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'Eat a Stack, Bring 'Em Back! Pancake Breakfast

The Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 21 at Applebee's on Highway 100 is designed to raise money to bring back the fireworks to the Bellevue Picnic. We need tickets sold as much as we need hungry eaters at the tables from 7:30-9:30 a.m. filling up on massive pancakes, sausage and hot and cold beverages.

Tickets are \$6 each, \$5 of each ticket goes to fund the return of the fireworks display on the night of the picnic. Call 662-2737 or 509-6131 or email at info@thebellevuechamber.com for tickets.

Springfest at Cohn Senior Renaissance Center

The Community Springfest, to benefit Cohn Senior Renaissance Center, will be held on Saturday, April 21st. There will be a pancake breakfast, a silent auction, a flea market and a country store. This will benefit the Center, which is located at 4805 Park Avenue (Cohn Adult Learning Center), in West Nashville (at the former Cohn High School cafeteria), across from Richland Park.

The pancake breakfast will be served from 7am-11am. The price is \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children to age 10. The flea market and the Cohn Quilters' country store will be held from 7am to Noon. The silent auction will be held from 7am to 11am, with pickup by 11:30am.

The Cohn Senior Renaissance Center features daily programs for seniors. Proceeds will help provide daily activities, classes and a better quality of life for many of the senior citizens. The Senior Renaissance Center, part of Cohn Community Education, is sponsored by the Metropolitan Community Education Commission; Rev. "Sonnye" Dixon/Chair. Each day has something different. Come to the Springfest and see what the Senior Renaissance Center has to offer.

Mandy Barnett to perform at during Larry's Country Diner segment at Picnic



Singer Mandy Barnett will perform at this year's Bellevue Community Picnic. RFD-TV show Larry's Country Diner will be sponsoring the main stage for the day and will host a one-hour segment from 6:15-7:15 p.m. Keith Bilbrey, Nadine, and Renae the waitress will be on stage to introduce Mandy and entertain the crowd.

Other acts booked for the evening are The Randolphs and Runaway Home. There will be entertainment all day on the main stage and demonstrations, childrens shows, and entertainment on the amphitheater stage as well.

The free picnic also boasts business booths, childrens rides (for a fee), free activities for kids, and a return this year of the fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

Be sure to make plans to come and bring your friends and family for this very special day of fun. And stay for the Larry's Country Diner segment when a special announcement will be made that is of great interest to Bellevue residents!

The 35th annual picnic will be held on Saturday, May 19 at Red Caboose Park on Hwy. 70 South in Bellevue.

Alternative plan for Greenway approved

By Councilman Bo Mitchell

I have recently had the opportunity to be a part of a couple of meetings with many neighbors from the Harpeth Bend, Beech Bend and Harpeth Knoll area regarding the extension of the Harpeth River Greenway. The meetings made me proud to be a part of this community. It was a pure demonstration of how government should work. Everyone was given the opportunity to voice their support or opposition to parts of the overall plan. An overwhelming majority thought this is a great addition to our community. A few oppose the greenway and that is their right to do so and that is fine as well. Citizens coming out to meet with myself, Tommy Lynch, Director of Parks, and Shain Dennison, Director of Greenways, and give their ideas and suggestions to make this greenway the best it can be demonstrated how community involvement can improve a project.

This one million dollar project was appropriated last year to continue the Harpeth River Greenway from the Morton Mill Trailhead to the Bellevue Exchange Club Park Trailhead. It has been made possible by a generous easement by Cecil Branstetter across his land. A public meeting was held in November of 2010 at the Bellevue Middle School and a couple of hundred residents viewed the initial plans for the extension. Recently, it came to my attention that many people had several questions about the project when Phase I of III of this extension began. That is when I scheduled the first meeting. There were several neighbors who were instrumental in orchestrating this community gathering, but Bill Tyler spearheaded this effort.

