From Alaska to Chattanooga: a journey of four decades

By David Laprad

Perhaps there's something about being raised in the Alaskan wilderness, but even as a child, Jill Thrash would reach beyond her circumstances to grasp things that seemed out of reach.

Thrash's family had moved to Alaska when she was three -- and not one of the populated areas, either, unless one counts bears, wolves, and other wildlife. Rather, they lived in a cabin with no running water, no electricity, and no roads nearby. She barely noticed, calling her childhood "magical."

"I had the best sled run in the world," she says. "I came up with it on my own."

The travel bug bit Thrash when she and her family visited her brother in Germany, where she was stationed in the Air Force. As she recalls the trip, a smile that contains all of the joy of experiencing the journey for the first time breaks across her face. "I was hooked. The culture, and the differences between their way of life and ours, fascinated me," she says.

By this time, Thrash was living with her mother in the small Alaskan town of Soldotna. (Her parents had divorced.) There, she dreamed of the larger world, and of seeing it again someday. To satisfy her curiosity, she wrote letters to the embassies of the different countries she wanted to visit, and they in turn sent her brochures that fed her fever.

"My friends had rock stars on their walls," she says. "I had posters of Machu Picchu."

Still, Thrash was largely a typical teen, still, "I didn't think I'd win. I'm thrilled," Clegg said after the drawing, still trying to catch her breath. She plans to donate ten percent to her church and spend the rest on a new car. "We love doing this," Mabry said. "It's a great way to thank our friends who help us sell our houses."

The money for an ACE Club drawing comes from the sellers of the ACE Club homes. Sellers must design their residence as an ACE Club house, and once the home sells, place a specific amount of money in a kitty. After agents have sold 40 houses, the...
to do. I was going to find a way there, she says.
Even a declaration of martial law by the Peruvian government following a terrorist attack didn't hold Thrash back. "My parents told me I wasn't going. I told them we had a contract," she says. "I wore them down."
Thrash also visited China and Spain as a teen, so when the time for college came, she easily pulled up her roots and transplanted herself in New York City, where she studied languages in the hopes of becoming a translator at the United Nations. "I wanted to get as far away from Soldotna as I could," she says, laughing, "I loved getting out of Alaska."
After graduation, Thrash was unable to find the kind of work she wanted, so she took a job with an asbestos company. The people there encouraged her to become a lawyer. She thought it sounded exciting. "I didn't know about the stress that comes with the job or work-life balance," she says.

Ever resourceful, Thrash secured a scholarship to study international business law at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Ore. Upon graduation, she returned to Alaska, where she did defense litigation with a number of Anchorage firms.
Her days of reaching for broader horizons, however, were not over. Thrash and her husband wanted to raise a child together, but she was 40, and he already had a 20-year-old daughter, so they decided to adopt. Their search for a child led them to Russia, where they were approved. Thrash and her husband met their son when he was nine months old. "He was the most adorable baby I'd ever seen," she says. "I had a coupon for a dating site, so I went for it. My husband was the first person I met."
Will was from Chattanooga. After a year of long distance dating and visits to see each other, Thrash made the leap to the Scenic City, got married, and took a job with a local law firm. And still her travels were not over.
Thrash and her husband wanted to raise a child together, but she was 40, and he already had a 20-year-old daughter, so they decided to adopt. Their search for a child led them to Russia, and the beginning of a year of intense preparation. Mountains of paperwork later, they were approved. Thrash and her husband met their son when he was nine months old. "He was the most adorable baby I'd ever seen," she says. The edges of her eyes tearing up.
Thrash and her husband named their child Henry Alexander Thrash. "No one in Russia knew his background, so they had called him Alexander," Thrash says. "We kept that as his middle name and then named him after Hank Aaron, my husband's hero."
While Thrash loved her son and enjoyed being a parent, she was unable to strike an equitable balance between career and home, so she decided to leave the firm at which she was working and launch her own practice. "I want my son to know who I am," she says. "I'm here to do whatever they need, and I make myself as available as possible."
Although busy, Thrash has struck the work-life balance that eludes many attorneys. Her biggest challenge now is not meeting her quota of billable hours but getting Henry to bed. "That's a lot of work," she says.
Thrash's whole face is smiling again at the thought of her family. When she travels now, they go with her, and when she's home, they are her constant companions. Family time is important, and can include everything from excursions to the local skating rink to Predator home games. "I grew up playing hockey on a pond in Alaska," she says. "I'm a hardcore fan."
Thrash also likes animals, or at least the three cats and two dogs that share their home. She can often be found walking the canine members of her household on the greenway in Hixson, where the family lives. Thrash has a good life – one worth every mile of the long and winding road she's traveled. From a cabin in the Alaskan wilderness, to a successful one-woman law practice, to becoming a wife and mother, she's used her ingenuity and resourcefulness to acquire what she wants. For now, however, she appears to have settled in and made Chattanooga her long-term home; if there's another life-changing adventure in her future, it will have to wait. When that day finally comes, though, there will be no stopping her.
Killian expresses pride and patriotism in farewell remarks

