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By David Laprad

Legal assistant Sheila Ortiz has a reputation for making people cry. Her ability is reportedly so profound it takes only moments for her to draw tears. The lawyer for which Ortiz works at Grant Konvalinka & Harrison, immigration attorney Brittany Thomas, has witnessed her powers firsthand.

“I once stepped out of a room to make a copy of a work authorization card. I left Sheila there with a client I’d known for several years,” she says. “It was the first time they’d met, and when I came back, the client was crying.”

Although Ortiz’s gift is uncanny, there’s no mystery behind it. “Sheila is respectful and sweet,” Thomas adds. “She has the kind of spirit that opens a person up.”

Ortiz, 38, also has the academic credentials of a therapist. When she was assigned to the immigration department at Grant Konvalinka, Thomas took advantage of Ortiz’s education as well as her innate ability to delicately approach difficult conversations with clients and began using her to take affidavits.

“We have cases involving child rape, domestic violence and murder, so we have to ask people to talk about the worst thing that has happened to them. Sheila is really good at getting those details out of people,” Thomas says. Attorneys rarely use legal assistants to take affidavits. Thomas says she’s never employed one in that manner. But Ortiz is not inclined to stay within predefined boundaries.

A compassionate heart

The first thing people notice about Ortiz is her constant smile. It reaches clients ahead of her handshake, and sharing it with her coworkers has become part of her daily ritual.

“Every morning, before I sit down in my area, I take the time to greet everybody,” she says. “I walk by everyone’s desk and say, ‘Buenos dias!’”

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Stepping through the front door of La Paz Chattanooga was like finding the bricks and mortar she needed, as well as the will to put her back into the necessary work.

The woman’s story continues today as she is a part of the city in which she has made her home and begins to give back. She’s a member of a local PTA, she’s making presentations to other Latinos about domestic violence, bullying and health and wellness, and she’s started a sewing business.

She’s built not just a foundation for herself but also walls and a roof. The woman, whom Johnson doesn’t identify, is just one of about 30,000 people La Paz has served through direct services, case management, education and outreach programming since opening its doors in 2004 when the organization became a 501(c)3 nonprofit.

Serving a population Johnson says will reach 25,000, or 15 percent of Chattanooga’s population, by 2020 has been no small task for the six-person staff at La Paz. But Johnson makes it sound easy by dividing the organization’s services into two “buckets” — client empowerment and community engagement.

Client empowerment

When a person walks through the front door of La Paz, the staff does everything it can to meet the person’s needs, Johnson explains. Services range from simple tasks such as translating a letter written in English into the person’s native language to dealing with traumatic cases involving domestic violence or human trafficking.

Every positive, she says she knows U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will approve the woman’s application. When that happens, Ortiz will celebrate, as she has many times during her three years of working at Grant Konvinka.

“We celebrate approvals because of what they mean for our clients,” she says. “It opens up a new life for them and keeps them safe. They won’t have to go to a place where their lives will be threatened or they might be trafficked.”

While Ortiz’s compassion for the clients she serves at Grant Konvinka runs deep, it doesn’t end there. Rather, it extends to the community in which she has made her home and especially to the Latino people, with whom she shares a language and a culture.

Latino leader

Although Ortiz moved to the U.S. when she was 8, she’s always had an affinity for her native culture. Growing up, her mother steered her in the traditions of their people. As an adult, Ortiz earned her undergraduate and graduate degrees in Puerto Rico.

Knowing this and believing Ortiz had even more to offer others, Thomas introduced her to La Paz Chattanooga, a nonprofit that serves the local Latino community. (Thomas is a member of the organization’s board.)

Ortiz took to the group like a fish to water. She began attending La Paz events and in time became part of a coalition within the organization called Unidos Contigo, which means, “united with you.”

Formed in response to fears that

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Outsourcing is starting to become a four-letter word in state government.

Gov. Bill Haslam’s administration told lawmakers during a summer study session it’s giving up on privatization of state parks, including a plan to hire a company to raze the inn at Fall Creek Falls and build a new one at a cost of more than $22 million, then take over the keys and the profits.

The governor responds that the move forward with the Fall Creek Falls project but let the next governor decide how parks will operate since he would be out of office by the time the project would be done.

After a state request for proposals for the Fall Creek Falls project was taken off the table, then put back on, but failed to draw any bidders this spring, the governor is tip-toeing around the term “outsourcing.”

In fact, Haslam spokesperson Jennifer Donnals says the governor never intended to “outsource” Fall Creek Falls.

Rather, he intended to have a private company manage and operate the inn. Fall Creek Falls would remain a state park with Tennessee park ranger.

No one’s “outsourcing” means “to contract for work, jobs, etc., to be done by outside or foreign workers,” according to Merriam-Webster.

When the most recent RFP to rebuild and manage the inn drew no bidders, the governor decided it was “more appropriate to concentrate on rebuilding the inn only and letting the next administration decide how to operate it,” Donnals says.

Oddly enough, the governor was clear about his philosophy toward state parks in 2016-17, even with Tennessee employees worrying about losing jobs and benefits.

“People should take great encouragement in that the state’s investing money in Fall Creek Falls. We haven’t done that in forever, and we have a facility that literally is substandard and it’s hard to keep a number of guests coming there we’d like to,” the governor said.

He added, “All we’ve said is, with all the things the state does, I’m not certain that a running lodge or running marinas or running golf courses is part of what we do better than other folks. If there are other folks that can run that better, they’ll do that. The jobs won’t go away, they will still be the same exact jobs there. The question is should the state be running golf courses and hotels, or can somebody else do that better than us?”

The conundrum is Tennessee’s state parks facilities are said to be in such poor condition that no private company wants to take them on, even with the state promising to pour money into projects such as the Fall Creek Falls inn.

State Rep. John Ray Clemmons, a Nashville Democrat who’s been leading the fight to stop the outsourcing of Fall Creek Falls and other state parks, regards the administration’s inaction on the subject as a political ploy.

“I think the governor is giving us the benefit of the doubt by not bringing it to our attention,” Clemmons says. “I think he’s been leading us on.”

Clemmons and Harris, a Memphis Democrat, sponsored legislation two years ago to create more oversight of state contracts putting services in the hands of the private sector.

With Democrats holding a super-minority in the House and Senate, they got nowhere with that bill.

But Republican state Sen. Janice Bowling, who has been beating the drum against Fall Creek Falls privatization, and Republican Rep. Tilman Goins are sponsoring a similar bill designed to get a handle on state contracts. Senate Bill 1047 would require the state’s chief procurement officer provide the comptroller a list of state contracts, grants and costs, and require the comptroller to put them on the state website.

Bogged down?

The Department of Correction, the Department of Labor and Workforce Development and TennCare division, during a summer study hearing, said such a rule would hinder their ability to move rapidly, expedite contracts and setting up new services.

The Office of Customer Focused Government, which is in charge of a massive contract for outsourcing facilities management in departments across the state, starting with universities, contends it’s already making the state’s best interests part of its daily routine.

No need for more transparancy.

For instance, a state advisory board of top officials in the Haslam administration – whose meetings don’t fall under the Sunshine Law – is adding a couple of state lawmakers to ensure it has more legislative oversight and to make sure JLL, the company with the contract, is meeting performance requirements.