At the final moments of the initial



meeting, someone raised their hand and suggested a field trip to the riverbank where this greenway would actually be placed instead of a sidewalk along Harpeth Bend. That idea of a field trip was greeted with open arms and we all met a few days later and many fears

were relieved when the path that will be taken was visually observed.

The 2.5 mile project will now include a bridge across the Harpeth and a boardwalk along part of Harpeth Bend. It should be completed by the end of the year.

Woman killed in I-40 accident & teen charged with robbery

The woman killed Saturday, April 14, when the 1999 Jeep Grand Cherokee she was driving slammed into the rear of a tractor-trailer rig parked on the shoulder of I-40 east near Bellevue is identified as Linda C. Gorrell, 49, of Old Hickory Boulevard in West Nashville.

For reasons unknown, the Jeep left the traffic lanes and traveled onto the shoulder of the interstate at 4:25 p.m. The Jeep collided with the trailer and wound up underneath it. Gorrell was extricated by fire department personnel but died at the scene.

There was no visible evidence of drug or alcohol involvement in the crash.

18-year-old Christopher Utley is charged with aggravated robbery after he allegedly pulled a gun on another teen during a marijuana deal gone bad in the Sonic parking lot at 7679 Highway 70 South.

The victim reported that he and a friend picked Utley up nearby and drove to the Sonic where Utley pulled a gun on him and took his cash. A struggle ensued and a single shot was fired. Utley, who fled on foot, was taken into custody last night. The gun and Utley's cell phone were recovered at the scene. No one was injured.

Utley, of Croley Drive, is currently jailed in lieu of \$50,000 bond.

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Businesses move into new quarters & expand

The old Blockbuster location and the Belle Forest Center is really booming. Businesses have moved in, including Farm Bureau and the Jon Alan Salon. The Alley Pub around back has recently expanded their size. RED Spirits and Wine is doing well and long time tenants Boost FitClub,

Elite Cleaners and the Nail Salon are enjoying the facelift and extra traffic. Five Guys will be coming soon and there are still some open spaces left for anyone else interested in relocating to the revitalized center on Highway 70 South at Old Hickory Boulevard.



Nashville Nostalgia

By E. D. Thompson
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Montgomery Bell in Nashville's Past

Do you remember the old Montgomery Bell State Park Inn out highway 70 South toward Dickson? Our family had gone to the old Inn many times for a delicious buffet made in the real Southern style.

Do you remember that the old Inn had a steep, picturesque staircase down from the lobby to the dining room? It was a beautiful sight looking out over the lake and the woods through the Inn's large picture windows. In the winter, it was nice to sit beside the roaring wood fire in the lobby.

Finally, the old Inn was torn down. A new Montgomery Bell Inn sits at that location now. The new Inn has many improvements. There is a beautiful dining room, additional space for meetings, and many attractive rooms for staying over-night.

After a delicious buffet dinner at the new Inn one day, our family headed back home when someone suggested that we drive down to The Narrows on the Harpeth River, a site which held many memories of our past. My mother was born near there in the Dog Creek Narrows of Harpeth community. Also, this was the location of the old Boy Scout Camp Boxwell. I spent many camping times and canoe riding there on the Harpeth River. My sister first met her husband there while visiting old Camp Boxwell.

That day, my son and I walked down to The Narrows tunnel which is a very historic site. Montgomery Bell came to Middle Tennessee in 1802 and went to work for James Robertson at the Cumberland Iron Works. Two years later, Bell bought out Robertson and proceeded to build iron forges all over Middle Tennessee.

Bell wanted to develop a water-powered mill on the Harpeth River and cut a tunnel through the limestone bluff to divert a surge of water through the hill to power his mill. Literature tells us that The Narrows tunnel was constructed around 1819. The tunnel is approximately 8 feet high, 16 feet wide, and 209 feet long.

The tunnel cuts off a five-mile bend in the river.

In 1855, the Western Military Institute was attached to the University of Nashville with the object of establishing a preparatory department for the university. A large, flourishing prep school soon developed. It almost closed in 1862 when the university buildings were occupied as a military hospital.