“Five years ago, I underestimated the breadth and the depth of being a U.S. attorney. I was simply proud and honored to be elected. I leave this job with great respect for the Department of Justice, and satisfaction with what was achieved during my tenure. It has been my distinct honor and pleasure to serve the country we love.” - Bill Killian during his final remarks

Upscale market going into Clemons Building

A new multi-purpose market has been selected to go into the ground story of the historic Clemons Building. Street Corner Market at the Clemons will be available for residents and non-residents. The store, scheduled to open in March, occupies a large portion of the ground level. Street Corner will feature fresh produce, Boar's Head meats and cheeses, local coffees, and a rotating selection of craft beers and artisan snacks. Residents at The Clemons will also be able to purchase essentials at a self service station that will be accessible 24 hours a day. The new Epic Optical optometry offices and eyeglasses boutique will also occupy space on the ground floor. Two thousand square feet of retail space is still available to be leased.

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Chambliss, Bahner & Stoppel is pleased to announce that the firm has been ranked on the BTI Client Service A-Team for the sixth consecutive year. The rank- ing is based on direct interviews with corporate counsel and identifies law firms around the country that provide outstanding client service. “We focus on the business objectives and legal needs of our clients,” said Mike St. Charles, president and managing share- holder at Chambliss. “Tailoring our services to meet the objec- tives of each client is at the heart of what we do. It is an honor for Chambliss to be recognized for a sixth consecutive year.” The BTI Client Service A-Team is based on the study’s methodology relies on more than 300 independent, one-on-one interviews with corporate counsel to detail how more than 320 law firms perform along 17 key activities. Participating firms represent a broad range of industries, includ- ing banking, chemicals, consumer goods, energy, financial services, high tech, insurance, investment banking, legal, manufacturing, pharma- ceuticals, professional services, retail trade, telecommunications, transportation, and wholesale trade.

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Petitioner Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. v. Carlton J. D. (0213-02292-SC-R11-CV)

Appeal by Permission from the Court of Appeals, Eastern Section Court for Hamilton County

Case Number: E2012-02292-SC-R11-CV

Authorizing Judge: Justice Holly Kirby

Originating Judge: Chancellor W. Frank Brown, III

Date Filed: Friday, December 11, 2015

MERS Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) brought this action to set aside a tax sale of real property. MERS argues that the county’s failure to provide it with notice of the tax sale violated its rights under the Due Process Clause of the federal Constitution. The defendant purchaser of the real property filed a motion for judgment on the pleadings. MERS argued that MERS did not tender payment of the sale price plus the accrued taxes and interest due and owing, as is required by statute in a suit challenging the validity of a tax sale. The defendant purchaser also argued on the basis of the county’s failure to notify it of the tax foreclosure proceedings or the tax sale. Accordingly, we re- affirm the grant of judgment on the pleadings in favor of the tax sale purchaser, albeit on a different basis from the Court of Appeals’ decision.

In Re C.J.A.H. (2013 COA-R3-PT)

Appeal from the Circuit Court for Hamilton County

Case Number: E2013-02131- COA-R3-PT

Authorizing Judge: Judge Charles D. Susano, Jr.

Originating Judge: Judge W. Neil Thomas, III

Date Filed: Monday, Novem- ber 30, 2015

T.L. (Father) appeals the trial court’s judgment terminating his parental rights with respect to his daughter C.I.A.H. (the Child). The trial court terminated Father’s rights on the ground of abandon- ment by willful failure to sup- port.2 It did so after an ex parte hearing at which neither Father nor Mother was present because neither had received notice of the hearing. After subsequent hearings, where Father was present with counsel and introduced evidence, the trial court entered a second order “reaffirming” its earlier termination decision, relying on proof that Father had not paid child support. We further hold that the evi- dence preponderates against the trial court’s finding that Father’s failure to pay child support was willful. We reverse the judgment of the trial court and dismiss the petition for termination with prejudice.

Seatbelt fines to double Jan. 1

It’s time to buckle up or pay up, Tennessee. As of Jan. 1, the fine for not wearing a seatbelt while driving will be doubled. The fine for a first offense will be raised to $25, while subsequent offenses will increase to $50.

The Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security, the Tennessee Highway Patrol, and the Tennessee Department of Transportation called for the increase in an effort to curb traffic fatalities in the state. “So far this year, state troop- ers have issued over 107,000 seat belt citations,” Commissioner Bill Gibbons of the Tennessee Department of Safety and Home- land Security said. “That is a 255 percent increase over the same time period in 2010. We will con- tinue to make this a priority, but we hope the day will come when it’s difficult for a state trooper to find a motorist not wearing a seat belt. We hope the tougher fines will encourage motorists to obey the law.”

Along with announcing the seatbelt fine increase, the Ten- nessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security releasing the Ten- nessee Highway Patrol will be out in force during the holiday period to ensure travelers reach their destination safely. State troopers will focus their attention on traf- fic violations that place motorists in jeopardy, such as distracted driving, speeding, impaired driv- ing, and lack of seat belt usage. The holiday enforcement period will begin at 12:01 a.m. on Dec. 24 and conclude at midnight on Dec. 27.

