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David Lee Allen appointed to Circuit Court Judgeship in the 22nd District

Appointment follows retirement of Judge Jim T. Hamilton

NASHVILLE – Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam today appointed David Lee Allen of Lawrenceburg as Circuit Court Judge for the 22nd Judicial District.

Allen, 62, replaces Judge Jim T. Hamilton, who has retired. The 22nd Judicial District includes Giles, Lawrence, Maury and Wayne counties.

“David’s experience will serve him well as a Circuit Court judge,” Haslam said. “I am pleased to make this appointment, and Tennesseans in the 22nd District will benefit from his service



22nd District Circuit Judicial Appointee David Lee Allen

on the bench.”

Waves of favorable comments on the appointment of the popular Lawrence County candidate were heard in the *Advocate’s* offices throughout the day on Thursday. Two of Allen’s old friends were particularly complementary:

“David and I go all the way back to school days in Summertown,” said retired educator Sid James. “He is just a really fine, nice person – the kind who is nice

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The Career Coach will be available for touring in Lawrenceburg on June 23.

Career Coach arrives in Lawrenceburg on June 23

The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development is proud to roll out our Career Coaches...mobile centers with services similar to what you might find in a Tennessee Career Center. One will These vehicles will arrive on the scene to provide a mobile computer lab with Internet access; create a venue for workshops including résumé assistance and interviewing skills; and serve as a recruitment center for companies moving into our state.

“Get on the Coach” is a program that will be presented by Nick Bishop, Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Tuesday, June 23rd at noon at the Tennessee Career Center located at 702 Mahr Avenue in Lawrenceburg.

Lunch will be provided courtesy of Fast Pace Urgent Care Clinic.

For more information go to: www.getonthecoach.tn.gov. Please RSVP by calling the Chamber of Commerce at 762-4911.

June is National Homeownership Month

Governor Bill Haslam has declared June to be *Homeownership Month* in Tennessee. According to the latest numbers, single family housing starts in Tennessee rose six percent in April to the highest level since November 2005, echoing growth nationwide.

Contracts to buy existing homes also rose nationally in April to the highest level in nine years. See more housing news on Page B-3.

In Today's

Lifestyles

Codes Camp at the Tennessee Career Center in Lawrenceburg aimed to encourage young minds toward those tech careers currently so high in demand. See what the whiz kids are learning on page B-1.

Today, it's all about our Dads - The Advocate asks staff members and frequent contributors to talk about their Dads - Part II



Young Jimmy Finney and friend

James I. Finney

By Advocate General Manager John Finney

My father, James Imboden Finney, also known as Jim, Jimmy, or Jim Jr. depending on

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“Our two Dads”

Happy Father's Day

By Sandi Mashburn

Every year as Father’s Day approaches I can’t help but reminisce. I was only blessed to have my dad for a short time. He was killed in a car crash when I was eleven, so my memories are those of a little girl. “Hero worship” is probably as good a term as any to describe my memories. The characteristics I remember most about him are his bigger than life personality, the way he enjoyed life, his kindness to everyone he encountered, the love in his eyes when he looked at my mom or any of us, and his

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The late Dr. Malcolm Weathers of Loretto, my Daddy O, holding my daughter Claire.

Daddy-o

By frequent Advocate contributor Emily Kennedy

Recently, my cousin, Bill, was being particularly nostalgic about his Uncle Malcolm (my father), who died in 1989. He said long before I was born, Uncle Malcolm Weathers nurtured his nieces and nephews as if he had a stake in their upbringing. He spent time with them, pop-

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NEW ROTARY CLUB PRESIDENT

- The incoming 2015-2016 Rotary Club President (right), Bert Spearman, presents Stuart Chandler the traditional “Outgoing President” Award at last Friday’s Rotary Club meeting.

- HoJo Photo



Rumble at the Crossroads is Saturday

The 12th annual Mid-South Pullers Association Truck & Tractor Pull, presented by the Lawrenceburg Rotary Club & the Crossroads of Dixie Antique Tractor & Engine Club, will be held Saturday, June 27 at 6:30 p.m. in Lawrenceburg’s Rotary Park.

Gates open at 4:30 p.m. Admission for adults is \$12.00. Ages 6-12 pay half price.

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Today, it's all about our Dads - Part II continued from page A-1...

Happy Father's Day - Sandi Mashburn's Dads continued

at-the-ready, radiant smile.

The small memories are my most cherished: jumping on the bed to wake him in the mornings; being pulled into his warm, safe embrace; laying my head on his chest and listening to his strong, steady heartbeat; listening to him play his guitar and sing sweet melodies; standing on the bumper "helping" him work under the hood; watching him work patiently with the young boys he coached; hearing him laugh with his friends; seeing the way he looked at my mom.

