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Pictured from left are LEF Board members Kevin Blevins; Leanne Edwards; Ryan McDaniel, secretary; Don Barber, treasurer; Joretha Lockhart, LES principal, and Cecil Tompkins at a reception for teachers. Michele Murgatroyd, vice chair, and Nancy Harrell are not pictured.

LEF Awards Grant Money

It began eight months ago — the idea of a foundation for the Lakeland School System. And on Oct. 16 the Lakeland Education Foundation awarded more than \$17,000 in grant money to Lakeland Elementary School and many of its teachers.

Cecil Tompkins, chair of the seven-member group, told teachers, “You are our baby, our favorite child,” referring to LES. “Someday there will be more schools, but for now the elementary school gets all of our attention,” said Cecil.

Teachers had to complete a detailed application for the grant money. Twenty-seven teachers completed the process and 22 were awarded the materials they requested. Cecil noted it was difficult for the LEF Board members to make the selections and he expects the awards to be bigger and better going forward.

“This is not Christmas, but it’s pretty close,” he quipped. Among the items funded via the grant money are Chromebooks, Nexus tablets, two math intervention stations, document cameras, classroom supplies and \$6,000 for upgrades in the school computer lab.

Other LEF Board members are Michele Murgatroyd, vice chair; Ryan McDaniel, secretary; Don Barber, treasurer; and directors Ken Blevins, Leanne Edwards and Nancy Harrell.

Cover - What’s more important at Christmas than a visit with Santa? The JJ Rowe family of Lakeland, along with a friend, came to Winter Fest Dec. 2 at Lakeland Elementary School to share their wishes with St. Nick. Over 200 people enjoyed Santa, Christmas carols, free Papa Murphy’s pizza, hot chocolate and Mayor Wyatt Bunker lighting the Christmas tree, complete with streamers donated by Fireworks City. *(photo by Jim Willis)*

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The Canada Road pedestrian bridges are bedecked with ribbons and wreaths, compliments of the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce and Ginny Dunn.

Business Decorating Contest - through Jan. 5, 2015

Shop local this Christmas season and vote on Lakeland businesses who have decorated for the holiday and are vying for awards. According to Ginny Dunn, economic development coordinator for the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce, the Lakeland Shop Local Holiday Program started Dec. 1 to promote local shopping during the holiday season and create a festive atmosphere. Voting ends Jan. 5, 2015. The overall best winner will receive an award, free permit fee waiver for the following year and \$250. To vote, go to the Lakeland Chamber Facebook page or <http://mylakelandchamber.org/>. Winners will be selected by the votes received. Awards will be presented at the Lakeland Chamber Awards Banquet at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 23 at The Refuge Church.

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COLA - Lakeland Currents Meeting, New Team Member

The annual meeting of COLA (Council of Lakeland Associations) will be at 10:30 a.m. Jan. 17, 2015 at the IH Clubhouse

While the agenda is still being developed, one of the major items will be a proposal to reorganize COLA, including forming a separate board of directors for Lakeland Currents, the City's rebranded news magazine. Although the number of Lakeland neighborhoods has increased dramatically since the inception of COLA, there are a few who do not have an HOA or choose not to be a member of the association. It is thought that it may be time to make some changes to the basic operating model and to discuss whether COLA is still important to the homeowners associations of Lakeland.

Joining the news magazine's volunteer staff is Paul Vandiver

who is selling advertising with Ken Glazer. Paul's contact information is 606-2580 or paul.vandiver@anytimefitness.com.

Paul and his wife Erica are Bartlett natives. They have two children, Abbie, 4, and Connor, 6, a first grader at Lakeland Elementary School. Paul is a franchisee for two Anytime Fitness Club locations in Marion and Searcy, AR after formerly teaching fourth grade in Millington. He is a graduate of Middle Tennessee State University and lives in Lakeland.

He moved to the City from New Orleans, where he managed several fitness clubs. However, a hurricane (Katrina), a homesick wife and a franchise opportunity brought him back to Memphis 10 years ago. He and his family attend Faith Baptist Church.

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Wyatt Bunker

mayor

Our City experienced many changes under the new Board of Commissioners this year, beginning with budget cuts exceeding \$1 million, to the funding of a major capital improvement project. Before the new leadership took office it was evident that City Hall was over-staffed and under-managed, but our Board of Commissioners, School Board and newly appointed City Manager have demonstrated the political fortitude to make tough decisions. At the top of this list was the decision to move forward with construction of a new high school to be named Lakeland Prep.

Schools play a major role in a city's ability to recruit good citizens. For instance, Arlington grew by 300% between the 2000 and 2010 censuses. This was clearly driven by the capital investments Shelby County schools chose to make in Arlington during that period of time. While Lakeland didn't come close to matching Arlington's rate of growth, we were able to compete due to being under the umbrella of the same high performing school system. However, the consolidation of the Shelby County and Memphis City schools changed our environment dramatically. Competition for good citizens intensified and parents began not only looking at each school's performance but also at each city's school system as a whole. Most parents want assurances of where their child will attend school through high school. Evidence of this is that Lakeland is home to one of the best performing elementary schools in Shelby County with higher TCAP (standardized testing in Tennessee) scores than any elementary school in bordering communities. Despite our schools outstanding performance and our seven year MOU (memorandum of understanding) with Arlington schools, home sales in August 2014 compared to August 2013 dropped 40% while Arlington's rose 50% (source: Chandler Report, MAAR). No one predicted this because we felt confident that our MOU with



Wyatt Bunker

Arlington schools would be sufficient for those looking to take advantage of suburban schools, but it quickly became clear that our City was going to have to offer K-12 education within its borders to remain competitive. These staggering numbers were sure to continue without an effective response from city leaders.

We began discussing the need for a school in a series of 11 town hall meetings over approximately five weeks in August and September. Citizens were divided over the issue with both sides expressing concerns in favor of and in opposition to the project. Our choices were simply to attempt negotiating a longer agreement with Arlington, do nothing or build a middle/high school. The current agreement with Arlington clearly wasn't assurance enough to draw home buyers to Lakeland so we concluded that similar agreements would produce similar results, and doing nothing would likely result in a number of our middle school students having to attend the consolidated County schools. In October, the School Board and Board of Commissioners unanimously passed resolutions supporting funding for the construction of a new school. This action is already spawning new interest in development opportunities within our City. As a matter of fact, I just received my second invitation this month to tell Realtors about the exciting things happening here.

This decision was controversial but necessary. We can't continue to settle for being one of the highest performing elementary schools in Tennessee. Our City has to offer a quality K-12 education system to compete in this new environment created by the consolidation of Shelby County and Memphis City schools. We believe our Board of Education and superintendent can replicate the tremendous performance of our elementary school in a junior high/high school facility. This will enable Lakeland students to receive the finest education, public or private, in our region and in doing so will make Lakeland the destination of choice for those moving to West Tennessee.

Meet A Lakeland Business

If there are cheerleaders for Lakeland, they would have to be Nancy Harrell and Trustmark Bank.

Since 1987, the community bank has been at 3714 Canada Rd. and has been a supporter of all things Lakeland, from parades to fishing, schools to senior citizens.

Nancy Harrell is the assistant vice president and branch manager and with her three-member staff believes they offer relationships, not just a product.