So far, only Austin Peay State University has opted for any of the facilities management services JLL is providing.

Charles Burket, the new director of facilities management and a former advisor to University of Memphis President David Rudd, says he is emphasizing to university leaders they will make the final decision on whether to use JLL, as Austin Peay, is choosing to do with custodial services.

“I don’t have a goal to sign up university business, but I do want to present them the plans,” he adds. Nevertheless, he has met with university presidents, chancellors and facilities managers at the state’s six state universities to explain the pro-

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Outsourcing by any other name still not so sweet

Tennessee Appellate Court Opinions

Authoring Judge: Judge Charles D. Susano, Jr. Originating Judge: Judge W. Jeffrey Holford Date Filed: Tuesday, August 29, 2017

This is an invasion of privacy case filed by Betty Graham. It arises out of disclosures made by the defendants in an underlying health care liability action. In the underlying case, the defendants moved to dismiss Graham’s case on the ground that she had failed to file a statutory-man- dated pre-suit notice and (2) had failed to file with her complaint a certificate of good faith, as required by the Health Care Liability Act (the Act). Graham claims that she could not comply with the Act because the defendants had not provided her with the relevant medical records. To demonstrate that they had complied or attempted to comply with Graham’s requests for records, the defendants filed in the earlier case two affidavits detailing their response to her requests. After the dismissal of her health care liability action, Graham filed this case for invasion of privacy, alleging that the defendants had wrongfully disclosed her personal medical information by filing the affidavits in the underlying case. The trial court granted the defendants’ motions to dismiss. Graham appeals. We affirm.

Mary Wagoner-Angelin v. Randall Jon Angelin
Case number: E2006-01850-COA-R3-CV
Authoring Judge: Judge D. Michael Swainey, CJ Originating Judge: Judge L Mary Jones Date Filed: Tuesday, August 29, 2017

This appeal concerns post-divorce matters pertaining to a marital dissolution agreement (“the MDA”) and a parenting plan. Mary Wagoner-Angelin (“Mother”) filed a petition seeking modification of the parenting plan entered by her husband Randall Jon Angelin (“Father”) in the Circuit Court for Hamilton County (“the Trial Court”). Father filed an answer and counterpetition challenging the alimony provision in the MDA. Mother later amended her petition to include allegations of custodial conflict for Mother’s alleged abuse of Father. She also amended the MDA and parenting plan. After a trial, the Trial Court, inter alia, found Father in contempt. Father appeals to this Court. We affirm.

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County mayor proposes hold on millage rate

Hamilton County Mayor Jim Coppinger is calling on the Hamilton County Commission to maintain the current millage rate.

Coppinger says retention of the rate taxpayers currently pay on their property assessment would provide needed funding for economic development, education, public safety and infrastructure.

At a press conference held on the lawn of the Hamilton County Courthouse Tuesday, Aug. 29, Coppinger said the recently approved balanced budget for fiscal year 2018 does not contain a property tax increase. This makes it the tenth consecutive year Hamilton County property owners have not seen a tax increase on their property.

Coppinger also said several opportunities have developed that will require additional funds since the passage of the budget. For this reason, Coppinger is calling on the County Commission to maintain its current property tax millage rate of $2.7652.

Coppinger said retaining the current millage rate would generate additional revenues of $25.5 million. This additional revenue would be directed to several areas, including a regional sewage treatment plant in the northeastern section of Hamilton County.

“this regional sewage treatment plant, at a capital cost of approximately $45 million, would allow Hamilton County to expand its sewer system to meet the needs for growth in the northeastern section of Hamilton County.

“The immediate impact would meet the projected need for an additional 10,000 homes by year 2021. Additionally, this would allow the Hamilton County Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority (WWTA) to direct the sewers to the new plant and avoid an estimated $43 million in treatment fees and unnecessary construction of storage tanks.”

Coppinger said the plant would be operated by the WWTA, and most of the debt service for building the plant would be repaid by the WWTA ratepayers who use the treatment plant.

The mayor also said some of the new revenue would be directed toward public safety by addressing overcrowding concerns at the Hamilton County Jail. “The additional revenues would be used toward funding the required debt service to upgrade the Silverdale service areas and to add beds at Silverdale,” he said.

Coppinger then turned to the topic of education, saying he has met several times with new Hamilton County Department of Education superintendent Dr. Bryan Johnson, and the two leaders agree on the need to begin meeting some
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WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms, and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated September 28, 1995, and the Deed of Trust for record in the Register of Deeds for Hamilton County, Tennessee: Lot Thirty-Seven (37), Cherry Hills Subdivision, as shown by Plat of record in Office of the Register of Deeds for Hamilton County, Tennessee.

This sale is subject to all matters shown of record; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; your prior knowledge of any recorded Plat of record in the Register’s Office of Hamilton County, Tennessee: Lot Thirty-Seven (37), Cherry Hills Subdivision, as shown by Plat of record in Office of the Register of Deeds for Hamilton County, Tennessee.

This sale is subject to, without limitation, all liens, taxes, and any other encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold with the express reservation that the sale is subject to the right of redemption by the owner of record or any other person who may have a lien, claim or interest in the property. Further, the property will be sold subject to any unrecorded easements; however, the undersigned, Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee, will, on September 14, 2017 at 12:00PM local time, at the Hamilton County Courthouse, located in Chattanooga, Tennessee, proceed to sell to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds only, the following described property situated in Hamilton County, Tennessee: Lot Thirty-Seven (37), Cherry Hills Subdivision, as shown by Plat of record in Plat Book 15, Page 106 AND BY PLAT IN AND WEFT OF THE REGISTER’S OFFICE OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE: Lot Thirty-Seven (37), Cherry Hills Subdivision, as shown by Plat of record in Plat Book 15, Page 106:

The street address of the property is believed to be 3203 Crestfield Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37411.

In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

The following parties may claim an interest in the property and shall have the right to redeem:

- Rubin Lublin TN, PLLC, Substitute Trustee by instrument to be filed with the Register of Deeds for Hamilton County, Tennessee: Lot Thirty-Seven (37), Cherry Hills Subdivision, as shown by Plat of record in Plat Book 15, Page 106:

SUBJECT TO all notes, stipulations, easements, conditions and regulations as shown, described or noted on the recorded Plat of record in Plat Book 15, Page 106.
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NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the property herein described has been sold at public auction by the Trustee, by an act of default, and the Trustee having been appointed Successor Trustee by the substitute Trustee, S. Edward T. Weeks, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Hamilton County, Tennessee, being more particularly described as: The north 75 feet of the south half of Lot 3 Block 4 of the Park Addition in the City of Chattanooga, Chattanooga, Tennessee, as more particularly described in the Instrument No. 1126909 in the Register’s Office of Hamilton County, Tennessee.

