

Hotel expresses interest in Blue Building

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The Blue Building could be on its way into the hands of Tourism Development Board members, if the wrinkles can be ironed out.

Mandy Eller, who is a standing member of the Tourism Board as Chamber of Commerce president, says a development partnership is interested in acquiring and renovating the property into a boutique-style hotel.

"There are two developers in partnership," said Eller. "One is local. They are currently developing three hotels in downtown Nashville. One of which is a boutique, which is what this one would turn out to be. What they have initially discussed is having 28 rooms with four suites with a new stick build off the back of the building."

While the names of the developers are being withheld, the local one is a contractor.

"They could do the entire project in-house to save cost," said Eller. "That's always been the biggest barrier with that building."

TDB is a government entity. Its members can work



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with the developers in obtaining tax-exempt bonds for a renovation project. However, the property's deed must be in the hands of the Tourism Board.

The formal request for the deed transfer to begin was made before the city Building and Grounds Committee.

"Will there be a reversionary clause in it? So, if something were to happen, it would come back to us," asked Alderman Kate Alsbrook. "If something happens to the building in between this time ... if the roof needs fixed, is the city responsible for that because they are an entity of us? How does this work?"

City attorney Tim Pirtle says all the details need to be worked out and included in the deed transfer.

"Risk of loss is usually

attached to the record owner of the property," said Pirtle. "You typically can't insure a property you don't have an ownership interest in. You have to have an insurable interest."

At this time, the property is practically uninsured. Tennessee Municipal League dropped the city's coverage down to demolition only. If a structure fire were to happen, insurance will only cover the cost of building removal, not replacement.

Other questions were asked.

"If the city deeds the property to the Tourism Development Board and the Tourism Development Board sells it to the developer, would that money remain with TDB or will that money be allocated back to the city because TDB is affiliated with the city?" asked Alderman Steve Harvey.

Eller stated, "We do want to establish our own independent funding. We need development projects in order to get that done."

Pirtle said all the "what ifs" need to be addressed.

The meeting was for information only. No details were determined.



Lisa Hobbs photo
Charles Crabtree, left, and Ralph Rogers were dealt a win during the first Multi-County Rook Tournament held by the city. The grand champions trumped their way to victory against seven other teams in their division.

Rogers, Crabtree win city Rook tournament

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McMinnville Civic Center's first Rook tournament attracted 16 teams competing for a championship.

Ralph Rogers and Charles Crabtree took the title of grand champions in Division A. Their pictures will be placed on a plaque as winners of the first Multi-County Rook Tournament.

"I've been playing rook since the 1970s," said Rogers. "I'm 91 years old."

His teammate is a rookie in comparison.

"I've been playing Rook for about five years," said Crabtree. "We play Rook at the Senior Center together. He asked me to be his partner in this tournament because he knew I'd win."

Rogers laughed and added, "That's right."

Coming in second place in Division A were Jerry Duggin and Maggie Wanemaker. Rounding out the other teams: James Jones and Glenn Moore, third place; Betty DeArnold and Jimmy DeArnold, fourth place; John Douglas and Peggy Hollie, fifth place; Lee Cooper and Shawn Sloan, sixth place; and Harry DeBoard and Dianne DeBoard, seventh place.

Division B was won by Janice Foster and Louise Hillis. Rounding out the other teams: Jeff Hobbs and Brad Cantrell, second place; Charlotte Huff and Eddie Ware, third place; Mary Gray and Linda Hale, fourth place; Kevin Dunlap and Tracy Bennett, fifth place; Christine Smartt and Harold Kilgore, sixth place; and Louise Moore and Kendra Rymer, seventh place.

Participants varied in age

from 22 to 91. Over 48 games of Rook were played.

"It was fantastic to see the pure joy on people's faces as they played a family favorite game against new opponents," said Kyle Clyde, recreation program coordinator for McMinnville Parks and Recreation Department. "Everyone left the event asking when the next one would be held because they had such a fun time."

The next Multi-County Rook Tournament will be held Nov. 10. Rogers and Crabtree will be among the players.

"If you want to be the best, you have to beat the best," said Crabtree. "They're going to be gunning for us. You can't win every time, but we've got bragging rights for a little while."

A potluck luncheon was offered during the tournament.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPT. 2

The annual Holder Reunion will be held at Centertown CIC. Doors open at 11 a.m. Bring a covered dish.

There will be a week-long gospel meeting from Sept. 2-7 at Brown-town Church of Christ with guest speaker Bro. Eddie Sanders. Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. followed by worship at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served following worship. Evening service begins at 2:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday services will start at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

MONDAY, SEPT. 3

Lucky CIC will be meeting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Tuesday, Sept. 4

Westwood Church of Christ will have its clothing giveaway from 8 to 10 a.m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 6

The Warren County Retired Teachers Association (WCRTA) will have a meeting at 10 a.m. at the Magnolia Room of Warren County Administrative Offices. Refreshments will be served and all retired teachers are invited to attend.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 7

The Class of 1988 will be having its reunion at WCMS Nunley Stadium from 5 to 7 p.m. They will have hotdogs, chips and drinks at a tailgate party of the homecoming game.

The first free developmental screening date will be taking place at

from Sept. 2-7 at Brown-town Church of Christ with guest speaker Bro. Eddie Sanders. Sunday school begins at 9 a.m. followed by worship at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served following worship. Evening service begins at 2:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday services will start at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8

A doggie pool party presented by HAWC and McMinnville Parks and Recreation will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Gilley Pool. The cost is \$4 per dog and humans are free. For more information, contact HAWC at 931-743-6012.

The Class of 1988 will continue its reunion at Mud Bums from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person. Contact DeDe Holmes at 931-703-1166 or Michelle Lewis at 931-607-6070 for more information.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The Griffith Reunion will take place at Morrison Ruritan on the Sunday after Labor Day on Sept. 9 after church. Bring food, dessert and your family.

The initial meeting of the WCGHA Cemetery Committee will be held Monday, Sept. 10 at 10 a.m. in the association office. If you can't attend but want to participate, contact J.B. at jborab@blomand.net or Ann at farmerbrownsgardens@gmail.com.

Sunny Hills Baptist Church is having Homecoming on Sept. 9 with singing starting at 9:45 a.m. and preaching at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited to enjoy preaching, singing and food.

The Rock Island Lion's Club Craft Fair on Sept. 22-23 still has vender space available. For more information, call 686-4180.