"We are a community bank, not on every corner," said Nancy. "Trustmark Bank had the wisdom to see that is our strength."

"People are loyal because we are people-oriented. We are not superficial. We know our customers' names and pay attention to them," she added. "Trustmark has been recognized as Bank of the Quarter numerous times," Nancy said.

The financial institution was founded as People's Bank in 1987 and became Trustmark in 2001. Nancy has been the manager in Lakeland since 2007.

Services at Trustmark are what you would expect at any financial institution, said Nancy: Free checking account, investment advice, trust and wealth management and mortgage servicing.

The Bank supports Lakeland Elementary School with donations to the book fair, silent auction and a scholarship to Camp Invention. The Bank also helps with senior citizen dinners, lunches for poll workers, the Easter Egg Hunt, Fishing Rodeo and Christmas parades. "We never ask what's in it for us," she noted.

In 2012, the Bank commissioned a huge painting of the former Lakeland International Raceway and despite a ferocious storm, a standing room crowd came to the unveiling.

Others at the branch include Matthew Hurt, senior teller; Shannon Schilling, head teller and bank teller of the year for 2013; and Carolyn Markin, financial services representative.

Nancy is on the Lakeland Education Foundation Board and has served with the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce as president and treasurer.

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Inside the BOC Meetings (Board of Commissioners)

Insurance news for residents

Good news from the BOC meeting about homeowner's insurance. The price could be going down.

Dale Burress, interim chief for the Shelby County Fire Department, announced at the Nov. 13 BOC meeting that ISO (Insurance Service Offices) has changed the fire rating for Lakeland and unincorporated Shelby County to class 3/3X. It is the highest rating ever in their 42-year-plus history and is for fire suppression services. He said the new rating should mean a reduction in insurance for everyone. He suggested the typical home might now be paying \$1,200 to \$1,400 a year and that could drop \$300-\$400 a year. It takes effect Feb. 2015.

Flooding in north Lakeland

In other action at the Nov. 13 regular meeting, Randy and Kelli Higdon spoke to commissioners about continued flooding in their north Lakeland home and relief from a mitigation program. Randy detailed how he keeps sandbags in reserve because he never knows when rain water will creep into his home and flood his first floor. He said he has been working with state and local officials six years to solve this issue. His request was for assistance from the City to apply for a Hazard Mitigation Grant as his only option to bankruptcy since the house cannot be sold. The state would pay 75 percent of the cost to pay the appraised value of his property, the attorney fees and demolition costs. FEMA would pay 12.5 percent and he and the City of Lakeland would pay the remaining 12.5 percent. Chris Thomas, city manager, explained that Lakeland would not spend any money. The Higdon's equity in the house will cover the 12.5 percent plus leave them with some money for a down payment on a new house. Once complete, sometime in 2015, the property would belong to the City and nothing could be built on the land. BOC members were polled and agreed the process should go forward. Neighbors of the Higdons who attended the meeting applauded the City's decision.

Chris said he knew there were others in that area with less severe flooding issues but he had a plan to address that: a HUD grant to build a retention pond.

Lakeland vandalism

Lt. Terry Lomax with the Shelby County Sheriff's Office reported there has been a rash of car windows shot out in Lakeland neighborhoods. He urged residents to be on the look-out for a dark blue or black pick-up truck, Chevrolet or Ford, with big tires, loud pipes and jacked up. Call the non-emergency Sheriff number (379-7625) with information.

New for LDC

The BOC passed a motion to select Alan Johnson to fill a vacancy on the Lakeland Development Corporation Board (LDC).

EDGE grant

Another motion passed was for an Economic Development Growth Engine (EDGE) grant to create a manual and policies for the LDC having to do with tax incentives.

January dates

January BOC meeting dates were changed to Jan. 8 for the work session and Jan. 20 for the regular meeting, adjusting for the Jan. 1 New Year's holiday.

Evergreen Development

The Evergreen Residential Planned Development was reviewed with Jim Atkinson, director of city planning and administration for Lakeland, noting that requests from the BOC have been met. The five acres on the corner of the development will not have any driveway access to Evergreen Road. Instead those houses will face into the neighborhood and a common space. The minimum lot size for the neighborhood will be 10,000 square feet. Garages will be side-facing or hook-in and the minimum size of the houses was changed from 1,800 square feet to 2,800 square feet. Siding on the homes will not exceed 20 percent. Wyatt Bunker, mayor, thanked the developers, saying, "Thank ya'll for doing that for us."

Employee handbook

The new employee handbook, as recommended by staff, was approved by the BOC. In coming weeks there may be an amendment to the booklet regarding sick leave accrual. Chris Patterson, city attorney, will research any amendment and present back to the BOC.

Approved by the BOC were the following items:

- Changes to the ordinance regarding wireless transmission towers, mainly amateur radio towers. They mainly deal with exemptions and setback and are consistent with Shelby County policies.
- Madden Phillips Construction Inc. of Collierville was selected as the low bidder for Carly Drive drainage improvements at a cost of \$44,289.
- Suncoast Infrastructure Inc., Florence, MS bid \$206,721 for storm water piping improvements. This work would cover seven areas. Jim said the City can do three of them in-house. One, on Lake Bridge Drive, is considered to be an HOA issue and the others will be prioritized according to need and money available. Commissioners questioned whether developers are adequately installing storm water drains since there seem to be so many failures in the City. Perhaps, they said, inspections should be beefed up in newly developed areas.
- Gibson Paving Inc. of Lakeland was the low bidder for 2014 paving projects at \$79,165. This covers south Lake Bridge Drive west of New Canada Road to Country Bridge and Palomino Drive.
- After a study on costs of telecommunication services in the City, Chris Thomas announced that Comcast is the low bidder at \$12,251 a year for a three-year contract. The City had been using both AT&T and Comcast at a cost of \$1,469 per month.

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Delta Blues Winery - Opening Soon



Fall foliage frames the new Delta Blues Winery

It was a dream harvested about seven years ago among friends, visiting the wine country in California.

Too expensive to buy a winery on the West Coast, the soon-to-be-partners returned to the Memphis area and started researching such a venture here.

Soon, the first ever Lakeland vineyard opens. Delta Blues Winery is located at 6495 Stewart Rd. near Paul Barrett Parkway, and is complete with a tasting bar, gift shop and will host a variety of events. It is in a wooded, scenic area of north Lakeland overlooking a 10-acre lake and hundreds of grape vines in many varieties.

Dianne Day, one of the owners, expects the wine to arrive soon and bottling to start by mid-December. Built on 15 acres, Delta Blues is owned by Dianne and her husband Ed Stevens of Lakeland; Jim Wilson and Sheila Zaricor-Wilson of Memphis and Jerry Michie of Memphis. The parcel was part of 100 acres owned by Dianne and Ed and sold to the partnership. Diane said the winery is but a paddle-boat ride away from her home, which borders the lake.

Jim and Sheila own part interest in Crown Winery in Humbolt. According to Dianne, "We will open with wines we made at Crown Winery and wines we bought from Crown Winery, Century Farms Winery and White Squirrel Winery. All are West Tennessee wineries and along with Delta Blues Winery, are members of the West Tennessee Wine Trail."

