, cookies & cream, vanilla, coffee, rum raisin, pine nut, etc). Door prizes provided by Gateway Tire, Safety Nails Spa, Dunkin' Donuts (coffee), Papa Murphy's pizza and ATC Fitness. Thanks to all the attendees, sponsors and volunteers. See you in June!!!

Regis Flowers of Bartlett led a flower arranging class for seniors in March. The $30 cost included lunch plus a flower assortment including pink tulips, purple Stock, pink Baronia and yellow Billy Balls. Regis expects to do a holiday class in the fall. (photos by Jennifer Rezba)

The Hobby of Coin Collecting 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. July 11
Memphian David Yawn, who has studied coins for 40 years and now helps others through appraisals and brokerage of their collections, will discuss hobby coin collecting from both a collecting and investment perspective. Participants are invited to bring their coins for a mini-appraisal. David also gave a workshop in January where he discussed the history of U.S. coinage, answered audience questions and conducted mini-appraisals for participants at no cost. For more information,visit www.coin-worth.com.

Interest Meeting: Dessert Mystery Theater! 11 a.m. July 17
We invite everyone to join us to plan an evening of mystery and sweet treats. If you enjoy light acting, helping with costumes, helping "backstage" or making a cake to share, meet us after Silver Sneakers at 11 a.m. July 17th at the Senior Center. The meeting will last no longer than 90 minutes. For more information, email Jeanne at cakie_hamilton95@aol.com or call Senior Programs 867-2717.

Caregivers: Making Sure You Can Go the Distance
6 - 7 p.m. July 22
Debbie Hicks with Right at Home will give a talk about how to plan for the care of your loved ones. Many caregivers of older people are themselves older adults. Of those caring for someone aged 65 or older, the average age of caregivers is 63 with a third of these caregivers having health concerns themselves. The average length of time caregivers provide care is 4+ years with many providing for 10+ years. This class provides answers on how to go the distance in this journey including support options available to caregivers who are handling loved ones alone. Debbie can be reached at 309-7933 or dhicks@rahmemphis.comcastbiz.net There will be refreshments so please RSVP to 867-2717 or rfink@lakelandtn.org.

FREE Pizza and Bingo with prizes noon to 1:30 p.m. July 23
Bingo is back! Plus, FREE hot Papa Murphy's pizza to boot! Don't miss your chance to yell, "BINGO!" No fee … just fun! Come for Bingo and Pizza and stay for the Live! Jam Session at 2 p.m.

The Art of Leather Crafting 2-3 p.m. July 25
Tom and Donna Hathaway of Lakeland Leatherworks (formerly Maj. Tom Harvey Leatherworks) will be teaching a workshop for the first time at the Senior Center. They produce quality leather billfolds, hat bands, chaps, saddles, women's apparel and accessories. The Hathaways will bring some of their unique leather creations and demonstrate a few techniques. Beginning in July, their website will be www.LakelandLeatherworks.com and they can be reached at 290-5726. Come out for this interesting and unique class!

Organizing Your Spaces 6 - 7 p.m. Aug. 12
Are your spaces crowded? Have you misplaced something in the past week? Are your storage areas filled to capacity? This class will discuss easy ways to organize your closets, cabinets and pantries so you can finally find what you need when you need it! Organize and Stage Your Home goes beyond just the physical act of de-cluttering but also creating customized solutions that make everyday tasks easier. Teresa James ASP®, CPO® is with you every step of the way providing support, non-judgmental encouragement and transferring/teaching techniques to get organized for life. Teresa is well-versed in a variety of solutions and has excellent problem-solving skills to help you make the best decisions. Integrating concepts of interior design and space management, Teresa will discuss techniques to help you achieve a home that is both organized and aesthetically pleasing. Teresa can be reached at 752-5522 or Teresa@OASYH.com. There will be a door prize! Please RSVP to 867-2717 or rfink@lakelandtn.org.

FREE Pizza Party and Elvis Music 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Aug. 15
Come celebrate Elvis Week with us! Do you remember the first time you heard Elvis or did you attend one of his performances? Ken Gurley and the Senior Center's Jam Session Group will perform some Elvis music. There will be free pizza by Papa Murphy's plus something with peanut butter and bananas! Feel free to dress in clothes from that era but it's not required! Please RSVP to 867-2717 or rfink@lakelandtn.org.

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Out West Tour - Aug. 20 - 29: This 10-day/9-night getaway includes two nights in Yellowstone National Park, one night at a casino resort in Las Vegas, a dinner show and rodeo at The Cody Cattle Company, one Chuckwagon dinner and show at Frontier Movie Town, a visit to Mount Rushmore National Memorial and the Crazy Horse Memorial (the world's largest mountain carving located in the Black Hills of South Dakota). Also on this tour: Historic Deadwood, the Tatanka Museum, Jackson Hole, the Grand Tetons (including a boat tour on Jenny Lake), Cody, WY to explore the Buffalo Bill Museum, Salt Lake City, Bryce Canyon National Park, the Grand Canyon and Zion National Park.