In 1867, the trustees of the University of Nashville set about reorganizing this preparatory school. Under the terms of a will dated in 1852 the trustees had received from Mr. Montgomery Bell, a bequest for the permanent endowment of the school was established. This prep school was reorganized in keeping with Mr. Bell's will. This new Montgomery Bell Academy enrolled students in September of 1867.

Until 1881, the school was conducted in the buildings of the University of Nashville near Rutledge Hill. During that year, the school transferred to quarters bounded by Lindsley Avenue, University Street, and Academy Place, where an excellent brick building was erected.

During the year 1911, the trustees of the University decided to discontinue their medical school, and devote all of the income from their endowment, as well as from their entire remaining property, to the further endowment of Montgomery Bell Academy.

In 1913, the trustees sold to the City Park Commission the building and grounds of the Academy situated there in South Nashville. So, the school secured temporary quarters in a building on Seventh Avenue, North. In the spring of 1914 occurred the purchase of the present site of Montgomery Bell Academy, a 32-acre tract on Harding Road.

The Harpeth Narrows is now under the control of our state park system. Montgomery Bell Academy stands and has upheld the original purpose of academic development of Mr. Montgomery Bell.



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Community Calendar

FRIDAYS IN APRIL

Bellevue History & Genealogy

Friday, April 27, 2012 at 9:00 am - "Forrest's Fighting Preacher: David C. Kelley" - Dr. Michael Bradley, author and historian will discuss Preacher Kelley, who was a Methodist minister before and after the Civil War, a combat officer during the war and one of the founders of Vanderbilt and pastor of McKendree and Tulip Street Methodist churches during the late 19th century; and the namesake "Kelley's Point" behind the Police Station and Wal-Mart off Charlotte Avenue.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Buddy Jeanette & Rough Country at VFW

VFW Post 1970, 7220 Charlotte Pk. Nashville, Tn. will host Buddy Jennette and Rough Country Band on Saturday April 21st. Band will start at 8pm until midnight. They play a mixture of classic country and some newer songs too. Make plans to join us for a good time with good friends and support your local Veterans. For further info please call 615-352-9933 after 3 pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 27 Lunch & Learn with FiftyForward

FiftyForward RSVP is hosting a Lunch and Learn on Friday, April 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for community members to find volunteer

opportunities at the featured agency: Project Return. Project Return gives ex-offenders a place to begin again. Volunteers provide crucial support and friendship. Learn about being a mentor, computer lab assistant or helping write a resume.

The FREE luncheon is held at FiftyForward Knowles, 174 Rains Ave., Nashville, TN37203. Reserve your seat at by contacting Carol at 743-3423 or cstedman@fiftyforward.org.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

Medley of Musicals with South Cheatham Choral

The South Cheatham Choral Society will present "A Medley of Musicals" for the community on May 6, 3:00 in the Jean Downey Theatre of Harpeth High School. You'll hear many favorites from the musical stage - selections from "The Sound of Music," "My Fair Lady," and "South Pacific." Rheatta Petty's lyrical voice will fly you to dreamland with "Goodnight, My Someone" from "Music Man". Jack Umpher's smooth baritone voice will sweep you away with "If Ever I Would Leave You" from "Camelot." There is more - but you'll have to come to find out!

The show will captivate the entire family - one hour of pure musical entertainment! And it is all free. The South Cheatham Choral Society is a non-profit organization. Its purpose is to provide an educational and entertaining service to the community through choral music. If you have questions about the con-

cert or the organization, please contact the director, Mary Combs at 952-2340

ONGOING

Bellevue Democrats Club

Meets the third Saturday of the month at Shoney's on Highway 70S. All are welcome! We meet beginning at 10:00 am in the private dining room.

Bellevue Chamber of Commerce

Meets the third Thursday of each month (except December) at The Meadows at 11:45 a.m. Lunch is \$5 for members, \$10 for guests. Thursday, April 19 the luncheon meeting will NOT be at the Meadows, but will be held at Calhoun's on White Bridge Road.