Wines to be offered include reds: Chambourcin, Noiret, Norton and Sangiovese; whites: Chardonel, Cayuga and Traminette; a red blend; a white blend; and sweet wines: peach, red muscadine and white muscadine.

Dianne said the grapes include Chambourcin, Noiret, Chardonel, Cayuga and Traminette which are French-American hybrids grown widely in vineyards east of the Mississippi River. Norton is an American grape varietal grown both east and west of the Mississippi River.

"We are growing in our vineyard three Italian varietals: Primitivo, Barbera and Sangiovese varietal," (the principal grape used to make Chianti) and Tempranillo, a Spanish varietal, noted Dianne. Grapes are to be harvested at Delta Blues in Lakeland late summer 2015.

Clearing was started on the property in May 2013 with construction under way by spring 2014.

The 8,000-square foot building has a tasting bar, a gift shop and Dianne hopes to feature local artists monthly. In the spring of 2015, she expects construction to start on a 300-seat venue for future events. The Lakeland facility has eight tanks and its own bottling, labeling and corking equipment with a capacity of 6,000 gallons.

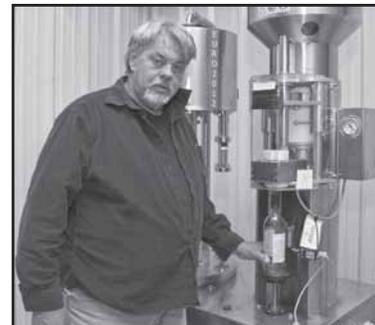
Among plans at the venue next year are events such as "Wine, Women and Painting or Jewelry," weddings and anniversaries as well as public events with acoustical music in the vineyard.

To follow the winery's progress, visit their Facebook page, Delta Blues Winery. Opening day, possibly before Christmas or in January 2015, will be announced via Facebook.

The other winery in Shelby County is Old Millington Vineyard and Winery.



Wine glasses show the Winery logo



Jim Wilson, one of the partners, with the Euro 2012, a "mini-block" bottling system capable of filling and corking 600 bottles an hour. (photos by Jim Willis)

Joretha Lockhart
LES principal



Joretha Lockhart

There are so many exciting things happening at Lakeland Elementary School. The community support has been overwhelming. We began the school year with the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce donating gift cards to two of our teachers for having the most student participation at the Lakeland EXPO. Kevin Bailey from Lakeland Fireworks donated a promethean board, including installation, to one of our teachers. Our amazing PTA donated \$55,000 worth of technology equipment to our students and the Lakeland Education Foundation donated \$17,000 worth of grants to our teachers.

Again, thank you, thank you, thank you for supporting LES. I am extremely grateful to ALL of our parents for the continued support that we receive from you on a daily basis. Thank you for helping to lay the foundation for the education that we provide to your children. I appreciate and value our partnership. It is an awesome time to be a Lakeland Lion and I am honored to be your principal

As we continue through our first historic school year, our goal is to challenge your child academically, grow them socially and emotionally, and guide them toward independent thinking and problem solving. Our students are encouraged to display good character and to make good choices that will result in successful outcomes. I am looking forward to an awesome 2014-15 school year filled with enriching activities and learning experiences that will help your child display "Lion Pride!"

Crime Report for Lakeland - SCSO

Crime took a jump in the reporting period Oct. 6 - Nov. 2, primarily because of vehicle vandalism, according to Lt. Terry Lomax with the Shelby County Sheriff's Office. He spoke at the November BOC meeting and said there has been a rash of vandalism to car windows. He said windows were shot out from Fayette County to Lakeland. The suspected vehicle is believed to be a dark blue or black Chevrolet or Ford pick-up truck with big tires, loud pipes and jacked up.

There were 16 incidents Oct. 6 - Nov. 2 compared to six incidents a month earlier. The following categories showed an increase: burglary/residential; motor vehicle theft; larceny other; theft from vehicles and vandalism/misdemeanor/felony. The highest number of the sixteen incidents was vandalism with five vandalism cases reported.

Other categories stayed the same.

For Lakeland, most crimes occurred between 10 p.m. and 2 a.m. with Tuesday reporting the most incidents, seven.



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CALENDAR

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

December

- 11 - BOC regular meeting
- 12 - Seniors 55+ Christmas dinner 6 p.m.
- 15 - Stormwater meeting
- 18 - Municipal Planning meeting
- 19 - Christmas Tea for senior citizens 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 22-Jan. 2 - LES closed for winter holidays
- 24-25 - City offices and Senior Center closed for Christmas
- 31 - New Year's toast, Senior Center, 11 a.m. to noon

January

- 1 - City offices, Senior Center closed for the holiday
- 5 - Administrative Day LES, no school students
LSB work session
- 6 - LES students return
- 8 - BOC work session
- 12 - LSB meeting
- 15 - Community Input Meeting on Lakeland Prep
- 17 - COLA/Lakeland Currents meeting, IH Clubhouse,
10:30 a.m.
- 19 - Martin Luther King holiday – no school, City offices,
Senior Center closed
- 20 - BOC regular meeting
- 23 - Lakeland Chamber Awards Banquet,
The Refuge Church, 6:30 p.m.

February

- 2 - LSB work session
- 9 - LSB meeting
- 13 - LES professional development, no school for students

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LSB update (Lakeland School Board)

Ken Glazer

It's been a busy month for the Lakeland School Board.

Tasks completed:

- Lakeland Prep project manager was selected.
- Project manager made first presentation with goals and timeline.
- Scheduled Town Hall meeting for community input on uses of new school facility - Jan. 15, 2015.
- Logo for Lakeland Prep Project created.
- Two Board members attended the Tennessee School Board Association (TSBA) Convention in Nashville.
- Board approved the committee for textbook review as nominated by superintendent .
- Board defined and evaluated superintendent's job with LES teacher input.
- Policies were reviewed, rescinded and added.
- Auditors approved for LSB and LES.
- Capital improvement plan funding agreement is created, finalized and signed with Shelby County Schools.
- Current board chairmen, vice chairman, TNL representative and ACS liaison re-nominated.
- Met with regional manager of Durham School Services to discuss bus performance.

With Southern Educational Strategies (SES) selected as Lakeland Prep project manager, a Town Hall Meeting for citizen input is scheduled Jan. 15, 2015 and open to all citizens. No location for the meeting was given, but Lakeland Elementary School is under consideration.

Board member Laura Harrison and Superintendent Dr. Ted Horrell interviewed two firms for the Lakeland Prep Project manager. Southern Educational Strategies, the firm which advised the City regarding the viability of our municipal school district, was recommended to the full Board and approved to manage the project until its opening. The SES contract to manage the school facilities project was reviewed and approval recommended by LSB attorney Chris Patterson. It was signed by Board Chairman Kevin Floyd Nov. 3. The agreement sets the maximum billing at \$79,900 a year. The project management team includes Dr. Jim Mitchell, a Lakeland resident and former superintendent of Shelby County Schools; and his two partners, Dr. Tim Fite, former superintendent of Tipton County; and Dr. Bill Bozeman, professional educator and noted educational consultant. Between them they have roughly 100 years of educational experience and have been involved in the planning and building of 50 schools.

Jim said he was pleased to be working with two Lakeland firms, A2H and Renaissance Group, which will provide the licensed architects, engineers, planners, landscape architects and surveyors required for the project.