Although Daddy isn't here today, I still see pieces of him in those around me. My brothers have Daddy's eyes. My sister has his smile. Bits of his personality are captured in each of them. His diligence and determination in providing for his loved ones; his delightful, carefree attitude in times of leisure; his devotion and loyalty to those he cared for; his love of and dedication to family and friends; his reverence and love of God. Each of my siblings carries with them parts of his personality. Terry has his ability to take charge and infuse a situation with steadfast peace. Ronnie has his dogged determination to decipher a situation and determine an appropriate plan of action. Ernie has his peaceful, easy-going, reasonable nature. Becky smiles his smile every single day, not just physically, but spiritually, and has his beautiful zest of life in all things.

Through the years I have been blessed with other "father" figures who have had a huge impact on my life. I have a wonderful step-father, Frank Hill, who has always been there for us all. He loves us as if we were his own. Quiet

and unimposing, his faith in God and love for us is amazing and I love him very much. I have beautiful memories of my grandfather, Leo Wright. He passed away when I was nine but loved us in a way that left a life-long imprint on us all. My other grandfather, Elijah Olive, was our rock when we lost our dad and beyond. He was our grounding force who loved us and was there for us, no matter what. We looked to him for guidance in all things, and he always provided it. And my father-in-law, Kenneth Mashburn, was a dear, sweet, strong man who loved his family dearly. He looked at life from a different perspective than others I knew. He viewed it as a puzzle. He felt free to grab the pieces of his choosing to build his own personal puzzle, and lived life on his own terms. Analytical and somewhat of a dreamer, an artist and an inventor — he was a beloved husband and father in his own right. Many of his best characteristics he passed along to my husband, Barry. The love of my life, he has to be one of the best father's I have ever met. His love of our children is unconditional. He would, quite literally, lay down his life for any one of them at any moment without giving it a single thought. I cherish the inspirational father that he is and his beautiful personality, spirit, and heart.

Although in years past I have looked at Father's Day as a day of mourning and spent too much time despairing over all that I had lost, I learned over the years that it is a day to celebrate. I celebrate the beautiful memories that God gave me with each of them and the footprints each left on my heart. *Happy Father's Day!*

Daddy-o - Emily Kennedy continued...

ping them in the backseat of his sedan alongside his big black doctor's bag as he went on house calls around the county. I asked if they waited in the car during the visit. He said that no, they were brought right inside, front and center, to take part in the conversations that would eventually take place. He would proudly introduce them, mentioning a special quality or talent in each one. As they grew, he gave them

jobs on the farm or in the drug store or hospital. He pushed them into college and careers, oftentimes working behind the scenes for their acceptance and funding. He took on the role of their mentor, and he loved them as his own.

I smiled as I listened to Bill talk about my father. He was describing was the daddy who gave his own children the same experiences later in life. Even in the busiest part of his day, if any of us slipped in the backdoor of his office, he would catch sight of us through the open examining room door and prod us front and center for the patient in the room. "This is my son. Can you believe he wears size 12 shoes?"

"This is my daughter. She just sang a solo in the school Christmas play."

On and on, throughout our childhoods, these scenes would be repeated. Our house calls involved listening to his 8-track tapes of Tchaikovsky or Chopin, our groans ignored as we drove throughout the county. We watched him cure the sick with his deft hands while solving farming issues and talking lespedeza and clover. Now I live on my own farm and wish I could ask him about that lespedeza that might just bring back our quail. I want to tell him that I, too, love classical music and speak out for causes that he held so dear. Only the world has changed, and he would hardly recognize it. I can navigate it, though, because a kind man with vision raised me to do so. My Daddy-O.



CORA YOCUM COBB celebrated her 100th birthday May 26th, 2015, at home with her niece Juanita Cobb Jackson.

"THANKS DAD"

By Alnetta Knowles

Frequent Poetry Contributor

You and I have been so close
Throughout these many years

Wonderful childhood memories,

Are among my souvenirs.

What you mean to me goes deeper

Beyond what words could say

And anything that I can do,

Could never quite repay.

I recall all those mornings

You were faithful to the job

Strength you had to carry on,

The years tried to rob

Things weren't always easy,

Sometimes we'd disagree.

In spite of your busy schedule

You still took time for me.

So dad, you'll never realize

How much you're really worth

You've lived up to what you are,

"Humane and down-to-earth"

You ask for nothing in return

For giving everything

So, I'll sum it up with these four words,

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James I. Finney - John Finney continued...

on who he was talking with, is someone I looked up to a lot. He was born in Culleoka in 1937. After graduating high school he went on to the University of Tennessee where he received his degree in Animal Husbandry. After graduation from UT he began working at the Columbia Daily Herald selling advertising and then became their editor. He left that position to run my mother's father's business in Knoxville.

When my dad was a boy, he grew up on a farm in Culleoka, where I live now, so he loved the outdoors. He always had a big garden at our house and tended it well. Every afternoon he would come home and weed between the rows and harvest everything that was ripe. Mom would can and freeze vegetables as fast as she could. He had so much left over he would take grocery bags full to the office to give away.

My father passed away on October 7, 1998. I look

back at what he taught me, knowingly or just by his actions and deeds. I learned a lot from him though the years

and still look at how he lived and treated others and try to apply it to how I raise my two girls today.

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