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The winning bid will be refunded to the successful bidder provided that the successful bidder has sufficient funds to outbid the lender and any other claims or encumbrances that might disclose. By a failure filing or any applicable homeowners’ association dues or assessments; all claims or encumbrances that might disclose. The street address of the above described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be part of the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control. CURRENT OWNER(S): JULE A BOLANO OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: The sale of the above described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be part of the legal description of the property. The property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. However, the right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place of the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and any right of redemption in the above described property located in Hamilton County, Tennessee, to be affected is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. However, the right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place of the sale set forth above.

The following parties may claim an interest in the above described property located in Hamilton County, Tennessee, to be affected by the foreclosure: any judgment creditor or lien holder with an interest subordinate to the sale of Trustee’s deed to which the legal description shall control. The property is being sold with the express reservation that it is subject to confirmation by the lender or Substitute Trustee. However, the right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place of the sale set forth above. All right and equity of redemption, statutory and otherwise, and any right of redemption in the above described property located in Hamilton County, Tennessee, to be affected by the foreclosure: any judgment creditor or lien holder with an interest subordinate to the sale of Trustee’s deed to which the legal description shall control.

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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE’S SALE

Sale at public auction will be on September 22, 2017 at 10:00AM local time, at the west door, Hamilton County Courthouse, 505 Georgia Ave., Chattanooga, Tennessee pursuant to Deed of Trust executed by Christopher W. Singleton and Dawn M. Singleton, to Kathryn J. Harris, Trustee, as trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. and nominees for Community Mortgage Corporation on March 31, 2011 at Book GI 9381, Page 1, in the Register’s Office of Hamilton County, Tennessee.

The following real estate located in Hamilton County, Tennessee, will be sold to the highest bidder:

The real property will be sold AS IS, WHERE IS, with no warranties expressed or implied, including without limitation, warranties regarding the condition of the property or marketability of title.

This sale is subject to, without limitation, all matters shown on any applicable recorded plat; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory right of redemption of any person entitled to redeem the property under the Tennessee Statute of Limitations; any claim by any of the parties known to the Substitute Trustee; any mortgage, deed of trust or any party claiming by, through or under said mortgage, deed of trust or any party claiming by, through or under said mortgage, deed of trust; any foreclosure sale; any judgment creditor or any party claiming through him/her/it/them.

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SUBJECT TO Any Governmental zoning and subdivision ordinances and regulations in effect theretofore.

SUBJECT TO Restrictions as set out in recorded instrument in Book 832, Page 564, in the Register’s Office of Hamilton County, Tennessee.

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Party Entitled to Enforce the Deed: JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, its successors and assigns.

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Are you a “hardworking” investor?

This week, we observe Labor Day, a celebration of the American worker. You work hard your whole life with the hope that your efforts will ultimately allow you to achieve your financial goals, such as a comfortable retirement. But for that to happen, you may need to apply some of the lessons of the workplace to your efforts as an investor.

So, what are these lessons? Here are a few to consider:

Be consistent

The most successful workers are the ones who show up, day after day, and strive to overcome the inevitable obstacles that crop up. As an investor, you need to be consistent in your habits — which means you should keep investing in all types of markets. If you take a “time out” every time the market drops, you might end up missing opportunities when the next rally begins.

Be flexible

When good workers see something that is not going well, they change what they’re doing. And when you invest, you also may need to make adjustments. If an investment has consistently underperformed, or if you have too many others very similar to it, or if it just doesn’t meet your investment criteria anymore, you may be better off by selling it and using the proceeds to invest elsewhere. This doesn’t mean you should constantly be buying and selling — in fact, you’ll likely be better off by purchasing quality investments and holding them for the long term. But you need to be flexible enough to make the appropriate moves at the appropriate times.

Be informed

The best workers are those who regularly update their skills and acquire knowledge that helps them do their jobs better. As an investor, you should keep learning about the investment world in general and about new opportunities for you to explore. And you should always understand what you are investing in — and why. Even if you work with a financial professional, you need to inform yourself about every aspect of your investment portfolio — after all, it’s your money and your future.

Be farsighted

Good workers not only know what they’re doing — they also can visualize the desired outcome of each task. And, of course, people who are in charge of a particular endeavor, or who are responsible for the fortunes of a business, should have a clear view of what they want to accomplish, even if the achievement of that goal is many years in the future. When you invest, you also need to see where you want to go. If you can constantly keep in mind your long-term goals — such as the type of retirement lifestyle you desire — you will likely find it easier to stick with an investment strategy that’s appropriate for your needs and risk tolerance.

Conversely, if you lose sight of your destination, you might be more prone to taking short-term detours, which could work against you.

 Labor Day reminds us to appreciate the skills and dedication of all workers — and as an investor, you can put these same attributes to good use.

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La Paz's annual fundraiser, Sangria on the Bluff (previously Sangria on the Southside) doubles as a cultural event that highlights the traditions of the Latino people. Through music, dance and authentic Latino food and drink, the event introduces Chattanooga to the Latino community and celebrates the people who are a part of it. What's more, a new La Paz membership initiative called Compania is designed to engage Latino professionals by offering networking opportunities and encouraging philanthropy.

"Over the last few years, we've created programs to engage people who might not require our social services but still need something from us," Johnson explains. "We want to give them a place to belong and also inspire them to give back." La Paz also creates awareness through its annual Latino Leadership Awards, which recognize and honor Latinos for their career achievements and community involvement. This year's honorees, which include individuals as diverse as a restaurant owner, a police officer and an artist, will be recognized this month.

"We chose these individuals because of their professional accomplishments and the impact they've had on the lives of others," Johnson notes. "The event gives us the opportunity to celebrate some of our city's amazing leaders."

La Paz de Dios

When La Paz was launched in 2004, its official name was La Paz de Dios, which means "the peace of God." But the moniker didn't stick. "No one could pronounce 'de Dios,'" Johnson acknowledges. "Some people even thought it was a church. So we shortened it for marketing purposes."

At the time, the Latino community in Chattanooga was made up of mostly single males who came to the U.S. to work, Johnson says. Few, if any, of them had banks accounts, so they carried a lot of cash with them and were frequently robbed, she adds.

To help stop this activity, a group of local church leaders and other residents formed La Paz. "They were regular Chattanoogans who wanted to put some effort into helping the Latino community," Johnson recalls. Over time, the local Latino population grew and changed. What began as a group of single males developed into a community of families as wives and children moved to Chattanooga, and in time, Latino professionals began to emerge.

La Paz responded in kind. "In the beginning, we focused on the underserved," Johnson says. "We continue to work with those people, but now we're also developing leaders and serving bilingual professionals who might not need our social services but still want to connect to this community. It's more challenging but also more rewarding." Volunteer force

While resourceful, the half-dozen staff members who make up the heart of La Paz could not fulfill the organization's ever-expanding mission on their own. For this reason, Johnson is grateful for the corps of volunteers that help them pull off events both large and small.

During this year's county-wide school registration day, 75 bilingual volunteers helped local Latino students enroll in 14 Hamilton County public schools for the upcoming aca-
The better part of a decade, Courtney Braswell was simply a coaching nomad. Now two games into his second season as head coach of the Central Purple Pounders, he has already stayed longer at his current job than any of his previous seven stops. And he plans on staying much longer.

But Braswell, who included a stop in 2014 as Central’s defensive coordinator among his previous ports of call, took on his first head coaching job disappointed and a little discouraged at the way he found the program.