One week after being named project manager, Jim reviewed two timelines for the project in a slide presentation. He stated that if the land for the facility could be located and acquired by February 2015, opening the school in 2017 was a possibility. But he stressed, any slip in that time table would likely mean an opening in 2018. Three possible sites are under consideration. They are on the east or west sides of Chambers Chapel Road and the north side of Highway 70. SES' immediate focus is finding the land, having it appraised and purchased so the rest of the project can go forward. During the December 1 project update, Jim stated his goal is to bring a recommendation in January 2015.

Jim announced that citizens will be able to share their

thoughts and ideas for the school's functions as well as possible community uses of the facility. Possibilities would be a performing arts center, public library, health clinic, community college branch or youth sports center. In an effort to reach as many citizens as possible, SES will utilize paper and online questionnaires plus the Town Hall meeting.

Board members Kelley Hale and Teresa Henry represented the Board Nov. 15-17 at the TSBA Convention in Nashville. The Board also agreed to fully support the TSBA's legislative agenda.

The Board gave its approval to members of the school system's first Textbook Review Committee which includes Karen Dodd, Lori Welch, Laura Tuttle, Ashley Gordin, Teri Hoffman, Kim Louis, Cindy Brooks, Jennifer Gick and Julie Reagan. The committee will review, evaluate and recommend math textbooks during its term. The committee's work schedule will be known after its first meeting.

Chris presented the results of the superintendent's evaluation. High scores for the work done by Ted were given by teachers and Board members. Teachers gave an overall rating of 4.59 out of a possible 5 while the Board average was 4.53. Dr. Horrell gave his thanks to the Board, the school staff and his staff for all their help in making this year go so well.

In other business, an agreement with Shelby County Schools was negotiated to have SCS pay the invoices to repair LES' roof and replace the old air conditioners upon completion of the work. The funds to pay for this work come from and were approved by the Shelby County Commission as a part of the capital improvement plan.

LSB guidelines call for next year's board offices to be nominated in November. For 2015, all currently serving members were re-nominated for their positions: Kevin Floyd, chairman; Laura Harrison, vice chairman; Matt Wright, Tennessee Legislature representative and Teresa Henry, Arlington Community Schools liaison.

At the Nov. 10 Board meeting, the regional manager of Durham School Services addressed issues from the Board. He stated that mechanics are now at each site to check buses before they leave for their routes in hopes of having fewer breakdowns. He explained how buses are dispatched, how drivers backgrounds are checked and how drivers are trained. He added they have had extra customer service training as well as having put drivers through a tight obstacle course in response to the number of accidents reported by the media. He pointed out that the majority of bus accidents are from striking fixed objects and not moving violations. He suggested, given the number of buses on the road and the number of miles driven daily, their accident rate is in line with prior years. Kevin stated he was glad to learn about the corrective actions, but reminded Durham that they are expected to get it 100 percent right - getting students to and from school on time and safely. Ted announced a new texting program that will alert parents to late buses.

At a called meeting Nov. 20, the Board approved a new position: instructional, special education and accountability specialist. Ted said that Arlington Community Schools (ACS) requested the shared employee interlocal for special education be amended to conclude at the end of this school year instead of 2017. Chris stated ACS' Board had already voted to approve the amendment. After some discussion the amendment calling for an early termination was approved by LSB.

Ted said it would be helpful to fill the position in January as his involvement in Lakeland Prep takes up more of his time. He explained that funds to pay the new salary will come from over budgeting teacher salaries and Social Security line items.

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A & E DESIGN TEAM SELECTION	11.3.2014	11.24.2014	REGULATORY APPROVALS	5.18.2015	6.15.2015
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING	11.10.2014	12.19.2014	CONSTRUCTION BIDS	6.15.2015	6.29.2015
SITE SELECTION & PURCHASE	11.10.2014	1.19.2015	REVIEW & AWARD BEST BIDDER	6.30.2015	7.6.2015
SITE UTILITY ACQUISITION	1.19.2015	2.13.2015	SITE & DRAINAGE CONSTRUCTION	7.6.2015	8.3.2015
SCHEMATIC DESIGN PHASE	1.19.2015	2.20.2015	BUILDING CONSTRUCTION	8.3.2015	4.3.2017
DESIGN DEVELOPMENT PHASE	2.20.2015	3.27.2015	INSTALL FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	4.3.2017	7.24.2017
CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS PHASE	3.27.2015	5.18.2015	OPEN LAKELAND PREP SCHOOL	8.7.2017	NA



Veterans' Day Program

Attendees at the Lakeland Elementary School Veterans' Day Program Nov. 7 dubbed it great, wonderful and awesome. Highlights included the AHS band, Mayor Wyatt Bunker's keynote address on freedom, LES Glee Club and Shelby County Fire Department Color Guard with drum and bagpipes. Pictured are veterans who were honored during the program.

(photo by Ken Glazer)

Happy Holidays

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Lakeland Elementary School PTA News

Christye Gilliland, LES PTA

We hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving!

We are gearing up for the holidays this month. Our students will have a half day on Dec. 19 and will return to school Jan. 6.

Please remember our spirit nights. Don't forget to mention LES while making your purchase. Proceeds will go to our school!

• Jan. 15- Papa John's on Highway 64 in Lakeland (all day). Mention your child's classroom, and the class with the most participation will get a special treat!

• Jan. 27- Baby Jacks BBQ Highway 70 in Bartlett (all day). Dine in or carry out! Check out their online menu for great selections. Looking ahead: Our famous auction will be April 17. Please mark your calendars!

Our PTA website is: MyLakelandPTA.com. You can find any upcoming PTA events on this site.



Christye Gilliland

Plantation Hills HOA

Wesley Wright, neighborhood president

We are getting great feedback from people who want to gather funds to help maintain the sign on Canada Road amongst other projects. This is the PayPal account that you can send money from a credit card, another PayPal account or other forms of payment: PlantationHillsNeighborhood@gmail.com

I will be posting that on Nextdoor.com and passing it on with other forms of communication. It will contribute to new plants and solar lighting for the sign and to a general fund for future small projects. Our quarterly meeting was Nov. 15. We decided to change to two meetings a year every six months to encourage more attendance. Also our communication and networking is already so strong that we do not need quarterly meetings. Our next meeting is in January 2015 to start off the year strong, then in July or August 2015.

Two issues are currently being addressed involving code (parking an oversized trailer on the street) and overgrowth creating a blind spot on William Little at Canada Rd. Thanks to those sending me concerns. Coming next year we will be addressing the more pressing code violations that are creating an image problem for Plantation Hills. If it's something we cannot see in plain sight then you have nothing to fear. If it's unkempt, out front landscape, parking that breaks Plantation Hills covenants or noise pollution then first we will meet one-on-one and see if we can remedy the situation.

Halloween was another success. By Plantation Hills standards lower in attendance than previous years because of the cold but better than most any neighborhood in Lakeland both in houses giving out candy, kids in costumes and decorations. A Thanksgiving Yard of the Month award has been given, a Christmas décor will be awarded and then we will take a brief break and start again in April. It has been great seeing Plantation Hills people jogging or walking their dogs. I will try to introduce myself the coming months in person. In the meantime have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Wesley Wright



Garner Lake Association Lakewatch

Dennis Sossaman

Happy Holidays!

