

# NEWS in a NUTSHELL

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## Bobby Queen and Chance Hawkins Looking for Good Bones with Potential for Greatness

In 1987 Bobby Queen (Fire Department) was looking for a way to use his creative skills to boost his income, so he bought a fixer-upper. He spent the next 6 months working on the house making repairs, cleaning, and updating. When the house was finished, he listed it for sale. Not long after that, the house sold, and Bobby made a nice little profit. That was all it took to hook him. He has since flipped approximately 22 houses.

At about the same time, fellow MFD firefighter Chance Hawkins was working with his father in the construction trade too. Bobby had hired them as sub-contractors a couple of times in the past, so he knew Chance was a very talented builder who had a work ethic that was hard to match. Chance's dad eventually came to a point where he wanted to retire from the business, and it looked like Chance's side gig would be coming to an end. That's when Bobby and Chance joined forces and they've been working together ever since.

The two sometimes find new projects by cruising the roads in Blount County, sometimes their Realtor tips them off, and sometimes they get on the phone and call folks to ask if they'd be interested in selling. Their latest project sits on Tuckaleechee Pike. For years Bobby has had his eye on the property because the house is so unique looking. He knew that it wouldn't last long if it ever went on the market, so when his wife just happened to drive by and spotted a "for sale by owner" sign in the yard he acted fast. He dropped everything and went directly to the house. He called the number on the sign from the driveway and asked for permission to walk the property and he expressed his interest. He and the owner hashed out a number and Bobby had the contract drawn up before the sun went down the next day. After the owner signed the contract, he started to have sellers' remorse. He called



Bobby and Chance's latest project at 2012 Tuckaleechee Pike.

Bobby several times asking if he would please tear up the contract. Bobby stuck to the plan and soon he and his wife Sarah were legal owners of a run-down house on 2 acres inside the city limits. After closing, as Bobby and Chance walked through the house, they felt a bit of fear considering the shape it was in. The holes in the roof spoke to the years of neglect it had suffered. This one was going to take some serious hard work to restore it to its former glory, but they were up for the challenge. They soon began to feel a familiar sense of excitement about what it would soon become... a showstopper!

Chance, a master craftsman, brings to the partnership a steady hand and a strong back. Bobby has an eye for detail. He can spot a flaw from a mile away and isn't afraid to admit his perfectionism and back it up with his own craftsmanship. He has been known to tear out a staircase and move it 6" to the right or left to make sure it is positioned just right. This means the buyer of any house they work on can rest assured they made a smart purchase, but it also means that Bobby and Chance put in some extra hours getting it to that point. This dynamic duo's work has also led to shouting matches between potential buyers who are passionate about purchasing their latest offering in the past. That's not exactly their intent, but it sure does confirm that their work is something to be desired. Perhaps deeply desired in fact, if we were to use the arguments as a measuring stick.

Last January, Bobby and Chance arrived at 2012

Tuckaleechee Pike, rolled up their sleeves, and began tearing out parts of the roof, the kitchen, and the windows making way for new cabinets, back splash, flooring, light fixtures, and sparkling new windows throughout. They scrubbed the parts that only needed a good cleaning, they painted walls, refinished wood floors, and rebuilt parts of the roof and the side porch. For an entire year, they spent their time off from their "day job" working at the house. This house was a beauty to begin with. Designed



The new kitchen is stunning.



Chance tearing out the old kitchen cabinets.

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# Applause Please



Promotion  
**Jason Choi**  
EPW  
*Traffic Operations Manager*



Promotion  
**Robbie Fox**  
IT  
*Network/Computer Technician*



Promotion  
**Cody Herron**  
W&S  
*Utility Construction Worker II*



Promotion  
**Chad Loveday**  
IT  
*Systems Administrator*



Promotion  
**Jason Potter**  
W&S  
*Utility Construction Worker III*



Promotion  
**Brentley Riddle**  
Electric  
*Electric Line Worker Trainee*



Promotion  
**Logan Rogers**  
MFD  
*Firefighter/EMT/Engineer*



Promotion  
**Cody Teffeteller**  
Electric  
*Auto Parts Clerk*



Retired 1/28/2022  
**John Wilson**  
Electric  
*40 Years of Service*



New Employee  
**Mariah Lopez-Allard**  
MPD  
*Police Officer*



New Employee  
**Joshua Ludtke**  
MPD  
*Police Officer*



New Employee  
**Chase Sands**  
EPW  
*Grounds Maintenance Worker*



New Co-Op Student  
**Jack Bristol**  
EPW  
*Engineering*



New Co-Op Student  
**Heather Luecknehoff**  
EPW  
*Engineering*

## Biscuit Breakfast Fun

On December 16 Greg McClain, City Manager, served employees a delicious Biscuit Breakfast in appreciation for their service to the City for another year. It was good to be able to gather together after two years of social distancing on account of the pandemic.

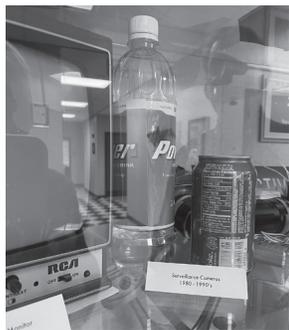
Pictured at right, Mike Large, Electric and Jane Groff, Director of Administrative Services and Human Resources, catch up. Rodney Ford, and Shane Lonas in Facility Maintenance, visit with Stephanie Perkins of the Police Department in the next photo.