The TPH will utilize several enforcement tools, including saturation patrols, bar and tavern checks, and driver license and sobriety checkpoints to help reduce serious injury and fatal crashes over the holiday season. During the 2014 Christmas holiday period, 38 people were killed on Tennessee roadways in seven fatal crashes. Alcohol was involved in 71.4 percent of those crashes. Two of the six vehicle occupants killed were not wearing seat belts. There was also one pedestrian killed during the 96-hour holiday period.

Source: Tennessee Depart- ment of Safety and Homeland Security

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Financial Focus

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What to look for from a financial advisor

There’s a lot to know about investing, so it’s a good idea to get some professional help. But with so many financial advisors out there, how can you choose one that’s right for you?

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The Tennessee Bar Association (TBA) has selected Chattanooga attorney Jeffrey Maddux of Chamblish, Bahner & Stophel to take part in its 2016 Leadership Law program.

Now in its 13th year, the TBA’s Leadership Law program is designed to equip Tennessee lawyers with “the vision, knowledge, and skills necessary to serve as leaders in their professions and local communities,” the TBA said in a press release.

In an email to the Hamilton County Herald, Maddux wrote that he’s excited about taking part in the program. “I’m looking forward to meeting and working with attorneys from across the state,” he wrote. “We generally interact with other attorneys within the representation of our respective clients, so being able to interact and learn from each other outside the context of a lawsuit or transaction will be a great experience.”

This year’s class of 33 attorneys from across the state will meet for its first session in January, and then spend the next six months focusing on leadership in the legal profession, issues in the courts, policymaking in the state government, and the importance of community service. Graduation will take place during the TBA’s annual convention in June. Maddux has an undergraduate degree in Economics and Finance from Lipscomb University, and an MBA and a J.D. from the University of Memphis. At Chamblish, he provides advice to businesses, lenders, and individuals regarding federal and state law issues involving commercial litigation, the Uniform Commercial Code, business bankruptcies (including financing arrangements, assets sales, reorganization plans, and use of cash collateral), consumer bankruptcies, and real estate.

Maddux has experience in representing doctors, physicians, groups and nursing homes in medical malpractice defense, along with defending medical billing groups in complicated disputes. He’s successfully represented and assisted clients in state and federal courts in various jurisdictions, including Tennessee, Georgia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Alabama, Florida, and California. He also represents clients in jury trials in Georgia and Pennsylvania.

Maddux is active in his community as well. He’s on the Boyd-Buchanan School Alumni Board and the Business Alumni Board at Lipscomb. He’s also president of the Young Lawyers Division of the Chattanooga Bar Association. Maddux is a graduate of Leadership Chattanooga.

Maddux and his wife, Emily, live in North Chattanooga with their 3-year-old daughter and 1-year-old son.

When Maddux learned the TBA had selected him for the next Leadership Law class, he was “humbled and excited.” Now he’s looking forward to the growth he’ll achieve while participating. “I hope this experience will help me to develop as a leader in this profession and community,” he wrote, “and will allow me to bring back and share the ideas and approaches from my colleagues.”

Source: Some information from the TBA and www.chamblisslaw.com.

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By David Laprad

Jeffrey Maddux of Chamblish, Bahner & Stophel will participate in the Tennessee Bar Association’s 2016 Leadership Law program. (Photo by David Laprad)
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Unprocessed evidence collected from an undetermined number of autopsies has been stored untouched in the Medical Examiner’s Office for up to 30 years. The Hamilton County District Attorney’s office recently learned. District Attorney General Neal Pinkston believes a significant number of these cases to be previously prosecuted homicides.

While working on a cold case, the Pinkston’s cold case unit learned an employee of the medical examiner’s office had discovered unanalyzed evidence from a substantial number of homicides, suicides, and accidental deaths spanning the years 1986-2002. An initial review of the 1986-1988 autopsy files revealed 35 cases with unanalyzed evidence. Of those, 13 are suicides or accidental deaths, two are cold case murders, and the remaining 20 are homicides that have presumably been prosecuted. The full scope of the problem is not yet known, and ensuring the evidence is properly inventoried will be a tedious process, Pinkston’s office said in a press release.

Evidence such as bullets removed from bodies, fingerprint clippings, hair, and DNA swabs are put in small envelopes and labeled with an ME (medical examiner) intake number, which is assigned as a body arrives at the medical examiner’s office. For each case, someone will have to pull the corresponding autopsy report and the original incident report to determine the victim’s name and which law enforcement agency worked the death investigation. (Normally, someone from the medical examiner’s office would do this, but the staff there has no one to spare, so Pinkston’s office is exploring its options.)

For each homicide case, the law enforcement agency will then have to review the investigative file to determine the suspect’s name. That information must then be relayed to Pinkston’s office so it can search for the defendant’s court file and then notify the defendant and the judge who originally handled the case (or his or her successor). If the homicide has not been prosecuted, Pinkston’s cold case unit will have to ensure the evidence is sent to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation. Tennessee Supreme Court Rules of Professional Conduct rule 5.8 requires “prosecutors who learn of new, credible, and material evidence” to “undertake further investigation, or make reasonable efforts to cause an investigation, to determine whether the defendant was convicted of an offense that the defendant did not commit.”