Fall is now certainly here and the leaves are falling.

It is unlawful to blow (or allow your yard service to blow) leaves into the lake.

Many of our coves have too much silt already. Please be mindful of this before you put anything into the lake. This time of year the lake level also fluctuates greatly so it is probably a good idea to check your tie down ropes and replace them if worn. Our next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Jan. 12, 2015 at the IH Clubhouse, 4523 Canada Rd. Visit our website at www.garnerlake.com for more information.



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Megan Wylie,
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Megan Wylie

The holidays are upon us! With that being said we want to encourage everyone to join in with the holiday decorating contest. Board members will be judging the best home and a gift card will be given to the winner. Congrats to the Browns at 10186 Heron's Landing Cove for winning the Halloween home decorating contest this year.

We had an excellent neighborhood fall gathering this year. Everyone had a wonderful time with the movie and ice cream truck. We hope to do another in the spring time.

If you have any questions or concerns about the HOA please contact Level 1 at 321-6744 or mwyllie@level1management.com. We hope everyone has a safe and wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Woodland Park

Jo Ann Cohen & Marilyn Piccatto

(Due to a glitch with the USPS, Woodland Park did not receive Lakeland Currents in October. We are reprinting their article this month.)

In September 2013, a beautiful Black Australian Swan landed in our lake. It decided to stay and became a favorite of many residents who enjoyed watching and feeding him. He also kept many of the geese away from our lake which was an added bonus.

One of our resident's grandsons named him Mystery.

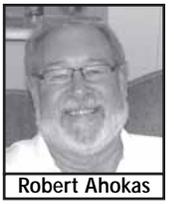
In February of this year, he mysteriously left and we thought he was gone forever. Much to everyone's surprise, this August Mystery returned. He was much larger and even more beautiful and the residents were thrilled to see him again. He seemed to remember the people that fed him and came to the shore for food when he saw them. A few weeks after Mystery's return, he was attacked by a group of geese that cross Canada Road and come to our lake. A resident that lives on the lake saw the attack and Viola, one of our generous and caring residents, took Mystery to a local veterinarian. Thankfully he was not seriously injured. The veterinarian advised us that he was still a juvenile and not to put him back on the lake due to the aggressive geese.

Viola called the Memphis Zoo and the Botanical Gardens looking for a place for Mystery to live. Rick Pudwell from the Botanical Gardens offered to take him to his home where he has a large pond with waterfowl that he has raised. At last report, Mystery is enjoying his new home.

We wish everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy 2015

The Grove at Lakeland

Robert Ahokas



Robert Ahokas

Autumn, arguably the most beautiful time of year in The Grove, has arrived and the red and gold maple trees lining our streets are spectacular! Of course they are also leaving us homeowners with plenty of work cleaning up.

As the leaves fall in the forest the many deer sharing The Grove with us are becoming more and more visible. They occasionally drop by our house for a visit and a drink!

Now that Halloween is over, thoughts turn to the rapidly approaching season for Giving Thanks and Christmas!

The newly elected HOA Board has appointed officers and they are Bruce Nelson, president; Marque Broussard, vice president; Rick Knox, treasurer; Kim Scott, secretary; and Dave Bouve, ARC liaison. The first monthly meeting was Nov. 3 and the task of familiarizing themselves with the business of the association was begun. This includes reviewing and establishing an effective budget, examining vendors that can ensure the appearance and integrity of our neighborhood, and establishing an efficient means of communication and sharing of information on all activities to all Grove members.

All Board meetings are open to members of The Grove and will be at the IH Clubhouse on Canada Road.

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and have a Very Merry Christmas.



Occasionally a deer wanders into The Ahokas' back yard from the common area and drinks from the bird bath. Robert happened to be looking out the window and took a photo through the window. He and Trish live in The Grove.

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Zaxby's Grand Re-opening



After several months of renovation and under new ownership, Zaxby's had a grand re-opening Oct. 29. Pictured center, is owner Jeremy Gattie along with Chris Thomas, Lakeland city manager. Jeremy's wife Molly and son Bennett are to the left. The restaurant is at 9104 Highway 64 in Lakeland and is open from 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday; until 11 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays. (photo by Ginny Dunn)



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Lakeland Estates HOA

Sharon Helms

This issue of "Lakeland Currents" brings the close of one year and the beginning of another. In looking back on 2014, I think it is safe to say that we definitely learned both old and new ways of "bending with the seasons." Sometimes it was difficult to tell which season we were in.

Our November Fall General Meeting focused on inducting our 2015 officers and Board members who are Barbara Taylor, president; Stephanie Lefler, vice president; Nancy Vales Antich, secretary; and Richard Armour, treasurer. Recognition and a heartfelt goodbye was said to Edgar Currier. He has been our treasurer many years and will be greatly missed as he and Barbara are moving to Sterling Place. Another long-time Board member, Sandra Debardeleben, is also moving soon to Windward Slopes. Those board members who will continue their service are: Richard and Alison Ely, EW and Pam Golden, Bob and Sharon Helms, Jim Lawrence and Dale and Caroline Tinner.

Our 2014 Yard Of The Month Winners included: May/June-Ron & Mica Partai, Oak Point Cove; June/July – EW & Pam Golden, Green Spruce Drive; July/August– Billy & Louise Schilling, Sequoia Point Cove; August/September – George & Mary Lou Holt, Pine Point Cove and October-Frank & Sara Conger Bostnick, Canada Road.

Among topics discussed was the need to combine all the separate covenants to make one set. Then, LEHOA's bylaws would be updated as well. A committee was appointed to begin this process. Much needed improvements to the Bill Manley Boat Ramp and Common Area, done by the combined efforts of John and Nancy Antich, Gary and Susanne Gitchell and David Smith were mentioned and appreciation expressed. Two other topics discussed were LEHOA's website and the City of Lakeland's new "Adopt A Street" program.

As this is my last entry to Lakeland Currents, I'd like to express my sincere appreciation to all who have helped me these past two years while I have served as LEHOA's president. Having accomplished my primary goal of getting our organization up and running again I am grateful to have had this experience and opportunity. I challenge each who lives in Lakeland Estates to join us as we continue to make our community a great place to live!

Thank You and God bless! Sharon Helms, 2013-2014 President.



Sharon Helms



Megan Wylie,
account
executive



Megan Wylie

As colder weather approaches and we say good bye to fall, we know the holidays are right around the corner. The events committee has two great events planned. We will have our annual Christmas party Dec. 13.

This will be a fun event for all the kids in Oakwood. Santa will be attending again this year! Don't forget about our second annual New Year's Eve party December 31.

Thanks for the residents who participated in our daddy/daughter dance. A great time was had by all who attended.

Kevin Reynolds is now heading our Neighborhood Safety and Watch Committee. Please contact Kevin at kevinreynolds@yahoo.com if you would like more information on ways you can help and/or serve. Kevin will also be posting a monthly safety blog/newsletter on our neighborhood site. Check it out!

Residents can stay connected with what is going on in Oakwood by joining our website at www.oakwoodlakeland.com or like us on Facebook.

We hope everyone has a safe and Happy Holiday season.