Bellevue Running Club

Bellevue Running Club meets every Tuesday! Anyone interested in running (or walking) with us please join in the fun. We meet every Tuesday at 6 pm. Find us on Facebook or contact Seanna Brandmeir at seannalyn@gmail.com for more information and locations.

Cribbage Club

The Nashville Cribbage Club meets on the 1st Tuesday and 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:00pm at the City

Limits Café, (361 Clofton Dr, Nashville, TN 37221). Do you play the game and would like to find some new opponents? Or perhaps you're Cribb-curious, or haven't played a long time, then please join us for some good conversation, lots of laughs, and of course, great game play. We have members from their early 20's to their mid 70's and skill levels range from beginners to advanced.

For more information, pictures, etc., please go to nashvillecribbageclub.webs.com or look us up on Facebook.

Bellevue Woman's Club

The GFWC Bellevue Woman's Club meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00 pm, in the board room of Bellevue Presbyterian Church. For membership and program information contact Mary Berryhill at 662-9252, or Linda Prater at 662-1176.

Send Community Calendar items to paula@bellevue newspaper.com

Exchange Club

For more information on the Bellevue Exchange Club, contact Bob Allen 615-218-4580 or rvallen@comcast.net

Multi-Neighborhood Yard Sale

Saturday, April 21
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Politics & Opinion

Councilman Bo Mitchell runs for Moore's State Representative seat



The Daughter's View

By Paula Underwood Winters
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Well, today (Tuesday, April 18) was a sad day. Dick Clark passed away today. I grew up watching American Bandstand and America's oldest teenager will be missed by many.

I'm in full force working on the Bellevue Picnic. I'm in charge of the evening entertainment. I'm trying to firm up the closing act right now. Who would you, dear readers, like to see as our closing act? Shoot me an email or give me a call at 397-6132 and tell me your suggestions.

We're having a pancake breakfast at the Applebee's on Highway 100 on April 21 from 7:30 - 9:30 to help raise money to get the fireworks back again. Last year there were a lot of disappointed people because the Chamber didn't have enough picnic sponsors to cover the cost of the fireworks. They are quite expensive.

The Bellevue Picnic is the main fundraiser for the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce. The picnic is how the Chamber gets the money to pay the rent, pay our Executive Director and pay all the other bills associated with running the Chamber. It also helps us fund the Beautification projects around Bellevue and promote the food bank, and Bellevue in general.

The Chamber helps promote Bellevue in the news media to make sure we have a positive image and to make people aware of what a great place Bellevue is as a place to live, work and play.

I know many readers don't see the need for our Chamber, but I assure you, it is worthwhile.

I'm committed to it because it is good for our community and because my Dad help start the Chamber back in 1981. So, support the Picnic and the Chamber and you'll be helpin gto support your community.

Metro Councilman Bo Mitchell today declared his candidacy for Tennessee House District 50, which stretches from Bellevue to Joelton to Goodlettsville. Mitchell has served the citizens of Bellevue on the Metro Council since 2007.

"I have been humbled and honored to represent Bellevue in the Metro Council and I look forward to the opportunity to serve the citizens of the 50th State House District," stated Mitchell. "The citizens I represent have witnessed my track record of putting their interests first, and I will carry that spirit to the General Assembly."

While campaigning for Metro Council in 2007, Mitchell assured voters that he would listen to their concerns and has demonstrated this commitment in office, earning overwhelming reelection in 2011. Among his many accomplishments are robust efforts to protect our neighborhoods;



expand green space, parks, and greenways in our community; assist neighbors devastated by the 2010 flood and

seek additional assistance for those still in need; and balance the Metro budget without raising property taxes.

Prior to his election to the Metro Council, Mitchell established a lengthy record of deep involvement in the community. His previous service includes working as the Director of Community Affairs for Governor Phil Bredesen and running the Government Operations Committee in the Tennessee Senate for former Senator Pete Springer.