To ensure the right conclusion was reached in the prosecuted homicides, Pinkston will create an external oversight committee to supervise the inventory and review of unprocessed evidence. The sitting Criminal Court judges have offered their recommendations for who should be appointed to the committee, which will be comprised of a judge, a defense attorney, a civil rights advocate, and a law professor.

The DA’s office said the committee should be appointed by Jan. 15, at which time Pinkston will provide the members with a proposal for conducting the inventory of the evidence. Responses from the committee members will be used to finalize the protocol that will be followed to account for all of the unprocessed evidence. “We anticipate the inventory process will be lengthy but are hopeful it will be completed by the end of 2016,” said Pinkston.

Source: Hamilton County District Attorney’s office

Local sex trafficker sentenced to 210 months in federal prison

On Dec. 3, John Harper Farmer, 40, of Chattanooga, was sentenced by the Honorable Curtis L. Collier, U.S. District Judge, to serve 210 months in federal prison for sex trafficking of children. Farmer was also ordered to complete a 500 hour mental health program. Additionally, upon his release from prison, he will be supervised for five years by U.S. Probation.

Farmer pleaded guilty in May to one count of a five-count indictment charging offenses related to sex trafficking. This offense carried a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years. He admitted to directing a minor and an adult co-defendant to meet a client at a Chattanooga hotel with the expectation that both females would engage in a commercial sex act. However, the client turned out to be an undercover police officer, and the encounter resulted in Farmer’s arrest and prosecution. Upon his arrest, police officers recovered a second minor with Farmer. Farmer’s co-defendant is scheduled for sentencing in March 2016.

FBI Special Agent in Charge, Edward W. Reinhold, said, “This investigation is but one example of the close working relationship the FBI enjoys with our law enforcement partners in combating the ever increasing threats to our nation. Human Trafficking represents some of the worst in human behavior, especially when it deals with the most vulnerable of our society, our children. The FBI, along with our local, state, and federal partners will continue to aggressively attack this problem.”

Special Agent in Charge of HSI New Orleans, Raymond R. Farmer, Jr. said, "Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery that Homeland Security Investigations fights as one of its highest priorities via a coordinated global effort with the FBI and our state and local law enforcement partners. That this particular criminal took his depravity even further to sexually exploit children for profit makes this case especially egregious, and illustrates why HSI will continue to investigate and seek prosecution of these criminals while also ensuring the victims of this terrible crime are rescued and get the care they need." Farmer oversees a five-state area of operations to include Tennessee, Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Homeland Security Investigations, and the Chattanooga Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jay Woods represented the United States.

Source: Department of Justice

Mayor Coppinger remembers Dalton Roberts

Hamilton County Mayor Jim Coppinger released this statement last week after Dalton Roberts, who served as the first county executive from 1978 until 1994, died at the age of 82 following a long illness:

“In 1978, when the voters of Hamilton County chose to adopt a new form of county government, Dalton was elected to the position of county executive, and spearheaded the formation of the present-day county government, along with its nine-member County Commission, which was elected from districts throughout the county.

“During his administration, Hamilton County experienced many advancements in the economic, cultural, and business arena. Some of those accomplishments included the redevelopment of the Bonnie Oaks School property into the county’s first industrial park, the expansion of the county’s recreational facilities; the initial stages of the Riverwalk, the various industrial parks created and maintained by Hamilton County, the county’s contribution toward the Tennessee Aquarium, the Chattanooga Convention Center and the UTC Arena, and many other projects that enhanced the quality of life in Hamilton County. “Hamilton County extends its condolences to Dalton’s family during this difficult time.”
I'm Jay, here to get Kathy. " He promptly slammed the door in
the air. "I thought that Christmas was that it
snowed on Christmas Eve, quite a bit actually. I had been to
her house that night for dinner and gift opening. We had been
dating since the 4th of July so I think I'd met most everyone
by then. That might sound odd, but when you're the youngest
of 10, like KM, the getting acquainted process can take some
time. Back in those days she had two brothers who lived in
Texas and a sister in West Memphis. Peggy, her other sister,
could have been anywhere as her husband Mike was climbing
the military rank ladder for the U.S Army.

Actually, the only sibling of KM's who was still living at
home back then was her brother Don, who had just graduated
from the military. "You no longer have
Chattanooga firefighters have
something to brag about this
month. With help from the pub-
lic, the Chattanooga Fire Depart-
ment raised more money for the
Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) than any other fire de-
partment in the state this year.

Last week at the fire administra-
tion building on Wisdom Street,
Jack Thompson, president of the
Chattanooga Fire Fighters Associa-
tion, Local 820, presented a check
for $84,063 to Holly Carroll, MDA
National Director. "The money
raised locally will
help the MDA provide patients
and their families with health care at MDA clinics, access to
MDA summer camp and support groups, and assistance with
equipment. The money will also help to fund research
in various areas of muscular dystrophy and
diseases," says Jack Thompson.