Snow and Ice Control in Lakeland

The goal of the City's snow and ice control plan is to maintain high priority streets and parking lots for safe vehicular and pedestrian movement.

Sand and Salting Operations

De-icing is a reactive approach to winter storm events and is typically employed once a storm has begun or when conditions are unfavorable for anti-icing operations. This approach consists of sanding and salting. The goal of sanding and salting is 1) melt the snow or ice, and to 2) resist the snow or ice from packing on the road surface. Sanding and salting operations will commence on high priority streets located at the southern end of Lakeland and work northerly until all the streets and parking lots are sanded and salted. Lakeland currently has one sand and salt truck and 56 land miles of high priority streets.

Objectives:

- High priority routes will be sanded and salted within the first three hours of call outs. Link to map: <http://www.lakelandtn.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2895>
- Oak Seed Lane in front of Lakeland Elementary School will be sanded and salted by 8:30 a.m. each day when school is in session. If school is not in session, Oak Seed will not be serviced.
- City Hall parking lot will be sanded and salted by 7:30 a.m. each weekday after a snow or ice storm.
- The Senior Center/IH Clubhouse parking lot will be salted only by 8:30 am each weekday or weekend after a snow or ice storm.
- The remaining parking lots will be sanded and salted by 10 a.m. each weekday after a snow or ice storm: Windward Slopes and Zadie Kuehl.
- Snow and ice control measures will commence each day of the week at 4 a.m. and discontinue at 7:30 p.m.
- The sanding and salting of streets outside of the high priority streets will be directed by the public works director.

Lakeland Inlement Weather Plan

Also posted at <http://www.lakelandtn.gov/>

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McDonald's New Owners Plan Property Upgrades

The Lakeland drive-through restaurant on Canada Road has a new owner along with new staff and strategies.

Wes Hunter is the area supervisor for new owners Century Management Inc. and said the goal is to save the brand image in Lakeland. Along with general manager Gwen Hamm, Wes has been working to improve service, food quality, hospitality, and cleanliness.

For 2015, he said there are plans to enhance the exterior: pave the parking lot, paint the building and replace the drive through boards.

Since the August purchase of the restaurant, Century has invested \$5,000 in new uniforms, \$10,000 in repairs and \$10,000 in new equipment.

"In addition to hiring 25 new employees, Century has brought in seasoned personnel for additional training with a focus on security," said Wes. "Eighteen security cameras have been added for a total of 24 on site cameras which are monitored by Century Management's own security department," he added.

The eatery is also planning a community event in the near future, said Wes. Details will be posted on the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce website www.mylakelandchamber.org and Facebook when information is available.

Century Management is Memphis-based.

The new McDonald's planned for Highway 64 will not be built for at least a year, or longer, said Ginny Dunn, economic development coordinator for the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce.



Brian Haines



Fall is a great time for celebrations. Our annual neighborhood-wide social along the freshly paved walking trail and gazebo area Nov. 9 was blessed by the beautiful weather, the smell of barbeque, popcorn and cotton candy in the air and the cheers of Woodbridge kids as they slid and bounced within the inflatables set up in our common area. If you need a party, just ask Craig and Debbie DeCrow from Party Concepts! In addition to the inflatable slide, bounce house, cotton candy and popcorn, the Party Concepts crew provided tables, pop-up tents, chafing pans, helium balloons and a great deal of effort for our event. We even had a balloon artist who crafted inflatable gifts for the kids, a fire pit provided by Eric and Lisa McDaniel for roasting marshmallows and melting s'mores, hot dogs off the grill from HOA President George McDowell and Tops BBQ with all the fixins fetched and prepared by Joy McDowell. John Lucas provided the power by lending generators and fuel and several helped with the cleanup



Children from Woodbridge at the neighborhood fall social. (photos by Brian Haines)

including Amy Kraehmer and Nick Uebelhor who stayed until the last bag of garbage was toted away. Special thanks are in order for these folks who put out much effort to celebrate community within our neighborhood.

Other projects in progress include retaining wall repairs along the New Canada alley way and erosion control down Lake Bridge Drive. Extended performed by Lakeland neighbor, Wesley Wright of Wright Landscapings. We are working to keep Woodbridge a great place to live!

For more information about Woodbridge and to join our neighborhood watch efforts, search for our progressive online neighborhood group at WoodbridgeTN.Nextdoor.com or e-mail me at BHaines@mac.com .



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Newsorthy Around Lakeland

Atypical businesses are to be recruited for the renovated Factory Outlet Mall, to be labeled "Lake District" when it opens in Lakeland south of I-40. Ginny Dunn, economic development coordinator for the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce, said Shaun Masey is a partner/associate at The Shopping Center Group. Shaun will be recruiting the leasees for the new mall. He is targeting businesses that are not typical of Shelby County, therefore making it a unique place to shop. The shopping district is to be mixed use, according to Ginny. She said the venue could include retail, a hotel, living and or office space. Plans have not been finalized or approved.

Lakeland Elementary School is ranked in the top five metro Memphis elementary schools in a survey by Niche.com. LES followed Ellendale, Bailey Station, Donelson and Sycamore elementary schools. A high ranking indicates that the school is an exceptional academic institution with a diverse set of high-achieving students and faculty.

Instructional Technology Specialist Wanda Terral was selected as one of only 50 teachers out of more than 800 applicants from around the nation to attend the Google Teacher Academy in Austin, TX. Wanda returned with additional strategies for students and teachers to maximize the system's growing technology infrastructure.

Joint-Heirs with Christ Church has located in half of the building where The Refuge Church is located, 9817 Huff N Puff Rd. Joseph V. Parker, Jr., pastor, said their space can be utilized for meetings of Lakeland groups like HOAs or scouts. His contact information is joseph.parker@jhwchrist.org 731-343-2536 www.jhwchrist.org. Their services are Sunday prayer - 8:45 a.m. and worship experience - 9 a.m. Wednesdays prayer is at 6:15 p.m. with Bible study at 6:45 p.m. Also find the church on Facebook.com/jhwchrist and twitter.com/jhwchrist.

Eight-year-old Josie Todd furthered her acting career last month when she and her dad were in an episode of "Nashville" on ABC/Fox Memphis Nov. 19. She attends Lakeland Elementary School and has been acting in television commercials and local plays since she was three years old.

Every student at Lakeland Elementary School is to receive a hands-on introduction to computer programming as part of the national Hour of Code December 8-14. Superintendent Dr. Ted Horrell noted, "This event lines up perfectly with our district goals to enhance the technological proficiency of all of our students and give them more technology skills they can use to improve learning and career readiness." All 800+ students at LES are joining the largest learning event in history.