“The program was not in real shape. It was not the way we left it,” Braswell said this week after the day’s practice. “We left it in pretty good shape, with a winning record, two straight trips to the playoffs. Meanwhile, Braswell was headed in Ryan Mallory in his only season as Central head coach, taking the

2017 Latino Leadership Awards honorees

The honorees for the 2017 Latino Leadership Awards will be recognized during a Sept. 18 ceremony at the Chattanooga Convention Center. They include:

Chuy Esquivel, owner of Mervilxe Marina
Martha Flores, branch banker at BB&T Bank
Carlos García, president and CEO of LoricUSA
Nyesha Gorgo-Rios, officer with the Chattanooga Police Department
Daniel Ledo, director of advertising at Lynch Sales Company and board chair of Chattanooga Cares
Pablo Mazariego, director of the Family Resource Center at the Hamilton County Department of Education
Dr. Enrique Ordoñez, obstetrician & gynecologist physician at Cherokee Health System
SHELLA Ortiz, legal administrative assistant at Grant, Konvalinka and Harrison
DANIELA Peterson, community engagement specialist at Chattanooga Neighborhood Enterprise
Kristina Sanchez-Mills, owner of Artistic Creations
In addition to recognizing the Latino Leaders listed above, La Paz will also honor five individuals with the following special awards:

**Latino Leader of the Year & Chattanooga’s Choice**

Of the Latino leaders listed above, two will be given an additional recognition as either Latino of the Year or Chattanooga’s Choice for their individual career achievements and contributions to Chattanooga.”

The recipient of this award may or may not be of Latino heritage.

**Emerging Latino Leader**

Recognizing the emerging influence and accomplishments of a Latino young adult who’s 25 years of age or younger.

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For a swim,” Ortiz says. “But although my country is beautiful, the economy is horrible.”

Ortiz, whose memory holds the minutest details, returned to the U.S. on Oct. 26, 2013. She chose to live in Chattanooga to be close to her mother and sister – and because taxes were cheaper than in Florida, where her brother lives. Ortiz intended to earn her doctorate but chose to go to work instead. After a brief stint at Covenant Transport, she arrived at Grant Konvalinka via a temporary agency. Her first day was Sept. 26, 2014.

Ortiz’s first assignment involved working for John Konvalinka himself. From there, she transferred to David Elliott, who supervised her on immigration matters as she also provided support for the real estate and litigation departments.

In time, Ortiz was placed under the sole auspices of Thomas, who says she would not let Ortiz go should another transfer be suggested. “It’s unlikely anyone at Grant Konvalinka would suggest such a move. Ortiz is in her element and filling a vital role at the firm he so clearly understands. Although she’s not working in her field of study, she pursues her calling in psychology every day as she breaks the words and expresses the sympathy, kindness and understanding that so easily draws tears from the eyes of the people she serves.

Love for life

Ortiz might not be living next to the beach anymore but her home in Ooltewah does place her close to nature. As someone who enjoys hiking and riding her bike, this suits her well.

Ortiz’s zest for life knows few boundaries. An avid reader, she’s currently devouring “Waking Up White” which chronicles author Deby Irving’s experiences of being an American white woman and coming to terms with the complexity of race in the U.S. “She describes the beauty of embracing diversity so well,” Ortiz says.

Ortiz is also a foodie who enjoys eating healthy at local restaurants. She still loves to cook, too. “It’s one of my favorite things to do,” she adds. “I mean business when I cook.”

Ortiz also enjoys spending time with her family, which locally consists of her mother, stepfather, sister, nephews and nieces.

It does not, however, include a husband or children – and that also suits her well. “I’m happy being on my own,” she says, laughing.

Ortiz does have a furry child – a miniature Schnauzer named Domino. Like Ortiz, she has a mind of her own.

Although Ortiz’s life is largely about serving others, she says she believes she’s capable of doing more. Like the girl who decided to leave the south for the fish tank and return to her native country for college, she wants to pursue broader experiences so she can reach even more people in their place of need.

And like Irving, she wants to embrace diversity so she can better serve the clients she encounters. “The richest person is not the one with the most money but the one who’s the most emotionally mature, who can have a relationship with everybody,” Ortiz says.

“I work toward that richness everyday.”

For the better part of a decade, Courtney Braswell was simply a coaching nomad. Now two games into his second season as head coach of the Central Purple Pounders, he has already stayed longer at his current job than any of his previous seven stops. And he plans on staying much longer.

But Braswell, who included a stop in 2014 as Central’s defensive coordinator among his previous ports of call, took on his first head coaching job disappointed and a little discouraged at the way he found the program.

“The program was not in real shape. It was not the way we left it,” Braswell said this week after the day’s practice. “We left it in pretty good shape, with a winning record, two straight trips to the playoffs. Meanwhile, Braswell was headed in Ryan Mallory in his only season as Central head coach, taking the

2017 Latino Leadership Awards honorees

The honorees for the 2017 Latino Leadership Awards will be recognized during a Sept. 18 ceremony at the Chattanooga Convention Center. They include:

Chuy Esquivel, owner of Mervilxe Marina
Martha Flores, branch banker at BB&T Bank
Carlos García, president and CEO of LoricUSA
Nyesha Gorgo-Rios, officer with the Chattanooga Police Department
Daniel Ledo, director of advertising at Lynch Sales Company and board chair of Chattanooga Cares
Pablo Mazariego, director of the Family Resource Center at the Hamilton County Department of Education
Dr. Enrique Ordoñez, obstetrician & gynecologist physician at Cherokee Health System
SHELLA Ortiz, legal administrative assistant at Grant, Konvalinka and Harrison
DANIELA Peterson, community engagement specialist at Chattanooga Neighborhood Enterprise
Kristina Sanchez-Mills, owner of Artistic Creations
In addition to recognizing the Latino Leaders listed above, La Paz will also honor five individuals with the following special awards:

**Latino Leader of the Year & Chattanooga’s Choice**

Of the Latino leaders listed above, two will be given an additional recognition as either Latino of the Year or Chattanooga’s Choice for their individual career achievement and community impact over a significant period of time. A selection committee will determine who will receive the Latino Leader of the Year Award and the general public will vote for the leader to be honored as Chattanooga’s Choice. The Chattanooga’s Choice voting process began Aug. 1. To vote, visit www.latinoleadershipawards.org.

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Leap of faith pays off for Montieth

By David Laprad

Things were going well for Lori Montieth. She was married to a fireman, expecting her first child and her career gave her a sense of purpose.

Her job in social services took her across a broad swath of northern Georgia doing foster care assessments, planning parent-child reunions and counseling families. She loathed the idea of being stuck behind a desk, so the road suited her well.

But one evening, as Montieth drove the countless miles between her work and home in Chattanooga, something besides her son stirred inside of her: she didn’t want to be hours away from her child every day as he was growing up.

Fortunately, Montieth had created a fallback plan without even realizing it.

Her husband, Jarred, purchased, renovated and sold houses on the side. To gain access to more properties, Montieth had earned a real estate license.

In order to stay close to home and family, she would upgrade her part-time venture to a full-time job.