Mitchell and his wife Chastity, along with their sons Parker (6) and Brady (4), live in the Riverwalk community in the Newsom Station area of Bellevue. Mitchell graduated from David Lipscomb University in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in Political Science. He earned his law degree from Nashville School of Law in 2003. The Mitchells are members of Crosspoint Church in Bellevue.

In lieu of an article this week addressing a variety of things, I'd like to offer a calendar of events.

April 21 @ 7-9am - If you would like to see fireworks at this year's Bellevue Picnic, come eat Pancakes at Applebee's! The proceeds go toward making fireworks a reality this year! Each ticket entitles you to one free ride ticket at the picnic. For tickets, call me or vtroia@thebellevuechamber.com or 662.2737

April 24 @ 6pm - Gather at CrossPoint church for informational meeting on the new Bellevue library. This is an opportunity to share what you'd like to see incorporated in our new facility.

April 27 @ 11am - Gather at CrossPoint church for informational meeting on the new Bellevue library. This is another opportunity to share what you'd like to see incorporated in our new facility.

April 28 @ 9 - 10am - Drop by at the Hampton Inn for Saturdays with Sheri; This lively group is growing and discussions include our budget hearings that are upcoming, as well as a variety of other topics.

May 5 @ 8am til noon - Bellevue Clean Up Day which is your opportunity to donate to Goodwill, recycle electronics, safely dispose of Prescription drugs, renew your tags and complete emissions testing. Again, this will be held at Bellevue Middle.

May 11 @ 5-9:30pm - BELL Garden Benefit "The



Council Updates

By Dr. Sheri Weiner
22nd District Councilmember

Dinner Bell" to be held at Bellevue Middle School; Proceeds benefit our own Community Garden; for more information, contact bellgarden2@gmail.com or on Facebook find BELL Garden...

"The DELICIOUS REVOLUTION has come to Nashville! Join us on the evening of May 11 for a grand event! The garden will be transformed for the first ever Dinner BELL. Local sourced food will be artfully prepared by local Chef Martha Stamps. Nourish your mind, body and spirit with this amazing meal under the stars. Enjoy live music and student-led tours! Adopt a chicken or perhaps a tree. Funds raised will

help sustain the garden and mission of learning!"

May 19 @ 10am til 10pm - 35th annual Bellevue Picnic; Come celebrate 35 years of the longest ongoing festival in Nashville and one of the longest ongoing in Middle Tennessee.

Saturday's With Sheri are at the Hampton Inn on Coley Davis Road from 9-10 a.m. on the 4th Saturday of the month (excluding Nov & Dec) and she wants to hear from you. The dates for 'Saturdays with Sheri' are:
 April 28 June 23 July 28
 August 25 September 22 October 27
Quarterly Thursdays began March 1. The 6-7 p.m. 'meet & greet' events also are planned for June 7, September 6 and December 6.

Haley Butler crowned Miss Tennessee's Outstanding Teen

Haley Butler was crowned Miss Tennessee's Outstanding Teen this St. Patrick's Day. But what's more extraordinary than the 17-year-old's self-composed violin numbers or her work with Children's Miracle Network is that Haley's life and ability to compete in MAOT almost never happened.

When Haley was born in MaAnshan, China, her birth mother left her under a tree with her birth date pinned to her clothes. The family was already walking on egg shells with China's One Child Policy-they had

three daughters already before she was born. Haley was picked up by local authorities and placed in an orphanage. But what started out as a rocky year for the small baby ended in serendipity. Not long after her placement in the orphanage, the Butler family picked her up out of solitude and brought her home to Tennessee.

In 2009, Haley located her birth parents in MaAnshan, and she is still in contact with them today. Her birth mother calls her "Yuan," which in Chinese means, "destiny ties people

together." Haley was featured in Somewhere Between, a documentary that took note of the nearly eighty thousand Chinese trans-racial adoptees. The movie will premier this summer.

Haley is making the most of her miraculous circumstances. She is a Girl Scout Gold Award recipient, which signifies extraordinary community service. Haley carries this point of the crown into everything she does. Her personal platform is "Celebrating Life."