Standard Taxes, Meal Gratuities and Hotel Baggage Handling, Round Trip Airfare and Motor Coach Transportation while touring. The cost for this getaway is $2,399 per person (double occupancy). Single rate available. Travel protection can be purchased at the time of initial deposit for $259 per person-double occupancy. Itinerary Subject To Change and Modifications.

Please note: All trips are contingent on the number of participants, so please communicate interest in Lakeland Senior Getaways to the Lakeland Parks & Recreation Department and tell your friends about the program, which is open to all seniors 55+!

For reservations or more information, contact Senior Programs at 867-2717 or go to www.lakelandtn.gov (search "getaways"). Flyer available online and at Senior Center.

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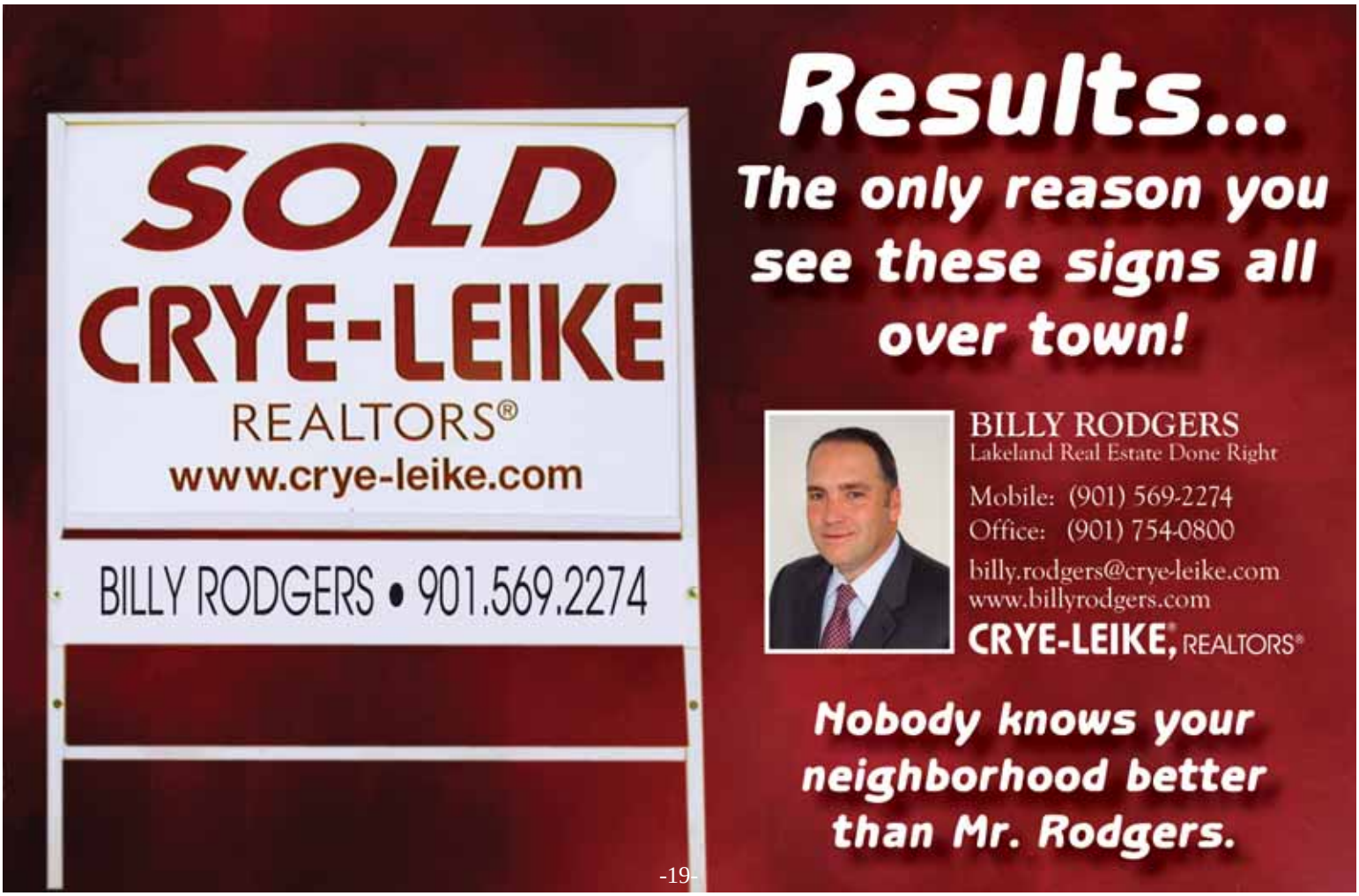

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