“I didn’t go into real estate thinking

REALTOR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Summer has ended, and you might be wondering if you’ve waited too long to sell your house this year. Here are some facts to help you decide.

Too late to sell your home this year? Not even close

December 8 percent of the total sales. These sales amounts ranged from 701-879 homes per month compared with a June 2017 high of 983 closed units.

In the not too distant past, it was perceived that all families moved during the summer months, when children were out of school. This simply does not hold true in today’s residential market.

Since our winters are mild, the home-shopping season begins immediately after the first of the year and continues into the holiday season. The internet allows home shoppers to preview properties regardless of temperatures or weather conditions as well.

There are also many reasons a real estate transaction is necessary regardless of the month or season.

A few to consider include birth (the owner has outgrown the home), age (the owner no longer needs the space or is unable to live independently within it) and change in financial position or job (both positive or negative can force a move).

Another factor that motivates many house purchases and sales are marriages and divorces. None of these factors are tied to school calendars or seasons of the year.

Because of the age-old perception that spring and summer are the best times to sell, many homeowners have held off entering the market until...
I would make a career out of it,” says Montieth, who leads a team of six at Keller Williams Realty Chattanooga. “I already had a job. But having my license opened that door.”

Montieth says she believed her change of direction was divinely inspired: “God had a purpose and a plan.” Her husband, Jarred, agreed with her but still felt compelled to impress upon the gravity of the situation on her. “He told me, ‘You’d better make it work,’” Montieth recalls. She laughs now at the memory, but she wasn’t laughing then. Once Montieth pulled the plug on her job as a foster care worker, a fear of failure accompanied the realization that she was no longer earning a paycheck.

If she was going to contribute to her family’s finances, it was up to her and no one else to make the money. Montieth combated the anxiety that comes common among new agents by pouring everything she had into her work. “I was scared I wouldn’t succeed, so I kept going and going and going,” she explains. “I never stopped to breathe.”

Montieth had one other mountain to climb: self-doubt. She had just left a career in which she had the answers for every problem, but was starting over as a Realtor.

Montieth didn’t cut herself any slack because of her experience, either, as she strived to make every transaction go perfectly. Once again, she scaled those heights by putting in extra time: “I looked at purchase and sales agreements over and over and over so I could understand them. When I sit down with people, I want to know what I’m talking about,” she says.

Compounding the challenge was Montieth’s timing: she went full time not long after the housing bubble burst in late 2007.

Montieth worked her contacts and followed the guidance of her mentor, Keller Williams agent Donnette Moore. She also relied on certain skills she’d developed as a foster care worker.

“When I first started, I was intimidated by the thought of being a salesperson. That’s not me. But people don’t want to be sold on a house; they want to be informed. My previous job helped me in that respect because I’m good at providing information.”

Lori Montieth

Montieth’s efforts paid off and, by 2012, she needed help. “I was trying to show houses, do paperwork and be a mom and a wife, and it was impossible,” she says. “So, I hired a transaction coordinator.”

Montieth’s transaction coordinator was Deborah Powell, aka her mom. “I remember thinking, ‘Oh, my gosh, I’ll never be able to pay her,’” she says. Next, Montieth hired a buyer’s agent – lifelong friend Leslie May. “She was wonderful. She came on board and took the reins. I barely had to train her,” Montieth says.

Three other buyer’s agents followed: Becky Hooper, Rachel Wright and Kristina Black. Three years ago, Montieth also added a listing manager to her team, Marjorie Lyons. “Marjorie talks with our sellers and loves on them,” Montieth says. “She allows me to focus on bringing in more clients.”

Montieth’s latest hire is Haley Taylor, her marketing manager. One might assume Montieth has learned to relax now that she has team members handling many of the moving parts of her business, but the tightly coiled Realtor has yet to begin breathing easy.

“Having a team brings other stressors because now I have people under me who need to feed their family,” she adds. “Thankfully, they’re an amazing group of people.”

One of the factors in the success Montieth has achieved is her wealth of contacts, which she developed growing up and living in Chattanooga.

Montieth earned degrees in sociology and psychology at Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City. Inspired by professors who sparked her interest in criminal justice, Montieth returned to the city of her birth to earn a master’s degree in that field at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

Montieth then began working with foster children with serious emotional disturbances. Although she doesn’t miss her former career, she looks back on that time with a sense of accomplishment.

“It’s difficult to change familial patterns, but while I was with those children I planted as many seeds as I could and hoped that someday they would remember some of the things I said,” she says.

“I wasn’t always with a child long enough to see the seeds come to fruition, but every case was special in its own way.”

With a solid team in place, Montieth has reached the point where she can focus on building and maintaining relationships. Most importantly, she can also take time off to see her son, Moxon, play ball.

“When my son started playing baseball, I said I’d never miss a game, and I haven’t,” she offers. “That’s one of the reasons I started a team. I wanted to have more free time but also make sure my clients were taken care of.

Montieth says spending time with her family is her top priority.

“Nothing is more important than them,” she says. “We take our son to school and pick him up at the end of the day. It works because I have people I trust on my team.”

Somewhere, Montieth is able to squeeze a few more drops of juice from her schedule, which allows her to contribute to her community and church.

She takes dinner to the boys at YCAP, a YMCA program that works with at-risk youth, every other Thursday, and on Sunday mornings she can be found at Crosspath Church singing with the praise and worship team.

Work is always nipping at her heels, though. Even with all Montieth’s success, the part of her who was once anxious about succeeding is still there, even if its voice is much quieter than it once was.

“I think every Realtor wonders if they’ll ever sell another house. You have to continually push yourself because things don’t fall in your lap,” Montieth acknowledges.

“If you quit working in real estate, real estate will quit working for you. You can’t say, ‘I’ve made it; now I can rest.’

But Montieth can look her husband square in the eye and say, ‘I made it work.’

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Five home maintenance projects to do this fall

When stores start selling Halloween candy – a fall two months before the haunted day – it’s a good reminder to start thinking about how to prepare your home for the upcoming change of seasons.

For those in Chattanooga or the surrounding area who have recently experienced 90 degree-plus temperatures, it might seem too early to focus on fall maintenance projects, but preparing for the chilly weather now will enhance and protect one of your biggest investments: your home. The best part is that many of these projects can be done at little or no cost, and they can help you save money on your energy bills.

Here are five projects to tackle before the leaves start to fall:

- **Caulk the gaps around your home.**
  Heat rises, which means heat from your home also can escape through any vulnerable areas of the roof. The most efficient way to stop that heat loss is by installing ceiling and roof insulation with an R-value of approximately R 30-38. The R-value refers to the ability of any material to resist the passage of heat.

- **Weatherproof your windows and doors.**
  Ensure that your storm windows and doors are keeping warm air in and cold air out. Look for any cracks around glass, sashes and window frames. Apply adhesive foam weather strips to the top and bottom window rails, or nail felt weather-stripping where window sashes and frames make contact. Newer homes and double or triple-paned windows are more likely to have double or triple-paned windows, which can dramatically improve energy efficiency.