# People are the Key

## Police Memorabilia on Display

On the middle level of the Municipal building just outside the squad room in the Police department, a new addition of two display cases feature some items of interest from the rich history of MPD. The cases were added in January and are filling up fast.



Above, an old badge and a whistle are among the items on display. To the right, surveillance cameras disguised as a water bottle and a coke can and the monitor that was used to view the feed. On the bottom right, several items collected following the death of Officer Kenny Moats are also on display. Stop by MPD and take a look at collection if you get the opportunity. You'll be glad you did!



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and built in 1931 by an engineer at Alcoa Aluminum, it boasts of a grand staircase to the second floor, built-in bookcases, beautiful woodwork, and a huge yard. The barn on the property was converted into a two-car garage years ago, so Bobby and Chance added a man-cave in the loft to sweeten the deal.



The Man Cave in the loft

The house should be ready to list by the middle of February. If you are waiting for the open house to see their handiwork for yourself, it probably won't happen. There will likely not be time for that. Bobby and Chance anticipate that just like all the other houses they've restored over the years, this one will only be on the market for a short while. Especially now that the housing market is so tight. With a lower supply of houses for sale, it's almost a given that the house will go quickly. Not to mention that it is gorgeous inside and out!



Inside the side porch before construction started. Note the holes in the roof!



The outside of the side porch. The roof has been removed in this photo.

## Citizen Calls in his Kudos

The following is a voice mail message left on Mary Winchester's phone on December 28.

Hi, this is Glen Doig out in Heritage Hills Subdivision, and I just want to compliment the fellas who came out and collected our leaves this morning. They did a fantastic job. My little grandson, 5 years old, we watched and each one of the boys took the time to wave to him. I just wanted to let somebody in the EPW department know that they did a great job.



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## February Birthdays

- 3 Trevor Brown, MFD
- 5 Sid Davis, Electric  
Ryan Spencer, MFD  
Sam Roberts, Electric
- 6 Kelly Hembree, EPW
- 7 Shawn Garnett, Finance  
Hank Woods, Electric  
John Spence, EPW
- 8 Mary Bristol, Admin
- 10 Cindy Karnoupakis, Finance
- 11 Michael Bell, W&S
- 12 Alyssa Estabrook, MPD
- 13 Thomas Craw, MFD
- 14 Glenda Brinley, Finance  
Seth Murphy, EPW  
Mike Swift, Finance
- 15 Randell Moore, MFD  
Taylor Harrison, W&S
- 18 Jimmy Yearout, Electric
- 20 Nicholas Galloway, W&S
- 21 Jerry Diffie, MPD
- 22 Alex Steele, MFD
- 23 Chad Grissom, MPD
- 24 Casey Ryding, Electric
- 28 Robert Anderson, Electric
- 29 Angie Luckie, Public Services



## February Anniversaries

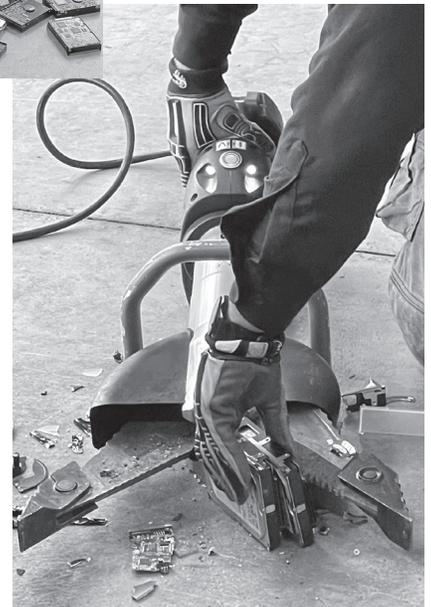
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|-------------------------------|----------|
| Teresa Martin, Finance        | 41 years |
| Steve Davis, Electric         | 40 years |
| Donnie Williams, Electric     | 36 years |
| Mike Caylor, MFD              | 33 years |
| Brian Watson, MFD             | 29 years |
| Don Myers, Electric           | 26 years |
| Kevin Roulette, Electric      | 26 years |
| Stacy Frye, W&S               | 23 years |
| Daniel Atkins, W&S            | 22 years |
| Tommy Cooper, Electric        | 21 years |
| Patrick McGinley, MFD         | 16 years |
| DJ Porter, MPD                | 16 years |
| Shawn Riddick, W&S            | 14 years |
| Kevin Bailey, IT              | 10 years |
| Jennifer Riffle, MPD          | 8 years  |
| Benjamin Keck, W&S            | 1 year   |
| Charles Teffeteller, Electric | 1 year   |

## IT and MFD Destroy Old Hard Drives



On December 29 IT and the Fire Department joined forces to destroy several hard drives that had been removed from outdated PC's. The hard drives had been stored in the IT Department for approximately the last 10 years. Terry McCoy, Director of Information Technology (pictured at the left), had reached out to a company who destroys hard drives for

a quote and when it came back they decided that the Fire Department had a means to render the hard drives useless for much less, for free actually. They teamed up and used the Jaws of Life to ensure any sensitive information on the units would be forever lost. Pictured above, Firefighter Chase Tilley gets started on the pile. Firefighter Alex Steele is pictured at the right positioning two hard drives in the Jaws of Life.



John Wilson, (Electric) receives a certificate of appreciation from Baron Swafford, Director of Public Services, for 40 years of service on the eve of his last day of work for the City of Maryville. Congratulations to John! We hope you enjoy your retirement!