Vet's View

By John Furgess

Congratulations, Commander Samuels

A testimonial banquet will soon honor Gallatin's Donald S. Samuels who is currently serving as National Commander of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). This local honor is well deserved. Don is well known to veterans across Tennessee, and now across the nation.

Among his many accomplishments, in serving his fellow veterans, is the fact that he served as Assistant Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs, for more than 20 years (and Vet's View was proud to have served with him). He has also served as Tennessee DAV State Adjutant, and holds active membership in the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), The American Legion, Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), and AMVETS.

When Vet's View left active duty in 1970 (following service in

Vietnam), Don was one of the first veterans to say "Welcome Home." Having been wounded in Vietnam, he is a medically retired U.S. Marine Corps veteran. While heading up the TDVA Claims Division in Nashville, he came to know the VA claims and benefits "inside and out." Veterans, and their families, knew they could count on Don's professional advice and assistance. He earned an excellent reputation, too, from the VA officials, the Tennessee General Assembly, and Congressional offices. He earned that by his many "years in the trenches" helping veterans.

Vet's View doesn't recall ever seeing Don without a coat, tie, and ever-present handkerchief in the breast pocket! And he smiles a lot- doesn't get rattled. Pure and simple, he was a natural to have been elected DAV

National Commander last summer. He will turn over the national reins at the Las Vegas DAV national convention this summer.

DAV officials will come to Nashville from across the nation to take part, witness, and support Don's special evening. They will, no doubt, be impressed by the support shown Don by his fellow veterans from across the Volunteer State.

His combat wounds and his VA hospital recovery, served to meld Don into the man he is today. Combine that by the love of his family, and his love of our country, and you find the perfect person to lead the DAV on a state and national level. Few veterans get such an opportunity, and such an experience.

Don Samuels will not quit "working for veterans". He learned from

veterans of World War II and Korea that VA benefits don't come automatically. No, indeed, veterans must be vigilant and involved.

The old adage is sad but true "God and the Soldier, all men adore, in time of danger and not before. When the danger is over, and all things righted, God is forgotten and the old soldier slighted." Congratulations, Don Samuels, and Welcome Home! At least, that's this Vet's View. What's yours?

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Bellevue Baptist Church Egg Hunt Highlights



Christ Presbyterian Academy performs Carousel

Sixty-seven years to the day since the April 19, 1945, Broadway opening of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Carousel*, Christ Presbyterian Academy's High School Fine Arts students will take to the stage for the first of three performances of the classic musical: at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 19; Friday, April 20; and Saturday, April 21, in CPA's Event Center.

Tickets are \$10 general admission, and are available at the academy's reception desks or at the door one hour prior to show time. For more details, visit cpalions.org.

Carousel was named by TIME as "The Best Musical of the 20th Century." The magazine noted

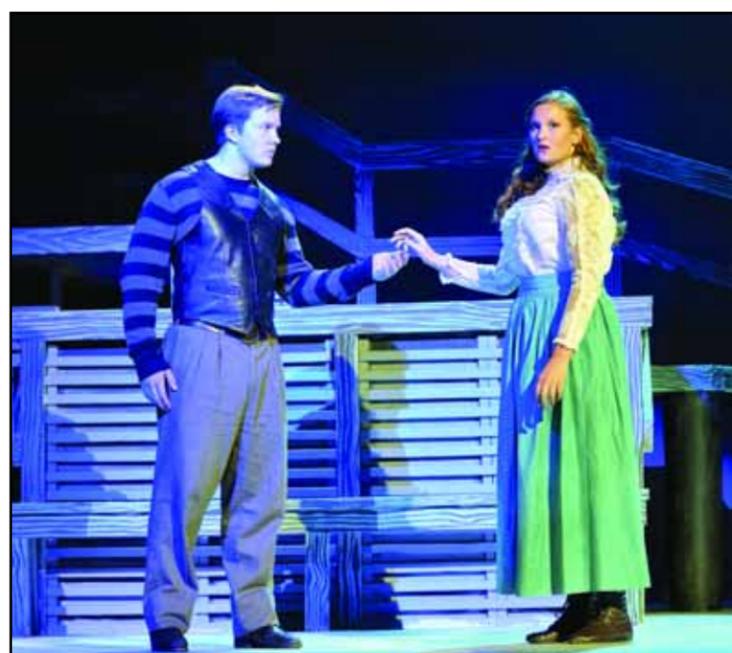
that it features Rodgers and Hammerstein's "most beautiful score and the most skillful and affecting example of their musical storytelling." It is a show that CPA Creative Director Paula Y. Flautt has been eager for 20 years to direct.