- **Check ceiling and roof insulation.**
  Heat rises, which means heat from your home also can escape through any vulnerable locations near your home’s foundation. Regularly inspect and clean gutters thoroughly, paying special attention to elbows and bends in the downsputs. Keep hangers fastened securely and plug any holes or cracks. You can also touch up any sections showing signs of rust with rust-proof paint.

- **Augment your heating unit.**
  Consider replacing an older or inefficient heating unit with a gas or oil furnace, or a heat pump with a high efficiency rating. If your system already is efficient, be sure to inspect it regularly and change filters monthly. Consider investing in a smart thermostat that can help save you money by automatically adjusting temperatures at times while you are sleeping or when no one is home.

- **Remove the leaves from your gutters.**

 performed routine home maintenance projects like these can have an immediate impact on lowering your energy bills and maintaining the safety of your family. They also offer the long-term benefits of prolonging the life of your home and enhancing its value.

For more tips on home maintenance, visit the Home Builders Association of Greater Chattanooga at www.hbagc.net.

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Mike Croxall
President, Home Builders Association of Greater Chattanooga

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...to see if any gaps have formed where exterior siding meets insulating materials meet. Some of the most common areas include where exterior siding meets windows and doors, around roof and foundation lines, around chimneys and where pipes protrude through walls or roofs. Check those locations to see if any gaps have formed and if so, apply the appropriate caulk or sealant.

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The Big Sick

Rated R for language including some sexual references

‘Big Sick’ is good for what ails you

Tell me if you’ve heard this one before: a boy and a girl meet and fall for each other faster than you can say “Nicholas Sparks.” But their relationship is forbidden because he’s white, he’s Muslim and his parents insist he marry the woman of their choosing. Then, out of the blue, the girl becomes deathly ill and the boy must choose between family and love.

The plot of "The Big Sick" sounds like a hodgepodge of every clichéd romantic comedy ever made. But the film uses these familiar and melodramatic elements in service of one of the sweetest, funniest and most original love stories I’ve seen.

Oh, and before you roll your eyes at the whole “boy meets girl, boy’s parents disapprove, girl gets sick” nonsense, it all really happened. That’s right: "The Big Sick" is based on a true story.

Pakistani-born comedian Kumail Nanjiani plays himself – a struggling stand-up comic in Chicago who gets heckled one night by a pretty girl and decides to pursue her. “The Big Sick” was co-written by Nanjiani and Emily Gordon, the pretty heckler. The film is about their relationship.

Maybe that’s why nearly everything in the film feels human and real. When Nanjiani and Emily meet and begin dating, there’s a loose, laidback, almost improvisational quality to the way they talk and interact. It’s as if the camera captured not a pair of performances but two people awkwardly getting to know each other and falling in love.

In comparison, the early scenes in which Nanjiani eats dinner with his family seem more like a conventional comedy. They have a calculated and over-the-top sensibility that’s absent from the rest of the movie.

That doesn’t mean they aren’t entertaining. On the contrary, unlike Nanjiani, I started looking forward to the ring of the doorbell in the middle of each meal and the arrival of another potential wife for our protagonist.

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Then again, I laughed a lot while watching “The Big Sick.” It’s been a long time since I’ve done that while seeing a movie. It seems like most comedies today lean on vulgarity and outrageous behavior, and most of the time, that stuff isn’t funny to me.

But the humor in “The Big Sick” is like the love that develops between Nanjiani and Emily; it rises out of the authenticity of the moment.

For example: In one of my favorite scenes, Emily’s dad, Terry, sleeps over at Nanjiani’s place while his daughter is in the hospital. The two didn’t get off on the best foot and are still getting to know each other when, after lights out, Terry confesses to having cheated on his wife.

I laughed out loud at Nanjiani’s horror as Terry described his regret over the one night stand the moment his orgasm changed not a pair of performances but two people awkwardly getting to know each other and falling in love.

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other matters, whether of record or not, which may encumber the purchaser's title, and which matter an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place, without further publication, upon notice.

This sale is subject to, without limitation, all taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements, or setback lines that may be applicable; any statutory right of redemption of any governmental agency, state or federal; any prior liens or encumbrances as of the date of the sale; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

Any right of redemption, statute, and otherwise, and homestead are waved in accord with the terms of said Deed of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee.

The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place, without further publication, upon notice.

The following parties may claim an interest in the above-referenced property: any judgment creditor or any insurer that has an interest in the property as a fixture filing; and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose.

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ORDINANCES OR REGULATIONS IN EFFECT THEREFORE, THIS PROPERTY MAY NOT BE SET OUT IN THAT INSTRUMENT RECORDED IN BOOK M, VOLUME 13, PAGE 58 AND BOOK M, VOLUME 19, PAGE 25, AND PARCEL ID 36-5-99-11, COUNTY OF HAMILTON, TENNESSEE. Parcel ID: 107, 7901, 36, 5, 99, 11. The address of the property is believed to be 606 GEORGIA AVE, SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TN 37377.

In the Notice of Trustee's Sale (hereinafter referred to as “the Notice”), the street address and the legal description of the property are not accurate, and the street address and legal description of the property are not accurate because the current and ongoing (CURRENT OWNER(S)) WARNER, A. HUNNICK

OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES: The sale of the above described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat, any restrictive covenants, easements, set-backs, or setback lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any rights, titles, and interest of the record holder of said property, and to any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. This property is being sold subject to assessment, as set forth in the Notice. It is subject to the use of Private Community Walkway, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. This sale may be rescinded at any time. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of sale to another day, time, and place. The Notice of Trustee's Sale should be published at least once in the Hamilton County Herald, Chattanooga, Tennessee, and in the Chattanooga Times Free Press, Chattanooga, Tennessee, and in the Chattanooga News Free Press, Chattanooga, Tennessee, and in the Chattanooga Times Free Press, Chattanooga, Tennessee, and in the Chattanooga Times Free Press, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the principal and interest secured by said Deed of Trust; and
WHEREAS, said property is more particularly described as follows:
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County, Tennessee, notifying said non-resident of the State of Tennessee, so that, unless Wendy Havner answers and makes defense to said complaint in the offices of the Circuit Court Clerk of Hamilton County, Tennessee, within thirty (30) days after the fourth weekly publication of this order, the same will be taken as admitted by Wendy Havner and the case will be set for hearing ex parte or without Wendy Havner’s presence.

This 24th day of August, 2017.

LARRY L. HENRY

Circuit Court Clerk

Kim Emmett, Deputy Clerk

Attorney for Plaintiff:

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF:

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**Fulmer to speak at LAUNCH**

LAUNCH will host a fundraising dinner on Thursday, Sept. 7 featuring guest speaker Phillip Fulmer, University of Tennessee-Knoxville football coach from 1992 to 2008. LAUNCH was launched in 2011 and helps women and minorities pursue business ownership.

**Signal Mountain Schools fact meeting**

Hamilton County Mayor Jim Coppinger will hold a public meeting to discuss the proposed separation of Signal Mountain Schools from the Hamilton County Department of Education on Thursday, Sept. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at Signal Mountain Middle/High School. Coppinger says the meeting will be an attempt to share information regarding the impact such an action could have on the residents and students of Signal Mountain. Coppinger has asked authorities on the subject to be present to inform the public and to answer questions.