Sausage-and-Vegetable
Stew

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 large red onion, diced
4 cloves garlic, smashed
1 tablespoon paprika
1 teaspoon salt
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
6 ounces kielbasa, cut into bite-size chunks
3 medium carrots, peeled and cut into large chunks
2 parsnips, peeled and cut into large chunks
8 small red-skinned or new potatoes, quartered
1 tablespoon cider vinegar
Freshly ground black pepper to taste

Heat the olive oil in a Dutch oven over medium heat. Add the
onion and garlic; cook, stirring occasionally until soft. Add
the paprika and one-teaspoon salt, cook until the oil turns deep red,
about one minute. Add the flour and cook about 30 more seconds.
Immediately whisk in four cups water. Add the kielbasa, carrots,
parsnips, potatoes, and salt to taste. Bring soup to a boil, then
reduce to a simmer; cover and cook until the vegetables are tender
and the broth has thickened, about 20 minutes or so. Add the
vinegar and season with the pepper.

Combine about half of the parsley with the sour cream in a small
bowl and season with salt and pepper. Ladle the stew into bowls;
top with the remaining parsley, a dollop of herbed sour cream,
and a sprinkle of parsley. Serve with hot crusty bread.

Heat the olive oil in a Dutch oven over medium heat. Add the
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Chattanooga CRS-CRB group installs 2016 officers

By David Laprad

The Chattanooga CRS-CRB Group elected its 2016 officers at its most recent networking luncheon, held Dec. 10 at Broad Street Grille. Serving next year will be: Steven LaMar, president; Kaye Ivey, president-elect; Brenda Pargeo, treasurer; and Susan Barnette, secretary.

The Chattanooga CRS-CRB is made up of local Realtors who hold either the Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) designation, or the Certified Real Estate Brokerage Manager (CRB) designation, or both.

The group encourages ongoing Realtor education, promotes a positive image of the designees through advertising, provides a forum for networking, and offers assistance to Realtors looking to become designees.

LaMar has a full plate for his term in 2016. Some of the goals he hopes to achieve as president include increasing benefits, reducing costs for existing members, advertising designees to consumers, recruiting new candidates for the designations, increasing the membership, representing members at the local and state associations, and giving back to the community through volunteer and fundraising efforts.

REALTOR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

November Home Sales Report

Residential real estate is experiencing its best year since the recession. Housing demand is healthy, and that is expected to continue until the end of the year. This is great news at a time of year when things tend to slow slightly, which I don’t anticipate happening here in Greater Chattanooga.

Home sales are actually set to have their best national showing since 2006. More of the same is anticipated in 2016, but inventory and affordability challenges coupled with mortgage rate increases will likely keep any sort of monster growth in check. This should be a good thing for keeping home prices from increasing too rapidly to maintain economic stability.

New Listings in the Chattanooga region increased 29.6 percent to 990. This is the largest month-to-month increase we’ve seen all year. Pending Sales were up 29.2 percent to 690, which is third highest increase for the year.

Days on Market was down 38.7 percent to 68 days. In Greater Chattanooga, sellers haven’t seen that short of a timeframe since mid-2005. And this reduced days on market is in line with inventory levels, which shrank 26.0 percent to 4,965 units. Sellers were encouraged as Months Supply of Inventory was down 36.9 percent to 5.3 months.

Prices continued to gain traction. The Median Sales Price increased 5.3 percent to $152,750. The Average Sales Price increased 4.9 percent to $176,432.

Unemployment rates across the nation changed little last month, which bodes well for an increase in buying activity. The national jobless rate was 4.9 percent in October, which was 0.7 percent lower than the year prior. Although housing and employment data are quite positive at this juncture, it is still certainly possible for listings and sales to be down in year-over-year comparisons. Bad weather and the mix of housing available to buyers tend to have a greater effect on trends at the end of the year than during the midsummer months.

The Greater Chattanooga Association of Realtors is “The Voice of Real Estate in Greater Chattanooga.” The Association is a regional organization with more than 1,500 members and is one of more than 1,400 local boards and associations of REALTORS® nationwide that comprise the National Association of Realtors. The Greater Chattanooga Association of Realtors services Hamilton and Sequatchie counties in southeast Tennessee and Catoosa, Dade and Walker counties in northwest Georgia. For more information, visit www.gcar.net.

Serving as Chattanooga CRS-CRB officers in 2016 are: Treasurer Brenda Pargeo; President Steven LaMar; and President-elect Kaye Ivey. Not pictured: Secretary Susan Barnette. (Photos by David Laprad)
Terre Webb and Lindsey Webb-Wood of Mortgage Investors Group were the guest speakers at the Chattanooga CRS-CRB networking luncheon on Dec. 10.

The Chattanooga CRSCRB Group, email laMar at steven@stevenlamar.com.

Sherre Bales, the 2015 Chattanooga CRS-CRB president, adds a festive holiday touch to the tables.