"I've been waiting for just the right time and the right cast," Flautt said.

She believes she has that cast in Meg Perdue of Nashville as Julie Jordan, Patrick Eytchison of Brentwood as Billy Bigelow, Gabrielle Toledo of Nolensville as Carrie Pipperidge, Cullen Williams of Franklin as Enoch Snow, Buck Wise of Brentwood as Jigger Craigin, Lydia Granered of Brentwood as Nettie Fowler, Abby Newman of Franklin as Mrs. Mullins, and Mary Peyton Hodges of Brentwood as Louise (the part Flautt played in her first musical theatre role).

Meg Perdue, the senior who appears as Julie Jordan, was named to the All-Star Cast at the TTA Conference in October 2010, when she appeared as Cherry in Flautt's award-winning one-act adaptation of *The Outsiders*. Her roles at CPA include Penny Sycamore in *You Can't Take it with You*, Golde in *Fiddler on the Roof*, a torch-singing version of Feste in *Twelfth Night* (the Tennessee Thespian Conference Main Stage selection in January 2011), and Jack's Mother in *Into the Woods* (the Tennessee Thespian Conference Main Stage selection in January 2009).

Seniors Patrick Eytchison (Billy



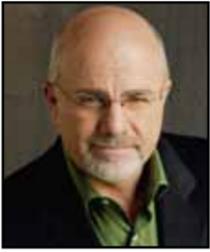
"Suppose I was to say I'd marry you?" queries Billy Bigelow (Patrick Eytchison) of Julie Jordan (Meg Perdue)

Bigelow) and Gabrielle Toledo (Carrie Pipperidge) also bring significant stage experience. Eytchison has appeared at CPA as Perchik in *Fiddler on the Roof*, Martin Vanderhof in *You Can't Take It with You*, Darry in *The Outsiders*, and Duke Orsino in *Twelfth Night*. At CPA, Toledo has played Hodel in *Fiddler on the Roof*, Alice Sycamore in *You Can't Take It with You*, Olivia in *Twelfth Night*, and Tinker Bell in *Peter Pan*, as well as supporting roles in *Hello Dolly!*, *Much Ado About Nothing* and *Into the Woods*. Eytchison and Toledo were both chosen to perform selections at the Performance Showcase at this year's Tennessee Thespian Conference.

Once again, tickets to CPA's production of *Carousel* are \$10 general admission, and are available at the academy's reception desks or at the door one hour prior to show time. For more details, visit cpalions.org.



Enoch Snow (Cullen Williams) and Carrie Pipperidge (Gabrielle Toledo) make plans for the clambake



Dave Says

By Dave Ramsey
www.daveramsey.com

Dear Dave,

Does it matter whether it's the husband or the wife who keeps the checkbook and pays the bills? Lots of people say that kind of thing is the man's job, but I was curious about what you think.

Daniel

Dear Daniel,

I don't think it matters one bit, and here's why.

In each family there's a nerd and a free spirit. The nerd is good at keeping track of things and putting everything in its place. The free spirit is just the opposite. They are not detail-oriented. Now, this doesn't make them irresponsible or mean that they don't care. It's just that they aren't blessed with a gift for administration. They want things to be good and right just as much as the nerd, but they don't necessarily get a rush when the checkbook balances out.