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After Emily is hospitalized and placed in a medically induced coma, the film transforms into a moving, poignant drama in which Nanjiani comes to terms with himself and the people around him.

It’s during this portion of the movie – when it exchanges laughs for a heartbreaking reality – that “The Big Sick” reveals itself to be a small cinematic miracle. It’s not a romantic comedy or a medical drama but a tearful and hopeful glimpse into the human condition.

Nanjiani isn’t a bad person, but he does lie to everyone around him. He does this in part to protect himself but also to avoid disappointing others. His transformation into an honest person who tells the truth, even when it will hurt him or someone else, is deeply satisfying to watch.

A word about the performances before I close:

If I were to judge “The Big Sick” solely on Nanjiani’s performance, it wouldn’t score well. For most of the film, he’s too low-key for my tastes. I liked him, but I think Michael Showalter could have pulled a more energetic performance out of him.

Thankfully, Zoe Kazan, who plays Emily, makes up the difference. Not only is Kazan full of life and truth, she’s a truly luminous presence in each frame of the film in which she appears. (“She lights up the screen whenever she appears.”)

Romano and Holly Hunter also deliver tonally perfect performances as Emily’s parents. It’s as if the camera captured not a pair of performances but two people trying to find their way through a heart-rending situation and back to each other.

You might have seen this story before, but not like this. “The Big Sick” skillfully weaves two normally incompatible dichotomies – levity and drama – into a single, beautiful tapestry. I left the theater uplifted – smiling as I thought back on the humor but also reflective. I hope you seek it out.

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**Super Crossword puzzle solution for this week:**

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Wilson receives Social Stewardship Award

Marissa Wilson, BSN, RN, CPhT, and patient assistance coordinator for pharmacy at CHI Memorial, recently received the Social Stewardship Award during the 2017 Health Trust University Wilson Conference.

“Marissa’s personal mission is to continually learn and apply knowledge and experience to meet the needs of the underserved, being the best steward of all available resources,” says Sandy Vredevelt, director of pharmacy at CHI Memorial, and Wilson’s nominator.

“She is the community’s strongest ambassador for CHI Memorial and its mission to serve the underserved.”

Wilson coordinates and manages CHI Memorial’s drug replacement program which helps find more affordable options for uninsured patients who need medication or insured patients who need medications their insurance may not cover.

She implemented and manages the hospital’s Dispensary of Hope program which has dispensed more than $250,000 in free medication since 2009. Wilson also helps patients enroll in the healthcare exchange; advises nonprofit representatives and other hospitals in the community on medication assistance based on an individual’s needs; advises health coaches on medication assistance; and develops low-cost diabetes classes for pharmacy patients.

She serves on the Chattanooga Regional Health Innovation Coalition in which she has been a featured speaker, guest lecturer and advisor for various foundations, medical groups and educational programs. Wilson helped develop “Bringing the Pharmacy Gap: Medication Resource Guide and Tips for Navigating Pharmacy Resources” and updates it annually. This resource is used throughout the community.

Through her efforts, CHI Memorial has received grant funds to help educate and enroll people in the Affordable Care Act.

Co-chairs selected for Pink! Gala

CHI Memorial Foundation has announced the co-chairs for the 13th annual Pink! Gala, Dr. Taylor and Tiffany Whaley, and Dr. Tom and Susan Flanagan are the co-chairs for the 13th annual Pink! Gala.

“Theme is a Night on Old Havana. Tom and Susan Flanagan met in college at the University of Tennessee Chattanooga and have lived in Chattanooga for more than 40 years. Tom is an orthodontist practicing in Ft. Oglethorpe, Georgia. Susan works in his office doing public relations and marketing.”

Taylor and Tiffany Whaley moved to Chattanooga three years ago so their growing family could live in Tiffany’s hometown. Taylor, a radiation oncologist for Tennesse Oncology, trained at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He serves on the Executive Oncology Committee for CHI Memorial, as well as the Lung Program Leadership Committee. Tiffany, who previously worked in health administration, now focuses her time and energy on their three children. She is a member of the Hamilton County Medical Alliance.

Other members of the Pink! steering committee include Will Clegg and Janie Jones, sponsorship chairs; Heather Hatfield and Kris Czufin, auction chairs; Dr. Beth Webb and Crissy Furrow, preview party chairs; Jacob Ramm, event decorations chair; Amber and Dan Norton, Color Chattanooga Pink! chairs; and Bob and Sarah McKenzie, Dr. Chuck and Susan Fells, and Buddy and Leanne Werner, members at large.

Proceeds from Pink! are used to ensure the MaryEllen Locher Breast Center at CHI Memorial has the latest equipment available and provides the highest quality care available to women in need.

CCV welcomes Murphy as VP sales

Brian Murphy has joined the Chattanooga Convention Visitors Bureau as new vice president of sales. He will be responsible for cultivating and expanding the CVB’s client base in order to increase the number of meetings and conventions to the city.

“Brian brings more than 20 years of hotel expertise in the hospitality industry. We’re excited to have someone with his credentials and proven track record join our team,” says Bob Duak, president and CEO of the Chattanooga Convention Visitors Bureau.

“We spent several months searching locally and nationally for the right person for this job, and when we found Brian, we knew he was the right fit. By adding to the current strong team we have, his experience in implementing successful sales strategies will help us book new business.”

Murphy was most recently the director of sales and marketing at the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel in Corpus Christi, Texas. Prior to that, he held sales management positions at the Renaissance Austin, Marriott International – Texas sales office, and the Las Vegas Hilton.

“I have been watching Chattanooga over the years and have always been impressed at how the entire community works together to support tourism. I’ve kept up with all the great things happening in the city and I’m extremely excited to now be representing such a premier and quality destination,” Murphy says.

“I like to learn and take care of others,” a translated version of the original email, written in Spanish, reads. “I was very shy and did not have confidence in myself. But you gave me goals to meet, and I lost my fears.”

“The support La Paz gave our family impacted our life so much; it was such an incredible team and building on Chattanooga’s current successes.”

Once again, Johnson chose to not reveal the woman’s name but she did share her words: “I’m proud of myself and happy to be able to help.”

The parents of many of these students do not speak enough English to complete the paperwork needed for school, Johnson points out.

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A place to belong

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La Paz volunteers helped them to prepare their documents and interpret for school officials. Clifton Hills Elementary teacher Jacob Virzovick says, “The support La Paz gave our school was a lifeline.”

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Volunteer diver logs 10,000 hours at the Tennessee Aquarium

When Bill Godsey fell in love with SCUBA diving in 1956, the sport was still new and risky. And as best friends tend to do, they’ve grown older together. Godsey became hooked on diving after dipping beneath the surface of a quarry in Fitzxion using equipment borrowed by a friend who had served in the Navy. That experience sparked a passion for the sport that has defined Godsey’s life and helped him experience aquatic wonders at sites from Hawaii to the Bering Sea.

“People ask me which is my favorite place to dive, and I say it depends on what you’re looking for,” says Godsey, “but the experience of diving with whales in Alaska or the coral reefs of the Bahamas is always something different. It’s different everywhere you go.”