**TRID tips and best practices**

The first few weeks after a contract is signed is the most important period of the process. During the Chattanooga CRS-CRB networking luncheon, Terre Webb and Lindsey Webb-Wood of Mortgage Investors Group offered these tips designed to help the loan process move smoothly toward the target closing date:

- **Provide all contact information, including the license numbers of the selling and listing agent, at the signing of the contract.**
- **Remind buyers to provide all financial documents and information to their lender within five days of submitting the application.**
- **Stress the importance of shopping for and deciding on homeowners insurance within two weeks of submitting the application, and of providing the lender with the information as soon as possible.**
- **Provide changes to the contract to the buyer within 24 hours, including changes to seller concessions.**
- **When possible, complete a home inspection and any negotiations for repairs within ten days of submitting the application so the lender can order the appraisal, if applicable.**
- **Determine a definite close date at the signing of the contract and then avoid making changes if possible.**
- **Provide any charges or costs the buyer is to pay at closing within two weeks of the contract, or as soon as known.**
- **Provide contact information, including the license numbers of the selling and listing agent, at the signing of the contract.**

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**Free Ride Home for Impaired Drivers**

Staff and patrons at restaurants, bars and lounges may call for a free ride home for anyone who is impaired to drive. This free community service is available from December 21 through January 1, 2016 for adults 21 years of age or older.

Bradford’s Free Ride home will be provided within a 30-mile radius. For further information on this program, call Bradford Health Services at 423-892-2639 or 888-577-0012.

**Booze It & Lose It**

69.6% of 10th graders and 48.9% of 12th graders have at least one friend who has tried alcohol.

75.4% of 10th grade and 34.3% of 12th graders report they tried to purchase alcohol in the past 30 days and were not asked to show proof of age.

Source: Hamilton County students (PFS 2013 survey final data report)
Homeowners reap remodeling benefits whether selling or staying, say Realtors

Homeowners preparing to sell often make improvements, both big and small, to their homes that can help yield positive results and a better price from buyers. According to a new report from the National Association of Realtors, remodeling projects can also bring major benefits to homeowners who choose to remain in their homes.

According to NAHB’s 2015 Remodeling Impact Report, which uncovers the reasons homeowners choose a remodel and the increased happiness certain projects bring once completed, 64 percent have experienced increased enjoyment in their home after completing a remodeling project. Additionally, 75 percent of respondents said they felt a major sense of accomplishment when thinking of their completed project. Fifty-four percent of respondents felt happy about the changes to their home, and 40 percent felt satisfied. As for their reasons for completing a remodeling project, 38 percent of homeowners said they wanted to upgrade worn-out surfaces, finishes and materials; 17 percent wanted to add features and improve livability; and 13 percent believed it was time for a change.

“Real estate agents know that certain home upgrades and remodels can be beneficial for homebuyers. A beautiful yard or interior space can make a home more inviting and may add value to the property,” said NAHB President Tom Purdon.

In the report, surveyors found that nearly every type of remodeling project can result in home value appreciation. Similarly, Realtors also ranked projects based on expected value at resale (without accounting for project price), the projects that ranked the highest in this category were complete kitchen renovations, bathroom renovations, and additions to a bathroom.

When looking at the interior projects that yield the biggest financial results upon resale, Realtors ranked insulation upgrades (95 percent recovered), and converting a basement to a living area (69 percent recovered) as projects to consider. Exterior projects are also important for both sellers and homeowners looking to increase satisfaction with their current home. Realtors said new roofing, new vinyl windows, new garage doors, and new vinyl siding are just as valuable to homeowners and can be beneficial to real estate agents looking to sell a home. “Real estate agents know that certain home upgrades and remodels can be beneficial for homebuyers. A beautiful yard or interior space can make a home more inviting and may add value to the property,” said NAHB President Tom Purdon.

“Most believe that while the reasons for a project matter the reason for a project,” said Judy Mozen, president of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry. “Remodeling projects can greatly improve the value of a home, which is a great thing new homebuyers may not understand, the reason for a project can be very beneficial to those new homebuyers.”

Salomone said it’s important to make sure to invest in projects that will bring the biggest bang for the buck – all projects are not created equal. Home owners and the residential construction industry, the HBA of Greater Chattanooga extends a hearty “Thank You” to our local and area Congressional delegation for supporting this meaningful and much-needed legislation.

Linda will serve as a mortgage loan origantor at Platinum Financial’s Gunbarrel Road office. She’s held various management positions and owned her own mortgage company during her 30 years of industry involvement. Linda has earned many awards during her career, and has served as president of the Mortgage Bankers Association. Platinum Financial also welcomes Chris, a mortgage loan originator since 2002, to its Gunbarrel Road location. He is a University of Tennessee at Chattanooga graduate.

Wayne Denham, a three-year veteran of the agency, is looking forward to working alongside his mother and brother. To learn more about Platinum Financial, visit www.platinumfinancial.com.

Source: Platinum Financial Funding

Platinum Financial Funding announces two hires

Platinum Financial Funding this week announced the recent hire of two lending specialists with a combined experience of more than 40 years: Linda Denham and her son, Chris Denham.

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Wayne Denham and Chris Denham join the Platinum Financial Funding team. (Photos provided)

Home Owners in Chattanooga and the surrounding area just recently gained a new way of recent legislative action in Washington, D.C. In an important victory for home owners, the U.S. House recently approved a five-year highway bill that will not use guarantee fees (g-fees) collected by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to pay for transportation programs. The Senate is expected to aprove the measure, and President Obama will sign the legislation into law shortly thereafter.

