

## NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

December 17, 2014

Thanks, Clifton Campbell!

Clifton Campbell recently retired with over 20 years of service as a volunteer commissioner for the Tullahoma Housing Authority. At Tuesday night's council meeting the Board of Mayor and Aldermen recognized and thanked Mr. Campbell for his dedication to the Housing Authority and the residents they serve. He was described as a man of integrity and thoughtful demeanor. At the meeting he said his tenure had gone by quickly and he enjoyed serving. He will be missed.

Lynch concert a success

The screaming of over 700 fans gave testament that Dustin Lynch was quite a hit Monday night during his concert at the THS Auditorium. Dustin grew up in Tullahoma and is a THS graduate. Ticket sales produced over \$15,000, all of which he donated to Karing for Kids, a local charity started 20 years ago by the Tullahoma News that is still coordinated by employees of The News. The money was used to take elementary-aged students shopping for coats, shoes, and other warm clothing. Thanks, Tullahoma News, Karing for Kids volunteers, Dustin Lynch and his fans for making something good happen for hundreds of Tullahoma children.

Christmas spirit

I normally attend much of the Olde Towne Christmas Stroll, which was held last Tuesday evening, but because we shifted the Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting til Tuesday I was not able to stroll and enjoy the Christmas music and other performances. However, I heard nothing but glowing reports from attendee about the beautiful Christmas music all over downtown. Thanks to all the participants for a job well done.

UTSI hosts lunch

On Wednesday I attended the UTSI Christmas luncheon hosted by their Director, Dr. Buddy Moore. Students, faculty, staff and visitors enjoyed a delicious lunch in the Student Building overlooking the lake. Dr. Moore offered a brief thank you to all present for an outstanding 2014 at the Space Institute. Highlights of the year included the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of UTSI, the addition of the Hypersonics emphasis and the painting of the campus orange. I hope 2015 is another great year for this world-class educational institution.

Dinner/Dance

Thank you to Christ Community Church for the kind invitation to attend their annual dinner fundraiser last Thursday benefitting a family in Swaziland that has taken in eight orphans. The meal was excellent and it was a treat listening to the Big Band sounds of the South Jackson Street Band.

"Beatles" band a hit

A nearly full house enjoyed the music of The Return (a Beatles tribute band) at South Jackson Civic Center Friday night. The group played hit after hit, mimicking not only the Beatles' sound, but even their mannerisms. It brought back a lot of memories for many in the crowd. The band members reminded the audience it was 50 years ago the Beatles first came to America and appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show. A fun evening!

#### Christmas Day meal deliveries

For many years Evelyn and I have coordinated a Christmas Day meal for anyone in Tullahoma who could use a meal. We are using Harton Regional Medical Center as headquarters this year and all meals will be delivered. If you know of somebody who could use a meal delivered, or if you would like to volunteer, please leave a voice mail at 588-0678 or email [icurlee@lighttube](mailto:icurlee@lighttube).

Volunteers who are interested in helping package the to-go plates should be at the hospital by 9 a.m. Delivery drivers should be there by 10. If you are interested in providing a dessert please drop off at the hospital on Christmas Eve between 1 and 2 or Christmas morning between 8 and 9. Monetary donations are also being accepted to help pay for the food. Checks should be made to Hot Meals and mailed to PO Box 84, Tullahoma, TN 37388.

Tullahomans always rise to the occasion and make this effort a success, and I'm sure this year will be no exception.

Thought of the Week: "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." – Winston Churchill

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