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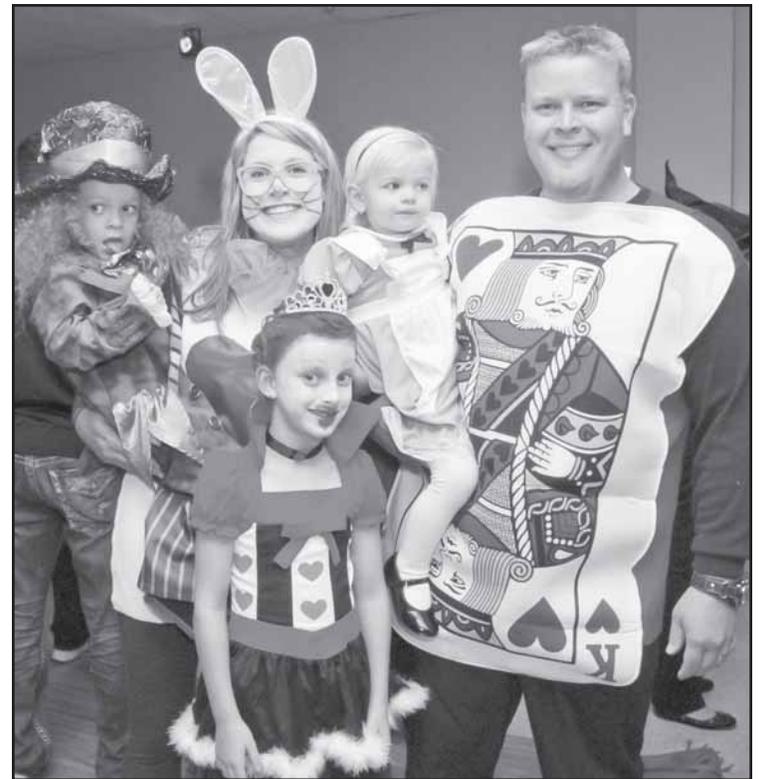
The Christmas season is upon us, which we are all enjoying. Winstead Farms is full of lights and decorations. Please keep a watchful eye on the roads, with the children out of school.

The City of Lakeland has an "Adopt a Street" program. Anyone wishing to volunteer to keep our streets and neighborhood clean and litter-free please volunteer. You can receive more information by contacting the Lakeland offices at 867 -2717.

The Winstead Farms Book Club is celebrating our love of reading by having a Christmas party for members and spouses. We will be selecting new books for 2015. If interested, please contact Cathi Braswell at 290-5599. Happy Reading.

If you wish to report maintenance problems or have a specific question regarding the HOA please call Winstead Farms HOA line at 321-6766.

And remember, it's the most wonderful time of the year! Hope everyone has a wonderful and fun-filled holiday season.



Fall Festival

The Allen family from Lakeland came to the City's Fall Carnival Oct. 24 dressed as characters from Alice in Wonderland. With Jeremy and Katie are their children Noah, Hadley and Annaese. They were among 100+ folks who dressed in Halloween costumes to enjoy games such as Witch Hat Loop and Ghost Bean Bag. Children redeemed winning tickets for a variety of prizes. The evening was co-sponsored by the City and the Lakeland Lions Club, which contributed \$500. Barbara Fletcher is president of the Lions Club, Will King the tail twister.

(photos by Jim Willis)



Lakeland Parks and Recreation

Jennifer Rezba, public relations/senior center coordinator IH Clubhouse - 4523 Canada Rd.

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

Lakeland Fitness Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. IH Clubhouse

Taught by Sherri Gallick, a certified instructor. Class is suitable for ages 35+ and available for anyone who wants to get in shape. 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 at 867-2345 or sgallick@lakelandtn.org.

Lakeland Senior Programs 55+

Senior Center - 4527 Canada Road • 746-8195 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. M-F; 867-2717 after hours

Adults 55+ are invited 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, calendar updates and info on bridge, Bunco, Canasta, dominos and Mah-Jongg, visit www.lakelandtn.gov. Regular activities at the Senior Center are book club, bingo and jamming sessions.

Seniors 55+ Christmas Dinner - 6 - 8 p.m. Dec. 12

You're invited to a Christmas dinner including ham or baked and fried chicken, cornbread dressing, gravy, broccoli and cheese casserole, potato casserole, rolls, pecan pie and drinks. Catered by Amber Lovell with Charm City Catering at Stonebridge Golf Course. \$10 per person, payable at the door. Ken Gurley, Annette Buffaloe, and Glenn Payton will provide the evening's entertainment. Bring a friend, make a friend and spend a wonderful evening eating great food, enjoying conversation and a laugh or two with fellow seniors. Make your reservation by calling 867-2717. Tell your friends and see you there! Deadline is Dec. 9. Sponsored by Trustmark Bank Lakeland.

Ice Cream Social & Forum ... plus hot chocolate, too!

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Thursdays, Dec. 18 and Jan. 15

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!

Jamming at the Senior Center - 2 - 4 p.m. Mondays,

Dec. 15, 22, 29, Jan. 5, 12, 26, Feb. 2, etc.

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, noon - 12 p.m. Dec. 10, 17, 31, Jan. 14, 21, 28, etc.

Ken Gurley, Annette Buffaloe and Glenn Payton host Live! Jam Sessions at the Senior Center. The after-lunch bunch invites players and singers to come jam on Wednesday afternoons. Bring your guitar, mandolin, dobro, bass, harmonica or other instrument to play and/or sing country, pop, rock, rockabilly, gospel and other genres. Seniors are welcome to play, sing or enjoy the entertainment!

Coffee and Chat - 10 - 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5, Jan. 2 & Feb. 6

Meet at the Lakeland Senior Center for fresh hot coffee and good conversation. Bring a friend and make new friends. Guests are more than welcome to join in on a friendly game of chess or checkers while you're here. Coffee will be ready! Feel free to bring some muffins or donuts to share!

Christmas Tea - 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Dec. 19

Come gather around the Christmas tree with friends and enjoy a variety of teas, coffee or a cup of fresh hot chocolate. Feel free to bring a snack. We will enjoy a few holiday tunes. Guests also will have the option of participating in a Christmas gift swap. To participate, bring in a \$10 wrapped gift to go under the Christmas tree. Gifts will

be presented by a number drawing system. Come celebrate the holidays at Lakeland Senior Center's first Christmas Tea. Stick around for bingo with prizes from 1 - 2:30 p.m. For more information, call 746-8195.

FREE Bingo with prizes - 1 - 2:30 p.m. Fridays, Dec. 19th, Jan. 16

Bingo is back! Don't miss your chance to yell "BINGO!" No fee ... just fun and free prizes!

New Year's Toast from 11 a.m. to noon Dec. 31

Toast the New Year with friends of the Lakeland Senior Center. Let's celebrate the fun we've shared throughout the year at LSC and toast to the year ahead and the new activities coming to the LSC. Sparkling apple juice, soda, coffee and tea will be served. Feel free to bring a snack. Stick around for music presented by Live! Jam Session from noon to 2 p.m. For more information, call 746-8195.

Book Club - 2 - 3 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 7, Feb. 4 and first Wednesday of each month

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.

Computer Basics Classes (six classes) - 3 - 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28, and Feb. 4, 11

Lakeland resident Howard Chick will provide computer instruction for beginners. Class topics include keyboarding, email, Internet, and Microsoft Word. Participants will learn how to communicate with family via email, including sending photos, writing letters using MS Word and searching the Internet for news, weather, and recipes. He can be reached at 485-8800 or hchick2@bellsouth.net. 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, call 746-8195.

