

## NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

May 11, 2016

Excellent production at SJCC

Over my lifetime I have probably attended 100 plays, concerts and other events at South Jackson Civic Center. And have enjoyed them all! However, nothing prepared me for the recent production of 12 Angry Men. I had heard of the play but had never seen the movie or play. What an amazing performance. The 12 “jurors” were all local men and not professional actors. It was so incredibly intense and dramatic. I believe the audience was spellbound, and the actors received a standing ovation. Thanks, actors, behind-the-scenes staff, and Directors Janet Patterson and Rosie Graham for a job well done. I wish everyone in the region could have seen this performance.

THS drama students excel

Speaking of excellent performances, but of a more fun and musical variety, Evelyn and I enjoyed the THS Theatre Department’s production of The Little Mermaid Friday night. The show featured 32 THS students, several of whom had featured solo parts. Congratulations to the cast, crew and Directors Aaron and Terri Miller for a job well done.

Ideas for a greener Tullahoma

Last week I was invited to the THS Green Team’s monthly meeting. Joining me were Public Works Director Wayne Limbaugh, Community Coordinator Winston Brooks and ISWA Manager Carol Fulmer. We shared with about 50 students and Ecology instructor Laura McCall the efforts the city is making to make Tullahoma more green. The students then offered some excellent suggestions to make Tullahoma more green and sustainable: more public recycle bins, offer prizes to families who are the “greenest”, develop more community gardens, add more sidewalks, among other excellent suggestions. The students did such a good job I invited them to present their ideas at the next Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Welcome!

I was pleased to attend a “get-to-know” luncheon last week for the new NAS senior staff. NAS is the new major contractor at AEDC. Bechtel is the primary company making up the NAS partnership. Bechtel is 118 years old and is family-owned. They have a presence on every continent and specialize in complex operations. I was pleased to meet and get to know this impressive group of senior staff. They are working hard to ensure a smooth transition.

Healthy eating tips

It was fun visiting the “Let’s Eat: Get Your Family to the Table” class at Cedar Lane Village Housing complex last Tuesday. The recipe of the day was trail mix with a lesson on healthy snacking and whole grains. Belinda Letto led the class, which was a partnership between the UT Extension, Tullahoma

Headstart, and Tullahoma Housing Authority. Unfortunately I had to leave before the trail mix was ready, but hopefully there are a few leftovers.

Tree City USA!

The Arbor Day Observance in Tullahoma was especially nice this year as we had a chance to show off our new Arboretum at East Park next to East Middle School. The Arboretum is made up of 40 different tree species which are planted around the Sunrise Rotary Disc Golf Course. The Tullahoma Noon Rotary Club donated nine memorial trees to be placed in the Arboretum in memory of nine Rotarians who have died in the past few years. State Area Forrester Steven Rogers presented the city with our Tree City award.....the 19<sup>th</sup> year we have earned this distinction. The Utilities Board also earned a Tree Live USA Award. Thanks to our Tree Board, chaired by Ralph Graham, for their hard work.

Volunteers making a difference

Thanks to the Child Development Center volunteers for hosting a fundraising breakfast Saturday morning at Faith Lutheran Church. The center works with children with developmental delays or disabilities ages birth to three years. We really enjoyed the pancakes and visiting with friends.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: "Peace begins with a smile." Mother Teresa

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