Just because the nerd keeps the checkbook doesn't mean he or she gets to make all the financial decisions, either. In a marriage, those decisions should be made together with input from both the husband and wife. Remember, God didn't unite some kind of joint business venture. He made you as one - together. When you do a budget each month, you should both sit down and come to a mature, reasonable and respectful agreement on where the money's going.

So, when it comes down to the act of keeping the checkbook, I think whoever is the more organized of the two should handle this duty. But if you include these other principles, you'll experience more unity in your daily lives together and have better communication in your marriage!

-Dave

Dear Dave,

I just began a business with a friend as an LLC partnership. I know he's honest and a hard worker, but I'm still a little scared that everything will fall apart and we'll walk away mad at each other. We used a CPA to get a tax ID number and help us set up the company. Do you think we should pay a lawyer to help us map out the partnership agreement in writing?

Mike

Dear Mike,

Drawing up a written partnership agreement may be the only shot you'd have at walking away from this venture with your friendship still intact. But I don't think you need to hand some lawyer a bunch of money to make it happen.

Chances are, your new business doesn't need that level of detail. All you need is someone to help you draw up a template that answers all the "what if" questions. This template can be as simple as a list of all the things that could go wrong and the answers to those scenarios. These would be things like death, disability, moral failure, bankruptcy, etc., and what happens if any of these occur.

You know, there are hardly ever problems in a business venture when everyone's happy and making piles of money. But it can get rough if you begin to disagree over the direction the company is taking. Or, what if personal issues make you decide you don't want to be in business with the other person anymore?

It's easy to go all pie-in-the-sky over these things, but you have to make plans for any and all of the worst outcomes, too.

-Dave

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Princess

Meet sweet Princess! She is a gorgeous shepherd/husky mix looking for a new home. Her previous owner lost his home and now Princess is homeless too. She is great with other animals and children. Princess is spayed and up to date on all shots. She will make a wonderful family pet and companion! Princess is full grown and is approximately 5 years old. Please help save her! Call 792-3647.

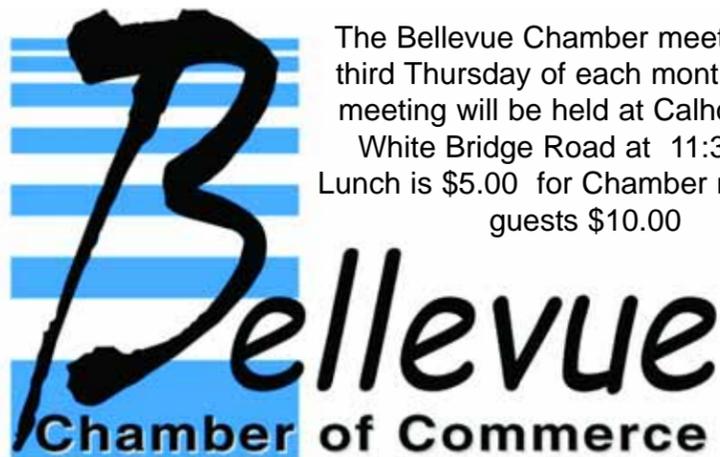


Free Pet Lecture at The Farm

The Farm at Natchez Trace, a unique pet lodging, grooming, training and daycare facility located at 9479 Highway 96 West in Franklin near the Natchez Trace Pkwy. , will offer another in its monthly educational Pet Matters Seminar Series on Sunday, May 20 at 2 p.m. with certified animal behaviorist and author Pam Johnson-Bennett.

Johnson-Bennett will discuss issues of importance and concern for cat owners such as litter box and scratching post problems, feeding and mealtimes, traveling with cats, and basic feline training.

The event is free and open to the public, but space is limited and reservations are requested by calling The Farm at 615-662-6628, or by emailing lectureseries@thefarmatnatcheztrace.com. A question and answer session will follow the lecture.



The Bellevue Chamber meets on the third Thursday of each month. April's meeting will be held at Calhoun's on White Bridge Road at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is \$5.00 for Chamber members, guests \$10.00

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