An Elvis Birthday Party -noon to 2 p.m. Jan. 7

Let's get things "All Shook Up" at the Lakeland Senior Center as we celebrate one day before what would've been Elvis Presley's 80th birthday. Come join the birthday celebration for the King of Rock & Roll featuring themed treats with some of Elvis' favorites including peanut butter and bananas. Celebrate his life and legacy by bringing your favorite Elvis memories or memorabilia to share. Enjoy popular Elvis tunes, Elvis movies, a fun game of Elvis Trivia and more.

Roundtable Retirement Workshop - 11 a.m. - noon Friday, Jan. 9 and Feb. 13 (second Friday of the month)

The new monthly retirement series presented by Stephanie Lefler of

Lefler Financial will feature the realities regarding retirement. The first topic in the monthly series is "Women & Retirement." Join us for a complimentary lunch to discuss how women are more financially vulnerable in retirement and how they can empower their decision making. Please RSVP to 867-2717.

Living Well with Chronic Conditions - 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Tuesdays, January 13 through March 3

This is an eight-week complimentary program presented by Lisa Anderton, wellness director with the Millington YMCA. Come learn to manage your health and have the energy to do things that matter most. Topics include diabetes, arthritis, cancer, chronic bronchitis, high blood pressure, etc. Spouses, family members and caregivers are welcome. Please RSVP by calling 867-2717.

Game Day 10 a.m. - noon - third Wednesday beginning Jan. 21

Come out to the LSC for Hump Day fun and games. A variety of games are available at the Center including Scrabble, Monopoly, and Trivial Pursuit. How about UNO, Yahtzee, or Rook? There are plenty to choose. Bring your own game and a friend or two and enjoy the space provided at the Lakeland Senior Center. Yummy snacks will be provided! For more information, call 746-8195.

Estate Planning - noon - 2 p.m. Jan. 30.

Join Chad Cardwell, LL.M. attorney with The Cardwell Firm, and Mark Louderback, financial advisor with Edward Jones, for a seminar on estate planning and finance. Lunch will be served so please RSVP to 867-2717.

Seniors 55+ Email and Mailing Lists

Are you on the senior email blast list and do you receive the monthly brochure/calendar in the mail? If not, we would love to add you to our lists. We have nearly doubled our email list in less than a year but we still have a long way to go! Please contact kodom@lakelandtn.org or call the Senior Center at 746-8195 Mon-Fri between 10 -2 p.m.



Carin Mills of Oakland came to the Senior Center to share snowmen made of socks, rice and embellishments, as well as tea light snowmen. Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon Jan. 12 and 26, Feb. 9, etc. Bring your favorite hobby and join the circle of crafters. For more information, 746-8195. (photo by Kim Odom)



Piano & Popcorn noon to 1 p.m. Jan. 16 and Feb. 20.

Join us to sing-along as Trudy Scholten plays piano. Popcorn will be served. Let's pack the place for a good time! The first Piano, Popcorn & Sing-Along event Nov. 21 was dedicated to Jeanne Hamilton, who donated the piano to the Lakeland Senior Center. Thank you Jeanne for your generosity to our Center. Jeanne is pictured with the piano. (photo by Kim Odom)



Senior Play

The IH Clubhouse overflowed with about 200 attendees for the first senior citizen Dessert Mystery Theater Nov. 7. Organized, written and directed by Jeanne Hamilton, the "who-dun-it" performance featured nine performers and a sound person with other volunteers providing desserts, decorations and a host of other jobs. Cast members included Cecil Tompkins, Bobbie Cornett, Barbara Hyatt, Bob Hamilton, Marie Wells, Ken Gurley, Trudy Scholten, Mark Louderback and Jeanne. Glen Payton provided backstage sound. Hostesses for the evening were (from left) Betty Ratcliff, Judy Rogers and Brenda Fowler. Pam and EW Gordon from Lakeland, dressed in western attire, are greeted by Brenda. (photos by Jim Willis)





The Walk to End Alzheimer's

On Nov. 1 Lakeland Elementary students, staff and families and Lakeland Senior Center members teamed up to participate in the Walk to End Alzheimer's presented by the Alzheimer's Association. Lakeland's Walk to Remember team was among more than 1,100 participants walking 1.5 miles at the Memphis Botanic Garden to bring awareness and raise funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. (photo by Kim Odom)



New Loose Leaf Collection in Lakeland

Look for this sign coming to your neighborhood, advising the new vacuum truck is on the way. Provided by the City, there is no charge for this service which provides leaf removal from residents' properties without bagging and paying to haul the bags. Rake leaves in low piles, no more than five feet from the street. Do not rake in the street or storm drains; don't pile around mailboxes and sign posts; no leaves picked up under or around parked vehicles; no grass, brush or tree limbs with the leaves and no bags allowed.

Community Clean Up Day



Pictured, left, are City employees and Lakeland Residents Chris Thomas and Jim Atkinson, unloading cardboard. Above is Nolen Manley with a City employee unloading old barrels. Below are cars in line to drop off unwanted items.



Lakeland residents brought bulky trash and e-waste to the Community Clean up Day Nov. 7 at Windward Slopes Park. Cars lined up to drop off their items. (Photos by Jim Willis)

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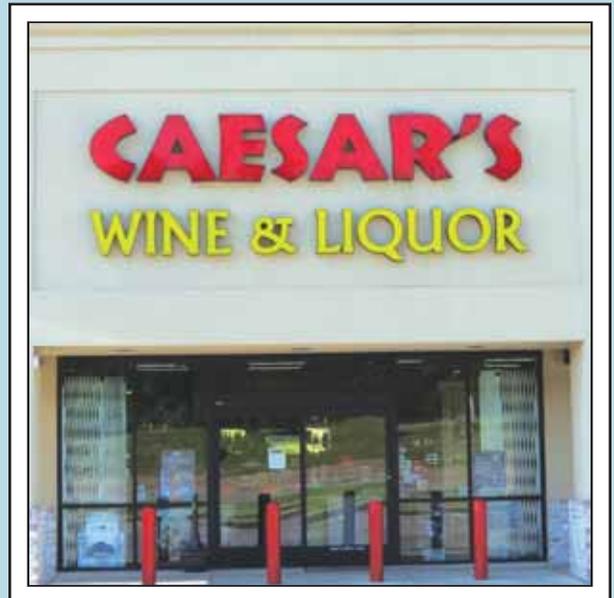
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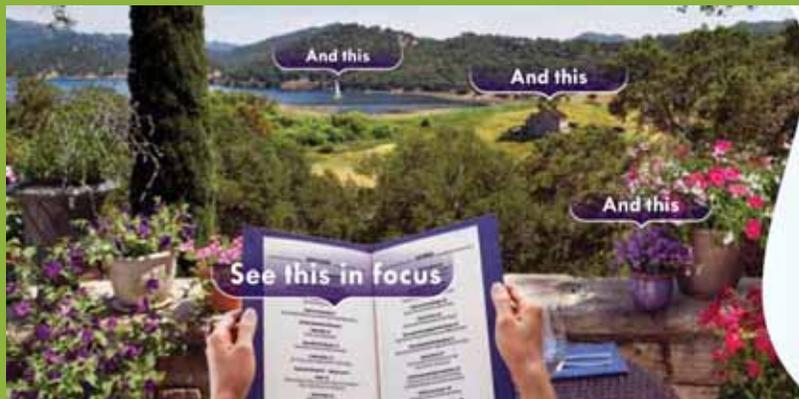
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