Despite his globetrotting experiences, Godsey has spent the bulk of his time underwater as a volunteer at the Tennessee Aquarium. In 1992, he was among the first group of five divers to volunteer at the Aquarium, where he has honed his skills to train others and educate the public about the aquatic world.

Godsey recently received a commemorative pin and congratulations from Aquarium President and CEO Keith Sanford for exceeding 10,000 hours as a volunteer.

In all, the Aquarium has a pool of more than 495 volunteers, including 184 volunteer divers. Volunteer roles range from interacting with the public during dive programs to preparing food for the animals. In 2016, the Aquarium’s volunteer force devoted almost 64,000 hours of their time—the equivalent to more than 30 full-time positions.

“Our volunteers do amazing things,” Sanford says. “These folks contribute the equivalent of more than $1.5 million a year in volunteer labor for us and a lot of heart. For Bill to achieve 10,000 hours, especially diving, is amazing.”

This amount of service—equivalent to five years as a salaried employee—has been matched by only one other person in the Aquarium’s 25-year history. In 2015, volunteer Fran Hiestand was the first to pass this milestone.

“The next closest volunteer has about 5,000 hours of service,” says Chris Bowman, manager of volunteer services. “It’s hard to imagine anyone else reaching 10,000 hours again.”

Bowman says of the Aquarium’s volunteer force a tremendous impact on both the aquarium’s budget and the visitors’ experience. It also has a positive impact on the volunteers, Bowman says. “Someone who’s approaching that 10,000-hour milestone is truly dedicated to the Aquarium. Obviously, Bill loves what he does.”

In Godsey’s years of service, he has instructed aquatic safety courses, helped maintain dive equipment, overseen dive tests for other volunteers and served on the Aquarium’s dive safety control board. Having someone with Godsey’s level of experience as a volunteer is a huge benefit, says Aquarium Dive Safety Officer Mark Craven.

“Bill brings an incredible amount of knowledge about all aspects of diving,” Craven says. “When he’s serving as topside dive support, I don’t have to worry about what’s going on with the in-water team. Their safety is in good hands.”

But Godsey says that, for his part, having one more pin to add to his badge isn’t a measure of the value of his years of service. That’s a sentiment that’s best presented in even simpler terms.

“I’ve loved SCUBA diving and helping people,” he says. “I’ve enjoyed all my time there and hope to continue.”

The Aquarium is always seeking additional volunteer SCUBA divers. Certified divers can check the requirements and download the volunteer diver application at www.tn aquarium.org/volunteer-opportunities/volunteer-diver.

The next class of new recruits will begin training classes in January 2018.

Source: Tennessee Aquarium

BRAWSWELL From page 12

Braswell’s secondary allowed only three touchdowns passes all season. Beginning a trend that would follow him for the next six years, his phone rang as soon as the season was over.

“Soddy-Daisy coach Kevin Orr called and offered me the job of defensive coordinator. It was his step up, or otherwise I’d never leave Ringgold,” Braswell says.

The Trojans were 7-5 and went two rounds in the TSSAA playoffs. Braswell played a big part in it.

It soon followed that East Ridge head coach Mike Martin called on him to repair the Pioneers’ defense, and as its defensive coordinator, East Ridge went from allowing over 26 points per game to less than 15 per game. But Martin abruptly bolted from the Chattanooga job, having never sold his home in Sequatchie County, and Braswell was on the move once again.

He spent an enjoyable year as Notre Dame’s offensive coordinator and assistant head coach in 2012, then returned with the Fighting Irish from 2013-2015, averaging more than 36 points per game en route to a 9-3 record.

But Braswell went through a big change of his own that spring—he got his undergraduate degree (history) at Dalton State. That allowed him to take on a dual role responsibility, and he would wind up at the big, new North Murray High School as a social studies teacher, offensive coordinator and assistant head coach to David Gann.

“Nothing around here compares to those North Murray facilities,” the coach acknowledges. “They’re incredible.”

But that proved to be a daunting commute, and in 2014 Central came a-calling the first time, making him assistant head coach and defensive coordinator under first-year head coach Mallory.

Following that season, Braswell would be named the area’s defensive coordinator of the year by River City Sports, leading to top-shelf assistant’s job at Bradley Central—another place he would have gladly stayed if opportunity hadn’t called yet again.

Together in church

“The program had taken a step back, but knowing the kids helped,” Braswell recalls of the initial jolt he’d received. But his faith in his players meant that he gave them the power to succeed. Much of the initial fund raising for gear and upgrades was generated by players. Central’s program was already getting off the deck, its condemned visiting-side bleachers replaced by some quality stands, and player facilities would soon enjoy an upgrade as well.

“The community as a whole is getting behind us now. But it started out with our kids,” Braswell remembers. “One of the first things we did was renovate our locker room. I tore it out to the walls. This year, we’re going to have a multi-media room with stadium seats, and it’s all on the kids.”

One of the first things that Braswell and the Pounders did as a team was attend church together. That led to a dramatic day of bonding right out of a Hollywood script and an amazing photo that was widely viewed.

“Every team needs to experience that—it’s church, a movie, paintball… they are all just another way to stay close,” he says.

This summer, the bonding was raised a notch when the team attended a pro-style training camp at Appalachian State.

“Their’s is probably the most successful program to go up a classification they way they did,” the coach adds. “Taking our kids to practice there, to see what it takes to succeed, was valuable.”

In addition to costly trips such as the Appalachian State visit, the Pounders are enjoying the fruits of building a new weight room to go alongside their new locker room. All that takes money, but for someone who says he isn’t a fundraiser, Cortney Braswell is doing a pretty good job.

“People in the community will come up and say that they support us. I say support us doesn’t pay bills, doesn’t fill our needs,” he adds. “Hopes and dreams don’t pay bills. Show me your support. Write us a check.”

“Doing things the way I want them done isn’t always the quickest. It’s not the most cost efficient, and it’s not the easiest way to do things,” Braswell says. “I’m also not easy to work for. I know what an assistant’s job requires, and I’m pretty demanding of them.”

To that end, Braswell has new offensive and defensive coordinators this season. Todd Burkhart, who spent the three previous seasons at Walker Valley, is the Pounders’ new offensive coordinator, while Chris Moore came over from Notre Dame to run the defense. Another key assistant is Chris Cribbs, who is entrusted with the offensive line this season.

Looking to book on last season’s 3-8 record (which included an unlikely playoff game), the Purple Pounders pounded on Walker Valley in their season opener in the outstanding venue of Finley Stadium. Red Bank brought the program crashing to earth in Week Two, but a key region matchup with Sequoyah in week three enabled the team to regain its focus.

“You can win all the non-district games you want, and you’ll find yourself sitting at home in November,” he says. “This game is the most important game we’ve had so far.”

Braswell admits he has a hard time envisioning himself as a head coach, even as he’s learned to speak the Coach-speak that comes with the territory.

“If the kids are hungry, we don’t have to do a whole lot,” he offers. “But I picked up so many things from so many great people, I knew I had to try.”

“I started feeling like a head coach the first time somebody called me up with a problem that wasn’t Xs and Os. When that phone rings at night, you know they want to speak to the head coach.”