The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) led the charge to strip a provision that would have used g-fees to help offset a funding shortfall from the federal government. G-fees are a critical risk management tool used by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to protect against credit-related losses on mortgages they have purchased or mortgage-backed securities they have guaranteed. NAHB has always maintained that these fees should only be used for their intended purpose — to protect against mortgage defaults and ensure the safety and soundness of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

Despite strong opposition from NAHB, Congress voted in 2011 to enact a 10-year, 10 basis point increase in g-fees to fund the extension of the payroll tax cut. To help fund the long-term transportation bill, lawmakers subsequently proposed what would amount to a $1.9 billion tax on home owners by providing a four-year extension of the previous 10 basis point increase through 2025.

Working with legislators on both sides of the aisle, NAHB ultimately was able to get the g-fee provision removed from the final transportation bill. On behalf of home owners and the residential construction industry, the HBA of Greater Chattanooga extends a hearty “Thank You” to our local and area Congressional delegation for supporting this meaningful and much-needed legislation.

Linda Denham and Chris Denham join the Platinum Financial Funding team. (Photos provided)
Wood burned cutting boards

In my home, cutting boards and wood go together like water and ice, and to say I have an overzealous love for wood cutting boards would be an understatement. Not too terribly long ago, I made a custom wood cutting board for my best friend as a wedding gift, and she talks about the cutting board the same way I talk about my kids!

Not only does she dote on the cutting board continuously, but people are also constantly asking her where she ordered it. Wait... what? Ordered it? No, we do not order anything if it is something we can create ourselves.

If you read my articles then you know I am all about making presents for the holidays to save money because we have so many people in our families. This year I have decided on etched glassware for the kitchen (I wrote about that two weeks ago) and yes, you guessed it... customized wood cutting boards.

The wood burned cutting boards could not be easier and can be made at any skill level. Items needed:

- wood cutting board can be made or store bought, light wood works better
- wood burning kit can be bought at any craft store for less than 12 dollars

Patterns can be designs or letters, ballpoint pen, printer.

First, you will need to figure out how you would like the finished product to look. You can add a quote, a last name, or a design. The options are limitless, and the Internet can provide great inspiration, so look around and try to find something that speaks to the individual receiving the gift.

Once you have decided what you will be burning into the wood, print it off onto a sheet of printer paper in black ink. Using the ballpoint pen, you will need to outline the letters or design onto the cutting board. Do this by simply laying the paper down and tracing with the pen.

This will leave an indentation in the wood, which is the line you will trace with the wood burner. When buying a wood burner, I like to make sure the kit I purchase has just a regular “free-hand” tip available.

After plugging the wood burner up and making sure it is nice and hot, start burning the wood following the outlined indentions.

When wood-burning, make sure to keep a steady hand for a good quality finish; try to make sure you keep the depth the same throughout the entire design. You may need to go over spots more than once to achieve desired results.

It is never a bad idea to have some scrap wood handy if you are not familiar with wood burning. It is a very easy skill to learn, but it is always good to try it out before you take on the actual job.

Once you have finished, wrap it up and take it to the incredible person who will love and admire the hard work. Then you can watch them gasp... when they find out you actually made it for them.

Happy wood burning and good luck!

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Happy Holidays!

The Critic’s Corner

‘In the Heart of the Sea’ navigates shallow waters

Director Ron Howard’s “In the Heart of the Sea” has the makings of a great story. It has a man, placed upon a turbulent ocean in a sailing ship and pitted against a massive whale. It made for a classic American novel in Herman Melville’s “Moby Dick.” But it does not make for a good movie.

This is odd, since the film is based on the real life story that inspired Melville to write “Moby Dick.” Set partially in 1819, it follows Captain George Pollard, Jr., first mate Owen Chase, and the crew of the Essex as they set sail from Nantucket, Mass., to hunt whale for oil. During their voyage, an enraged bull rams their ship and sinks it, leaving them stranded at sea and more than a thousand miles from land. After the attack, the crew sails for South America, and eventually resorts to cannibalism.

Other scenes take place years later, with Chase sharing the details of the expedition with Melville, who comes to him seeking inspiration for a novel. Melville aspires to be a great writer, but he’s living under the shadow of Nathaniel Hawthorn, a literary genius. Chase is reluctant to help, as doing so will require him to reveal things he’s kept locked away in his memory for decades, but he eventually agrees.

Most of the problems with “In the Heart of the Sea” stem from a weak script. In adapting Nathaniel Philbrick’s non-fiction thriller about the sinking of the ship, screenwriter Charles Leavitt paints in broad strokes, and then allows the colors to fade. For example, Pollard is the incompetent captain who inherited his position from his privileged family, and Chase is the strapping first mate who seems to be able to bend the sea to his will. (What else would one expect of Chris Hemsworth, who’s been stuck in superhero mode since Marvel cast him as Thor?)

This creates tension between the two men, but Leavitt does nothing with it. Later, it’s unclear if the two men have become friends, or merely come to an understanding.

Once the survivors of the attack are adrift, Howard has nowhere to go. But with time to fill, he checks off the obligatory scenes of survival at sea and then brings the movie into port for an unsatisfying ending. In the most glaring example of Leavitt struggling to impart meaning to the story, Chase asks Melville what he’s gained personally from their conversation. “Perhaps the courage to go where I thought I could not,” the author replies. (I’m paraphrasing to the best of my memory.) He’s referring to Chase sharing the less savory aspects of his story, not to his voyage across the sea, but it feels forced.

Technically, “In the Heart of the Sea” looks good, especially the attack. Watching the whale’s massive tail slap the Essex and send splintered wood sinking into the watery depths raised me out of my stupor, and there’s a gorgeous shot of the ship approaching a squall that was very impressive on the IMAX screen on which I viewed the film. While the animation is stiff in places, and the backgrounds of Nantucket are surprisingly fake, these scenes are brief.

Also, Howard occasionally demonstrates an eye for intelligent, engaging imagery, as he does when a wave swells to kiss a seagull’s wings. The rising water obscures the Essex, which is sailing in the distance, suggesting its vulnerability. If only the filmmakers had invested the entire story with the same degree of thought.

Although “In the Heart of the Sea” whitewashes over the critical and commercial failure of “Moby Dick” upon publication (like most of Melville’s works, it was not considered a masterpiece until years after his death), it’s worst sin is that it’s uninteresting. It has the makings of a great story, but like the Essex, its pieces lie buried at sea.

Two stars out of four. Rated PG-13 for intense action and peril, brief startling violence, and thematic material.

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Writings in the November issue of The American Lawyer, a quartet of byline authors put forth: “Among big-firm lawyers, the Dewey & LeBoeuf trial [which, after four months of testimony and 21 days of jury deliberation, ended in a mistrial] has produced reactions ranging from introspection to schadenfreude.” Of German descent, the latter word – combining schaden and freude – is, literally, harmjoy. And, apparently, this 13-letter word has an 11-letter synonym.

Dictionaries tell us that schadenfreude is, “pleasure derived by someone from another person’s misfortune” (Oxford Online). Or, more succinctly, “enjoyment obtained from the misfortune of others” (Merriam-Webster’s Online). In researching the word, I was led to a 2009 novel, “Retromancer,” by a prolific British humor writer, Robert Fleming Rankin. Here is the relevant snippet:

“We drank rum up there in the wheelhouse and watched the rich people bashing each other up, falling over the side, crowding the lifeboats and generally carrying on in a manner which, I have to confess, I found most amusing indeed. . . . Schadenfreude I know it is called. Or epicaricacy, as the English will have it.

As am I, frankly, because I had never heard of either of the two words. And now I know more about both than I had ever been, with Lemon juice would make it invisible to video cameras.

In note 8 of this piece, Morris recommends a certain website’s recommended words is 'epicaricacy.' I read somewhere for “the inner logoleptic in all of us,” remarking, “One of the sites’ recommended words is ‘epicaricacy.’ I read somewhere that the German word ‘schadenfreude’ has no equivalent in English. Or epicaricacy, as the English will have it. I am now greatly relieved.”

Our plan had been to go with her mother, Margaret, to midnight mass at their church, Immaculate Conception. But when I pulled onto our driveway, my brothers were already coming from around the side of our house dragging a couple of seldom-used sleds. This was going to be great. I went inside and called KM, telling her my parents didn’t want me driving in the snow, and that I was sorry I’d miss the midnight mass with mother.

The conversation ended pretty quickly after that.

Happy birthday honey.

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The annual Sandhill Crane migration has been called one of the greatest spectacles of nature in the Southeast. Each winter, between 15,000 and 20,000 of these graceful birds converge upon the Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge on their journey from the upper Midwest to Florida. "The cranes begin arriving in late November, but their numbers peak in early January," said Kevin Calhoon, the Tennessee Aquarium’s assistant curator of forests.

Located just north of Chattanooga, at the convergence of the Hiwassee and Tennessee Rivers, the refuge contains 6,000 acres of habitat. Nearly 2,500 acres is a wooded landscape interspersed with food plots. The remaining 3,500 acres is water.

Calhoon and other Aquarium experts will lead Sandhill Crane viewing cruises aboard the River Gorge Explorer during the peak of their migration the first three weekends in January. During each two-hour excursion, passengers will be able to view the refuge from inside the boat’s climate-controlled cabin as well as outside on the stern viewing deck or topside observation platform. "The Hiwassee Refuge is special in the winter because of the sheer number of cranes people can easily see from the river," said Calhoon.

Calhoon says this critical stopover point for Sandhill Cranes is also a perfect habitat for resident and transient Bald Eagles, and numerous waterfowl species, including Snow and White-fronted Geese. Birders have also recorded occasional sightings of Ross’s Geese, White Pelicans, and even a few Whooping Cranes. "We will also see wintering Dunlin, Least Sandpipers, and Wilson’s Snipe," said Calhoon.

Two experienced Aquarium naturalists will help passengers spot wildlife and bring the area’s history to life. "I enjoy using our video system to illustrate what life was like along this stretch of river during the past," said Aquarium naturalist John Dever. "We pack a lot into each cruise to help everyone appreciate the communities that once existed here and the historic significance of Hiwassee Island."

Cruises will depart from the Sale Creek Marina, located at 3900 Lee Pike near Soddy-Daisy, Tenn., at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Jan. 1-3, 8-10, and 15-18. Tickets must be purchased in advance at www.tnaqua.org/sandhill-crane-cruises.

Source: Tennessee Aquarium